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ashuwa%1. noun‰► meat; flesh‰∙ Nuuni maallado qan"iya issi kilo ashuwa xiixaa miida.‰ We ate half a kilo of roasted meat for breakfast.‰∙ Puro ashuwa ta kanaassi qanxxada ola.‰ Give a portion of meat to my dog.‰► relative‰∙ Ta ishaa

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na'ay taayyoo asho.%o My brother's son is my relative.
asttamaariya%1. noun%▶ teacher; instructor; lecturer%• Asttamaaree ba tamaareta
shiishshi ekkiyaqaa qidanawu koshshees.% A teacher has to be friendly to his
students.%● Tanaara haasayida asttamaaree, tammu laytta gidiyagaa tamaarissiiddi
takkiis.%○ The teacher, to whom I spoke, has been teaching for ten years.%● Nu
asttamaaree biron doommiyagaa. I ba tamaarissiyogaa qonccissanaw ayyoo meezee
baawa.% Our instructor is a beginner. He is not experienced in explaining the
lessons.%(syn) [tamaarissiyagaa, luxissiyagaa]
atto giis%1. transitive verb%▶ forgive; excuse%● Xoossay nu nagaraa atto giis.%○
God has forgiven our sins.%● I nena atto ga giidi oychchikko, Assi atto guutee?
%○ If he apologizes, will you forgive him?%● Taani gam''ada yin, I taayyo atto
giis.% He forgave me when I came late.%(syn) [maariis]
ay keenaa%1. adverb≫ how long%• A: Ne ay keena wodiya hagan takkadii?%○ A: How
long have you been here?%● B: Tammu laytta takkaas.%○ B: For ten years.%● Ay
keena Inggillizettuwa tamaaradii?%o How long have you been studying English?%
(syn) [ay peeshshaa, woqqa keenaa]
aymuwa%1. noun%▶ dream; nightmare%• Niyo lo''o aymo gido!%○ Sweat dreams!%• I
bari aaway hayqqidobadan qoppiis, shin hegee iita aymo.%o He thought his father
died, but it was just a bad dream.≫ wish, to wish to have‰ Ta de'o layta aymoy
Asttamaarekiyanaassa.% My lifelong wish was to be a famous teacher.
azaziis%1. transitive verb≫ order; command% Asttamaaree tana saleedaa
quccanawu azaziis.%○ The teacher ordered me to clean the blackboard. → Huuphe
qadaaway xaafiya mule dabidaabiya eessuwan xaafanaadan azazziis.%o The principal
ordered the clerk to type all the letters soon.%▶ prescribe%● Dottoree ha xaliyo
azaziis.% The doctor prescribed this medicine.
azzaniis%1. intransitive verb%▶ sorrow; grieve; regret; repent%• I azinay ha
saaminttan hayqqiis, hegaa gishshawu A ubbatoo azzanawusu.%o Her husband died
this week, so she grieves all the time. %● Taani ne bolli deexxiyabaa haasayido
gishshaw azzanays.%○ I regret saying terrible things to you.%● Na'ay corabaa
moori simmid azzaniis.%o The boy repented after he made a lot of mistakes.%(syn)
[masunxxiis , kayyottiis, bonqquwan duriis]
ba'uwa%1. noun%▶ backpack, an act of carrying on the back%● Qeeri naata zokkuwan
ba'iyogee daafurssiya ooso.%o Carrying small children on the back is tiresome
work.%● Ha ba"oy mishireessi tookkanaw keehi deexo.%○ This backpack is too heavy
for the woman to carry.%▶ burden, load (carried on the back)%● Ba'uwa wottada
guuttaa shemppa ekka.%o Put down the load and have a little rest.
baadiya%1. noun%▶ soldier; army%• Baadee nu biittaa naagees.%○ Soldiers guard
our country. № Baadeti morkkiya citaa biittaappe kessidosona. % The army broke
through the enemy defenses. № Darggiya wode Toophphiyan daro baadeti olan
hayqqidosona.% During Derg regime, a lot of Ethiopian soldiers were killed in
battle.%(syn) [tooraa, burggeessaa]
baggaa%1. noun%▶ supporter; comrade%• Nuuni warettishin, ta laggee ta bagga.%○
When we were fighting, my friend was my supporter.%▶ side; direction%●
Yuniversttee hosppitaaliyappe haddirssa baggaara dees.% The university is on
the left side of the hospital.% Kaamee ogiyappe haddirssa baggaara laagettees.
%○ We drive cars on the left hand side of the road.
balaa%1. noun%▶ error; mistake; forgetfulness; misunderstanding; fault; defect;
failure; shortcoming; guilt%● Eranchcha uray ba balaa ammanees.%○ A wise person
acknowledges his mistake.%● Balaa giyoogee kase hani aadhdhidabaa woykko
eriyobaa ha"i hassaya xayiyogaa woykko dogaa.%o Forgetfulness is being unable to
remember something that has happened in the past or information that you knew in
the past.%• Ne balaa kammanaw maloppa; ammanna.%○ Don't try to hide your
mistake; accept it.%(syn) [mooruwa, xissaa, ufuraa, dogaa.]
baqettiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ become abnormal, mentally sick, be a mad man%•
Hegee na'ay baqettees. Akko shiiqoppa.%○ That boy is mad. Do not go near him.%
(syn) [yeddiis, gooyiis, boshettiis, wozanaa laamettiis.]%2. transitive verb%▶
be slapped ● Dirbbaa giddo gelidi baqettiis.% He was slapped entering into the
bayzziis%1. transitive verb%► sell%• Bitanee dorssaa giyaa efiidi al''uwan
bayzziis.%o The man took the sheep to the market and sold it for an expensive
price. № Ta ha booraa bayzzada haraa shammanaassi koyaas. % I wanted to sell
this one and buy another one.%▶ vi: deceive%• A machchiya A daro laytta
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gidiyagaa cimmaasu.% His wife has deceived him for years.

beettiis%1. intransitive verb≫ be seen, be visible%• Adussa bitanee giyaa asaa

ubbaappe bollaara beettiis.%○ The tall person was seen above all the people in the market.%● Masttootiyara aybakko beettees. Ane xeella.%○ Something is seen through the window. Look at it.%▶ be found, be obtained, appear%● Eedisya harggee Toophphiyan 1979 M.Ln. beettiis.%○ HIV/AIDS appeared in Ethiopia in 1979 E.C.

beliis%1. transitive verb%▶ level, flatten, completely destroy a place, or area and leave it flattened%● Nu heeray gottiyan beletiis.%○ The village had been leveled by the hurricane.%(syn) [baasiis, dembbayiis.]%▶ press, push against (the sack in order to hold well)%● Otoy ubba donuwa ekkana xayikko bela.%○ Press by hands if the pot does not hold all potatoes.%▶ tuck; cram; jam; pack; stuff biradhdhiis%1. transitive verb%▶ point out, show, indicate, give a hint%● Kaysuwa bolli asi ubbi biradhdhiis.%○ Everybody pointed out the thief.%● Asa bolli kushiya coo biradhdhikko, pokkees.%○ It is taboo to point at people.%● Eedisee oyqqido uraa asay biradhdhees.%○ People point at people who have AIDS.% (syn) [bessiis, malaatiis, huruuriis.]

bizza%1. adjective≫ only child, a person who was born and brought up alone%• Ishi michcha yelettibeenna asi bizza geettees.%○ An only child is a person who hasn't a sister or a brother.%• A bana yelidaageetussi bizza; Issi ishi michcha baawa.%○ She is the only child; she has no brother or sister.‰→ outstanding%• A asttamaariyassi bizza zaaruwa immaws.‰○ She gives to the teacher outstanding answers.

borchchiborchcha%1. adjective≫ rough, not smooth% Borchchiborchcha ogee nu goommaa mooriis.% The rough road damaged our tires.% Borchchiborchcha ogee gommaara biyabatussi giigenna.% The rough street is not suitable for vehicles. % Taani deriya huuphiya borchchiborchcha deriya ogiyan yuuyayda pe'as.% I have traveled over rough roads in the mountain.%(syn) [gaggara, gelikessa, dembbattenna.

boriis%1. transitive verb%▶ criticize; reproach; reprimand%● Dipparttmenttee yohuwa wudidi xeellibeenna gishshawu borettiis.%○ The department has been criticized for not taking the case seriously.%● Geeshsha Maxaafay muleera nagaraa woqqasees.%○ The Bible completely reproaches sin.%(syn) [hooshiis.]%▶ reject%▶ reproach; criticize; reprimand

buttiis%1. transitive verb≫ grind, crush grains into small pieces for the first round%(syn) [harxxiis.]≫ hack, cut vigorously, cut repeatedly%• Ogiya goyyiya asati mittaa buttidosona.%○ The highway workers hacked the trees.≫ kill (a large number of people)%• Olay daro asaa buttiis.%○ The war killed a large number of people.

