

U R H O B O **TO** E N G L I S H

D I C T I O N A R Y

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TONE MARKS (FOUR IN ALL) d , r , m , ~

1. (`) d for lowered voice : Has a short stroke pointing left.
2. (´) m for raised voice : Has a short stroke pointing right.
3. (~) Slur for drawing the voice on the sound of the vowel
and is represented by a wave-like mark on such vowel.
4. () nothing is for flat tone that represent middle voice.

THE ALPHABETS

A B CH D DJ E Ě F G GB GH GHW H HW I J K KP L M N O Ȯ
P PH R RH S SH T U V VW W Y Z (**VOWELS= A E Ě I O Ȯ U**)

A

URHOBO WORDS

ENGLISH MEANING

| | |
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| <i>Abaka.....</i> | <i>Grasshopper</i> |
| <i>Abe.....</i> | <i>A species of water yam with red colored leaves and tuber</i> |
| <i>Abe.....</i> | <i>Guilty verdict</i> |
| <i>Abo.....</i> | <i>Wrestling. Also means HANDS - plural form for hand called Obọ</i> |
| <i>Abotu.....</i> | <i>Group effort</i> |

Abamwa..... Rag ; torn piece of cloth

Ada..... Outing ; out from home : Kpɛ ada = gone
Out from home ; Short trip from home.

Adja Bat

Adjudju..... Hand-held fan usually made from animal skin

Afiotɔ..... Giant African rabbit

Afɔrhe..... Brain

Agbada..... Bridge

Agbagba..... Cross

Agbara..... Chair

Agbariko..... King fisher

Agbogu..... Dagger

Agboro..... Radio ; echo

Agbotɔ..... Jaw

Agbuna..... Matches

Aghɔ..... Branch

Aghɔghɔ..... Joy

Aghwaghwa..... Bush dog (a nocturnal, tree climbing animal)

Aghwoghwo..... Announcement

Agogo..... Bell ; Gong

Aha ! A shout of surprise

Ahanre (also called IKPEKPA).....Lower deck of fireplace platform.

Ahe..... Night owl

Ahwa..... A beaked non climbing giant squirrel

Aka..... Edo people from southern Nigeria

Áká..... Bitter kola

Akaunṣṣṣ..... Lizard

Ako..... Tooth

Akoroda..... Cutlass sheath.

Akpãkpa..... Mat woven out of palm branch back

Akpakpasimagha Scorpion

Akpanurhe..... Local Low seat

Àkpérè..... Bull horn

AkpẹPadlock ; Bird's gizzard ; container of items

Akpẹrẹ..... Basket

Akpẹtẹ..... Chief cook ; cook

Akpine..... Lead singer

Akpọ..... World ; earth ; life

Akpono..... Plastic beads for female fashion.

Ame..... Water

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|----------------------|--|
| Amiedi..... | Palm oil soup |
| Amirika..... | Ethanol ; drinkable alcohol . |
| Anama..... | Show off ; stylish ; proud |
| Anurhoro..... | Entrance to a house or room ; doorway |
| Apata..... | Unauthorized release of someone else's information ; revealing other's secrets. |
| Aphia..... | Knife. (also called <u>Avwia</u>) |
| Aphopho..... | Breeze |
| Aranto..... | Small ant hill with a hat-like top cover. |
| Are..... | Razor blade (also known as <u>Erakive</u>) |
| Areba..... | A poisonous wild garden egg plant . |
| Arhare..... | Forehead |
| ArhQ..... | Salvation ; Having life |
| ArhQghQ..... | Contribution |
| Arirhiri..... | Tortoise; name indicative of its crafty behavior. |
| Ariri..... | Fish net |
| ArodQvwQ..... | Pity ; Mercy |
| AruvwQ..... | Dawn ; daylight period. |
| Asa..... | Place |
| Asakue..... | Multiplied by . |
| Asé..... | Non guilty verdict ; Acquittal |
| Aso..... | Night |
| Atarhe..... | Pre- destination |

