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me to pass through since there are a lot of people on the road. ((syn)
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[aadhdhiyosaa]
aadhdhi wodhdhiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ flip; overturn%• Makiinay harchchi
simmidi aadhdhi wodhdhiis.%o The car overturned after skidding.%(syn)[humbbulla
giis, xinggimaallis, huuphe gediyan eqqiis]
aafotiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ erode, crack(of ground)%● Di'oy miidosay
aafotiis% The flooded area eroded%(syn) [kakattiis, bubbuhattiis, sonetiis]
aafuwa%1. noun%▶ crack, ravine, trench-eroded ground%• Miizziya aafuwara
kunddada hayqqaasu%o The cow died when it fell in to the ravine%(syn)[ollaa,
kakaa, xahaa]
aaliis%1. intransitive verb%▶ fly, fly here and there%• Kafoy saluwa bolli yaanne haanne aalliis.%○ The bird flew here and there in the sky.%(syn)
[paalliis, aallanttiis, pirri giis]
aallanttiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ fly%• Cora xinggilleti hariya bawtaa bolli
aallanttoosona.% A lot of hawks are flying above the donkey's dead body.%(syn)
[paalliis, aallanttiis, pirri giis]
aammuwa%1. noun%▶ decay; rottenness; decomposition%• A achchaa aammoy xeelliyo
wode wol''ottiis.% His tooth decay looked very unhealthy.%(syn) [wooqaa, musaa,
gassammaa, toonnuwa]
aariis%1. intransitive verb%▶ turn yellow, be wilted(of plant leaves)%● Dozatu
hayttay melanaappe kasetidi aarees.%o The leaves of plants turn yellow before
driying%(syn)[tasiis.]
aassiis%1. transitive verb%▶ widen, make wide, open wide%• I mehiya gelissanawu
penggiya aassidi dooyiis%∘ He opened the door wide to let the cows enter%(syn)
[padiis, xagaagiis]
abaa%1. pronoun%▶ his (third person singular possessive pronoun)%• Hagee
maxaafay abaa, shin I bali aggiis.%o This book was his, but he forgot it.%(syn)
[aagaa]
abbe ixeta%1. adjective%▶ pregnant%• Abbe ixeta maccaasay galla galla qaaxxanawu
koshshees.%○ Pregnant women should exercise daily.%(syn)[shahaara, wodee
wuridooro, ixeta]
abuulla%1. adjective%▶ massive; big; great; huge; large; tall; awesome%•
Masqqalaw shukkiya xiihoy wogga abuulla%o The ox, that has been slaughterednfor
the ceremony, was huge%(syn)[wogga, 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, yambbareessa, anuuca, banne, gachchaama, moydore, tuqa, xul''eebba, ban''a, ordde, tonne, xambbalaqa, dalbba, sannaca, xaamoochche, xalbbuqa, naanno, wolqqaama, deexo]
achchaama%1. adjective%▶ buck-toothed%▶ strong%• I achchaama asa gidiyo
gishshawu, lefaara xoonettenna.%o Because he is strong, he won't be easily
defeated.
achchan%1. postposition%▶ near; nearby; close%• I coociya achchan uttiis.%○ He
sat near the stove.%(syn)[doonan, matan, langqiyan, heeran]
acuwa%1. noun%▶ debt; loan%• Issitoo acoy qanxxettikko, qucettees.%○ Once a debt
is paid, it is erased.%(syn) [galiya, liquwa]
adda%1. adverb%▶ sure, certain (to know for a fact)%• Wontto yuussaa aggikkii?
Ee, adda, wontto yaana %○ Are you sure (lit. without failing) you are coming
tomorrow? Yes, I am sure I will come. %(syn) [xillo, likke, nagari baynna, gamma,
suurel
adil"e ciishsha mera%1. adjective%▶ yellow%• Teera burttukkane adil"e ciishsha
malatees.% A ripe orange looks like the yellow flower.%(syn)[gala"o]
adussa%1. adjective%▶ long; tall%• Adussa naati pootuwa denddanawu guye baggaara
eggidosona.% The tall children stood at the back for the photo.%(syn)
[loophphaase, zolonggo, lookiina, lakkeessa, lakakka]
afilaamaa qanxiis%1. transitive verb%▶ compensate%• Eta siiqo dabboy hayqqi
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simmin, etassi afilaamay qanxxettiis.% After the accident, they were comensated

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for the death of their loved one.%(syn)[gimbbuwa, xabaqaa]
afkaatuwa%1. noun%▶ lawyer; advocate; solicitor; attorney%• Afkaatoy daafay
gakkido asatu morggiya oykkiis.% The lawyer fought for the victim's rights.%
(syn)[gimbbuwa, xabaqaa]
afuxxiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ cry, shed tears%• Ayyoo aayyiya hayqqin, I
afuxxiis.% When his grandmother died, he cried.%(syn) [holssattiis, yeekkiis,
soosiis, mulxxaa xoohiis, oyddusaara tigiis, afuttaa miis, siiphphotiis]
agoziya%1. noun%▶ hairy%• goatskin Agozee anttashiyara diya deeshsha calaa.%○ A
hairy goatskin is known as 'agozia'.%(syn) [calaa, galbbaa, yancciya, itiya,
ayraa, dabbaa]
agunttaa%1. noun%▶ thorn; spine; prickle %• Agunttaa yedhdhi eqqido gishshawu, I
wobbees.% Because he stepped on a thorn, he was limping.%(syn) [pal''aanaa,
ajaajje%1. adjective%▶ hostile; moody; bad-tempered; irritable; malicious; evil
%● I iitabaa oottiya ajaajje asa.%○ He is an evil man who dose terrible things.%
(syn)[iita, suutti baynna, pala, biittaa goggiya, aggaaga iita, meqettaa iita,
bodoojje, aja, oso, hanccaama, maracciya iita, maracciya worddo, wozanaa
shuchcha, hanttaara, qareti baynna, kehatetti baynna]
ajabiis%1. transitive verb%▶ escort, accompany somebody as an escort %• Kaysuwa
polisee ajabidi qasho keettaa efiis.%o The police escorted the thief and took
him to prison.%(syn) [moyssiis]
ajanddaa%1. noun%▶ agenda%• Ajanddaa giddon kaalliya qofay baajeetiya
xeelliyagaa.% The next item on the agenda is the budget.%(syn) [yirchchaa]
akataa%1. noun%▶ power; energy; force; vigor; strength%• Akataa pacaappe
denddidaagan I woottaa anaaciya wurssana danddayibeenna.%o Because he lacked
physical strength, he could not finish the race.%(syn)[abbiya, wolqqaa, anggaa,
garddaa, hakkaal
akeekan%1. adverb%▶ carefully; slowly; gradually%• Kaamiya akeekan laagga!%○
Drive the car carefully!%(syn)[loddan, leelan, loddaara]
akkaa%1. noun%► dew, moisture as tiny drops on outdoor objects and surfaces%•
Maallado akkay dembban diya maataa bolli beettees.% In the morning, dew appears
in the field.%(syn)[xaazaa]
allaxxettaa %1. noun%▶ relaxation, refers only to animals resting comfortably%▶
entertainment% Allaxxettay cora yettanchchatu baggaara shiiqiis. % The
entertainment was provided by a lot of artists.
alliqariis%1. intransitive verb%▶ brag, boast, be haughty, be conceited, be
proud, fuss%● Citay kaassan xooni simmidi, bantta minotan ceeqettidi
alliqaridosona.% After winning the game, the team bragged about their victory.%
(syn) [axiraariis, ayyiis, meexxariis, piikkattiis, seesiis, mirxxixatiis,
xirirattiis, xiruwa toociis, eessaa mixxilliis, shaaraara salliis , shaaran
toggiis , seexxiis, otorettiis, duuxerettiis, axisettiis, poriis.]
anaaxiya%1. noun%▶ carpenter; woodworker; joiner%• Anaaxee wombbaraanne
xaraphpheezzaa waaxees.%o A carpenter makes chairs and tables.%(syn)
[hiillanchchaa]
anahiis%1. intransitive verb‰ become calloused %• Oosanchcha bitaniya kushee
anahees.% The old man's hands had become calloused.%(syn) [gerzzumiis]
ancciis%1. transitive verb‰ chop‰ Qumaa kattiyara ashuwa anccawusu.%○ The cook
chops the meat.%(syn) [suppayiis]
anggaa%1. noun%▶ power (supernatural), force (of nature), dignity, energy,
vigor, strength%• Beetay heeraa moorin, heera asay "Xoossaa anggawu hoola
giis!"% When the tsunami destroyed the village, the villagers "How incredible
God's power is!"%(syn) [abbiya, akataa, wolqqaa, garddaa, hakkaa]
anhaa xaaxiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ shroud%• Eti hayqqida bitaniya anhaa
xaaxidosona.%o They shrouded the dead man's body.%(syn) [anhaa mayzziis]
antteenaa%1. noun%▶ antenna %• televizhiiniya anteenaa%○ television antenna%▶
feeler, antenna, the horns or feelers on the heads of some insects and some
animals that live in shells used to feel and touch things
anuufa%1. adjective%▶ big; great; huge; massive; large; tall; awesome%• anuufa
boora%○ a huge ox%(syn) [wogga , gita , xawulle, bambballooma, gagate, gagisa,
maagula, axxo, axuma, dada, zeekeele, xeere, xeeppula, xeeppo, anuufa, xaane,
xawudala, manne, geere, xekese, xoyllo, tennejja]
aqotaa%1. noun%▶ asset; resource%• Keetti gita aqota.%○ A house is a great
asset.%(syn) [xee'uwa, aquwa1, diyabaa, aquwa peeshshaa, gidaa, haaruwa]
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aquwa%1. noun%▶ estate; belongings; possession; asset; economy%• Issi uray ba

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aguwa naagana koshshees.% One should be careful with one's property.%(svn)
[xee'uwa, diyabaa, aqotaa, aquwa peeshshaa, gidaa, haaruwa]
araddissaa%1. noun%▶ fertilizer %• mereta araddissaa%○ natural fertilizer%(syn)
[madaabbariva]
arggaacaa%1. noun%▶ exhaustion; fatigue; feebleness; powerlessness%• Gallassa
kumettaa hemetti simmin, bitaniyayyoo dibban/xunchchan arggaacay siyettiis.%o
After traveling the whole day, the man felt fatigue in his muscles.%(syn)
[daafuraa, wolqqan geluwa, akataa ekkuwa, xalalaa]
arggo%1. noun%▶ west%• Away arggoora wullees.%○ The sun sets in the west.%(syn)
away wulliyosaa
ariis%1. intransitive verb%▶ stink, smell bad%• Gawaraa gawuxay ay medoosa
gawuxaappenne aadhdhidi arees.%o A cat's carcass stinks more than any other
animal's carcass.%(syn) [xinqqiis, zee'iis, xo''u giis, peenotiis, samuqiis]
arkkooloojiya%1. noun%▶ archeology%• Arkkooloojee code gididi attidabatuppe beni
wode wogaa pilggiya saynise.%o Archeology is the study of ancient cultures
through remains.%(syn) [bookki pilggettaa]
arkkotiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ become cloudy (in dry season)%• Arkkoy diyo
gishshassi adussasaa hemettanawu injjetees. Awaa mishoy nena daafurssenna.%
Because it is cloudy, it is easier to walk long distances. The sun's heat will
not exhaust you.%(syn) [ciggaaratiis, gubbaniis, gaappotiis, kinchchotiis]
arssa%1. adjective%▶ light-complexioned, brown (face)%• Iyyoo meray arssa.%○ She
has light-complexioned skin.%(syn) [tirra arssa]
aruwa%1. noun%▶ herder, cowboy, a person who looks after cattle%● Heemmiddi
agiya asatu heeran asay ba mehiya henttanawu aruwa arggees/qaxarees.%o In
nomadic places, people hire herders to care for their cattle.%(syn) [miizza
hentanchchaal
asa na'aa%1. noun%▶ mankind, human being, person, population%• Asa na'i biittaa
bolli daro sha'u laytta keenaa de'iis.%o Man has lived on the earth thousands of
years.%(syn) [asaa]
ashangguliitiya%1. noun%▶ toy; doll%• Naati bantta ashangguliitiya
ufayssankaa'iiddi doosona.%o The children were playing happily with their toys.%
(syn) [laalluwa]
ashilaaliis%1. intransitive verb%▶ behave well, be polite%• A ba siiraawatussi
ashilaalaasu.% She was polite to her customers.%(syn) [kanddotiis, shorattiis]
ashkke%1. adjective%▶ humble, gentle, meek, good-mannered, polite, kind, long
suffering%• I ashkke asa.%○ He is a meek man. %(syn) [shaaga, keha , ashilaalo,
shumbbubba]
ashkketettaa%1. noun%▶ meekness; mildness; kindness; altruism; politeness%•
Ashkketettay miishsha heeran bessiya lo''o eeshsha.% Mildness is a good quality
to have in the business place.%(syn) [kehatettaa]
asirataa%1. noun%▶ tithe, one tenth of somebody's income or produce paid
voluntarily or as a tax for the support of a church%● Geeshsha maxaafan,
kiristtiyane asi xeetaappe tammaa xoossawu immees.% According to the Bible, one
tenth of a Christian's belonging should be given to God as a tithe. (syn)
[tammaappe issuwa]
asummaa%1. noun%▶ humanity; kindness%• Asay ba asummaa gishshawu galatettees.%○
Men are praised for their kindness.%(syn) [asatettaa]
attenna%1. adjective%▶ inevitable; obligatory%• attenna hanotaa%○ inevitable
situation %(syn) [giddaaje]
attida%1. adjective%▶ remaining%▶ saved%• attida asaa%○ saved people
attin%1. connective%▶ except%• I issitoo issitoo saatiya aattidi yiyogaappe
attin lo''o tamaare.%∘ He is a good student except sometimes he comes late.%►
rather than, rather, then
atto guussaa (atto geettaa)%1. noun%▶ excusing; forgiving; pardoning%• Iyyoo
atto guussay maarota.% Forgiving her was an act of mercy.%(syn) [maarotettaa]
awankko%1. adverb‰▶ probably, perhaps, maybe, may, who knows‰• Aayyiya awankko
giyaa beennan aggukku.%o Mother probably went to market.%(syn) [geellidan, ooni
erii, woni]
awutiya achchiyogaa%1. noun%▶ vengeance%• Awutiya achchiyogaa giyogee mooro
oottida uraa zaarettidi qaxxayiyogaa.%o Vengeance is a punishment that is
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haluwa, kushiya kesuwa] axiraariis%1. intransitive verb%► boast, be haughty, be conceited, be proud, brag%• A aybee axiraarissiyay?%○ What makes him boast?%(syn) [ayyiis,