caaliis%1. intransitive verb%▶ become sour, turn sour, taste sour, be fermented (dough) %• Oyssay caaliis.%○ The butter soured. %• Maattay caalikko, mal''enna. %○ If milk becomes sour, it has an unpleasant taste. %(syn) [phanqqiis]%▶ be shrewd, be cunning, be wily %(syn) [yishkkiis]

caccafiis%1. transitive verb‰ splash; sprinkle; spray; splatter‰ A bollaa meecettiyosaa miyyiyan haattaa cacafaasu.%○ She splashed water over the side of the bath. ‰ Gondduwa xalee kattaa bolli caccafettanaw bessees.‰ Pesticides should be sprayed on crops. ‰ Na'iya buhiya xayssanaassi wuygiyan haattaa caccafaasu.‰ The girl sprinkled the water on the floor to let the dust settle down. ‰(syn) [kakkafiis, pushakkiis, puukkiis]

care%1. adjective%▶ marshy; soft; wet; muddy %● Care biittan kaamiya laagganaagee meto.%○ It is difficult to drive on the marshy land. %● care biittaa%○ marshy land %▶ suitable; comfortable %● I dure giddiyo gishshaw Assi sa'ay care.%○ Since he is a rich man, he leads a comfortable life. ciimma%1. adjective%▶ deep %● Ciimma shaafay cora moliyara de'ees.%○ The deep river contains a lot of fish. %● Worqqaa bookkidi kessiyo ciimma sohoy daro worqqaa immiis.%○ The deep gold mine yielded a lot of gold. %▶ profound %● Nuuni gasttiyo wode nuuyyoo ciimma qofay de'ees.%○ As we mature, we have profound thoughts.

cora%1. adjective≫ many, much, a lot of, a great deal of, numerous, plentiful, abundant, innumerable, superabundant % Gooba goshshanchchay shooqan cora qommo kattaa zerees.% A clever farmer sows a lot of grain in his farm. % Panggati A kiisiyappe daro miishshaa bogidosona.% The bandits stole a large amount of money from his pocket. % Aadhdhida tammu layttaa giddon qoodi baynna maxaafay xaafettiis.% Innumerable books have been written in the last ten years. %(syn) [zawi baynna, shaynna, kenchcho, dere, guyte, qoodi baynna, qoodi wurssenna, uulla, daro, besa, guufe, likkee baynna, dibe, innaaboote, uma, guuxxana geenna,

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playing card.

curqqaa%1. noun%▶ rag %• Curqqay pooshettida ceega maayo.%○ A rag is a piece of old cloth. %● Mishiriya maskkootiya curqqan quccaasu.%⊙ The woman cleaned the window with a rag. %▶ old clothes %• Ha curqqaa maayada asa sintti kiyanaw tana yeellayees.% I feel embarrassed wearing these old clothes in front of people. danttiis%1. transitive verb‰ converge; join; connect; link ‰ Oosanchchay naa''ubaa issippe gattidi danttiis.%o The worker connected two things together. %▶ write poem %• Danttuwa xaafiya asay danttoosona. %○ Poets write poems. %• Tekinooloojiya xeelliyagan danttiis.% He wrote poem on technology. dogiis%1. transitive verb%▶ forget; misunderstand; miss%• Ta zino niyo odidoogaa dogaychchadii?%○ Have you forgotten what I told you yesterday?%● Ta otobisee soo aadhdhidoogaa dogaas.%○ I forgot the bus pass at home.. • A malaataa dogada ogiya dogaasu.% She missed the road sign and lost her way.%(syn) [baliis.] dolliwaaqa%1. adjective%▶ rude; obscene; oafish%• Ne ha dolliwaaqa hanuwawu oyshettanawu daasa era.%⊙ You will be punished for this rude deed.%• Assi dolliwaaqa maccaassiya de'awsu. Hegee iita eeshsha.% He has a rude wife. It is an ugly behavior. № Na'ay dolliwaaqa gidiyo gishshaw asa bolli inxxarssaa kessees.% Because the boy is rude, he puts out his tongue at people.%(syn) [tollocca, shori baynna, carqqa, seeri baynna, kawushsha, maari baynna, waalla.] doommiis%1. transitive verb%▶ start; begin; commence%• I guuttaa shemppi ekkidi oosuwa doommi aggiis.%∘ He began the work after a little rest.%• Nuuni oosuwa maallado doommana koshshees.%○ We must begin our work in the morning.%● Timirttee 2 saatiyan doommidi laaxa saatee qakkanaashiina.%o The lessons start at 2 o'clock and continue until lunch time.%(syn) [qaydiis, qoxomiis, susaa haattan yeggiis, sunkkuriis.]

doonaa%1. noun%► mouth%• Doonaa hangga.%∘ Open your mouth.%► language%• Wolayttattuwa%∘ Wolaita language%• Taayyoo Wolayttan yoota.%∘ Tell me in the Wolaita language.

dumma%1. adjective≫ different; various; special; particular%• Issi aayyiya yelido naa''u naatussi darotoo dumma meray de'ees.%○ Two children born from one mother often have different appearances.%• I oosuwa dumma ogiyan oottiis.%○ He has done the work in a different way.≫► deviant%• A A geloosappe doommada dumma eeshshaa bessiyogaa doommaasu.%○ She started to show deviant behavior after she married him.

dure%1. adjective%▶ rich; wealthy; prosperous; affluent%● Ubbabay diyo asi dure. %○ An affluent person is wealthy.%● Assi kaame baawa shin, I keehi dure asa.%○ Although he does not own a car, he is a very rich man.%● I dure; corabaa issi kuttan shammanaw danddayees.%○ He is a prosperous man; he can afford many things at once.%(syn) [mehiyawa, gidaawa, mannanna, shica, moollana.] eceriya%1. noun%▶ rat %● Garawiya eceriya oykkaasu.%○ The cat caught the rat. %● Eceree waassiis.%○ The rat squeaked. %▶ score (points of a game) %● Taani A karttaa kaassan oyddu eceriya mizaas.%○ I scored four points against him while

eesotiis%1. intransitive verb≫ be hasty, rush, be quick, hurry %• Eesoota! Tamaaresoossi nuussi sa'ay poo'ees.%○ Hurry up! We are late for school. %• Eesota ixxikko otobisiyappe attaasa.%○ Hurry up or you will miss the bus. %• So oosuwa wurssanaayyoo I eesotiis.%○ He was in rush to finish the assignment. % (syn) [seturiis]

emeriya%1. noun back yard, rear so Emeriya giyogee keettaappe guyen issi issi darkko kattati mokkiyosaa.% A back yard is an area behind a house in which some vegetables are grown. So Kayssoti karee dooyettin emere woxxidosona.% The thieves ran to the rear when the door was opened. So Naati emeren kaa'oosona.% Children are playing in the back yard.%(syn) [daarinchchaa, darkkuwa, shaafinchchaa]

eqettiis%1. transitive verb≫ resist, stand against, combat, confront %● Entte shaahettikko, geniya eqettanawu danddayeketta.%○ If you are divided, you can't stand against the enemy. %● Nuuni Eedisiya eqettanaw koshshees.%○ We should combat HIV/AIDS. %▶ defend, stand up for %● Nuuni nu maataassi eqettanaw koshshees/eqettanaagee attennabaa.%○ We must defend our rights. equwa%1. noun%▶ stand, an act of standing %● Issi yohuwa ammanidi ba equwa minttiyogee go''ees.%○ It is important to believe in things and take stand. %▶ arousal; erectness %(syn) [xinddaa] %▶ posture %● Ne equwa giigissa.