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|---------------------------|--|
| <i>Atẹte.....</i> | <i>A seller/hawker's ware display platform</i> |
| <i>Ato.....</i> | <i>Desert</i> |
| <i>Ató.....</i> | <i>Chewing stick.</i> |
| <i>Avwebọ.....</i> | <i>Favorite person</i> |
| <i>Avwro.....</i> | <i>Argument ; Expression of a second opinion.</i> |
| <i>Awanre.....</i> | <i>Ancient</i> |
| <i>AyarỌ</i> | <i>Fish trapping basket</i> |
| <i>Aye.....</i> | <i>Woman</i> |
| <i>Azagba.....</i> | <i>Presence of everyone; un- hidden ;</i> <i>In front of an audience.</i> |

B

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Baba</i> | <i>Father</i> |
| <i>Bẹnẹ.....</i> | <i>Romance</i> |

Bere *Tear*

Beroma..... *Lament in despair*

Bęsieye *Until then ; Until that time*

Biebi..... *Black*

Bio..... *Push*

Biko..... *Please ; I beg you*

Bioma..... *Excuse me ; get out of my way*

Bitoboyi..... *Dress there ;Excuse me ; move there*

Bọ..... *Build*

Bovọ..... *Where ?*

Bra..... *Bad*

Brabra..... *Very bad*

Branama..... *Display style ; Proud ; Show off.*

Bręde *Make an appointment date.*

Brigho *How much is the price tag ?*

Brię..... *Add a “Proverb” ; Clarify with a proverb.*

Bro..... *Cut it.*

BrÓ..... *How many ?*

Broma..... *Hurry up ; Walk fast.*

Bruche Advise

Brudu Worry

Buebu..... Many ; Plenty ; a lot.

CH

Chá..... Support ; Add to it ; augment.

Cha..... Coming e.g. Mẽ cha = I am coming.

Chere..... Cook

Chirako..... Endure

Cho..... Steal

Choja..... Avenge a long time grudge.

Choma Be prepared ; Get ready.

Chuji..... Steal

Chuko..... Help ; Lend a hand ; Support.

Churo..... Tie it

D

Da..... Drink

Dame..... Drink water

Dědè..... Welcome

Dedé..... Welcome him/her.

Davwe..... Try ; Test

Davwọ..... Test it ; Try it.

Dẹ..... Buy

Dédé..... Gently (also Dédéde).

Deděde.....Without fear ; Without discrimination.

Didiemu ?..... What is it ?

Die ? What ?

Dierhare..... Warm up around fire.

Diguę..... Greet with knees down or bent .

Divwi..... Sink ; Dive ;(divwi ame = dive into water).

Do..... Greeting ; An elder greeting his junior.

D'udi..... Drink liquor (da udi).

DJ

Dja.....Spicy ; Pepper-like taste ;

Hot painful feeling

***Djadja.....Very hot and spicy ; Very
hot painful feeling***

Dje.....Run

Djone.....Run a race

E

Ebo.....Local woven package bag

Ebo..... House roofing with attached leaves

Ebri.....Darkness

Ebruba.....Blessing

Edi.....Palm tree fruit

Edja..... Helminths ; Parasitic worms

Edje..... Mates ; Equals

Edjere..... Crocodile

Efe..... Riches

Efi..... Palm tree climbing rope

Efia..... Lie

Egbọnọ..... Bullets

Egẹnẹ.....Bullets

Eghwa..... .Load

Eghwughwẹ..... Chameleon

Egedege..... Multiple floor building

Eha..... Play

Eheri..... Fashion

Eho..... Fine ; Consequence of a guilty verdict.

Ejõrọ..... Metal chain

Ehuhu..... Armadillo ; Pangolin

Eka..... Curse

Ekanaka..... Breakable Plate

Eki..... Market

Ekogho..... Area ; Neighborhood

Eku... Oppression ; Subjection (through false allegations)

Ekpe..... Soil ; Sand

EkpetiBox

Ekpu..... Pocket

Ekrirhe..... Bundle of firewood

Ekrirhekrebe..... Silk Worm

Ekru..... Bundle

Ékru.....Family

Émámọ..... Fruit

Emamọ..... A good one

Emeravwe..... Moon ; Month

Emeraravwe..... Ant

Emu..... Food

Enanadja..... Pineapple

Eni..... Elephant

**Ení..... Protective bunch of clothes
or materials put between head**

and load for cranial safety.