inflicted in return for a wrongdoing.%(syn) [suuttaa ashuwa, haluwa kessaa,

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meexxariis, piikkattiis, seesiis,alligariis, mirxxixatiis, xirirattiis, xiruwa
toociisl
axisettiis%1. transitive verb≫ be proud, be haughty, be conceited% • I bana
nuuppe lo''o gididabaadan goppidi axisettees.% He acted as though he was better
than us because he is haughty.%(syn) [axiraariis, ayyiis, meexxariis,
piikkattiis, seesiis, alliqariis, mirxxixatiis, xirirattiis, xiruwa toociis,
eessaa mixxilliis, shaaraara salliis , shaaran toggiis , seexxiis, otorettiis,
duuxerettiis , poriis]
axxaa%1. noun%▶ limb, arm, human arm%▶ soil, soil beneath the topsoil%• Biittaa
axxaa gakkanaw bookkadii?%o Did you dig the soil beneath the topsoil?
axxaa%1. noun%▶ upper arm, the part between the elbow and the shoulder%• Tana
keehi sakkido gishshawu, aakimee axxaa marppiyan caddiis.%o I was very sick, so
the nurse gave me an injection in my upper arm.%(syn) [kushiya hiraa]
aybaa%1. pronoun%▶ what%• Aybaa ehaadii?%o What did you bring?%(syn) [ay]
aybanne (aybinne)%1. pronoun%▶ nothing%• Giyaappe aybanne shammennan yaas.%○ I
bought nothing at the market. %(syn) [aykko, aynnekka, aynne]
ayfe%1. adjective%▶ basic; vital%• Yaa'an ayfe yohota xeelliyagan zorettida.%∘
We discussed the basic issues at the meeting.%(syn) [waanna, baaso, kane,
kuushsha, denddo, gul''a qofaa, kulkka, bira]
aylliis%1. transitive verb≫ dig; hoe; burrow; drill; bore% Neeni biittaa
loytta ayllikko, lo''o ayfiya immees.%o If you hoe the land very well, it will
give you a considerable yield.%(syn) [hem"iis, bookkiis]
ayso xamm''aa%1. noun%▶ scepter, staff used as royal emblem%• issi biittaa kawoy
oykkiyo kawotaa malaatay gatimaa woykko xam''aa%o staff, or rod, used as an
emblem of a monarch's authority%(syn) [ayso gatimaa, hentta xam"aa]
ayyaanadan%1. adverb‰► fortunately, luckily, by good luck‰• Taani saatiya
aattaasi, shin ayyaanadan yaa'ay doommibeenna.%o I was late, but fortunately the
meeting hadn't started.%(syn) [qaadadan]
ayye%1. interjection%▶ alas (shows that one is suspicious)%• Ayye, hegee
hananabay erettenna.% Alas, it might not happen.%(syn) [hoogee]
azazettiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ obey%• Naati asttamaariyassi azazettidosona.%○
The children obeyed the teacher.%(syn) [guwatiis]
azzanuwa%1. noun%▶ sorrow; grief; grievance; sadness; pity; sympathy; repentance
%• A ba azinay hayqqin wolqqaama azzanuwan dawusu.%○ She was in deep grief
because of her husband's death.%(syn) [kayyuwa]
baabisiis%1. transitive verb%▶ intimidate; terrify; threaten; frighten; alarm;
startle; stun; shock%• Zabaynnay bitaniya xammanjjan Kaachchafatiis.%o The guard
threatened the man with a gun.%(syn) [yashissiis, hooranssiis, manddiis,
naassiis, kaachchifatiis, ye''e giis.]
baalliya%1. noun%▶ sickness (of cattle)%• miizzaa inxxarssaa baalliya%○ sickness
on the tongue of cows%(syn) [gaaranddaa.]
baalo%1. adjective%► comfortable; luxurious%• baalo duussaa% comfortable life%
(syn) [hira, injje, ishalo, munaasa, danaqa, ushachcha, worqqa, canna, irkko,
sarqqa, banqqa, oyssa, tonoqa.]
baaranddaa%1. noun%▶ veranda; verandah; porch%• Laaxaappe simmin, eti baaranddan
uttidi kaa'idosona.%o After lunch, they chatted on the veranda.%(syn)
[pedhdhaa.]
baarigaaraa%1. noun%► adversary; foe; enemy%• huuphe ministtriyassi kase
poletika baarigaaraa%o the Prime Minister's old political adversary%(syn)
[eqettiyagaa, morkkiya, diinaa, badama, ixuwa.]
baariis%1. transitive verb%▶ swallow, take a mouthful; eat with fingers%•
Hargganchchay xaliya baariiddi cooyiis.% The patient vomited when he swallowed
the tablets.%▶ be loaded
baashukul''iya%1. noun%▶ chip; potsherd%• Naa''u naati warettiiddi issoy issuwa
baashshukul"iyan caddidosona.%o When the two children were quarreling, they
stoned each other with chips/broken pieces of clay.%(syn) [kon"aa.]
baattaa%1. noun‰ vat, barrel (a large clay pot)‰ Baattay maayuwa woykko kattaa
yegganaassi maaddees.% A clay barrel is used to store clothes and crops.%(syn)
[lakkuwa, otuwa, shiinnaatiya, sassaa, xuggaa.]
baawa giishin%1. adverb%▶ at least%• Maxaafaa qofay gelana mala baawa giishin
naa''utoo nabbabanaw koshshees.%o You have to read the book at least two times
to understand it. %(syn) [guutta giishin.]
baaxxooliya%1. noun%▶ dilemma, predicament, a difficult, unpleasant, or
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embarrassing situation from which there is no clear or easy way out%● Tawu

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oottivobay erettenna. La ayba baaxxoolee!% I don't know what to do. What a
dilemma!%(syn) [kinnaaluwa.]
baazzaa%1. noun‰ in front of, close by, within arm's reach, sight (implies
anywhere that someone sees) % ● Ta baazzaappe kichcha.% Move away from my sight.%
(syn) [sinttaa.]
babbiis%1. intransitive verb‰ quail, be afraid, be terrified, be shocked, be
startled, be alarmed, be frightened%• A xuman hemettanaayyoo babbaasu.%○ She was
afraid of walking in the dark.%(syn) [dagammiis, horppattiis, yayyiis,
yuuqiyuuqiis, bobariis, dozhggu giis, waabbaqiis, bizhggamiis, yarkkiis,
hoppihoppiis, qasiis, batibatiis, hodhdhihodhdhiis, qiphiqiphiis, barggaagiis.]
baceessiis%1. intransitive verb≫ annoy; upset% Maachchay gaasoy beeruwan diya
asa ubbaa baceessana hanees.%o The decision is likely to upset the workers in
the office.%▶ disdain, to regard somebody or something as not worthy of respect
balbbuqiis%1. transitive verb≫ ruin, complicate, confuse, mess up, make a mess
%● Maara oottidi wurssidobaa balbbuqanawu koshshenna.%○ You should not
complicate things which were done properly. ((syn) [dabuluuqiis.]
balddiya%1. noun‰► barrel; pail; bucket; cask‰• Nuuyyoo lasttiqe balddee de'ees.
%○ We have a plastic bucket.%(syn) [barimeelliya.]
balettiya%1. adjective%▶ misleading; deceitful; mischievous; cheating;
dishonest; fraudulent; untrustworthy; tricky; devious%● I balettiya asa;
gaasoynne I eriiddi asa tumaappe gaxi kessanawu baaxetees.% He is a misleading
person because he knowingly tries to divert people from the truth. %(syn) [cimo,
ishshoyiyo, cimmiya.]
balettiyaqaa%1. noun%▶ distracter%• Doorotuppe issoy likke zaaruwa; hankkooti
balettiyageeta.% One of the choices is the answer; the others are the
distracters.%▶ deceiver
balibakkiis%1. transitive verb%▶ deceive; swindle; cheat; coax; flatter%• Taani
asan balibakettaas.%○ I've been swindled by people.%▶ corrupt
balibakkuwa%1. noun%▶ cheat; deception; hoax; trickery%▶ corruption%•
Balibakkoynne harggee issi biittaayyoo hiyyeesatettaa kaaletosona.% Corruption
and disease lead a country to poverty.
baliis%1. transitive verb%▶ mourn, mourn on the day of burying a dead person%•
Hayqqida na'aa so asay balidi moogiis.%o The family mourned and buried the dead
boy.%(syn) [yeekkiis, zilaaliis.]
bambbariya%1. noun%▶ chili, red or pepper, a narrow red or green hot-tasting pod
%▶ chili sauce%• Boyyiya bambbariyan usttan tusha.%○ Dip the cassava in the
chili sauce.
baqaa%1. noun%► slap; cuff; blow; punch; spank; strike; pat; tap; hit; smack;
thump; clout%• seelliya baqaa%∘ a smart slap%(syn) [xorphphayuwa.]
bariis%1. transitive verb%▶ cover; close; fill%•○ Hayyanaa xoo'iya bara.%○ Please fill the hole.%(syn) [gorddiis, tucciis, gooziis, qum''iis, siqimmiis.]
barimeelliya%1. noun‰ barrel; pail; bucket; cask‰ A iraa haattaa barmeelliyan oykkaasu.‰ She collected rainwater in the barrel.‰(syn) [balddiya.]
bassaa%1. noun%▶ offering, crop offered to an idol%• Kase wodiyan darotoo asay
bassaa wottees.% In olden days, people offered crops to idols.%(syn) [imatuwa.]
basuwa%1. noun‰ slice, portion (of bread)‰ Oyttaa oyddu basuwawu shaakka.‰
Cut the loaf of bread into four slices.%(syn) [menttettaa.]
batibatiis%1. transitive verb%▶ be fearful, be nervous%● Tamaare naati darotoo
paaciyayyoo uttanaappe sinttatidi batibatoosona.% Students usually become
nervous before an exam.%(syn) [dagammiis, horppattiis, yayyiis, babbiis,
yuuqiyuuqiis, bobariis, dozhggu giis, waabbaqiis, bizhggamiis, yarkkiis,
hoppihoppiis, qasiis, hodhdhihodhdhiis, qiphiqiphiis, barggaagiis.]
baw'iis%1. transitive verb%▶ be ember (of firewood)%• Mittay taman baw'iis.%○
The firewood became embers.%(syn) [bonqqiis.]
bawutiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ die, (of cows), die and stink, became carcass%•
Booray bawutiis.% The ox became carcass%(syn) [tinkkiri giis, hayqqiis,
kichchiis, bayiis, tuskku giis, huuphe gediyan eqqiis, cenggereeriis,
shemppiis.]
baxxanniis%1. transitive verb%▶ nail; fasten; hammer%• Anhaa asay yeggi simmin,
anaaxee saaxiniya baxxanniis.%o After the people put the corpse into the coffin,
the carpenter nailed it.%(syn) [misimaariis.]
baysa%1. adjective%▶ deserted; empty%• Baysa gimbbee me'erettiis.%○ The deserted
building was vandalized.%(syn) [buta sohuwa, butaa, asi baynnasaa.]
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bazettaa%1. noun%▶ will, statement of distribution of deceased's property%•