Geellatoppa.% Improve your posture. Don't slouch.

eranchcha%1. adjective%▶ knowledgeable; hearty; wise; intelligent; competent;

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fit; capable; literate;educated; outstanding; understanding %● Eranchcha uray ba
balaa ammanees.%∘ A wise person acknowledges his mistake. %• Eranchcha urawu
meezeenne eray de'ees.%○ A competent person has skills and qualifications. %•
Eranchcha dottoree ta aayee qooriyan de'iya xii'iya kessiis.%○ A competent
doctor removed the gland on my mother's neck. %(syn) [wozannaama, diiximaxa,
kiphata1
gaachchaa%1. noun%▶ grind, an act of grinding%• Woxay badalaa gaachchaayyoo
lo''o.%○ The mill is good for the maize grind.%• Badalaa gaachchay kase aayetu
ooso.%⊙ Grinding maize was women's work.%► digestion%● Kattay uluwan
gaacettennan ixxiyo metoy hara sahuwayyoo malaata gidanaw danddayees.%o Problems
with digestion can be an indicator of other medical problems.
gaddabbi oottiis%1. transitive verb%► grab; snatch; seize; hold; capture; poach;
catch%● Kaysuwa gaddabbi oottidi oyqqiis.% He grabbed the thief forcibly.%●
Gooba bitanee kaysuwa gaddabi oottiis.%○ The brave man seized the thief.%● Aaway
kuwaasiya olin na'ay gaddabbi oottiis.%o The father threw the ball and the child
caught it.%(syn) [oyqqiis, kuttu oottiis, hawhu oottiis, sophiis, happi oottiis,
qaphphi oottiis, qurphphu oottiis, carppiis, kutuutiis, mirggaaciis, baxuuxiis,
cirppinttiis, sophphu oottiis.]
gassammaa%1. noun‰ humus, mold, decay, rottenness, decomposition, the organic
component of soil, formed by the decomposition of leaves and other plant
material by microorganisms%● Gassammay biittaa araddissanaw lo''o.%○ Humus is
good for soil fertility. № Goshshanchchay darkkkon mokkiyabata dichchchanaayyoo
shooqan gassammaa yeggiis.%o The farmer put manure on his farmland in order to
grow vegetables.%● Hayqqida dozati gassammaa darssoosona.%○ Dead plants build up
the humus in the soil.%(syn) [aammuwa, wooqaa, musaa, toonnuwa.]
geeshsha%1. adjective%▶ pure; clean; neat%• Hayyanaa, neeyyoo geeshsha haatti
danddee?% Please, do you have pure water to drink?%(syn) [walalla, xillo,
mulxxuxxa, hummunna, qalxxaxxa, wululla.]%▶ holy; saint; devout%• Woossa keettay
geeshsha soho.%∘ A church is a holy place.≫ certain, without doubt
geniya%1. noun%▶ enemy; adversary; foe; vandal%• Tooraa kiittiyagee bari asata
geniya teqqanaadan kiittiis.% The captain ordered his men to defend the enemy.
%● Genee keettan tamaa yeddiis.%○ A vandal set fire to the hut.%▶ malice; evil%
(syn) [iitaa, palaa.]%▶ sabotage
giiyyiis%1. intransitive verb‰ give out pus (the wound)%• Issi issi masunttay
giiyyees.‰ Some wounds give out pus.‰(syn) [xuuqqiis]%2. transitive verb‰►
conceit, be proud, have pride%● I otoruwa giiyees.%○ He is conceited.
gishiis%1. transitive verb%▶ distribute, allot, share out, delegate%● Moconay
ooratta maxaafata wontto saaminttan gishees.% The ministry will distribute the
new books next week. № Asttamaaree tamaare naatussi maxaafaa huuphiyan huuphiyan
gishiis.%○ The teacher distributed the books to each of the students.%● Halaqay
tamaare naatussi paaciya woraqataa gishshiis.%o The monitor distributed the exam
paper to the students.%(syn) [yeziis, gattiis, laaliis, shaakkiis, shaniis]
gishshawu (gishshaassi)%1. connctive%▶ because%• Ippenne taappenne gidduwan
morkketetti de'enna mala koyido gishshawu, A tana maarotettaa oychchaasu.%o She
apologized because she wanted no ill feelings between her and me. № Tana zino
sakkido gishshaw, tamaare keettaa yabeykke.% I did not come to school because I
was sick.%▶ sake%• Ne so asaa gishshaw loytta ootta.%○ Work hard for the sake of
your family.
gitatettaa%1. noun%▶ greatness (the state of being big, huge, respected etc.)%▶
nobility, fame (the condition of being very well known)%● Kawo Xoonnaa
gitatettay Toophphiyan ubbasan erettiis.% King Tona's fame spread far and wide
in Ethiopia.≫ respect%• Deriyan sabetiyogaa mala gitatetti baawa.%○ It is the
greatest form of respect to be admired by people.%(syn) [bonchchuwa, saaphuwa,
gooba%1. adjective%▶ clever; brave; adroit; smart; skillful; courageous; plucky;
valorous; audacious%• Gooba tamaaree paaciyan metoy baynnan aadhdhees.%○ A
clever student will pass the examination without any problem. № Issi issi
eqqettiya yameti gooba polotikaa eranchchaa woranaw malidosona.% Some members
of the opposition party tried to kill brave politician. % ● Gooba tamaaree darotoo
asttamaariya oyshshaa zaaranaassi kushiya denttiis.% A clever student usually
raises his hands to answer the teacher's questions.%(syn) [qexe geenna,
yayyenna, mino, gaammo, buuxanne geenna, babbenna]
goochchiis%1. transitive verb%▶ pull; jerk; trail; drag%• I O woxxiya kaamiyappe
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guyekko goochchiis.%∘ He jerked her back from in front of the speeding car.%•

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Danggarssay ganxxettida mittaa goochchiis.% The elephant pulled the logs.%(syn)
[shorrayiis]%▶ attract%(syn) [hobbiis]
gudiis%1. intransitive verb%► roar, make a large natural growling noise, for
example, as a lion makes%• Aadhdhida omarssi, gaammoy bazzuwan gudiis.%○ Last
night, the lion roared in the jungle.%(syn) [harqqummiis]%▶ nauseate, vomit,
throw up stomach contents%• Ulo giddo guxunee diyo gishshawu, na'ay qumaa miyo
wodiyan gudees.% Since there are abdominal parasites in his stomach, the boy
vomits when taking meals.%(syn) [maqali giis, sheneyiis]
gum"iis%1. transitive verb%▶ wring; squeeze%• Maayuwa mittaa bolli miccanaappe
kasetada gum"a.%∪ Wring the clothes before you hang them on the tree.%●
Oosanchchiya ispponjjiya meecca simmada, haattaa xi'issanaassi gum''aasu.%○ The
maid squeezed the sponge to release the water after she had washed it.%•
Meecettida maayuwa gum''ada micca.%o Squeeze the washed clothes and stretch them
in the sun.%(syn) [iqiis]
haariis%1. transitive verb%▶ breed; raise%• Ta aaway, cora mehiya haaridaagee,
mehe goda.%○ My father, who bred a lot of cattle, is a rancher.%▶ buy; purchase
%• I daro miizzaa haariis.%∘ He bought many cows.%▶ enslave, own, claim
ownership of somebody%(syn) [aylleyiis]
hangguwa%1. noun%▶ anger; rage; wrath; indignation; irritation%• Alaafee
naaqqido gishshawu, hanqquwan kumi uttiis.%o He was filled with anger because
his boss treated him badly. № Xoossaa hangquwa% God's wrath • Xoossay
soodoomeninne Gamooran ba hanqquwa gussiis.%○ God poured out his wrath on Sodom
and Gomorrah.%(syn) [yiilluwa, puuraa, lancciya]
harggiya%1. noun%▶ disease; sickness; illness; ache; writhe; fatigue; agony;
sufferance; pain‰ Eedisee xalee baynna hargge.‰ AIDS is an incurable disease.
%● Carkkuwappe oyqqiya harggee laa'ees.%○ Airborne illnesses are infectious.%●
Kumetta alamiya giddon asay bala qofan diyo cora harggeti de'oosona.%o
Throughout the world, there are many diseases about which people have mistaken
ideas.%(syn) [sahuwa, ooxaa, giilattiyogaa, silatettaa]
hayttaa%1. noun%▶ ear%• Nuuni nu hayttan siyoos.%○ We hear with our ears.%• A
issibaa taassi hayttan saasukkaasu.%○ She mumbled something into my ear.%▶ leaf
%● Mittaa hayttay bone carkkoy carkkiyode qoqofettees.%○ The leaves of trees
scatter in summer when the wind blows hard.
heemmiis%1. transitive verb%▶ look after cows, tend domestic herd%● Miizzaa
lo''o maatay diyosaa efiidi heemmiis.% He looked after the cattle in a good
pasture.‰ lead; administer%(syn) [kaalettiis]‰ shepherd‰ Maccaasiya ubba wode
dembban dorssaa heemmawusu.%o The woman always shepherds the sheep.
heeraa%1. noun%▶ village; vicinity; surroundings; neighborhood; locality;
environment%• Heeraa asay issoy issuwara maaddettidi di'uwa zaaridosona.%o The
people in the village helped one another during the floods. (lit. 'village
people')%● Heeran kilinikee baawa.%○ There is no clinic in the vicinity.%●
Injjetiya heeran oottidoogee loytta oottanaadan O minttettiis.% Working in
pleasant surroundings encouraged her to work hard.%(syn) [moottaa, shooruwa]
hel''iis%1. intransitive verb%▶ pant, breathe with difficulty, rapid breathing%●
Do'ay yedetti simmido kanay hel"iiddi dees.%o The dog was panting after it had
been chased by the wild animal.%• Asay woxxi simmidi hel''ees.%○ People pant
after they run.%● Tamaaree sa'aa poo'issidi hel''ees.%○ The student arrived late
and is panting.%(syn) [peenuqiis, sheenuqiis]
hini (hinin) %1. adverb%▶ there, that place, over there%• A hagawu yiikko, ta hini baana.%○ If she comes here, I will go there.%(syn) [yaa, yaara, hefinttan,
gede]%2 pronoun‰ that ‰ Ha keettay hini sooppe lo"o.‰ This house is better
than that one.
hokkiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ stoop, duck, bow, crouch, bend down%• I loddaara
hokkiis.%○ He slowly crouched down.%● Na'ay caammaa kiriya qachchanawu hokkiis.
%○ The boy bent down to tie his shoelace. No Taani migiduwa denttanawu hokkada,
wuuqqettida borssaa demmaas.%o When I stooped to pick up the ring, I found my
wallet.%(syn) [qaafiis]
issippe biis%1. transitive verb≫ go together%• Eti issippe giyaa boosona.%∘
They are going to market together.≫ match or Ta kalssee neegaara issippe beenna.
%○ My socks do not match.%• I gal"a caammay qitattidaagee I lo''iya qamisiyara
issippe bibeenna.% Her old dirty shoes did not match her beautiful dress.
issippetettaa%1. noun%▶ unity; fellowship%• Deriya issippetettay morkkiya olan
xoonnees.%∘ The unity of people will defeat an enemy in the battle. No Nu deriya
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dichchawu issippetettay go''ees.% Unity is important for the development of our