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|----------------------------|--|
| Enu..... | Up |
| Epha..... | Oracle |
| Epharo..... | Face |
| Ephẹ..... | Urine |
| Ephẹrẹ..... | Language |
| Eravwe..... | Animal |
| Erere..... | Profit |
| Erha..... | Three |
| Erhare..... | Fire |
| Erhi..... | Butterfly |
| Erhie..... | Grains of paradise ; Alligator pepper |
| Erhivwi..... | Millipede |
| Erhọ..... | Ear |
| Erhu..... | Hat |
| Erhue..... | Cow |
| <i>Erhurhu.....</i> | <i>Garbage dump</i> |
| <i>Erhuru.....</i> | <i>Shore ; Beach ; River's edge</i> |
| <i>Erhuvwu.....</i> | <i>Beauty</i> |
| <i>Eri.....</i> | <i>Fish</i> |
| Ésé..... | Scale (e.g. fish scale) |

Esha..... .. Grey hair

Eshẹ..... Rash ; skin complaint

Eshe..... The Fall of..... ; Fall

Esi..... Pig

Esia..... Fable

Eshu..... Devil

Eto..... Pumpkin

Evu..... Stomach ; Belly

E

Ẹba..... Nakedness

Ẹba.....King fish

Ẹbe..... Leaf ; Book
Ẹche..... Door
Ẹde..... Day
Ẹdidjana (otete)..... Saturday
Ẹdidjana (orode).....Sunday
Ẹdiruo.....Weekday ; Work day
Ẹdefa..... Another day
Ẹdeki..... Market day
Ẹdore.....Festival day
Ẹdevwie..... Birthday
Ẹga..... Service
Ẹga..... Barren ; Childless person
Ẹghware..... Wisdom ; Sense
Ẹghwere..... Mat
Ẹghweya..... Women folk
Ẹghwo..... Quarrel ; Misunderstanding
Ẹgua Defilement
Ẹguare..... Court
Ẹguonon..... Love ; Affection
Ẹho..... Nest ; Bird's nest

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Ẹhó..... | Bathing |
| Ẹhọnimuemu..... | Baptism |
| Ẹjẹ (Ẹsanọ)..... | Selection |
| Ẹjọ..... | No ! ; Not at all |
| Ẹkẹ..... | Portion |
| Ẹkẹrẹkẹtẹ..... | An Ass |
| Ẹkẹvuọvo..... | But ; although |
| Ẹkegba..... | Rust |
| Ẹkihwe..... | one tenth (1/10) |
| Ẹkpa | Foolish ; Unripe |
| Ẹrhé..... | Sea cow ; Manatee |
| Ẹrhia..... | Disclosure of people's Secrets ; Tale-bearing |
| Ẹrho..... | Cat-fish |
| Ẹrhorho..... | Leech |
| Ẹrhoro..... | Tip of the germinating plant |
| Ẹrhovwo..... | Prayer |
| Ẹro..... | Eye |
| Ẹrẹvwe..... | Tongue |
| Ẹsanọ (Ẹjẹ)..... | Selection |

Ẹse....., Gift

Ẹsọ.....State of penury ; Abject poverty

Ẹsosuọ..... First ; Beginning

Ẹto..... Hair

Ẹvwé..... Goat

Ẹvwe..... Kola nut

Ẹvweṛẹ..... Clay pot

Ẹvwére..... Food that's boiling/cooking on fire

F

Fa..... Flog

Fa..... . Kick (e.g. Ball)

Fa..... .Reveal (e.g. Cause) ; Expose

Faro..... Intolerant ; Hash

Frae....., Light weight

Fe.....Get rich (efe = riches)

Fẹẹ..... Discriminate ; Different from.

Fẹẹ..... Flip ; Flip it

**Fia..... Cut off with a single strike
(e.g. with machete or sword)**

**Fia Change; Reduce to smaller
units (e.g. money)**

Fiabọ..... Empty handed

Fiẹ..... Leak (e.g. Uko fiẹ= Cup leaks)

Fiọ.....Sneeze it out

Fiọfiọ.....Leak and suck

Fiunu..... Hiss

Foma.....Confess one's misdeeds

Foma.....Payment of travel fare

Fọ.....Wait

Fọrhọ.....Wash (e.g. wash Cloth)

Fro..... Snatch it

Frone..... Race off; Run away

Fru..... Snatch

Fuafo..... White

Fue..... Stop it

Fuefu..... Gentle

Fuere.....Scrutinize ;Carefully examine ; research

Furhie.....Quench ; put out fire

G

Ga.....Serve ; Worship

Gaga..... Strong ; Hard

Gere..... Slant it ; Bent

Geri..... Vomit

Gidigba..... Very big ; (adj. showing size.)