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Bazettaa qiyoqee hayqqiya izaawu bawu de'iyabaa laattiya uraayyoo maariyoqaa.%o
A will is a statement regarding the distribution of property after someone dies.
%(syn) [azazuwa, hayqqiiddi immiyo qaalaa.]
beetaa%1. noun%▶ tide; wave; tsunami%• Abbaa beetay woliwoluwa yanqqi
yanqqissees.%o The wave is rocking the boat on the water.%(syn) [hobbiya.]
besa%1. adjective≫ much, many, a lot of, abundant, maximum, immense,
innumerable, numerous, a great deal of, superabundant, plentiful‰ Wolayttan
zaafee besa.%o There are many eucalyptus trees in Wolaita.%(syn) [cora, zawi
baynna, shaynna, kenchcho, dere, guyte, qoodi baynna, qoodi wurssenna, uulla,
daro, guufe, likkee baynna, dibe, innaaboote, uma, guuxxana geenna, kotte.]
bese%1. adjective%▶ not twin, was born one (usually for sheep or goats)%• Issuwa
kanchchee yelettida deeshshaa woykko dorssaa bese geettees.%○ We say it is not
twin when a goat or a sheep give birth to a single young.%(syn) [selle.]
besiya%1. noun%▶ single born, usually for a sheep or goat%● Daro dorssati
menttiya yeloosona, shin issitoo issitoo besiyakka yeloosona.%o Many ewes give
birth to two lambs, but sometimes a single is born.%(syn) [selliya.]
bessiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ deserve, be relevant, be proper, be appropriate%•
Naati tamaare keettaappe sa'ay qammennan soo yaanawu bessees.%o It is
appropriate for children to come home from school before it gets dark.%(syn)
[koshshiis, koyettiis.]
bessiya%1. adjective%▶ necessary; essential; desirable%• bessiya haasaya%o an
essential talk%(syn) [koyettiya, koshshiya.]
betiya%1. noun%▶ refugee; escape; travel%▶ alien%• Betee issi heeran yelettennan
yiidi diccidaagaa.%o An alien is somebody who was not born and raised in the
biddaa%1. noun%▶ gabble; jabber%• Daro bidday darotoo balan yeggees.%○ Too much
gabble often results in errors.%(syn) [kelkkettaa.]
biddanchcha%1. adjective%► talkative; verbose; garrulous; voluble%● Biddanchcha
asi haasayidi salenna.% A talkative person tends to talk excessively.%(syn)
kiraara, kijaje, wokiika, kilttaachcha.
biddiis%1. transitive verb%► chatter, gabble, talk excessively%● Nu shuchchaa
gadaaway yaa'an saateppe daruwa biddiis.%o The chairman of our kebele talked
more than an hour at the meeting. %(syn) [toshshayiis, kelkkiis, corddodayiis,
corbbobattiis.]
biitta sheniya√1. noun%▶ earthworm%• Biitta shenee biittaa araddissees.%○
Earthworms keep soil healthy.%(syn) [sa'aa sheniya, laalagunxxiya.]
biitta%1. adjective%▶ dirty; filthy; stainable; garbagy; rubbishy%(syn) [urqqa, qita, muuruqa, bunssuqa, geeyyenna, sibba.]%▶ cheap; inexpensive; low-priced;
discounted; low-cost%(syn) [kana meega, hirayso.]
biixibiixa%1. adjective%▶ hasty; quick; restless%• Biixi biixa hanoy daro balan
yeggees.%○ A hasty action brings about a lot of mistakes.%(syn) [dirbbiya, tamaa
eexxiya, boge, eeso, kiirimmiya, dirbba, kitikitiya, jiirijiira, kuyrikuyra,
biiribiira, hatattaama, bol"o.]
biixibiixiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be hasty, be quick, be restless%•
Biixibiixiyogee danddayanchcha gidiyogaara gayttenna.% Being hasty is the
opposite of being patient.%(syn) [tifitifiis.]
bikkaa%1. noun%▶ breakfast%• Issippe utettay bikkaara giigees.%○ Sitting
together is appropriate for breakfast.%(syn) [qan''iya, qurssiya.]
bilbbuwa%1. noun%▶ hot spring%• Daro asay bilbbuwan meecettiyogee xallees giidi
ammanettees.% Many people believe that taking a bath in the hot springs heals.%
(syn) [elussaa.]
binjjilla%1. adjective%▶ rigid; obstinate; stubborn; unyielding%• Binjjilla
asttamaariya naata ba kifiliyan hanqqettaasu.%o The rigid teacher scolded the
children in her class.%(syn) [qinjjilla, jinjjilla, zozza, gajajja, kebeela.]
binjjillattiis%1. intransitive verb≫ be rigid, be refusing to change, unwilling
to change or adapt behavior, opinions, or attitudes%• Galchchaa garssan
dummatiya qofay denddidabaa gidikkonne, I ba qofan binjjillattidi ixxiis.% In
spite of the contrary arguments raised in the meeting, she remained rigid in her
thought.%(syn) jinjjillattiis, qinjjillattiis, zozzattiis.]
birassiis (birazziis)%1. transitive verb%▶ mate, copulate, have sex (for
animals)%● Booray miizziyo birassiis.%○ The ox mated with the cow.%(syn)
[zin''iis, udiis, woylliis, shunchchiis.]
birata sixxiqophphiya%1. noun%▶ magnet%• Misimaaree birata sixxiqophphiyan
gooshettees.% Nails are attracted to magnets.%(syn) [sixxiqophphiya,
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birxxottiis%1. transitive verb%► squeeze, squash, jam (press between fingers)%•
Merkkuwa birxxottidi giishshiis.% He squeezed the boil.%(syn) [burxxiis,
tirxxiis.]
bisuwa%1. noun%▶ sword; saber%• I etakkobisuwa kessidi yiis.%○ He came towards
them with his sword drawn.%(syn) [oolluwa.]
biz"iis%1. intransitive verb%▶ smart; sting; pain%• Ta bollaa giddon masunxxida
sohoy biz''iis.%o The wounded area on my body stung.%(syn) [xoggiis,
pinccaamiis, caddiis, ziimmiis.]
biz''iya%1. adjective%▶ stinging; painful%• biz''iya merkkuwa%○ a painful boil%
(syn) [xoggiya, pinccaama, caddiya, ziimmiya, zeelummiya.]
bocciis%1. transitive verb≫ bark%• Kanay kaysuwa bolli bocciis.%∘ The dog
barked at the thief.%(syn) [buhu giis.]
boggiya%1. noun%▶ shorts%• I ispporttiyawu boggiya gixxiis.%○ He wore shorts to
the sport field.%(syn) [qonxxaa.]
bollotiyo%1. noun%▶ mother-in-law, a mother of one's wife or husband%•
Bolloteesi bonchchuwa immiyogee woga.% It is a cultural duty to show honor to
one's mother-in-law.%(syn) [godentta, azinaa aayyiyo, machchee aayyiyo.]
bolqqu giis%1. intransitive verb≫ collapse, fall, fall suddenly (for men or
animals)%● Galoy ganddigaaridi bolqqu giis.%○ The calf fell suddenly after it
had been staggering.%(syn) [huuphe gediyan eqqiis, kunddiis, wulliis,
xinggimaaliis, xul''u giis, oydday canggaraariis, biittaa shammiis.]
bonchchiis%1. transitive verb≫ honor; respect; elevate; glorify; entertain%•
Neeni nena yelidaageeta bonchchanaw koshshees.% You should respect your
parents.%(syn) [saaphoyiis, boossiis, gitayiis.]
bonchcho%1. adjective%▶ decent; honorable; respected%• Kawoy bonchcho
imattatuura woppu giidi haasayiis.%o The prime minister talked to the honorable
guests politely.%(syn) [pokko, wogo, saapho.]
boniya%1. noun%▶ dry season%• Boniyan haattaa xayuwappe denddidaagan nu biittaa
asay keehi metootiis.%o Because there was a scarcity of rain during the dry
season, people of our country suffered a lot.%(syn) [longgiya.]
bonqqiis%1. transitive verb≫ become ember (coal)%• Mittay eexxidi bonqqiis.%∘
The wood burned and became embers.%(syn) [baw'iis.]
bonqqiis%1. transitive verb‰ rob; loot; snatch; plunder; grab‰ Eti aqotaa
xayssanaayyoo keettaa bonqqidosona.%o They robbed the house of its treasure.%
(syn) [dafi ekkiis, boggiis, wotti ekkiis.]
boo'iis%1. transitive verb%▶ till, cultivate, line, plow, plough, till the land,
make a row%● Boynaa tokkanaw gadiya boo'iis.%○ He tilled the land inorder to
plant yams.%(syn) [zariis, yafariis, phalqqiis, goyiis, duubbaliis.] booddiis%1. transitive verb≫ scrabble, scrape, dig with hand%• Kuttoy biittaa
booddees.% Chickens scrape the ground.%(syn) [karchchiis.]
booddiliis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be barren, be desert, be bare (of land)%•
Maataa bolla asay hemettido gishshaw sohoy booddiliis.% Because people walked
on the grass, the place became barren.%(syn) [bullaaliis.]
boohaa%1. noun‰► digging%• Biittaa boohay daafurssiya ooso.%○ Digging the ground
is tiresome work.%(syn) [xiiqettaa.]
boojiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ sparkle; shine%▶ be dawn%• Gooba goshshanchchay
sa'ay boojanaappe kasetidi oosuwa doommees.% A clever farmer begins his work
before it becomes dawn.
bookkiis%1. transitive verb%▶ dig; burrow; drill; bore; hoe%• I puutiya tokkanaw
biittaa bookkiis.%○ He dug the ground for the young seedlings.%(syn) [hem"iis,
aylliis.]
boolima%1. adjective%▶ neat; tidy%• Meccettida maayoy boolima.%○ The washed
clothes are neat.%(syn) [muruta.]
boolimissiis%1. transitive verb%▶ neaten%• Buuraayyo ollaa bookkidi dure bitanee
nu heeraa boolimissiis.% Digging the hole for the trash, the rich man neatened
our village.%▶beautify; qualify
boorasiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ feel lonely%• Imattati boorasenna mala
haasayissa.% Talk to the guests so that they may not feel lonely.%(syn)
[imattattiis, moozottiis.]
boorasiya%1. noun%▶ loneliness, strange feeling%• Imattay asi haasayissiyabi
xayin, boorassiya doommiis.% The guest felt loneliness when there was nobody to
talk to.%(syn) [imattatettaa, moozotettaa.]
bootta%1. adjective%▶ white%● Ayyoo bootta achchay dees.%○ He has white teeth.%
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(syn) [hummunna, muqaqe, muqale.]
boottaa cuwattiis%1. intransitive verb≫ get angry, be upset, seethe, fume,
resent, reproach%● I hachchi tanaara boottaa cuwattees.%⊙ He is angry with me
today.%(syn) [huuphiya buucciis, yiillotiis, ganccariis, kajjottiis,
peegaamettiis, hanqqettiis, lancciis, puuriis, suulliis, tamaa yedhdha kuttiyo
gidiis, tuggu giis, Xoossawu waassiis.]
borchchiborchchiis%1. intransitive verb҃≫ become rough (of road)%• Anccuwa
qolido ogee borchchiborchchees.% A road where the gravel is scattered gets
rough.%(syn) [gaggarattiis.]
boroyyiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be lost (of tooth)%• Assi achchay warettan
boroyyiis.% He lost his tooth in the quarrel.%(syn) [selembbotiis, senkkotiis.]
borssiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be shameful%• Ha qita maayuwa maayada giyaa
baanawu taassi borssees.% Going to the market wearing these dirty clothes is a
shameful act.%(syn) [boqosiis.]
buhaa%1. noun%▶ raining%(syn) [ximaazettaa, xoohettaa, soosettaa.]%▶ lash; hit;
stroke; blow; whip; beat; fistfight%(syn) [waraa, shochchaa, udulettaa, kanaa
mizuwa, hariya henttuwa, biittaa mizuwa, biittaa conchchuwa.]
bul"iis%1. transitive verb‰▶ weed, garden, hoe up weeds, pull up weeds. ● Bitanee
badalaa bul"iiddi dees.%o The man is weeding the maize plants.%(syn) [harummiis,
ushshiis.]
bulhhayiis%1. transitive verb≫ hit hard%• I booraa bulhhayiis.%○ He hit the ox
hard.%(syn) [sho'iis, bukkiis, tohayiis, gawuhayiis.]
bulqqo%1. adjective%▶ turbid; muddy; impure%• Bulqqo haattaa uyikko harggissees.
%o If drunk, the impure water will make you sick.%(syn) [yolomooma.]
bululiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ roll%• Xeella, kuwaasee dembban bululees.%○
Look, the ball is rolling in the field.%(syn) [gonddorettiis.]
buqiis%1. transitive verb%▶ shake; move; jerk%• Shirooppiya uyanaappe kase
buqanawu koshshees.% We should shake the syrup before drinking it.%(syn)
[qaaserettiis, yanqqiyanqqissiis.]
burcce%1. adjective%▶ piece; wee; lesser; slender; minute; tiny; diminutive;
petite% burcce mittaa% a piece of wood%(syn) [unggaa'unggo, shushara, suuppa,
ufuuppune, burttakeeno, hurbbubba.]
burqqiya%1. noun%▶ sprain; wrench; twist; pull; injure; turn; crick; strain %•
iita meeshimeqqetta burqqiya%∘ a serious ankle sprain%(syn) [gelaa, barqqaa.]
burxxiis%1. transitive verb%► squeeze; squash; jam %• I giishshaa masunttaappe burxxiis.%○ He squeezed the pus out of the wound.%(syn) [tirxxiis, birxxottiis.]
busakkiis%1. transitive verb%▶ hack, chop, cut repeatedly%▶ suffer (with a sharp
cutting pain)%● Tana sahoy busakkees.%○ I am suffering from illness.
busubulliya%1. noun%► tussle%• Kuwaasiyo demmanawu busubulliyan diiddi
kaassanchchay masunxxiis.% The player was injured in the tussle for the ball.%
(syn) [aggettuwa, anni annaa.]
buta sohuwa%1. noun%▶ empty place, bare place (of a road)%• Buta sohuwan eqqida
panggati bantta soo simmiya asaa bonqqana kajjeelidosona.%o Vandals standing on
the bare place tried to loot the belongings of the people who were returning to
their home.%(syn) [baysa, butaa, asi baynnasaa.]
buturuuqiis%1. intransitive verb≫ step, step in mud now and then% Yiira naati
muletoo urqqan buturuuqiiddi bantta ooratta maayuwa bashshoosona.%o Young
children always dirty their new clothes stepping in mud now and then.%(syn)
[xolbbayiis, yedhdhiis, dorxxayiis.]
buucciis%1. transitive verb%► mow%• Nuuni maataa baacan buuccoos.%○ We mow the
grass with a sickle.%(syn) [qociis, sholkkayiis.]
buuqqiis%1. intransitive verb≫ be rotten, be decomposed, be decayed, be
disintegrated, be putrefied (rubbish) on the plowed%● farmland Badalay gootaran
buuqqiis.%∘ The maize rotted in the granary.%▶ stay for a long time
buuraa%1. noun%▶ garbage; rubbish; dirt; litter; trash; compost; debris%• Hagaa
buuraa aggaagoppa; pittaychcha.% Don't leave this litter; clean it up.%(syn)
[pituwa, qitaa, xorkkuwa, xelequwa, hanchchaa, axumaa, miiriqaa.]
buusaawiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ get old, get very old%• Doʻay buusaawiis.%○
The beast became very old%(syn) [cimiis, ceeggiis, yonccu giis.]
buuxaa%1. noun%▶ hay, dry grass (from thatched hut)%• Xuman buuxaa xomppiis.%○
He lit the dry grass in the dark.%(syn) [saxaa.]
caana wodoruwa%1. noun%▶ cinch, lace, strap (of leather for fastening a load) %•
I caana wodoruwa hariya caananawu shammiis.%○ He bought a strap for loading the
donkey. %(syn) [xafiraa , dafuwa]
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caanaa%1. noun%▶ load; burden %• Haree caanay deexxin kunddiis.%○ The donkey
fell when the load was too heavy to carry. %(syn) [toohuwa]
caariis%1. transitive verb%▶ sprout %• Iray sohuwan sohuwan bukkin, kattay
caarettaa dommiis.% When the rain fell, crops began to sprout. %(syn)
[purcciis, aaciis , macimachchiis]
caccafuwa%1. noun%▶ sprinkle; spray %• Caccafuwa giyogee gukkiyabaa araciyogaa.
% A sprinkle is a scattering of small drops of liquid. %(syn) [kakkafuwa,
puukettaa]
cadaa%1. noun%▶ smart, sting, sharp pain %• Ta aayyiyoo zokkuwan caday sakkees.
% My mother has a sharp pain in her back. %(syn) [xossaa, zeelumettaa,
biz"ettaa, pinccaamettaa, ziimettaa]
caggiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ calm, calm down, quiet down, soothe, settle down,
appease, subside, quieten %● Iray caggiis. Yaatiyo gishawu ha"i baana
danddayaasa.% The rain calmed down. So, you can go now. %(syn) [aattiis,
aadhdhiis , gabbi giis, wodee wuriis]
calliis%1. transitive verb≫ condemn; rebuke; scold; reprimand % Cima bitanee
naati Xoossa sunttaa hadan xeegiyo gishshawu calliis.%o The old man condemned
the small children for calling God's name in vain. %(syn) [giqqiis, gedeeliis]
carppiis%1. transitive verb≫ grab; snatch; seize; hold; capture %• Kutto mariyo
xinggilee carppiis.%o The hawk captured the pullet.%(syn) [oygqiis, kuttu
oottiis, hawhu oottiis, sophiis, happi oottiis, gaddabbi oottiis, qaphphi
oottiis]
carqqayiis%1. transitive verb≫ mess of, make untidy %• Ayssi intte duussaa
carqqayeettii?% Why do you make a mess of your living situations. %(syn)
[ginggilicayiis]
cashaa%1. noun%▶ renunciation %• A wuussaa cashaa%o the renunciation of his
theft %(syn) [magaraa, laguwa, xiinettaa, qanggettaa, massammaa, goomettaa,
magaraa, laguwa]
cashshaa%1. noun%▶ insult, offensive language%• Cashshi yiilloyiyabaa.%o An
insult is offensive. %(syn) [gùùtuwa, biittan gelissuwa, gatiya qaaruwa,
goyrettaa]
cayiis%1. transitive verb≫ insult; abuse %• I tana cayiis, shin taani A
cashshawu zaaro immabeykke.% He insulted me, but I didn't answer back. %(syn)
[biittan gelissiis, kawshshiis, guuttiis, gatiya qaariis, gatiya guuttiis,
toochchiis, kanaa kessiis, goyriis, goyruwa puxayiis, qaariis]
cecciis%1. transitive verb‰⊳ contribute money %• Eti heeraa metuwassi kehatettan
miishshaa ceccidosona.%o They contributed generously to solve the problem of
environmental problems. %(syn) [peeriis]
ceebbiis%1. transitive verb‰ pour heavily, put more (water) %● Woxiyan haattaa
ceebboppa; guuttaa mal"etta katta.%o Don't put more water in the sauce; prepare
it a little spicily. %(syn) [paggiis, tigiis]
ceeggiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ grow old %• Ta aawaa aaway xeetu layttaa de'ido
gishshawu ceeggiis.% My grandfather grew old and is hundred. %(syn) [cimiis,
buusaawiis, yonccu giis]
ceeqettiis%1. transitive verb‰ depend; brag; boast; gloat %• I ba eran
ceeqettiis.%○ He depended on his knowledge.%▶ war cry, utter war boasts
cichchiis%1. transitive verb%▶ collect, gather, accumulate (little by little) %•
A haattaa cichchada otuwa kunttaasu.% She collected water little by little and
filled the pot. %(syn) [cidhdhiis]
cidhdhiis%1. transitive verb%▶ draw little by little (of water from spring) %•
Na'iya pulttuwappe haattaa cidhdhaasu.%o The girl drew the water from the
spring. %(syn) [cichchiis]
ciggaaratiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be misty, be foggy %• Iray kehi bukki
simmin, sa'ay ciggaaratiis.% The land became foggy after the rain fell heavily.
%(syn) [gubbaniis, arkkotiis, gaappotiis, kinchchotiis]
ciiriis%1. transitive verb%▶ shape; sharpen; carve; whittle; sculpt %• A ba
na'eessi irssaasiya mulaacan ciiraydda dawsu.%o She is sharpening the pencil
with a razor for her daughter. %(syn) [massiis]
ciiyyiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ blossom, bloom, bear flower %● Ta kare ciishshay
zo"uwa ciiyyiis.%o The flowers on my gate bloomed.%(syn) [wonniis]
cimiis%1. intransitive verb≫ be old, grow old, get aged %• Ta aawaa aawassi
layttay hosppun tamaa heera gakkikkokka, I hanno gakkkaw cimibeenna.%○ Although
my grandfather is around eighty, he has not grown old yet. %(syn) [ceeggiis,
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buusaawiis, yonccu giis]