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nation.%• Awurooppaa Issippetettaa European Unitv%▶ solidaritv%▶ cooperation
issitoo issitoo%1. adverb≫ sometimes, occasionally (rather than all the time)%•
Taani issitoo issitoo sukkaaree baynna tukkiya uyays.%o I sometimes drink coffee
without sugar.% ● Issitoo issitoo ta tamaare soo otobisiyan bays.% Occasionally
I go to school by bus.%● Taani issitoo issitoo nu doonan pilggettaa oottiyogaa
daro dosays.% Sometimes I like to do research in our language.%(syn)
[xombbixombban]
kaamiya qatuwa%1. noun‰ bus station, bus stand‰ Ta nena kaamiya qatuwan
naagaas.%∘ I waited for you at the bus station.%• I ba borssaa kaamiya qatuwan
aggidi yiis.%∘ He left his luggage at the bus stand.%• Otobisee kaamiya
qatuwappe tammanne naa''u saate baggan kiyees.%o The bus leaves at 12:30 from
the bus station.%(syn) [kaamiya allattaa]
kaashiis%1. transitive verb‰⊳ shovel, scoop up, dig out, excavate, dig with
hands%● Biittaa akaafan kaashiis.%○ He dug the soil out with a spade.%(syn)
[mooqiis]%▶ profit; gain%• Zal"anchchay tukkiya bayzzidi woriya kaashiis.%○ The
merchant profited from the sale of coffee.%(syn) [huuxxiis, gaaxxiis]
kariis%1. transitive verb≫ neglect, ignore, abandon, overlook, pass over,
disregard, scorn, be contemptuous, despise%● I ba laafatettaa bana barkka
kariis.%∘ He despised himself for being so cowardly.%• Kawshsha azinay bari
machchee addiniitaakka karees.%∘ A rude husband neglects his own wife.%• Asa
kariyogee lo''enna.%○ It is unwise to ignore someone.%(syn) [xaasayiis]
keeriis%1. transitive verb≫ make appointment, schedule%• I na'eera giyan
gayttanawu keeriis.% He scheduled to meet the girl in the market.%(syn)
[qaniis, qaxariis]%▶ plan%• I naa''u saaminttappe sinttan keettaa keexxanaw
keeriis.%> He planned to build the house after two weeks.%(syn) [qaniis]
keexxiis%1. transitive verb≫ build; establish; found; situate%• Ta aaway meesho
keettaa keexxiis.%∪ My father built a large house.%• Ta laggeti bantta keettaa
keexxidosona.%○ Friends of mine are building their own house.%● Katamay deriya
achchan keexxettiis.% The town is situated near the mountain.%(syn) [gimbbiis,
qorqqoriis]
kichchiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ move away%• Otobisee eqqiyosaappe
kichchaychcha.%o Move away from the bus stop.%(syn) [sher''i giis;
tim''i giis, bayiis, kolli bo''an eqqiis, titifiyan eqqiis, haakkiis, Kafi
Gomaran eqqiis, xuluqee xunqqiis, miimminttee mittiis, gooni gamman eqqiis,
hurttu giis]%▶ die%• I marzziya uyidi kichchiis.%○ He died after he took the
poison.%(syn) [tinkkiri giis, hayqqiis, bayiis, tuskku giis, huuphe gediyan
eqqiis, cenggereeriis, shemppiis, bawutiis]
kko%1. connctive%▶ if%• Zaaruwa taani eriyakkonne paaccanawu tana oychchadasa.%○
You asked me if I knew the answer. № I yiikko, nuussi guutta kattaa ekkidi yees.
%○ If he comes, he will bring us some food.%▶ towards%• Wombbaraa neekko
shiishsha.% Pull the chair towards you.
kokkoriis%1. intransitive verb%▶ shiver; tremble; shake; quiver; quake%• Qeeri
na'iya meeguwan kokkorawusu.%○ The little daughter is shaking from the fever.%●
Worddanchchay yashshan kokkoriiddi qadaawaa sinttan eggiis.%o The liar stood in
front of the headmaster quaking with fear.%● Na'ay moori simmidi ba aawaa
sinttan kokkoriilddi eqqiis.%o The boy stood trembling in front of his father
after he had made a mistake.%(syn) [qel''qel"iis, gaytigaytiis, gajigajiis,
qaaxxiis, yanqqiyanqqiis, yabiyabiis, yaaqiyaaqiis, yaa haa giis]
kooliis%1. transitive verb%▶ repair; mend; restore; splint; maintain%• I me'o
wombbaraa kooliis.%○ He mended a broken chair.%• Heeraappe yiida tamaareti
tamaare keettaa koolidosona.%o The students from the village repaired the
school.%• Daro layttappe doommidi hanno gakkanaashinkka ha ogee koolettibeenna.
%○ After so many years, this road has not been maintained yet.%(syn)
[sokisolliis, sikkiis, santtiis, shiisherettiis, sunniis]
koottaa%1. noun%▶ beehive; hive%• Mattay koottan eessees.%○ Bees make honey in a
beehive.%▶ barrel, big basket, big basket to store grain or other property%●
Koottay kattaa qolanawu maaddees.%o A large bamboo barrel is used for storing
grain.%• Kattay koottan yegettideeyye?%o Was the grain put in the big basket?
koshshaa%1. noun%▶ interest; need; want; necessity%• Asa na'awu de'iya koshshawu
zawi baawa.%○ Human wants are unlimited.%• Asttamaaree tamaarissanaappe kasetidi
tamaare naatussi diya koshshaa eranawu bessees.% The teacher must know the
students' needs before giving the lesson.‰ search%(syn) [qaagettaa,
qaaqqaasettaa, baadettaa, tattaafuwa, qaaqqaasuwa]≫ quest
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kushiya kesuwa%1. noun%▶ raise (hand)%▶ paying credit%(syn) [kushiya zaaruwa]%▶

reciprocation%(syn) [kushiya zaaruwa]%▶ being sufficient (business term)%▶ revenge; vengeance; retaliation%(syn) [suuttaa ashuwa, haluwa kessaa, haluwa, awutiva achchivogaa]

la'atettaa%1. noun%▶ freedom; liberty; independence%• Dimookiraasee de'iyo biittan ay asinne la'atettan haasayidi ba qofaa qonccissanawu koshshees.%○ Everybody should have freedom of speech in a democratic country.%• Sarota mala la"atetti baawa.%○ There is no freedom like peace.%• Ne aybakko koyidobaa oottanaassi la'atettan de'aasa.%○ You are at liberty to do whatever you want.% (syn) [laaliya]

laa'iis%1. transitive verb%▶ spread%• Uunoy mishonne irxxa sohuwan keehi laa'ees.%∘ Malaria spreads in wet and hot places.%• Harggee haraatussi laa'enna mala hayqqida medoossati moogettanawu koshshees.%∘ Dead animals should be buried so that they cannot spread disease.%▶ breed; reproduce%• Udunxxee oshan laa'ees.%∘ Flies breed on dung.