Gò..... Gloat ; Boast

Godogodo..... Seldom

Gogo..... Publish ; Display

Gogorogo..... Very tall ; Very huge

Goma..... Strong

Grogro.....Tall

Gu..... Make a statement

Gua..... Drive

Guegue..... Frighten

Gugunu..... Not straight

Gugurugu.....Huge amount

Guma..... Big

GB

Gba..... Tie

Gbagbá.....Correct

Gbane..... Hug

Gbe..... Dance

Gbeha.....Dance

Gbegbé.....Dirty (also Gbe)

Gbesia.....Tell fables

Gbe..... Clear weeds ; un-weed with cutlass

Gbeke.....Full to the brim ; a lot (e.g.) of food

Gbięyi.....Dead silent

Gbiku.....Tell story

Gbo..... Smell

***Gbo.....Search for rummages ; Looking around
trees for their fallen edible fruits***

Gbogbo..... Rotten

Gboma..... Dance joyfully

Gbraka..... Big and robust

Gbrẹrẹ..... Medium size ; average shape

***Gbunie..... Rolling on the floor ; Sign of
humility. (Who's down fears
no fall ; fears no pride)***

Gbunu..... Fasting ; Abstinence from food

GH

Gha..... Forbid

Gha..... Open up e.g.(Umbrella or eye glass)

Ghare..... Divide

Ghare..... Expensive

Gheṛe..... Nurture a child ; Up bringing ; Nourish

Gho..... Hoot him/her

**Ghoro..... Roam ; Moving around without
Destination . A hawker's aimless trip**

**Ghọ..... Presenting kola nut and money
to entertain and celebrate a
visitor's arrival.**

Ghọghọ..... Rejoice

GHW

Ghwa..... Carry

Ghwá.....Gift for good performance e.g. dancing

Ghwe.....Pack stuff with palm of your hands

Ghwie.....Fold up (e.g.) sun-dried clothes ; Slap him/her

Ghwie..... Uproot

Ghwo..... Old ; Ripe

Ghwoghwo..... Announce

Ghworo..... Rub

Ghworie..... Slippery

Ghworié..... Rinse

Ghwọ.....Quarrel ; Scold

Ghwọghwọghwọ..... .. Un-sanitary ; Filthy

**Ghwọọ.....Roam in a road less bush or
Forest**

Ghwọọ..... Waste (ghwọọ kufia =waste away)

Ghwu..... Die

Ghwru.....Lost ; Cannot find

H

Harhø..... Blame him/her

Heha..... Play
Hẹhẹ..... Wait
Hiẹ..... Dig in ; Scramble
Hirhe..... Detour ; Return
Họhọhọ..... Heavy
Họhọe..... Look alike
Họrhọ..... Boil
Hra..... Scatter ; undo the orderliness
Hrahrọ..... Apply evenly ; Spread equally
Hrohro..... Scratch out the last remnant

HW

Hwa..... Pay

Hwahwá..... Narrow

Hwe..... Beat ; Punish ; pummel

Hwe.....Laugh

Hwehwa..... Make a bed

Hwehwe..... Laugh

Hwihwirihi..... Very dark ; More than black

I

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| <i>Ibaba.....</i> | <i>Father</i> |
| <i>Ibẹfi.....</i> | <i>Hunting</i> |
| <i>Ibehre.....</i> | <i>Mud</i> |
| <i>Ibi.....</i> | <i>Charcoal</i> |
| <i>Ibivu.....</i> | <i>Intestine</i> |
| <i>Ichabọ.....</i> | <i>Assistant</i> |
| <i>Ídjédje.....</i> | <i>Explanation</i> |
| <i>Idjerhe.....</i> | <i>Road</i> |
| <i>Ifọ.....</i> | <i>Vegetable ; Water leaf</i> |
| <i>Igberadja.....</i> | <i>Prostitute</i> |
| <i>Igede.....</i> | <i>Drum</i> |
| <i>Igoni.....</i> | <i>Handcuff</i> |
| <i>Igbigbi.....</i> | <i>Pretence ; Faking</i> |
| <i>Igbunu.....</i> | <i>Miracle</i> |
| <i>Igho.....</i> | <i>Money</i> |
| <i>Ikọhọ.....</i> | <i>Egg</i> |
| <i>Ikpekpa.....</i> | <i>Platform over the fireplace</i> |
| <i>Iku.....</i> | <i>Crawfish</i> |