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cimmiya%1. adjective≫ deceptive; deceitful; mischievous; cheating; dishonest;
fraudulent; untrustworthy; tricky; devious %● cimmiya qofaa%○ deceptive idea %
(syn) [cimo, ishshoyiyo, balettiya]
cinggiis%1. transitive verb‰▶ drain; empty ‰• A tukkiya jabanaappe cinggada
tigaasu.% She drained the coffee to the last drop.%(syn) [cinggiriishiis]
cirppinttiis%1. transitive verb%▶ grapple, seize, to touch somebody or something
in an unpleasant and/or violent way %• A kare kiyiyo zawaa bolla zabaynnatun
cirppinttettaasu.% She was seized by the guards at the border. %(syn)
[mirggaaciis, baxuuxiis, kuttu oottiis, hawhu oottiis, sophiis, happi oottiis,
gaddabbi oottiis, qaphphi oottiis, qurphphu oottiis, carppiis, kutuutiis,
mirggaaciis, baxuuxiis, sophphu oottiis]
co"iis (co''u giis) %1. intransitive verb≫ be silent, be quiet %• Guutta na'ay
yeekkiis, shin ha'ii co''iis.%o The little child wept, but now he is silent. %
(syn) [hayzziis, sirphphi giis, muggiis, si''i giis]
co''u oottiis%1. transitive verb%▶ quiet %• Aayyiya yeekkiya na'aa co''u
oottaasu.%o The mother quieted the crying baby. %(syn) [huuphiya tuutissiis]
cogochchiis%1. intransitive verb≫ stretch feet, extend, straighten %• I tohuwa
cogochchiis.% He stretched his feet. %(syn) [piddiis]
combbiina%1. adjective%▶ long talk, long and monotonous talking %• Combbiina
haasayay sohuwara salettees.% A long talk quickly becomes boring.%(syn)
[corbbiina, corddodiina, shododda, golddodiina, shohiina]
coommiis%1. transitive verb≫ masticate, chew, grind up food, grind and
pulverize food inside the mouth, using the teeth and jaws‰ A kattaa loytta
coommaasu.% She chewed the food well. %(syn) [qorphphayiis, qawucayiis,
cittayiis, cippayiis, coppayiis, qirphphayiis, qam"iis, xoggiis]
corbbiina (corbbobiina) %1. adjective≫ loquacious; talkative; prolix %•
corbbiina asa%o talkative man %(syn) [combbiina, corddodiina, shododda,
golddodiina, shohiina]
corggochchiis%1. transitive verb%▶ listen, listen by turning the ear attentively
%● Shuchchaa gadaaway haasayiyo wode jamay hayttaa corggochchidi ezggees.%○ The
people were listening attentively while the chairman was talking to them. %(syn)
[ezggiis]
cubiya%1. noun%▶ dagger %• Cubiya shooho giddon gelissa.%○ Put the dagger in its
sheath. %(syn) [senxxiya]
cuchchay melennaan%1. adverb%▶ in a hurry %• I cuchchay melennan gakkiis.%○ He
arrived in a hurry. %(syn) [ho"uwara, sohuwara, eesuwan, man''iyara, kuttoy
haattaa mittanawu, kitikituwan, dirbban]
cuguddiis%1. transitive verb%▶ throw (a stick to the birds, dogs, etc.) %•
Cuguwa cugudiis.% He threw a stick. %(syn) [oliis, tinni oottiis, yambbariis,
yibiddiis, tixxi oottiis]
cuguwa%1. noun%▶ stick, a stick usually used to throw at birds, dogs, etc. %•
Kafuwa bolli cuguwa cuguddoppite.% Don't throw a stick at the birds. %(syn)
[gaalluwa, dullaa, koxiya, bikkaa, xarbbaa, duttaa]
cunccalliya%1. noun%► black ant %• Zuummiyana'aa cunccallee saxxiis.%○ The black
ant bit the crawling baby. %(syn) [tushiya]
curqquuqiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be messy, be spoilt, be untidy %• Iray
daridoogaappe denddidaagan karee curqqquqqiis%o Due to the heavy rain, the front
of the house was not neat. %(syn) [muuruqiis, tiniqiiqiis, qitattiis, urqqatiis,
xelegotiis, xorkkotiis, bunuquuqiis, bunssuqiis, masudhdhiis, murxxiis,
sorxxoxxiis]
cuuphiis%1. transitive verb%▶ behead, amputate, cut off, mutilate, eat away at
the edges %• Mittaa xeeraappe cuuphiis.% He cut off the tree top.%(syn)
[muuciis, qaxxariis]
cuwattiis%1. intransitive verb%► smoke %● Tamay eexxiyo wode cuway cuwattees.%○
When a fire burns, it usually smokes. %(syn) [tullu giis]
daachchuwa%1. noun%▶ knife case (made from bamboo)%● Mashshaanne baacaa
daachchuwan wottays.%o keep sickles and knives in the knife case.%(syn)
[diyyiya]
daafurssiis%1. transitive verb‰ exhaust; weaken; fatigue %• Oosuwa minttada
oottido gishshawu, taani daafuraas.%o Since I had worked hard, I was tired. %
(syn) [wolqqan geliis, akataa ekkiis]
daarettaa%1. noun≫ growl, animal's hostile throaty noise (for dogs) %• kanaa
daarettaa‰ the dog's growl‰ the sound produced by a cow which is eager to
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nurse its young