laggiya%1. noun%▶ friend; companion; peer; partner%• Lagge giyogee issoy issuwara dosettiyagaa.%∘ Friends are those who like each other.%• Ta laggetuppe amaridaageeti tana loytta xana'anaadan maaddoosona.%∘ Some friends of mine are helping me to study hard.%• Lagge giyogee layttan nenaara issi yeletta giyoggaa. %∘ Peer means a person who is the same age as you. %(syn) [jaalaa, loogo jaalaa, bagaa]

laqilaqiis%1. transitive verb≫ be sweet%• sukkaarettoo laqilaqees%∘ as sweet as sugar%• Sukkaaree laqilaqees.%∘ Sugar is sweet.%• Shonkkooroy laqilaqees.%∘ Sugar cane is sweet.%(syn) [mal"iis, luqaaluqiis]

likke%1. adjective%▶ correct; exact; right; fair; definite%• Hegee likke zaaro. %○ That is the exact answer. %(syn) [xillo, nagari baynna, gamma, adda, suure]%▶ equal; alike%• Ta aawaynne taanne geesaa likke; nu garssan qaammiyaynne adduqiyay ba.%○ My father and I are of equal height; neither of us is shorter or taller than the other.%▶ specific

loddaara (leddaara)%1. adverb%▶ slowly; gradually; carefully%• Kaamiya loddaara laagga, hayyanaa.%○ Drive the car slowly, please.%• Cima bitanee maskkootiyakko loddaara biis.%○ The old man went gradually to the window.%● Kayma asay kaamiya loddan laaggees.% Old men drive cars slowly.%(syn) [loddan, leelan, akeekan] loosuwa%1. noun%▶ path, narrow road, secondary road%• shaafaassi miyiyara effiiya loosuwa%∘ a path by the side of a river%• Parkkiya giddon lo"o, woppu giida loosoy de'ees.%○ There was a nice, quiet path through the park.%• darkkoora aattiya loossuwa%o the path on the backyard%(syn) [urudaa, sutaa] maaraa mankkaa%1. noun%▶ method; way; procedure; etiquette%• He gimbbiyara dom"ettida kaamiya kooliyo maaray mankkay ay hiillanchchawunne ixxiis.%o There is no way for the mechanic to repair the car which crashed into the building.‰▶ discipline, controlled behavior%● Yoogata maaraa mankkaa tamaarissiyogee yelidaageetuppe naagettees.% Children are expected to learn discipline from their parents.%(syn) [shoraa, seeraa, kandduwa.]%▶ propriety; decency maarotaa%1. noun%▶ forgiveness; mercy%• Xoossaa maarotay nu bolla%○ God's mercy upon us%► excuse%● Wogaa eriiddi kanttiya asawu maaroti baawa.%o One who knowingly breaks the law has no excuse. № Ne zino sahettada tamaaresoo yabeenna gishshawu taani ne balaassi maarotaa immanawu koshshees.%○ I have to give you an excuse because you were absent from school yesterday due to illness. maataa%1. noun%▶ right%• Asa ubbaayyoo ba qaalaa dichchanawu maatay de'ees.%○ Every nationality has a right to develop its language. № Tuggatennan ne maatay bonchchettanaw danddayettenna.% Your rights cannot be respected without facing a hardship.≫ authority; responsibility% Yelidaageetussi naata suure dichchanawu maatay de'ees.%o Parents have a responsibility to bring their children up properly.

maayuwa%1. noun% clothes; garment% Lo''iya maayuwa maayida na'iya oonee?% Who is the girl wearing the lovely clothes?% Ooratta yiida maayoy geela'o naata puulayees.% Fashionable clothes make girls look beautiful.% Maayoy siho makiinan sihettees.% Clothes are made on a sewing machine.%(syn) [carqqiya.] mal"o (mal''iya)%1. adjective% sweet; delicious; tasty% Nuuni hachchi mal"o qumaa miida.% We ate sweet food today.% Ta aayyiya imattatussi keehi mal"o tukkiya essaasu.% My mother made very sweet coffee for the guests.% A haasayaadan mal"o% as sweet as his speech%(syn) [luqaaluqo, laqilaqiya.] malaatiis%1. transitive verb% show, point out, indicate, give a hint% Taani A ogiya malaataas.% I showed him the way.%(syn) [bessiis, huruuriis, biradhdhiis.]%2 noun% mark, make sign% Ta halaqay ta oosuwa attidoogaa

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malaatiis.% My boss marked that I was absent from the job.
maliis%1. transitive verb%▶ guess; estimate; predict%• Carkkuwabaa eranchchay ha
saaminttan iray bukkanaagaa maliis.%o The meteorologist predicts that it will
rain this week. ≫ do witchcraft, engage in sorcery, foretell, predict%(syn)
[maracciya caddiis, kaayiis, shareechchiis.]%▶ try; attempt%• Pitaliya tamaari
simmidi, nibaabiya maliis.% He tried to read after learning the alphabet.
maraa%1. noun%▶ calf, young of a cow%• Maray hayqqana hanees.%○ The calf is
about to die.%(syn) [galuwa.]%▶ son; child%• Maraw, tana woosa keettaa efiya
ogiya bessuuttee?%○ Son, would you show me the way to the church?%▶ yam, white-
fleshed potato-like tuber whose soft root is edible
masttootiya (maskkootiya)%1. noun%▶ window%• Masttootiya dooya; tana hombbees.%○
Open the window; I feel hot.%• Masttootiyara xeelloppa; pokko.%○ Don't look
through the window; it is impolite.%▶ screen%• Televizhzhiiniya masttootiya
xeella.% Look at the television screen
mayne%1. adjective≫ sterile, infertile, barren, not fertile to give birth %•
Baquloy yelenna mayne mehe.% A mule is a sterile animal that does not give
birth.%● Mayne maccaasiya shahaarabeenna gishshawu, kayyottaasu.%○ The barren
woman was sad because she could not become pregnant. № Mayne miizziya uluwan
mara tookkanaw danddayukku.%o The barren cow cannot bear a calf.%(syn)
[yelenna.]
meraa%1. noun%▶ appearance; color%• Geeshsha maayoy meraa loyttees.%○ Clean
clothes give you a good appearance. № A ba michchiyo mera kanchchiyan gidennan,
eeshshankka malataws.% She resembles her sister not only in appearance, but
also in behavior. № Godaa sanggaara malatanaadan addl"e ciishsha meraa tiya. % o
Paint the wall with yellow to match it with the door color.%(syn) [menttuwa,
malaa, mala calaa.]
miizziyo%1. noun%▶ cow%• Miizziya maaxxawus.%∘ A cow gives us milk.%•
Henttanchchay miizziyo mizi simmidi, yeesaamiya shokkiis.%o After feeding the
cows, the dairyman cleaned the milk bucket % Miizziya naa''u keettaw kodaa
maaxxawsu.%o Two families are sharing the responsibilities for milk of one cow.%
(syn) [limiyo, gimiyo.]
milxxi oottiis%1. adverb%▶ know, know completely%• A paaciyan aadhdhanaagaa
milxxi oottidi erees.% He knows completely that she will pass the exam.%(syn)
[eriis, luxiis, tamaariis, meezetiis.]%▶ shave, shave completely%• A na'aà
huuphphiya milxxi oottidi meediis.% She shaved the boy's hair completely.%(syn)
[meediis.]
minttiis%1. transitive verb%▶ fasten, reinforce, harden, sinew, make firm%• A
xaaramusiya tuccaydda minttaasu.% When she fastened the bottle, she made it
firm.%▶ encourage; maintain; develop; repair%• Tana yelidaageeti ta oosuwa
dooruwan tana ubba wode minttidosona.%o My parents have always encouraged me in
my career choice. № Birshshettiya azinaynne machchiya bantta naatu gishshaw
siiqota gaytotettaa minttidosona.%o The divorcing parents maintained an amicable
relationship for the sake of the children.
miyyiya%1. noun%▶ side, parallel path, flank%• keettawu ushachcha miyyiya%○ the
right side of the house %(syn) [exaa, kaafiyagaa] ≫ help; function; assistance;
aid; usage; relative; supporter; flank; partner; use; benefit; advantage; merit
%● Nu heeraa asay darotoo miyyee baynna asaa maaddees.%○ People in our village
usually help a person who has no relative.%(syn) [maaduwa, amppettaa, kaafiya,
morggiya ohettaa, zemppuwa, tuuqiya, techchaa]
miziis%1. transitive verb%▶ feed%• Namssettida asaa miziyogee nuussi attennabaa.
%○ It is our duty to feed the hungry.%● Kuttoti loytti mizikko, cora
phuuphulliya phuuphulloosona.%⊙ If hens are fed well, they lay more eggs.‰►
bribe, dishonestly persuade (someone) to act in one's favor by a payment or
inducement %• I heeraa halaafeta maganxaa mizido gishshawu qashuwappe sohuwara
kiyiis.% He got out of jail quickly because he bribed the local authorities.
mogoliis%1. transitive verb%▶ ruin; crumble%• Ta shemppenna na'ay ta siiniya
mogoliichchiis.% My restless so has ruined my cap.%(syn) [donttiis, woriis,
suraggiis]%▶ defraud; steal%• Looxee tana oyddu xeetu biraa mogoliis.%○ The
thief stole four hundred birr from me.%(syn) [wuuqqiis, qaxaniis, londdiis]
mokkiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ sprout; grow; germinate%• Iray sohuwan sohuwan
bukkikko, sharafay eesuwan mokkees.% If rains fall now and then, weeds grow
quickly. № Badalay irxxa sohuwan mokkenna. % Maize does not grow in cold
climates.%▶ rise%● Away arggoora mokkees.%⊙ The sun rises in the east.
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mooruwa%1. noun%▶ error; mistake; forgetfulness; misunderstanding; fault;