Iku..... Story

Ine..... Song

Inene..... Mother

Inuhu..... Dirt

Iperẹ..... Nail

Iporoma..... Sword

Ipọtọ..... Button

Irhe..... Wood

Irho..... Dew

Iroro..... Thought ; To think

Iruo..... Work

Isa..... Ring

Ise..... Proverb

Isha..... Beans

***Ishasha.....Small seeds like alligator pepper from a
Climbing plant, used as a stimulant/herb***

Ishu..... Lice

Isi..... Multitude of people

Isio..... Star

Isọ..... Excreta

Ite.....Proverb directed at a specific person

Itu..... Mushroom

Ivwri..... Fat ; Animal/ Fish fat

Ivwri..... Tailor Ant

Iyesi..... Horse

***Izegede..... Unfinished building ;Un-completed,
Door-less house.***

J

Je..... Admire ; Like
Jẹ..... Pick ; Selecting in turns
Jio..... Send him/her
Jiro..... Praise him
Jokpa..... Except ; Unless
Jovwo..... Do not proceed ; Discontinue
Jurhi..... Proclaim an edit ; Make a law or regulation

K

Kaka..... Not at all
Karohọ.....Remember ; Do not forget
Ké..... Give
Kẹkẹrẹkẹ..... Portable ;Medium shape size

Ken..... Sour

Kerhɔ..... Listen

Kɛvwɛ..... Give me

Kio (eg Kio riariɛ)... Go round ; wrap it round

Ko..... Sew (with a sewing machine)

Kɔ..... Sow (sow a seed)

Koka..... Make a mark

Koko..... Gather

Kokoroko..... Very strong

Krekri..... For a long time

Krɛkrɛ..... Short

Kri..... Late arrival or late departure

Kro..... Bundle it up

Kru..... Bundle it up

Kuakó..... Stunted growth

Kueku Cheap

Kuo..... Pour

KP

Kpaikpai.....All and leaving nothing behind

Kpatakpata.....Quickly

Kpe.....Peel

Kpehre.....Small ; Not tall

Kpekperেকে..... For ever

Kperi..... Shout

***Kprekpre.....Forceful push ; Series of
sudden pushes.***

Kpo..... Go home

Kpogho..... Shake

Kporo.....Break down (e.g. of a wall)

Kprese.....Dwarfish stature

Kpuhru..... Short ; Describing how short

L

THIS ALPHABET IS USUALLY REPLACED BY

N

***EXCEPT IT APPEARS IN THE MIDDLE OF A
WORD. EXAMPLES : SAPELE AND PỌLỌKỌ***

***NỌKỌNỌKỌ An adjective describing skin texture
(Lọkọlọkọ) and/or a well nurtured person.***

M

Mama.....Mother

MamỌ.....Genuine one ; Good type

Mẹ..... Me

Mẹvwẹ..... I am

Miavwa..... Painful

Miẹmịẹ Sweet

Mio..... De-water ; Squeeze water from...

Mọ..... come

Momo..... Borrow

Mra..... Sound

Mragha..... Bluffing ; Showing off

Mraro..... Telling the future ;