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daariis%1. intransitive verb%▶ growl; make hostile sound %• Kanay imattaa be'idi
daariis.% The dog growled at a stranger. %▶ produce sound (as a result of
eagerness to breastfeed its young)
daarinchchaa%1. noun%▶ backyard; garden %• daarinchchan mokkiyabata%○ vegetables
in the backyard %(syn) [emeriya, darkkuwa, shaafinchchaa]
daasiis%1. transitive verb%▶ make shelter %• Kompporosiyayyoo daasiya
daasidosona.% They made a shelter for the conference. %(syn) [essiis,
dunkkaaniis, woxaliis]
daasiya%1. noun%► shelter; camp; lodge; shack; booth %• Tamaa daafan daro
daaseti xuugettidosona.% Many shacks were burned down in the fire. %(syn)
daaxxiis%1. transitive verb≫ grind, mill, grind soft things (like raw pepper)
%• A woxan bambbariya daaxxawusu.%○ She ground the pepper with a millstone. %
(syn) [dorxxayiis, dooxayiis]
dabiddaabbiya gattiyagaa%1. noun‰⊳ postman%• Dabiddaabbiya gattiyagee hanno
gakkanaassi nu soo dabiddaabbe ehidee?%o Has the postman brought any letters to
our home yet?%(syn) [postta oosanchchaa, dabiddaabbiya ehiyagaa]
dabuluuqiis%1. transitive verb%▶ mess up, make a mess %• Maara wootettidabaa
dabuluuqiis.% He messed up the things which were orderly. %(syn) [balbbugiis]
daddahaa%1. noun%▶ thatching, roofing (huts) %• Aattiya keettawu daddahaa
koshshees.% A leaking roof needs thatching.%(syn) [kamuwa, siqettaa]
dafuwa%1. noun%▶ leather strap, hide (for tying donkey) %• Dafoy hariya
qachchanawu maaddees.%o A leather strap is used to tie a donkey. %(syn) caana
wodoruwa, xafiraa
dagamaa%1. noun%▶ alarm; terror; horror; shock; panic %• Na'iya dagaman
kokkorawusu.%o The girl is trembling in shock. %(syn) [jollu guussaa]
dakkoyiis%1. transitive verb%▶ fold, put one part over another part %• Melida
anssoolaa dakkoya.% Fold the dried sheets. %(syn) [qalam''iis]
dalaashaa%1. adjective%▶ curved horn, a cow with horns turned down and inactive
for goring%● dalaasha booraa%o an ox with inactive goring horn %(syn)
[quluuliya]
dalbba%1. adjective%▶ fat; thick; chubby; obese; flabby %• A dalbba macaassa.%○
She is a fat woman. %(syn) [wogga, gita, xawulle, bambballooma, gagate, gagisa,
maagula, axxo, axuma, zeekeele, xeere, xeeppula, xeeppo, anuufa, anuca, xaane,
xawudala, manne, geere, xekese, xoyllo, tennejja, yaakula, baa'ula, xettemere,
yam''araara, axuure]
dalgga%1. adjective%▶ wide %• A dalgga biittay goshshawu injjettees.%○ His wide
land is suitable for farming. %(syn) [sawulla, gaareppa, gaga, yadaawa, sassa,
dalggiis%1. intransitive verb≫ increase, add, excel, grow, exceed, develop,
look bigger, become much more, become great deal of, become numerous %● I
miishshay dalggiis.% Her money increased. %(syn) [dariis, dicciis, xaqariis,
wolqqaamiis, zawa gakkiis]
dallamma%1. adjective%▶ bland; tasteless %(syn) [dachchiis, mal''enna, doda,
made] → foolish; silly; dull; unintelligent; imprudent; thoughtless; irrational;
stupid; rash; reckless %(syn) [sholociina, goshooppolo, golccocca, eeyya, wozani
baynna, damma, gonkka, hariitte, yooqolo, zamuqa]
dallayaa%1. noun%▶ blockage, a fence to deter animals from going inside%•
Bitanee mehee qooruwan gelenna mala dallayaa yeggiis.%o The man made a fence to
deter animals from going inside the field. %(syn) [zabaayiya]
dalqqidalqqiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be lush (of plants) %• Iray bukkido
gishshawu darkkon mokkiyabati dalqqidalqqidosona.% Since it rained the
vegetables became lush. %(syn) [salqqisalqqiis]
dambbaynnaa%1. noun%▶ client; customer %▶ subscriber %● 'Addis Zemeniya
Gaazeexaa' dambbaynnaa % a subscriber to 'Addis Zemen Newspaper'
danaqa%1. adjective%▶ easy; comfortable; abundant; plentiful; luxurious %• Dure
asaassi sa'ay danaqa.%o For a rich person, life is easy. %(syn) [hira, injje,
ishalo, baalo, munaasa, ushachcha, worqqa, canna, irkko, sarqqa, banqqa, oyssa,
tonoga]
danaqattiis%1. intransitive verb%► be easy, be comfortable, be abundant %•
Duussay danaqattiis.% Life became easy. %(syn) [munaasiis]
danddayettenna%1. adjective%▶ impossible %• Issi galla 300 gaameelaa caaniyogee
danddayettenna ooso.% Loading 300 camels in one day is an impossible task. %
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(syn) [hanenna]