defect; failure; shortcoming; guilt; damage%● Xaacee tana qachchiis; hegee bala. %○ The police arrested me; it was a mistake.%● Tamaareti bantta paaciyan daro mooruwa oottidosona.%⊙ The students made many errors on their exam. %● Taani maggaccettaas shin hegee A mooruwana.% I was punished but it was his fault.% (syn) [xissaa, balaa, ufuraa, dogaa] nagaraa%1. noun≫ sin; iniquity; transgression; wickedness; depravity; immorality; debauchery; evil; turpitude; sin% ● Wuuqqiyogee nagara.% O Stealing is a sin. % ● Asabaa bogiyogee nagara.% O It is a sin to commit robbery.% ● I ba nagarawu pirddettanawu diyogaa ammanees.%o He believes that he will be judged for his sins.%(syn) [geellatettaa] ohettiis%1. transitive verb%▶ be caught; be arrested%• Kaysoy ohettiis.%○ The thief was arrested.≫ abut; adjoin%• Ta keettay I keettaara ohetti uttiis.% My house abuts up to her house.%• I biittay taagaara ohettiis.%○ Her land abuts against mine. ooshshaa%1. noun%▶ quarrel; fight; conflict; fracas; argument; dispute; debate; skirmish; strife; affray; riot; disturbance; unrest; commotion; trouble%● Oosanchchatuuranne qaxaridaageetuura ooshshay de'ees.% There is conflict between the workers and the employers. № azinanne machchine ooshshaa % a fracas between couples%• Nuuni miishshaa gaasuwan ooshshaa kessida.%○ We had a quarrel about money.%(syn) [palamaa, cabbuwa, daysiya, gurubaa, wocamaa, karssikarssaa, paacciis%1. transitive verb≫ examine; test; evaluate% Asttamaaree tamaare naata paacciis.% The teacher evaluated the students.%(syn) [pilggiis, yiggiis.] %▶ tempt%• Issibay taayyoo Xoossaa ammanuwa paacciiddi dees.%○ Something is tempting my faith in God.≫ try, test something for purpose of assessment paaciya%1. noun%▶ examination; test%• Ha paacee keehi lefa; tamaare naati ubbaykka tammaappe tammaa demmidosona giyogaa mala.%o This test was very easy; almost all the students got ten out of ten. № I loyttidi xanna'idabaa gidiyakko, paaciyan aadhdhana shin attiis.%o Had he studied hard, he would have passed the examination.%▶ temptation%• Tana dabidaabbiya dooya dooya giya paaciya xoonana danddayabeykke.% I couldn't resist the temptation to open the letter. panggaa%1. noun%▶ bandit; robber; gangster; burglar; pillager; mugger; culprit; vandal; gang; thief%• Panggay asa miishshaa woykko buquraa boggi ekkiyagaa.%○ A robber is a person who snatches money or property. %● Yesuusi Kirssitoosi naa"u panggatuppe gidduwan kaqqettiis.% Jesus Christ was hung between the two thieves.%● Bombbee panggatu bolli yaara haara xuuqqees.%○ The bombs were exploding around the bandits.%(syn) [boggiyagaa, jawussaa, bonqqiyagaa, shittaa.] peerettaa%1. noun%▶ tearing out, breaking (of a seal)%▶ hole; rip; opening; pore %● A ba qamisiyan de'iya peerettaa sikkaasu.%○ She sewed the hole in her dress.% (syn) [xoo'iya, luhuwa, daassaa, puliya.]‰ pride‰ A peeretta hanoy nuussi aybane gidenna.% His pride is not our business. pittiis%1. transitive verb%▶ sweep; clean; brush%• Daro gallassay gakkanawu pitettibeenna gishshawu, keettay moorettiis.% Since the room hadn't been cleaned for several days, it was dirty.%(syn) [shuuriis, buuriis.]%▶ strip%• A keettan diya miishshaa muleera pittaasu.% She stripped the room of all its furniture.%(syn) [kessiis.] puuraa%1. noun‰ swelling‰ I xaliya ekkin, puuray wodhdhiis.‰ He took medicine and the swelling reduced.%(syn) [kixaa, gilppiciicaa.]%▶ disappointment%• Ayyoo tanaara diya puuray miishsha gaaso.%o His disappointment with me is due to a financial reason.%(syn) [yiilluwa, lancciya, hanqquwa.] qan''iya%1. noun%▶ breakfast, breakfastvfood, meal eaten in the morning%● Taani maallado qan''iya mabeenna gishshawu,tana namisiis.%o Because I didn't have my breakfast in the morning, I am hungry.%● Qan''iya eesoya ixxikko, taassi tamaaresoo baanawu poo'ees.%○ Quickly make breakfast, or I will be late for school.%● Nu gan''iya guuran moos.%○ We eat breakfast early.%(syn) [bikkaa, qurssiya.] qaniis%1. transitive verb≫ set a date, make an appointment, schedule an appointment%● Taani aara wontto gayttanawu qanaas.%○ I made an appointment to meet him tomorrow.%(syn) [keeriis, qaxariis.]%▶ schedule; plan; slate; arrange;

book%● Paacee wontto saaminttan imettanawu qanettiis.%⊙ The exam was already

qashuwa%1. noun%► bundle%• qasho maataa%∘ a bundle of grass%(syn) [xephiya.]%► prison; imprisonment%• I qashuwappe birshshettiis.%∘ He was released from

scheduled for next week.%(syn) [keeriis.]