Devine prediction ; Prophecy

Mrẹ..... See

Mrorę..... Can see

Muo..... Carry

Muoga..... Sick

N

Nanãna..... Now

Ne..... Pass feces

Nene..... Mother

Nie..... Take

Nó.....Look at it

Nọ..... Ask

Nomaso.....Attention ; Take Note ; Beware

Nonẹ..... Today

O

Óba..... End

Obọ..... Hand

Ochẹ.....Clay drinking water storage pot

Oda..... Cutlass

Odjadja..... Suffering ; Painful experience

Odjuvwu..... Heaven

Ofe.....Yam beetle

Ofeje..... Empty

Ofia..... Lie

Ogaga..... Strength

Ógba..... Fence

Ogba..... Oil seed

Ogbo..... Boa ;Python

Ogbu.....The male's big wrapper dress cloth

Ogidi..... Violence ; Rowdiness

Ogiribo..... .Storm

Ojuvwu..... Heaven

Oka.....Style

Óka..... Mark

Oke..... Gift

Oko..... Friend

ókpa..... A thick locally woven cloth

Òkpé..... Stingy ; Miserly

Ókpẹ..... A dialect of Urhobo language

Okpite..... The person who speaks in proverbs

Okri..... Male goat

Oma..... Body

Óma..... Statue

Ona..... Solution finding ; Craftiness ;Shortcut art ; Trick

Oni.....Mother

Ora..... ..Sore

Ore..... Feast

Orhare..... A Well

Orhirhi..... Electric fish

Orho Town ; City

Orhua..... Deer

Orhue..... Hunter

Orhuere A species of catfish

Orí.....Lotion

Órí.....Processed corn starch meal

Oro..... Gold

Oruru.....Cotton thread

Osa..... Debt

Ósa.....Rectangular woven basket for loads

Osiẹbe..... Clerk

Osiọ.....Rain

Osu.....Ruler ; Governor

Ota.....Speech

Oti.....Leprosy

Otọ.....Ground

Owọ.....Leg

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Ọbara..... Blood

Ọbo Native doctor

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|--------------------|---|
| Ọboba..... | <i>Young ; Not mature</i> |
| Ọdafe..... | <i>Rich person</i> |
| Ọdọ..... | <i>Beetle's larva</i> |
| Ọfe..... | <i>Tilapia</i> |
| Ọfigbo..... | <i>Palm oil</i> |
| Ọgá..... | <i>Master</i> |
| Ọgá..... | <i>Animal track</i> |
| Ògà..... | <i>Sickness ; Disease</i> |
| Ọgọdọ..... | <i>Pit</i> |
| Ọgọrọ..... | <i>Palm wine</i> |
| Ọka..... | <i>Corn</i> |
| Ọke | <i>Period of time</i> |
| Ọko..... | <i>Gift parcel ; Present</i> |
| Ọkó..... | <i>Village</i> |
| Ọkpako..... | <i>Older person ; More elderly</i> |
| Ọkpó..... | <i>A species of the lizard</i> |
| Ọkpó..... | <i>Pole ; Walking stick</i> |
| Ókpọ..... | <i>Name sake</i> |

Ọmọ..... Child

Ọmọhọ..... Baby chick

Ọmọphra..... Bird

Ọmọshare Boy ; Son

Ọmọtẹ..... Girl ; Daughter

Ọpuọpuọ..... Shark ; Stinging ray fish

Ọre..... Sun

Ọrhare..... Chronic bachelor ;Male
without the means to
afford a marriage partner.

Ọrharha..... Stranger

Ọrigbẹ.....Porcupine

Ọrigbo..... Bitter leaf ;Bitter leaf plant

Ọrọdekọ..... Snake

Ọsẹ.....Father

Ọshare.....Man

Ọso..... Hawk

Ọsuke.....Hunch-back

Ọtota.....Spokesperson

Ọyọn.....Honey

P

Patiẹn..... Flat ; Deflated ; (Evu patiẹn = Flat tummy)

***Pẹtẹpẹtẹ.....(adj) Watery and soft ; Word describes
wetness or dryness e.g. of gari,
Soil, effect of water on surface etc.***

***Piěpiě.....(adj) Just forming ; Young ; immature ;unripe.
Word : describes how young/immature
eg ọboba piẹpiẹ = Unripe ; Undeveloped.***

Piọpiọpiọ.....(adj) Pointed and sharp e.g. nail

***Prarara.....(adj) Describes the sudden and forceful
gushing out of blood or liquid.***

***Putuku or Pitiki ... (adj) Describes quantity e.g. number
of oranges fallen down from a tree.***

PH

Phapho..... Measure it

Phavwe..... Meet me

Phẹghẹphẹghẹ..... Flat ; not thick

Phihọ.....Add to it

Phiophiọ.....Straight

Pho.....Jump

Phopho..... Blow it

Phọphọ..... Disgrace him/her

Phoro..... Erase

Phio.....Stone it

Phiọ..... Straighten it. Make it straight

R

Ra Go there

Rara..... Crawl e.g. snails crawl

***Rare..... Lick; Use of Finger or Tongue
to wipe-in/eat food like a dog***

Re..... Beg

Re..... Eat
Riemu..... Eat food
Riere..... Knows
Rieriẽ..... Lure him/her
Riố..... Eat it
Riờ..... Foam up e.g. when opening soda can
Ririe..... Clean it ; Wipe up ; Wipe
Rọ..... Swallow ; Swallow it
Roro..... Think ; Think about it
Ru..... Do
Ruiruo..... Work
Ruo..... Do it
Ruọ..... Go inside