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danddayiis%1. transitive verb≫ tolerate, be patient %• Tawu A kawushsha
eeshshay danddayettenna.%○ I cannot tolerate his rude behavior. %▶ be possible
danddiya%1. noun%▶ pajamas %• Nu muletoo qammi hiittan zin"iidi danddiya
maayoos.% We always wear a pair of pajamas to bed. %(syn) [bijaamaa]
danottiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ quarrel %• A ba dabbuwara danottaasu; hegaa
gishshawu simmidi laggetokkona.% She quarreled with her relative so, they are
no longer friends. %(syn) [kobattiis]
daraphaa%1. noun‰ pulpit; podium ‰•o Daraphay woosa keettan haggaaziyagee
kiyidi haggaaziyo xekkaa.%•○ Pulpit is a stand in a Christian church that is
used by the minister for preaching.%(syn) [toomaa]
daraxiis%1. transitive verb%▶ tread; trample; step; impact %• Kaamee shooshshaa
daraxiis.% The man trampled the snake. %(syn) [narphphiis, dirxxiis]
deciis%1. intransitive verb‰► soothe %• Xaliya ekkin, taayyoo sahoy deciis.%○
After taking medicine, my pain was soothed. %(syn) [lo''iis, paxiis, pilaatiis,
gasttiis, kehiis]
dedduwa%1. noun%▶ stammerer; stutterer%▶ stutter; stammer %● Taayyoo na'atettan
wayssiya deddoy dees.%o I had a terrible stutter when I was a kid.
dee''iis%1. intransitive verb%▶ fester %• Masunttay dee''iis.%⊙ The wound
festered. %(syn) [qulppiis, tolshshiis, masunxxiis, gambbaxiis]
deelliis%1. intransitive verb≫ puddle %• Iray bukki simmin, ogiyan deelliis.%⊙
After it rained, the water made a puddle on the road.%(syn) [eelliis]
deeshshaa%1. noun%▶ goat %• Deeshshay bonccuwa mees.%○ Goats eat leaves. %(syn)
[korbbeesaa]
degeeraa%1. noun%▶ bee-like insect (which often produces its honey in the
ground) %● Asay degeeraa eessay qufiyayyo xale gees.%○ 'Degera' honey is used as
a medicine for coughing. %▶ honey (from ground)
dembbayiis%1. transitive verb%▶ flatten %• Keettaa keexxiyo sohuwa baasidi
dembbayiis.% He flattened the place where the house could be built. %(syn)
[beliis, baasiis]
demiya%1. noun%▶ python %• Demee ba worido do'aa mittees.%○ A python swallows
its kill. %(syn) [dawiya]
demmaa dereqqaa%1. pronoun%▶ anybody, everybody, everyone (negative connotation)
%● I demmaa dereqqaara, bana naagennan, gooyiya asadan coo haasayees.%○ He spoke
with everyone, without restricting himself, just like a crazy man. %(syn) [yelaa
yeli kessaa, in"aayo bun"aayo, senqqere bariiso, demmaa hammaa, danggo daachcho]
dere%1. adjective%▶ many, much, a lot of, a great deal of, numerous, plentiful,
abundant, innumerable, large amount of things %● I dere miishshaa xayssiis.%○ He lost a large amount of money. %(syn) [cora, zawi baynna, shaynna, kenchcho,
guyte, qoodi baynna, qoodi wurssenna, uulla, daro, besa, guufe, likkee baynna,
dibe, innaaboote, uma, guuxxana geenna, kotte]
diifiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ drizzle, light rain%• Iray diifishin gadiya goyoppa.%○ Don't plow the land while it drizzles.%(syn) [puusiis.]
diinaa%1. noun‰ opponent; adversary; foe; enemy‰ Nuuni lagge gidokko. Diina‰
We are not friends. We are enemies.%(syn) [baarigaaraa, eqettiyagaa, morkkiya,
badama, ixuwa.]
diippiis%1. transitive verb%► hit hard, give blow, beat%● Aawu ba naata ubbatoo
diippanawu koshshenna.% A father should not always beat his children.%(syn)
diiqiis%1. transitive verb%▶ disturb; quarrel; fight; argue; dispute; debate%▶
pulverize; crash%● A boynaanne boyyiya diiqaasu.%⊙ She pulverized the yam and
cassava.
dil''iis%1. transitive verb%▶ unwind; undo; unwrap%• A shaluwa dil''aasu.%○ She
unwound the thread.%▶ unravel (thread)
diran%1. adverb%▶ in a place%• issi diran%o in one place%(syn) [sohuwan.]
dirbba (dirbbiya)%1. adjective%▶ quick; fast; hasty; hurry; restless; busy%•
dirbba oosuwa%o hasty work%(syn) [dirbbiya, tamaa eexxiya, boge, eeso,
kiirimmiya, kitikitiya, jiirijiira, kuyrikuyra, biixibiixa, biiribiira,
hatattaama, bol"o.]
dirbban%1. adverb%▶ quickly, in a hurry%• I shagaxaa dirbban shammiis.%○ He
purchased the goods in a hurry.%(syn) [kitikituwan; ho"uwara, sohuwara, eesuwan,
man''iyara, kuttoy haattaa mittanawu, cuchchay melennaan, kitikituwan.]
dirimiis%1. transitive verb%▶ hit hard, hit something sharply, especially with
the hand or the fist‰ Na'aayyoo diya wayssiya hanotatu gaasuwan A aaway A
dirimiis.% Because of the boy's terrible actions, his father hit him hard.%
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(syn) [diippiis.]
diyosaa%1. noun%▶ address, residence, settlement, dwelling place%• Posttaa
kiittida izaaway bari diyosaa posttaa bolli gonccissidi xaafibeenna.%o The
sender of the letter did not write the address on it.%(syn) [duussa man''iya.]
doddoqettiis%1. transitive verb%▶ fornicate, be adulterous%• Ba keettaawaa aggada haraara doddoqettawus.%o Leaving her husband she fornicated with another
person.‰ (of behavior) be easily changed
dolddatiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be blunt, be dull, be rounded, be unsharpened%
(syn) [tuniis, lummattiis.]%▶ be pointless, be ridiculous, be absurd, be
meaningless, be futile %(syn) [zuyrattiis, guuxxiis, tipilattiis.] doncciis%1. transitive verb≫ start to cut (of a pillar) Aaway, aayyiya, ishay
woykko michchiya hayqqibeenna kumetta asi tuussaa donccees.%o A man whose
parents, brother, or sister has not died starts to cut the pillar.≫ start,
begin (dig the hole to bury a dead person)
dontta%1. adjective%▶ ruined; crumbling; invalid; destroyable; destructible%•
Dontta gimbbee kunddidi cora asaa woriis.%o The crumbling building collapsed and
killed many people.%(syn) [xayso, bashsha, mogola.]
dooriis%1. transitive verb%▶ pile; hoard; reap; stack; accumulate; gather;
assemble; collect; harvest; reinstate% Goshshanchchay mela maataa dóóriis.%○
The farmer stacked the hay. ((syn) [guuppiis, kuuriis, uliis, shiishshiis,
koriis, dagayiis, keeliis.]
dooruwa sohuwa%1. noun%▶ polling station%• Dooruwa sohuwa wodiyara biyogee daro
lo''o.%o It is best to go to the polling station on time.%(syn) [dooruwa
man''iya.]
dooya%1. adjective%▶ opened%• Dooya diya karee biinniya gelissiiddi dees.%○ The
opened door is letting in mosquitoes.%(syn) [poga.]
dorssossiis (xorssossiis)%1. intransitive verb%▶ become confused, become
bewildered%● A ba miishshaa muliya xayssada dorssossa uttaasu.%○ Having lost all
of her money, she became bewildered.≫ be slow
dorxxayiis%1. transitive verb%▶ grind, grind slimy things (like raw pepper)%
(syn) [daaxxiis, dooxayiis.]%▶ step on (of fruits)%(syn) [xolbbayiis, yedhdhiis,
buturuugiis.]
doyna%1. adjective%▶ blunt; dull%• Mashshay doyna; maara qanxxenna.%○ The knife
is dull; it does not cut well.%(syn) [tuna, doldda, musha, lumma, goloodo,
ducana.]
doyssiis%1. transitive verb%▶ cook; boil%• Badalaa tiyaa doyssikko, daro
mal''ees.% If you cook ripe fresh maize, it will be delicious.%(syn) [kattiis.]
dozaa%1. noun%▶ plant%• Biittay dozati mokkiyo soho.%○ Soil is where plants
grow.%(syn) [mokkiyabaa.]
dozhggu giis (duzhggu giis)%1. intransitive verb≫ quail, be afraid, be
terrified, be shocked, be startled, be alarmed, be frightened%● Hassayennan
diishin shooshshay maataa giddoppe kiyin na'ay dozhggu giis.%o When the snake
came out of the grass unexpectedly, the boy was frightened.%(syn) [dagammiis,
horppattiis, yayyiis, babbiis, yuuqiyuuqiis, bobariis, waabbaqiis, bizhggamiis,
yarkkiis, hoppihoppiis, qasiis, batibatiis, hodhdhihodhdhiis, qiphiqiphiis,
barggaagiis.]
dubbattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ become wet%• Puusiyappe denddidaagan biittay
dubbattiis.‰ Because of the drizzle, the land became wet.‰ be fat, be thick
duge%1. adverb%▶ down; downwards%• I ogiya dugettaa biis.%○ He went down the
road.%(syn) [tohossaa, xade.]
dun''a%1. adjective%▶ blunt, inactive, not working well%● dun''a baacaa%o blunt
sickle%▶ short
dunkkaaniis%1. transitive verb%▶ pitch, encamp (of tents)%● Yeehuwayoo asay
karen dunkkaanidosona.% People pitched a tent for the funeral.%(syn) [essiis,
woxaliis, daasiis.]
duretiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be rich, be wealth%• Zal''iyawu mino asi
durettees.%○ A person who is good at trading will be rich.%(syn) [wogetiis,
naaniis, mannanniis.]
duriis%1. intransitive verb%▶ dance%• I Guraagettuwa duriis.%○ He danced like
the Gurage.%(syn) [parggulliis.]
duubbaliis%1. transitive verb%► plough; plow; cultivate%• Gadee ofinttawu
duubbalettees.% Farmland is plowed in spring.%(syn) [zariis, boo'iis, yafariis,
phalqqiis, goyiis.]
duuchcha%1. adjective%▶ virgin; untouched%• duuchcha biittaa%○ virgin land%(syn)
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[siise.]
duuxa%1. adjective%▶ cut; damaged; maimed; amputated%• duuxa bradhdhiya%o the
cut finger%(syn) [kinddiichcho, qantta, dinkke, kuraachcho, durcca, chiro,
duddumushe.1
duwarssiis%1. transitive verb%▶ sow, sow uniformed (one kind of crop on a wide
farm land)%● Gisttiya duwarssiis.%○ He sowed wheat uniformly.%(syn) [zeriis,
qaattiis.1
edaa%1. noun%▶ restitution; compensation; punishment %• Ne moorido mooruwassi
edaa qanxxanawu bessaasa.%o You should pay a compensation for your wrong doings.
%(syn) [afilaamaa]
eeduwa%1. noun%▶ melody %▶ rhythm, pattern of beats in music %• Wolayttatto
yettan hosppun qommo eedoy de'ees.% In Wolaita music there are eight rhythms.
eeji'eeja%1. adjective%▶ flighty; fickle; inconsistent %• Ha na'eessi diya
eeji'eeja eeshshay wayssees.%o This girl's inconsistent behavior troubled us. %
(syn) [tayliwatta, qayliqayla, qanjjiqanjja]
eellida haattaa%1. noun%▶ pond, collected water without flowing %• Eellida
haattaa diridi naagana koshshees.% The pond should be fenced. %(syn)
[denggeliya]
eelliis%1. intransitive verb‰ be collected (water) %• Iraa haattay dilbban
eelliis.% The rain water was collected in the depression. %(syn) [deelliis]
eettiis%1. transitive verb‰▶ burn, kindle, set alight %• Mela maqay eettanawukka
maaddees.% Dry stalks are used to burn as firewood. %(syn) [xuuggiis, xaragiis,
lashiis, labiis]
eexxiya%1. adjective%▶ alight, powerfully burning, lit %• Eexxiya xomppiya
toyssa.% Blow out the lit torch. %(syn) [tololattiya, pol''attiya, poo'o,
mijjrssa, pozhzhiina]
eeyviis%1. transitive verb‰ be foolish ‰ Eeyyoppa! Neeni bayratu zoriya ekkana
bessaasa.% Don't be foolish! You should accept the elder's advice.%(syn)
[na'atiis, qilicattiis, yelagiis, onkkolotiis]
erennan%1. adverb≫ unknowingly %• I erennan wogaa menttiis.%○ He has
unknowingly broken the rules. %(syn) [qoppennan, akeekennan, naagennan] erettaa%1. noun%▶ gruel, baby's gruel, baby food, porridge made by boiling meal,
especially oatmeal, in water and butter %● kaacaassi go'ettiyo maldduwa erettaa
% spiced gruel for a woman when she gives birth to a child %(syn) [muullaa]
ettay teeriis%1. intransitive verb≫ be comfortable, be abundant %• Duretussi
ettay teeriis.% Life is comfortable for the rich. %(syn) [ushachchiis,
injjetiis, giigiis, hirattiis, banqqatiis, mankkatiis, tonoqiis]
exaa%1. noun%▶ length, tallness (of animals and people) %• I exaa adussa.%○ He
is tall. %(syn) [geesaa]
gaaddetiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ defy, disobey, be opposed (against someone)%•
Wogaara gaaddetiyogee bessenna.% It is illegal to disobey the law.%(syn)
[xeekkamiis, zerkkiis, garchchiis, morggetiis, garddatiis, zeekkariis.]
gaaniis%1. transitive verb%▶ lock%• Hayyanaa oosuwawu baydda kariya gaana.%∘
Please lock the door when you leave for work.%(syn) [qulppiis, gorddiis.]
gaappo%1. adjective%▶ misty; foggy; cloudy%• Hachchi sa'ay gaappo.%⊙ Today is a
misty day.%(syn) [kinchcho.]
gaashuwa%1. noun‰ house, a large Wolaita house built from grass‰ Dure asay
gaashuwa keexxees.% Wealthy men build large house.%(syn) [deelliya, zuufaa.]
gaaxxiis%1. transitive verb%▶ buy quantitatively%• Zal''anchchay kattaa
shifaaraa gaaxxiis.%o The merchant bought a large quantity of food%(syn)
[huuxxiis, kaashiis.]
gabbi giis (gabbiis)%1. intransitive verb%▶ calm, sooth, calm down, appease,
subside, settle%• Palamay gabbi giis.%○ The argument was settled.%(syn)
[aattiis, caggiis, aadhdhiis, wodee wuriis.]
gabiya%1. noun%▶ income; gain%• I aginan demmiyo gabee ayyoo gidenna.%○ The
income he gets per month is insufficient.%(syn) [geliya miishshaa.]
gacciis%1. transitive verb%▶ filter%• Shayiya penttissa simmada gacca.%○ Filter
the tea after you have boiled it.%(syn) [xillissiis.]
gachchaama%1. adjective%▶ giant; huge%● Danggarssay gachchaama do'a.%○ Elephants
are huge animals.%(syn) [wogga, 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,
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anuuca, banne, moydore, tuqa, xul''eebba, ban''a, ordde, tonne, xambbalaqa,
dalbba, sannaca, xaamoochche, xalbbuqa, naanno, wolqqaama, deexo.]
gacino%1. adjective%▶ newborn; infant%• gacino na'aa%○ the newborn baby%▶ new
mother, a woman who has given birth
gadaalla%1. adjective%▶ pale, dove-gray (animals' appearance)%• Gadaalla booray
meraa lo"o malatenna.% A dove-gray ox does not look good.%(syn) [cenggeleela,
gaddadettiis%1. transitive verb≫ be troubled, suffer, be persecuted, face a
hardship (misery), be afflicted № I hiyyeesatettan gaddadettiis. % He suffered
from poverty.%(syn) [metootiis.]
gadiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ run away, go out%● Ta baazzaappe gadiis.%○ He went
out of my sight.%▶ go far away
gadulliis%1. transitive verb%▶ overeat; gobble; devour; gorge; scarf%• I qumaa
gadullidi zin''i pe'ees.‰ He overeats and sleeps all day.‰(syn) [nafiis,
safiis, gaacciis, sarbbiis, miis.]
gagaamettiis%1. intransitive verb → be eager to eat or to do something, be
selfish, be greedy%● Namisettida booray buucettida maata maanawu gagaamettiis.%○
The hungry ox was eager to eat the mowed grass.%(syn) [yaaretiis, qaaxxiis,
yorattiis, yiiqetiis, gaphigaphiis, hatattaammiis, qaphiqaphiis.]
gagate%1. adjective%▶ big; great; huge; massive; large; tall; awesome%• gagate
bitaniya%o a big man%(syn) [wogga, gita, xawulle, bambballooma, 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, xalbbuga, naanno, wolgqaama, deexo.]
gallassay seetin%1. adverb%▶ clearly; indeed; certainly; openly; publicly;
surely; definitely; undoubtedly%• He mishiriyo eray? Gallassay seetin ee erays.
% Do you know that woman? Indeed I do.%(syn) [qoncciyan, geeshshan.]
galssaa%1. noun%▶ lamb, ram (adult)%• Keettaaway keettaayyiya yelin galssaa
shukkiis.%○ The husband slaughtered the ram after his wife had given birth.%▶
fattened sheep, fattened goat
galuwa%1. noun‰ calf (newborn)% Galoy buraaqiis.% The calf gamboled.%(syn)
[maraa.]
gambbaalliya%1. noun%▶ socks%• Gede kuwaasiya kaa'iyageeti gambbaalliya
wottoosona.% Football players wear socks while playing football.%(syn)
[kalssiya.]
ganiis%1. transitive verb%▶ guzzle, gulp, swill, drink something quickly, gulp
down a drink (a thirsty man)%• Na'ay saamoy tollidoogee haattaa gani ekkiis.%∘
The thirsty boy guzzled the water.%(syn) [phaphiis, uyiis, co''ayiis, yo''ayiis,
yolppayiis, sorphphayiis.]
gannatiya%1. noun‰ paradise, heaven, the place believed to be the home of God
where believers go when they die‰ Nuuni gannattiyan merinaa de'uwa demmanawu
ammannoos.% We believe in order to live forever in heaven.%(syn) [saluwa
kawotettaa, merinaa kawotettaa.]
ganxxuwa%1. noun%▶ sip; taste; drink%• ganxxo maattaa%○ a sip of milk%(syn)
[qaydettaa, gubbisuwa.]
gaphigaphiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be eager, be selfish, be greedy%• I qumaa
asaara miiddi gaphigaphiis.% He becomes greedy when eating with people.%(syn)
[yaaretiis, qaaxxiis, yorattiis, yiiqetiis, gagaamettiis, hatattaammiis,
qaphiqaphiis.]
garanttiya%1. adjective%▶ amazing; marvelous; miraculous%• garanttiya odowa%∘
amazing news%(syn) [maalaaliya.]
garbballiis%1. intransitive verb%► turn, turn to one side after walking for a
while%● Do'ay woxxiiddi issi baggi garbballiis.%○ The beast turned to one side
when running.%(syn) [simmiis.]
garchchiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ resist, defy, disobey, be opposed, does not
give way easily%● Taani A azazin, garchchiis.%○ When I ordered him, he resisted.
%(syn) [xeekkamiis, zerkkiis, gaaddetiis, morggetiis, garddatiis, zeekkariis.]
garchchiya%1. adjective%▶ disobedient; rebellious; defiant; resistant;
fractious; quarrelsome; opposing; violent; moody; furious; bad-tempered;
irritable%• Garchchiya tamaare naati bantta kifiliya guye simmanaadan
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azazettidosona.% The rebellious students were ordered back to their classrooms.