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prison.%▶ tying; fastening
qoraphphiis%1. transitive verb%▶ feed well%• Goshshanchchay ba booraa
qoraphphiis.%∘ The farmer fed his ox well.%(syn) [heemiis.]%► save; deposit;
economize%● Sintta wodiyan qo'ettanawu nu miishshaa qoraphphiyogee keha.%o We
had better save our income for future use.%(syn) [shiishshiis]
santtimiya%1. noun‰ cent, ten cent coin‰ ten-cent coin‰ Tammu santtimee issi
bira.‰ Ten ten-cent coins is one birr.‰ money‰ I bankkiyan daro santtiya
wottiis.% He deposited a lot of money.%(syn) [miishshaa, gumaa.]
sarotaa%1. noun%▶ greeting; salutation%● Sarotay Toophphiya wogatuppe issuwa.%○
Greeting is an important part of Ethiopian culture.%▶ peace%● Sarotay inttiyo
gido.%∘ Peace to you.%• Asa na'i ubbatoo sarota koyees.%∘ Mankind has always
wanted peace.
saxxiis%1. transitive verb%▶ bite; nibble%• Qeeri na'iya oyttaa saxxaasu.%○ The
little girl nibbled a piece of bread.%• A kanan saxxettaasu.%○ She was bitten by
the dog.%● Gooyyiya kanay saxxikko, sohuwara xaliya ekkanawu koshshees.%○ If a
mad dog bites someone, he/she should get medical treatment quickly.%(syn)
[sunddukiis, xinni oottiis.]
shoohuwa%1. noun%▶ sheath; scabbard; shell%• I bisaa shoohuwan yeggiis.%○ He put
the sword back in its sheath. № Axaaree mashshaa leefidi shoohuwan yeggiis. %
The butcher sharpened the knives and put back in the sheath.≫ foreskin%•
Shoohoy shemppuwa xeeraa genttees.% The foreskin covers the end of the penis.
shugo%1. adjective%▶ soft; fragile; pliable; flexible%• A nuussi keehi shugo
muuziya aattaasu; nu maanawu danddayibookko.%o She served very soft bananas; we
couldn't eat them.%(syn) [walli giya, shum''iina.]%▶ weak; slow; lazy; inactive;
feeble%● Ha na'ay timrttiyawu shugo; paaciyan aadhdhanawu danddayenna.%○ He is a
slow learner; he can't pass the examination.%(syn) [sholociina, goshooppolo,
golccocca, eeyya, wozani baynna, damma, gonkka, hariitte, yooqolo, zamuqa,
hawu'a, zamuxa, jalla, qalaca, qawca, daljja, yimma, jawula, dorssa, zolppiina,
zammo, akashaasha, dallamma.]
taagaa%1. pronoun%▶ mine, first person singular possessive pronoun%● Hagee
keettay taaqaa.%∘ This house is mine.%• Hageeti naati taageeta.%∘ These children
are mine.%● Hagee maxaafay neegeeyye taagee?%○ Is this book yours or mine?%(syn)
[tabaa.]
taarikiya%1. noun%▶ history, past events%• Toophiya Taarikiya%○ Ethiopian
History‰• odido taarikiya‰ oral history‰► story‰• Ta ta de'uwan hagaa mala
taarike nabbababeykke.% I have never read such a story in my lifetime.
tamaa%1. noun%▶ fire%• I tama daafan hayqqiis.%○ He died by fire accident.%•
tamaa toyssanawu%∘ to extinguish fire%• Daro keettay taman xuugettiis.%∘ Many
houses were burned by the fire.%(syn) [xaragaa.]
tiliis%1. transitive verb%▶ compress, press things together%▶ cinch; bind;
tighten%● A eettiyo mittaa sussan qashuwa tilaasu.%○ She tightened the firewood
'enset' cord.%▶ slap strongly%• I na'ay wayssido gishshawu baqaa tiliis.%○ He
slapped the boy strongly because he misbehaved.%(syn) [baqqiis, tiwuhu oottiis,
solakkiis.]
timiis%1. transitive verb%▶ end; complete; finalize%• Yaa'ay maayetennan
timettiis.% The meeting ended without an agreement.%(syn) [wurssiis, wocociis.]

√► incorporate; join; include; merge; unite; combine

← Asttamaaretu amoy oorata
asttamaareta bantta yaran timidosona.% The teacher's association included the
new teachers into the membership.%▶ decide; conclude
tiriya%1. noun%▶ liver%• Tiree ashodan meetettees.%○ Liver is eaten like meat.%▶
copper ring (worn on finger)%● Maccaasiya ba biradhdhiyan tire migiduwa
wottaasu.%○ The woman put a copper ring on her finger.%● Tire sagaayoy
maccaaseera giigees.% The copper ring fits the woman.
tumaa%1. noun%▶ truth; fact; reality%• Worddanchchay tumaa haasayenna.%○ A liar
does not speak truth.%● Tumaa haasayiyogee bonchchissees.%○ Speaking truth
brings honor. %● Tumaa haasayiyogee eratetta. %○ Telling the truth is wise. %(syn)
[ogiya.]
uluwa%1. noun%▶ stomach; abdomen; womb; belly%• Uloy ba garssan maracciyanne
hara bolla kifileta xaaxi waaxiya bolla kifile.%o The abdomen is the part of the
body that contains the intestines and other organs. № Aayyeti yelanaappe kase
yiirata bantta uluwan tookkoosona.%○ Mothers carry their offspring in their womb
before they give birth.%▶ food; meal%• Ooso loytti oottena asay simmidi issitoo
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maana ulo xalaaleessi doosona.%o People who do not work hard live only for their

next meal.

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waallattiis%1. transitive verb%▶ prostitute%• Ha shori baynna na'iya darotoo
waallatawusu.%o This bar lady often prostitutes herself.%(syn) [shaaramuxiis,
laammiis, shori baynnabaa haniis.]≫ fornicate, have sex outside marriage≫ be
disrespectful%● A ba asttamaariya sinttan waallattada haasayaasu.%○ She was
disrespectful when she was talking to her teacher.
waaxiis%1. transitive verb%▶ yoke, set a trap%• Boorata waaxa.%○ Yoke the oxen.
%▶ make%• Karaabiya waaxiis.%○ He made a drum.%• Anaaxee ooratta wombaraa
waaxiis.%o The carpenter made a new chair.
wayssiis%1. transitive verb‰ baffle, bewilder, confuse, puzzle somebody
completely. Paacee keehi wayssiis. Daro tamaareti kunddidosona.% The exam was
too difficult. A lot of students were baffled.%(syn) [metiis, qiphiis, kirqqi
giis, manniis, leeliis, tiraara sitti giis, qooren eqqa meqetta gidiis, Quxxon
qammiis, tiraara giigiis, tiraara qixxi giis, tira baaxe gidiis, Haban xomppee
to''iis, qooqiis.]≫ disturb; interrupt; intrude; trouble%• Ha"i tana wayssoppa.
Ta xana'aydadda days.% Don't disturb me now. I am studying.%(syn) [shabbiriis,
metiis.]
wayssiya%1. adjective%▶ naughty; troublesome; mischievous; disobedient;
difficult; obscure; notorious; awkward; crooked; obstinate; mulish; stubborn%●
Issitoo issitoo asttamaaree danddayaa xayidi wayssiya tamaare naata seerees.%
Sometimes, the teacher gets impatient with the naughty students and punishes
them.%• Cora tamaareti paaciyan aadhdhibookkonna; wayssiya paace gidennan
aggenna.% Most students haven't passed the examination; I think it was too
difficult test.%(syn) [undduwaalo, qaxiballo, wuttaalo, xaaxetta, qaxa,
kinnaalo, dirqqalletta, geella, desha, xambbixallo, xambbarsso, wulaato,
shikkaalo, shikkibillo, xaaphaalo, doossa, muttaamuro.]%▶ unclear; confusing;
indistinct%(syn) [dabariina.]
wogetaa%1. noun%▶ civilization%• beni wode Griike Asaa wogetaa%∘ the
civilization of the early Greeks%(syn) [eratettaa.]%▶ wealth; estate; affluence;
prosperity%(syn) [miishshaa, duretaa, gidaa.]%▶ development%(syn) [dichchaa.]
wogga%1. adjective%▶ big; great; huge; massive; large; tall; awesome; mammoth;
enormous‰ Assi cora kifileti de'iyo wogga keettay de'ees.‰ He had a large
house with many rooms. %(syn) [gita, xawulle, bambballooma, gagate, gagisa,
maagula, axxo, axuma, dada, zeekeele, xeere, xeeppula, xeeppo, anuufa, anuca,
xaane, xawudala, manne, geere, xekese, xoyllo, tennejja, yaakula, baa'ula,
xettemere, yam''araara, axuure, xankkula, teebuxa, yambbulla, bobboxaama,
bam''ula, ananoote, baadoochche, dawulla, ga'usha, abuulla, yambbareessa,
anuuca, banne, gachchaama, moydore, tuqa, xul''eebba, ban''a, ordde, tonne,
xambbalaqa, dalbba, sannaca, xaamoochche, xalbbuqa, naanno, wolqqaama, deexo.]%
capital (letter)%▶ main%• Taani isttaadoomiya wogga penggiyara gelaas.%○ I
entered the stadium through the main gate.
woosanchchaa (woossiyagaa)%1. noun%► beggar%• Qaadaa iita woosanchchay ogiya
pinniiddi daafan geliis.%o The unfortunate beggar met with an accident while
crossing the road. № Woosanchchay curqqaa maayiis. % The beggar wore rags. №
Woosanchchay away xuuggin, mittaa kuwan uttidi shemppees.%○ The beggar stood
under the shade of a tree in the heat.%(syn) [humaa.]
xanna'iis%1. transitive verb%▶ study, deal, learn about%• Ta laaxaappe kasetada
maallado xanna'ays.%⊙ I study in the morning before lunch.%● Taani ta laggetuppe
aaro xanna'ido gishshawu paaciyan sintta xeera kiyaas.%o I studied harder than
my friends, so I have passed the exam with distinction.%● Paaciya ekkanawu
xanna'iis.% He studied for the examination.%(syn) [pilggiis.]
xaraphpheezaa%1. noun%▶ table%• xaraphpheezaanne wombbarata%∘ a table and chairs
%● Maxaafata ubbaakka xaraphpheezan wotta.%○ Put all the books on the table.%●
Hayyanaa sayniya xaraphpheezaa bolla wotta.%○ Please put the plates on the
table.%▶ board, board of elders, corporate headquarters (in Wolaita KHC)
xiiriis%1. transitive verb%▶ wipe; clean; scrub; scrape; scour%• Bitanee ba
tohuwappe caammaa urqqaa xiiriis.%○ The man wiped the mud off his shoes.%●
Caammaa qucciyagee ta caammaappe urqqaa xiiriis.%o The cobbler scraped the mud
off my shoes.‰ gain; profit‰ Hidaariyan tukkiya zal''idi woriya xiiriis.‰ He
gained a high profit by trading coffee.
xillo%1. adjective%▶ clean; neat; pure%● xillo haattaa%o clean water%(syn)
[geeshsha, walalla, mulxxuxxa, hummunna, qalxxaxxa, wululla.]≫ righteous;
absolute; just; faultless; blameless; right%• Entte soo aaway xillo asa; oonne A
nashshees.% Your father is a just man; everybody admires him.%(syn) [likke,
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nagari baynna, gamma, adda, suure.]