RH

Rhá..... Un-tie ; Loosen ; Un-tangle ; Un-do knot

Rhà..... Fly

Rhare...(rharọ)..... Paint ; Plaster ;Smoothen

Rharhọ Bore a hole in it

Rhariẹ..... Re-Kindle ;Hurt an existing sore/pain

Rherẹ..... Watchfulness ; Spying on

Rherhẹ..... Swim

Rheriẹ..... Change ; Turn around ;Turn it over.

***Rherioma.....Change anatomical position ; Turn a
different direction ; Lie face up.***

Rhiọ.....Start early ; Wake up early to begin

Rhiri..... For a long time

Rhirirhìrì..... Forever.

***Rho..... Pre-cook ; Not totally done ; Preservative
partial cooking e.g. fresh meat or fish.***

Rhoma ta..... Say it again ; Repeat what you said

Rhorha..... Hot

Rhuarho..... Big.

Rhuṛṛ..... Repair ; Fix ; Make it better

Rhuo..... Weave e.g. as when weaving a basket.

Rhuo..... Put on your fashion gear ; Dress up.

Rhurho..... Cover it e.g. Cover a pot

***Rhurie..... Rush ; uncontrollable population
Movement ; unstoppable event.***

S

Sa..... Shoot

Sasa..... Agility ; Healthy and well ; Smart

Se..... Dress fashionably

Se..... Efficacy of medication or treatment

Se..... Call

Sen..... Reject ; Refuse ; Say "no"

Si..... .. Write

Siq.....Reject it outright

Sio..... Write it

Sio..... Pull (towards self)

Siomanu..... Hide

Sobq..... Shake hands ; Shake my hand

Su..... Govern ; Rule ; Lead

Suine..... ..Sing a song

SH

She..... Fall

Sheḡ..... Sell

Shesheri..... Very far

Sherhe..... Lie down

Shiguḡ..... Greeting with the knees bent ; Kneel down

Shoma..... Advertise one's self

Shorḡ..... Crawl

T

Ta..... Say it ; Confess

Ta..... A mild condemnation ; Blame or curse

Take..... Tell him/her

Tite..... Famous ; Popular

TỌ..... Live long

TỚ..... Dig it e.g. a pit or hole

TỚ..... Fry it e.g. Gari

Tọọ..... Pick ; Pick it

Toro..... Contribute

Tota..... Speak ; Talk

Tua..... Chase him/her /it

Tuato..... Chew on your chewing stick

Tuatua..... Strong and fearful

Tue..... Shake it off e.g. cloth that falls on dirt

TuỌ..... Chew it

U

Ubeku..... Bone

Ubi..... Punch ; Knot

Ubiako..... Tooth

Uchuhru..... Stump

**Uchuru..... Products of animal husbandary ;
raised birds and animals for food**

Udide..... Earthworm

Udi..... Liquor

Údi..... Grass cutter

Udio..... Cover ; Cork ; Cap
Udju..... Farm
Udu..... Chest
Ufi..... Trap
Ufi..... Rope (also called uruhre)
Ufo..... Work that a person does for someone
as repayment for the help that he had
earlier received from that individual.

Ufuna Bamboo-made cigarette pipe
Ufuoma..... Peace ; A state of serenity.
Ugbakara..... Ladder
Ugbenu..... Hill
Ugbidu..... Cocoyam farm
Ugbudia..... Horse tail ; Ox tail
Ugbunu..... Mouth
Ugheghẹ..... Foolishness

Ugherughe..... Miniature bell
Uje.....Twenty
Uji..... Stealing ; Thievery (Oji=Thieve)
Ujori..... One hundred
Ujuve..... Forty
Ukiri..... Drum
Ukodo..... Porridge
Úkóko..... Group ; Association
Ukoko..... Tobacco pipe
Ukoro..... Elephant tusk bangle
Ukpokpo..... Missile ; Any object thrown at a target.
Ukpono..... Cripple
Ukuta..... Stone
Ume..... Committee
Une..... Song
Unu..... Hole ; mouth
Unuebo..... Shout : to express surprise or for help