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%(syn) [worakkaaba, xiba, makkala, zerkka, miiqiya.]
garttiya%1. noun‰ loaning; lending; borrowing‰ Garttee issibaa go"etidi
zaaranaassi asawu immiyobaa woykko asappe ekkiyobaa.% Loaning is giving
something to somebody or taking something from somebody with the condition that
it will be returned later after using it.%(syn) [tal''iya.]
garuwa%1. noun%▶ palace%• Kawoy garuwan de'ees.%⊙ The king lives in a palace.%
(syn) [zabbaa.]
gassammiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be rotten, be decomposed, be decayed, be
disintegrated, be putrefied (rubbish) on the plowed farmland%● Gaden diya
darccay goyin gassammiis.% The plowed hay in the field was rotten.%(syn)
[shanggociis, aammotiis.]
gatiya qaariis%1. transitive verb%▶ humiliate; abuse%• Shori baynna aaway aayee
gatiya asa sinttan qaariis.% The rude father abused his wife in the sight of
others.%(syn) [biittan gelissiis, kawshshiis, cayiis, guuttiis, gatiya guuttiis,
toochchiis, kanaa kessiis, goyriis, goyruwa puxayiis, qaariis.]
gatiya%1. noun%▶ price; cost; value%• Ha caammaa gatee/waagay woysee?%○ What is
the price of those shoes?%(syn) [waagaa, allaalliya.]
gattiyagaa%1. noun%▶ connector%▶ conjunction (grammar)%▶ distributor; provider;
server; steward%(syn) [yeziyagaa, gishiyagaa, laaliyagaa.]
gawuhayiis%1. transitive verb%▶ hit; beat; strike; hammer%(syn) [sho'iis,
bukkiis, tohayiis, bulhhayiis.]≫ work hard%(syn) [nohayiis, tullayiis,
toppayiis.]
gaxayiis%1. transitive verb≫ ostracize, ostracize, banish or exclude,
marginalize, somebody from society or from a particular group%● Eedisee koyro
beettido wode, asay eta gaxayiis.%o When HIV/AIDS first appeared, society
marginalized them. %(syn) [allagissiis, bohiis, zaggiis, shaakkiis.]
gaxi%1. adverb%▶ edge; outside%• I booraa wudiyappe gaxi kessiis%∘ He took the
ox outside of the herd.%(syn) [gaxa, karen.]
gayca%1. adjective%▶ cunning; shrewd%• Gayca asi elle cimettenna.%○ A cunning
person is not easily deceived.%(syn) [woyca.]
gayruwa%1. noun%▶ eulogy, battle cry, war cry, bragging%▶ slogan%● Gayroy godaa
bolla qalamiyan tiyettiis.%o The slogans had been painted on the wall.
gaytotaa (gaytotettaa)%1. noun%▶ relationship; communication; connection;
interaction%(syn) [dabbotaa, meetiya.]%▶ sexual intercourse%(syn) [mattuma
gaytotaa, woyluwa.]
gazza%1. adjective%▶ spotted; mottled%• gazza irppaniya%o the mottled skin of a
cow%(syn) [kalaade, allaatte, punccare.]
geedobaa%1. noun%▶ afterbirth, placenta, fetal membranes expelled from the womb
after a birth%● Geedobay na'i yeletti simmin wodhdhees.%○ The afterbirth comes
after a mother gives birth to a baby.%(syn) [do'aa.]
geellayiis%1. transitive verb%► bend; lean%• Keettay ceeggiidi issi baggi
geellattees.% The huts lean to one side when they get old.%(syn) [leegganttiis,
l̃eeqqamissiis, zinqqiis.]
geemmidabaa%1. noun%▶ mystery; secret%• ha layttan birshshettennan ixxidi
geemmidabaa%o unsolved mystery of this year%(syn) [qonccennabaa, xuurabaa.]
geesaa%1. noun%▶ height, stature, the measurement of someone or something from
foot to head or from base to top‰ Wogga pitaliya ubbaa geesay issi mala.‰
Capital letters are all of the same height.%(syn) [exaa.]
geeshshatettaa%1. noun%▶ hygiene; neatness%• Ba geeshshatettaa naagiya uray ba
heeraa geeshshatettaakka naagees.% He who maintains his own personal hygiene
keeps his village clean.‰ sanctity; holiness; piety
geessuwa%1. noun‰ habitat, a place where wild animals live (in)‰ Woraa
xaragiyogee go''iya daro do'ata geessuwappe baqatissees.% Burning the forests
causes a lot of wild animals to flee from their habitat.%▶ fortification
geeyyenna%1. adjective%▶ impure%● geeyyenna haattaa%o impure water%(syn) [urqqa,
qita, muuruqa, biitta, bunssuqa, sibba.]
gel''igel''a%1. adjective%▶ unsteady%• Mari yelettido wode tohoy gel''igel''a.%○
When the calf was born, it had unsteady legs.%(syn) [qel"iqel"a.]
geliya miishshaa%1. noun%▶ income; revenue%• Geliya miishshay daro gidiyo
gishshawu oosanchchatussi damoozay gujettiis.%o The workers got their salary
increased because of a higher tax.%(syn) [gabiya.]
geluwa%1. noun%▶ entering%▶ marriage (of female)%• geluwa ekuwa%o entering
marriage (husband or wife)
genanchcha%1. adjective%▶ malicious; hateful; spiteful; malevolent; mean; nasty;
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cruel; wicked; mischievous; evil% genanchcha gofa% malicious thought%(syn)
[geella.]
genccaa%1. noun%▶ endurance, ability to bear prolonged hardship%• Asa ubbawu
issi mala gencci baawa.% All men are not equal in terms of endurance.%(syn)
[danddayaa.]
genttuwa%1. noun%▶ hiding%▶ eclipse, the partial or complete hiding from view of
an astronomical object, e.g. the Sun or Moon, when another astronomical object
comes between it and the observer%• awaa genttuwa%∘ eclipse of the sun
gibiraa%1. noun‰ feast; banquet; party‰ I imattata gibiraa shoobbiis.‰ He
invited the guests to the banquet.%(syn) [sifiraa, sooruwa, shoobiya.]
gida%1. adjective%▶ enough; satisfactory; sufficient; passable; adequate;
prosperous%● Gida giyogee issibay koshshiyagaa keena giyogaa.%○ Satisfactory
means as much or as many as is necessary or desirable.%▶ rich; wealthy;
prosperous; affluent
gidaa%1. noun%▶ abundance; sufficiency;adequacy; prosperity%(syn) [xee'uwa,
aquwa, diyabaa, aqotaa, aquwa peeshshaa, haaruwa]‰ wealth; estate; affluence;
prosperity%(syn) [miishshaa, duretaa, wogetaa]
giggishiis%1. transitive verb%▶ quiver; shake; tremble; sway%• Aaway na'aa
hashiya oyqqidi giggishiis.%o The father shook the boy violently by the
shoulders.%(syn) [pude duge yeggiis]
giiraa%1. noun%▶ tax; tribute%• Layttan layttan ne habiittaassi woysu giiraa
qanxxay?% How much tax do you pay per year for this plot of land?%(syn)
[vaatiya]
qiishshaa%1. noun%▶ pus; abscess%• I qiishshay qiiyana mala birxxottiis.%○ He
squeezed the sore to release the pus.%(syn) [mannaamiya]
gilqqiis%1. intransitive verb≫ become thin, become skinny %• Hagee booray
bayzuwawu hanenna; gilqqiis.%o This ox is not good for sale; it has become thin.
%(syn) [laafiis, lee'iis, qalliis, ashkkariis, kixettiis, shawuhetiis,
gilppiciiciis]
gimaamiya%1. noun%▶ muck, manure, dung (moist)%• Gimaamee gadiya araddissees.%○
Cow's dung fertilizes the land.%(syn) [oshaa, wooruwa]
ginddiis%1. transitive verb‰ spur, kick, kick a horse with a heel to make it go
fast when riding, make a horse go faster%● I ba paraa ginddin piriixiis.%○ He
spurred his horse so that it would run quickly.%(syn) [qakkiis]
gitto gidiis%1. transitive verb%▶ represent; replace%• Ne aaway konttiyassi
gitto gidiis.% Your father represents the committee.%(syn) [sohuwan wottiis]
giyaa%1. noun%► market%• Ha bitanee giyan katta ayfiya qori zal"ees.%○ This man
deals in food grains in the market.%(syn) [qocaa]
go''iya%1. adjective%▶ useful; important; beneficial; essential%• Hagee go''iya
qofa. Mintta oykka.%o This is an important idea. Keep it up.%(syn) [payya,
maaddiya, pattiya]
godariya%1. noun‰ hyena ‰ Godaree saxxido kanay hayqqana hanees.‰ The dog
that the hyena bit is about to die.%(syn) [worbbaa, doyllaa]
godatiis%1. transitive verb‰► terrify; frighten; scare; threaten; intimidate;
coerce; chase; pursue; scold; rebuke% Na'ay aaway godatiyo wode soo woxxi geliis.% The boy entered his home when his father threatened him.%(syn)
[wuygiis, qoddiis, hanqqiis, iiggiis]
godoliis%1. intransitive verb‰⊳ be ruined, be paralyzed‰∙ Ta aawaa ishay
harggidi gediya baggaara godoliis.%o My uncle was paralyzed from the legs down.%
(syn) [doomiis]
goggiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ flow; slosh; gush; splash; spill; flood; erode%•
Abbaa Shaafay huuphphessakko goggees.% The Nile River flows to the north.%(syn)
[shololu giis]
goloodo%1. adjective%► blunt, not sharp, unsharpened, dull, inactive%• goloodo
mashshaa%o a dull knife%(syn) [tuna, doldda, doyna, musha, lumma, ducana]
gom''oriis%1. intransitive verb%▶ scrape, scratch (using thorny bur)%• Beni
wode, asay yeehuwan shayyiya bolli gom''orees.% In olden days, people scraped
on their cheeks using a thorny plant.%(syn) [zor''iis, goodiis, gaariis,
qaaciis]
gometiis%1. intransitive verb≫ become sin, be wicked, be iniquitous, be
depraved, be immoral, be debauched, be evil%● I paaxibeenna nagaray ayyoo
Xoossaa ayfiya sinttan gometiis.% His unrepented sin caused him to become evil
in the eyes of God.%(syn) [nagaratiis]
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gonddorettiis (gonddoriis) %1. intransitive verb%▶ roll; wallow%• Mattottida