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xiskkuwa%1. noun%▶ sleep; nap; doze; slumber%• Neeni daafuriyo wode, niyo guutta
xiskkoy koshshees.%○ When you are exhausted, you need a little sleep.%●
Xiskkuwappe attanawu waanooshsha?%∘ What shall I do to keep from sleeping?%•
Oosuwa nohayaydda pee'ada xiskkuwa gophphattaas.%○ After a hard day's work, I
fell into a deep slumber.%(syn) [zin''uwa, ichettaa, zaqqulssaa.]
xomoosiis%1. transitive verb%▶ inspect; check; observe; supervise; probe%● Zine
qammi karen aybakko giiridabaa heeraa asay kare kiyidi xomoosidosona.% People
observed a sound coming out of the room last night.%(syn) [lem"i oottiis,
xeelliis, be'iis.]%▶ visit; tour; survey; see%• Kare biittaappe yiida daro asay nu muuzeemiya zino xomoosidosona.%○ Many foreigners visited our museum
yesterday.%(syn) [be'iis.]
xooniis%1. transitive verb≫ win; defeat; overcome; conquer; beat; overtake;
prevail%● Morkkiya tooranchchati xoonettidosona.%○ The enemy's army was
defeated.%• Wurssetta kaassan, Kaameeruuni Gibixxe xooni aggiis.%○ In the final
game, Cameroon easily overcame Egypt. № Cima bitaniya qofay wolqqaama palamaappe
simmin xooniis.% The old man's opinion prevailed after a long dispute.%(syn)
[qolchchiis, luukkiis, zooxiis, kanttiis.]
xuntta%1. adjective%▶ narrow; tight; thin; shrunken%• xuntta ogiya%○ narrow road
%● Ha caammay taassi keehi xuntta.% This pair of shoes is too tight for me.%●
Xuntta gamisee maayanawu wayssees.%○ A shrunken dress cannot easily be worn.%
(syn) [kuupha, hurqqa.]
yafaraa%1. noun%▶ furrow; row%• Qaacoy yafaran hemettees.%○ Ants travel in a
row.%▶ line%• I woragatan sitta yafaraa xaafiis.%○ He drew a straight line on a
piece of paper. № Woraqataa bolla sitta yafaraa medhdhaasu. % She made a
straight line on the paper.
yayyiis%1. transitive verb%▶ fear; dread; fret; quake%● Nuuni issoy issuwawu
yayyennan qoncciyan haasayanawu koshshees.% We should never fear each other
during our discussion. %● La nena asa sinttan aybee yashshiyay?%○ What makes you
quake in front of others?%● Ta kaalo michchiya barkka de'iyogaa yayyawusu.%○ My
younger sister dreads being alone.%(syn) [dagammiis, horppattiis, babbiis,
yuuqiyuuqiis, bobariis, dozhggu giis, waabbaqiis, bizhggamiis, yarkkiis,
hoppihoppiis, qasiis, batibatiis, hodhdhihodhdhiis, qiphiqiphiis, barggaagiis.]
yedhdhiis (yedhdhi aggiis)%1. transitive verb%▶ step; trample; stamp%• Ciishshaa
yedhdhoppa!%∘ Don't trample on the flowers!%• Carshshaa tohuwan yedhdhikko,
qohettees.%○ If a young crop is stamped on, it gets harmed.%• A ta tohuwa
yedhdhada taassa, ''yaagaasu.''% She stepped on my foot and said, ''sorry.''%
(syn) [xolbbayiis, buturuuqiis, dorxxayiis.]
yeekkiis%1. transitive verb‰ cry; weep; sob‰ Na'iya ba aayyiya sahettiyogaa
siyada yeekkaasu.%○ The girl cried when she heard that her mother was ill.%● I
aayyiya I bolla iita qaalaa go'ettin na'iya yeekkaasu.%○ The girl wept when her
mother said harsh words to her.%(syn) [holssattiis, afuxxiis, soosiis, mulxxaa
xoohiis, oyddusaara tigiis, afuttaa miis, siiphphotiis.]%► mourn%(syn) [baliis,
zilaaliis.]
yelagiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be young%• A azinaa gelanaw keehi yelaga.%○ She
is too young to get married.%(syn) [na'atiis, qilicattiis.]%▶ be foolish%● Yelagoppa; neeni gita asa.%○ Don't be foolish; you are a man.%(syn) [na'atiis,
eeyyiis, qilicattiis, onkkolotiis.]
yeluwa%1. noun‰ giving birth, bringing life into being‰ Na'iya koyro yeluwassi
bantta soo biyogee Wolaytta woga.%○ In Wolaita culture, a lady is taken to her
parent's home to give birth to her first child.%• Oyttamanne ichchashu layttappe
guyiyan maccassay yeluwa essees.%o Often women stop giving birth after they are
forty-five years old.%▶ child%• Cora yeluwa dichchanaagee wayssees.%○ It is
difficult to raise many children.
yiggi xeelliis%1. transitive verb%▶ compare; balance; analyze%• Ane ne
oyssaappenne taagaappe awugee dariyakko yiggi xeellidi be'oos.%o Let's compare
your butter and mine and see which is greater.%(syn) [likkiis, kiliis,
geeddarissiis, wadhdhiis1, yiggiis, xakkayiis.]%▶ evaluate; inspect; check%•
Daannay markkaa qaalaa yiggi xeellibeenna.% The judge has not evaluated the
witness' testimony.%(syn) [hooshiis.]
yiilloyiis%1. transitive verb%▶ provoke; offend; anger; aggravate; irritate;
fluster%• Hachchi tana aybakko yiilloyiis. Tanaara haasayoppa.%o Something
angered me today. Don't talk to me. № I oyshay tana keehi yiilloyiis. % Her
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question clearly irritated me. № Neeni eta bullachchaa baana xayikko,

yiillotanawu doosona.%o They will be offended if you don't go their wedding.%

(syn) [kaashi laaliis, cabbuwa kessiis, booddi laaliis.] yiilluwa%1. noun%▶ anger; wrath; indignation; annoyance; resentment; reproach; chafe%● Yiilloy banatettaa naaganawu danddayettenna hanota.%○ Anger is an emotion showing a lack of self-control. № Ne aggennan amaassaliyogee yiillo gidanawu bees.%○ Your constant complaining is becoming an annoyance.%● yiillo xeelaa% a look of reproach%(syn) [puuraa, lancciya, hanqquwa.] za'uwa (za'aa)%1. noun%▶ split; crack; fracture; crevice; rift; break; cleft; crevasse; gap; fissure; separation; chip%• Konkkiriitiyan wogga za'oy de'ees.%o There is a large crack in the concrete.%• Urqqa miishshaa bolli za'oy de'ees.%o There is a fracture in the pottery. No Otuwa za'uwara haattay aattidi tamaa toyssiis.% Water leaked through the crack in the pot and extinguished the fire. %(syn) [xa'aa, kakaa.] zammaana%1. adjective%▶ modern; up-todate%• Ha wodiya naati zammana maayuwa maayanawu dosees.%○ These days, children like to wear modern clothes.%▶

fashionable, currently popular%• zammaana maayuwa%∘ fashionable clothes%• zammaana qofaa%o fashionable ideas