Unurhoro..... Door entrance
Uphe..... Throat
Uri..... Two hundred
Uroko..... A mile
Urhe..... Tree
Urhi..... Law
Urhiabɔ..... Finger
Urhiawɔ..... Toe
Urhie..... Sea/river/ocean
Urhiɛ..... Line
Urhuɛ..... Place of abode
Urhurhu..... Tail
Urhuru..... Voice
Uri..... Two hundred
Uriri..... Glory
Uruemu..... Character ; Behavior
Uruhre..... Rope ; Cord ; Stem of some

creepers/climbers used as rope.

Ushurhe..... Axe

Usí..... Starch

Usi..... Popularity

Úsi..... Line

Usiamé..... Well-water fetching rope

Usiavwre..... Key

Utiẹn..... Orange

Utite..... Seal ; Stamp & seal in Notary

Utughe..... Hut

Utuoma..... Hatred

Ututa..... Onion

Uvi.....Paddle

Uvwe.....Space

Uvworo..... Feather

UyontaTruth

Uyonvwi..... Head

V

Va..... Slaughter ; Skin an animal ; Split e.g. kola nut

Va..... Shout loud

Vame.... Fetch water

Ve.....Haggle the price e.g. asking for a lower price

Vẹn..... Bend it

Viẹ..... Weep ; Cry ; Grief

Vie..... Suck e.g. A child sucks the mother's breast

Vie..... Older than (vie we = older than you)

Vieve..... Suck breast

Vo..... Fetch e.g. water

Vọ..... Full

Vuẹ..... Tell him/her

Vughe..... Recognise

Vuo..... Uproot ; Harvest

**Vurho..... .Un organized competition to acquire ;
Scramble for ; un-healthy competition**

Vuvwo..... Roast ; Preserve by drying .

Vre Get up

Vre mudia..... Stand up

VW

Vwarhe..... Struggle

Vwariẹ..... Shiver ; Shivering

Vwariẹ..... Repeat it

Vwavwó..... Measure it

Vwe..... Urinate

Vwie..... Deliver e.g. baby ; Bear a child

Vweghẹvweghe..... Very thin and flat ; Not thick

Vwerhe..... Sweet

Vwerhe..... Sleep

Vwẹrie..... Stop by ; Branch (while going on)

Vwirhi.....Break ; separate into two more pieces

Vwio..... Throw missiles at a target ; Stoning .

Vwioro.....Droop

Vwo.....Jump

Vwó..... Own ; Own it = Vwóró

Vworho.....Sift it

Vworó.....Erase it

Vworovworo.....Smooth

Vwovwo.....Blow a wood or charcoal fire with the mouth

Vvravwra..... Restlessness ; uneasiness ; Impatient

Vwrovwro...Unhealthy competition ; Fierce rivalry ; Jealousy

W

Wado..... Greeting to you all

We..... You

Wewe..... Yourself

Wian..... Do the work

Wiowian..... Work

Wonro..... Pluck out e.g. seeds from bunches of fruits

**Wran..... Defrost ; Liquefy ; Heat solidified oil
back to its liquid form.**

Y

Yan..... Walk

Yanra..... Go away

Yanrhe..... Come

Yare..... Bitter

Yare.....Borrow ; Beg for your need

Yerakpɔ..... Live your life

Yere..... Greet him/her

Yere..... Or

Yeri..... Climb

Yoma..... Boast

Yõma..... Good

Yon..... Hear

Yonrẹ..... Hear my pleading/prayer

**Yorho..... Eliminating water with a bucket,
basin or by mechanical means.**

Yoro.....Pull out ; Pull off

Yorọ..... Hold it

Yonvwe.....Hear me

Yonrhe.....Smell

Z

Ze..... Sacrifice (for a god)

Zighizighi..... Rough ; Disorganized

Zigbo Disorganize it ; Scatter the arrangement.

Ziꝑziꝑ Sluggish

Zꝑꝑkꝑ..... An adjective describing how tall and .

beautiful a person is. e.g Aye na vwa

zꝑꝑkꝑ= The woman is tall and beautiful.