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bitanee haredan biittan gonddorettees.% A drunkard rolls on the ground just like a donkey.%(syn) [bululiis]
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gonggoluwa%1. noun%▶ cave, large underground hollow%• godare gonggoluwa%○ the cave for hyenas%(syn) [koluwa]

goo''iis%1. intransitive verb%▶ ulcerate, turn to ulcer%• Na'aayyoo suyliya bolli diya masunttay goo''iis.%○ The wound on the boy's leg ulcerated.%(syn) [gorxxiis]

goodettaa%1. noun%▶ 'enset' bread%• goodetta unccaa%○ scraped 'enset' bread%▶ scratch; scrape

goodiis%1. transitive verb%▶ scratch, scrape (bulb of false banana)%● Mishiriya uuttaa goodaasu.%○ The woman scraped the bulb of the false banana.%(syn) [zor''iis, gaariis, qaaciis, gom''oriis]

goofariya%1. noun≫ mane, long hair‰ Gaammuwassi morggiyan mokkiya ikisee dishkkuwa/goofariya geetettees.‰ A mane is the long hair on the neck of a lion. ≫ Afro style (hair cut)

goommaa%1. noun%▶ tyre; tire%• xuuqqida goommaa%○ flat tire%▶ rubber sandal goosheta%1. adjective%▶ weak; lazy; sluggish; inactive; feeble; unfit; slow%• Gosheta asaara hemettiyogee wodiya hadasan wurssiyo gishshaw taani dosikke.%○ I don't like taking a walk with a sluggish man because it is time consuming.%▶ sluggish; slow

gooziis%1. intransitive verb%► cover; thatch; mask; screen%● Manaaciya goozaasu. %○ She covered the churn.%(syn) [gorddiis, tucciis, qum''iis, bariis, siqimmiis] goppattiis%1. intransitive verb%► be annoyed, be irritated%● Bitanee ba mooruwan qaxxayetti simmidi coo goppattees%○ The man was annoyed at being punished because of his misdeeds.%► be sick

gorxxiis%1. intransitive verb≫ ulcerate, turn to ulcer%• Bitaniyassi kalttay tohuwa qanxxido masunttay gorxxiis.%○ The man's foot, which was cut with an ax, ulcerated.%(syn) [goo''iis]

goshoshattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ stroll, move slowly, be sluggish%• Eesotada hemetta! Ay goshoshattay?%○ Walk quickly! Why are you moving slowly?%(syn) [yakakattiis, tuchchiis]

gosiya%1. noun‰ calabash; gourd‰ Parssoy gosiyan uyetettees.‰ Local beer is drunk from a gourd.‰(syn) [xibbuwa]

goxxiis%1. transitive verb%▶ crown, put on%• Kawoy huuphiyan zawdiya goxxiis.%○ The king was crowned.%(syn) [zittiis, quuttiis, wottiis]

goydiis%1. transitive verb‰ edit; correct; revise; rewrite; rearrange% Taani maxaafaa goydaydda days.%○ I am editing the book.%(syn) [giigissiis, loyttiis, maarayiis, lil"iis, mucuuriis, qizaggiis, makkisiis, minddiiriis, waajjoyiis, kehissiis, puulayiis, miginjjiis]

gudettaa%1. noun%▶ roaring%• Zino qammi gaammuwa gudettay siyettiis.%○ The roaring of the lion was heard last night.%▶ vomiting

guraariya%1. noun%▶ small gourd%(syn) [haluwa]%2. adjective%▶ short, having little or relatively little height

gurjjumma%1. adjective%▶ strong, having the physical strength needed to exert considerable force (in lifting, pulling, or pushing something)%• gurjjumma asa%o a strong person%(syn) [mino, baaddiqeechchama, shuchcha]

gurubaa%1. noun≫ chaos; quarrel; fight; conflict; fracas; argument; dispute; debate; skirmish; strife; affray; riot; disturbance; unrest; commotion; trouble % Taani gurubaa siyada hanidabi aybakko be'anawu baas.% I heard a commotion and went to see what had happened.%(syn) [ooshshaa, palamaa, cabbuwa, daysiya, wocamaa, karssikarssaa, walaqiya]

gussiis%1. transitive verb%▶ spill; pour; shed%• I ba morkkiya suuttaa gussanawu koyees.%○ He wants to shed the blood of his enemy.%(syn) [shuppu oottiis, poshshayiis, shoppayiis]

gutara%1. adjective%→ political%• gutara ooso%○ political work%(syn) [polotika] guttumaa%1. noun%→ food, food that needs accompanying food item%• Buddeenay woxee xayikko, guttuma.%○ 'Injera' without 'wot' is not delicious.%(syn) [massukkaa]

gutuchchaa%1. noun%▶ earring%• Ta michchiya gutuchchaa aattanaassi hayttaa lukkaasu.%○ My sister pierced her ears to wear earrings.%(syn) [qinxxaabuwa] guufe%1. adjective%▶ much; many%• Shagaxaa shammanaayyoo guufe miishshaa koshshees.%○ Much money is needed to buy goods.%(syn) [cora, zawi baynna, shaynna, kenchcho, dere, guyte, qoodi baynna, qoodi wurssenna, uulla, daro, besa, likkee baynna, dibe, innaaboote, uma, guuxxana geenna, kotte]

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guulluwa%1. noun%▶ clod, a lump of earth or clay %• Kanaa bolli oonee guulluwa
oliday?%o Who threw the clod at the dog?%(syn) [phakkiliya, phashaa, zebbaa]
guummiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ rumble (thunder)%• Daday guummin dorssay
dagammidi woxxis.%o The sheep ran away when the thunder rumbled.%(syn) [mararari
guuppiis%1. transitive verb%▶ accumulate; hoard; gather; assemble; collect;
harvest; reinstate; reap; pile; heap; stack %● Asay A bullachchaassi mittaa
qeridi keettaa achchan guuppidosona.% Splitting the wood for his wedding, the
people heaped the wood by the house.%(syn) [dooriis, kuuriis, uliis,
shiishshiis, koriis, dagayiis, keeliis]
guussaa%1. noun‰ say; speech; utterance; rehearsal‰ Tawu ta guussay dees.‰ I
have my own say.%(syn) [haasayaa, geettaa, xeessaa]
guutta giishin%1. adverb≫ at least %• Qeeri naati guutta giishin heezzu
dawutaraa tamaare keettaa ekkidi baanawu koshshees.% Little children should
take at least three exercise books when they go to kindergarten.%(syn) [baawa
giishin]
guwatiis%1. intransitive verb≫ obey; agree; promise%• I iyyoo guwatiis.%∘ He
obeyed her.%(syn) [azazettiis]
gééshuwa%1. noun%▶ tapeworm, which is defecated from human bowels after taking
medicine‰ cleaning. Keettaa geeshoy I ooso.% Cleaning the house is her duty.
ha wodiyan%1. adverb%▶ nowadays, this time, these days, at the present time, in
contrast with the past%• Ha wodiyan, daro yiirati televizhiiniya xeelliyogaa
nabbabuwappe aatti dosoosona.% Nowadays, most kids prefer watching television
to reading.%(syn) [hannoode]
ha''ikka%1. adverb≫ still, until (in the sense of until)%• Gallassaa kumettaa
hemettiiddi pee'idosona, shin ha''ikka biyosaa gakkibookkona.%o They traveled
the whole day, but they still did not arrive at the place.%▶ now also
haaho%1. adjective%▶ far; distant%• Taanne ta laggee tamaare sooppe haaho
sohuwan de'iyo gishshawu muletoo kaamiyan boos.% My friend and I live far away
from the school so we always go by taxi.%(syn) [zardda'a, cuway cuchchay
beettenna]
haaruwa haarettaa%1. noun%▶ someone's belonging (of cattle)%▶ purchasing, buying
(of domestic animals)%▶ breeding (cattle)%▶ enslavement
habadi giis%1. intransitive verb%▶ eat hungrily, eat food quickly and hungrily
or greedily (informal)%● Booray maatawu habadi giis.%○ The ox eats grass
hungrily.%(syn) [namisettiis, qophphattiis]
hadiya%1. noun‰ local trousers, shorts (cultural and honorable clothes worn by
men) %● Gadaaway shankkaa biiddi hadiya gixxees.% When hunting, the leader of
the hunt wears traditional trousers.%(syn) [dungguzaa, seeriya]
hallixxiis%1. intransitive verb≫ be slippery. Iray bukki simmin, ogee
hallixxiis.% The road became slippery after the rain had fallen.%(syn)
[handdaraashiis, shorooqiis, haliis]
hallixxiya%1. adjective%▶ slippery; muddy; watery%• Ha hallixxiya ogiyan waatada
kaamiya laagganawu danddayay?% How could you drive a car on this slippery road?
%(syn) [torqqo, sorbbooqo, sadhdhakiina, urqqa]
hananabaa yootiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ prophesy, tell what will happen%•
Geeshsha maxaafay Yesuusa yeletay hananaagaa yootiis.% The Holy Bible
prophesied Jesus' birth.%(syn) [hiraagaa yootiis, hiraagiis] handdaraashiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ slip%• I shachchaa bolli handaraashidi ba
tohuwa me''iis.%o He slipped on the ice and broke his leg.%(syn) [hallixxiis,
shorooqiis, haliis]
hanotaa%1. noun%▶ situation; condition; manner%• Tana A oosuwa hanotay lo"ees.%○
I like the manner of his work.%▶ attitude
hanqqiis%1. transitive verb%▶ shoo away, chase off, drive away, frighten away,
scare off%● Miizziyo dembbaa yeddanawu hanqqees.%○ He shoos away the cow to the
field.%(syn) [wuygiis, qoddiis, godatiis, iiggiis]
happi oottiis%1. transitive verb‰ seize, take hold of, grab, grab hold of, get
hold of, snatch, grasp, clutch%• I oydiya happi oottidi tookkiis.%○ He seized
and lifted the chair.%(syn) [oyqqiis, kuttu oottiis, hawhu oottiis, sophiis,
gaddabbi oottiis, qaphphi oottiis, qurphphu oottiis, carppiis, kutuutiis,
mirggaaciis, baxuuxiis, cirppinttiis, sophphu oottiis]
haraa buucciis%1. transitive verb%▶ rent (animals for profit)%• Haraa
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buucciyogaappe nu buzzo mehiya dichchiyogee lo"o.%o It is better to raise your

own cattle than to rent from another individual.%(syn) [haraa heemmiis]

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haraa%1. noun% cow, a cow given to someone to be taken care of% Miizziya hara. % The cow is the one being taken care of.% milk cow, a cow rented to obtain its milk
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harddiis%1. transitive verb≫ hasten; speed; hurry% Oosuwa harddiis.% He hastened the job.%(syn) [toolliis, hayriis, boggiis, dirbbanttiis, eesoyiis, wozanaa bashshiis, toliis, siiphphuwa teqqiis, biyosaa yiyosaa diggiis] harshshuushiis%1. transitive verb≫ hate; resent% Taani hagan diyogawu I harshshuushees.% He resents my being here.%(syn) [iishiis, uufiis, masuusiis, salettiis]

harummiis%1. transitive verb%▶ weed; hoe%• I lokkomaa harummees.%○ He weeds the kidney beans.%(syn) [bul"iis, ushshiis]

hassayiis%1. transitive verb%▶ remember; recall; recollect; memorize%● Ta nena be''ido sohuwa hassayanabaa malatikke.%○ I don't seem to recall where I have met you.%(syn) [karhi oottiis, yettan yeggiis]

hawhu oottiis%1. transitive verb‰ seize and carry, catch in mid-air. I kuwaasiya hawhu oottiis.% He caught the ball.%(syn) [oyqqiis, kuttu oottiis, sophiis, happi oottiis, gaddabbi oottiis, qaphphi oottiis, qurphphu oottiis, carppiis, kutuutiis, mirggaaciis, baxuuxiis, cirppinttiis, sophphu oottiis] hay%1. interjection‰ oh‰ ok‰ please‰ can't be (when you don't believe bad news)

hayqqiis%1. intransitive verb% die, perish, pass away% I keehi sakettees; I hayqqana.% He is getting worse; he will die.%(syn) [tinkkiri giis, kichchiis, bayiis, tuskku giis, huuphe gediyan eqqiis, cenggereeriis, shemppiis, bawutiis] hayriis%1. transitive verb% hasten, urge, hurry, work hard, do quickly, cause to hurry% A naati bantta oosuwa hayranaadan minttettaasu.% She urged her children to do their work promptly.%(syn) [toolliis, boggiis, dirbbanttiis, eesoyiis, harddiis, wozanaa bashshiis, toliis, siiphphuwa teqqiis, biyosaa yiyosaa diggiis, iisettiis, un''ettiis, tokkiis, xibbuwan tucciis] hayseyiis%1. intransitive verb% tell, tell a story% succeed (after a hardship) % A shugo; hegaappe denddidaagan hayseyabeykku.% She is lazy, so she has not succeeded.

hayyo xaafuwa%1. noun%▶ literature%• Wolaytta Hayyo Xaafuwa%∘ Wolaita literature %(syn) [bilaa]

hedhdhishiis%1. intransitive verb≫ sneeze% Tana oshinchchay oykkido gishshawu, taani hedhdhishaas.% I sneezed because I have a cold.≫ be comforted heebboyiis%1. transitive verb≫ indulge; spoil; pamper; pander% Dure bitanee ba na'aa heebboyees.% The rich man spoils his son.%(syn) [kabboyiis] heebboyiya%1. adjective≫ indulging; spoiling; pampering; pandering % heebboyiya aayyiyo% a pampering mother %(syn) [kabboyiya] heemiis%1. transitive verb≫ feed% Booray lo''o qallabettiis.% The ox was fed well.%(syn) [qoraphphiis]

heesso%1. interjection%▶ warning word%• Heesso nena!%○ Beware!%(syn) [ye''e, ooye, nena era, zeere]

hegaa gishshawu%1. adverb%▶ so, therefore, hence, thus, so that%● Taassi guutta wode xalaalay attiis, yaatiyo gishshawu ta nena issi oysha malaa zaarada maaddanaassi danddayays.%○ I have got only a little time, so I can only help you answer one questions.%(syn) [yaaniyo gishshawu, yaatiyo gishshawu] hem"iya%1. noun%▶ digging%● Hem"ee daafurssiya ooso.%○ Digging is tiresome work.
%▶ clod, lump of earth or a large lump of soil

herxxexxiis%1. intransitive verb‰ be fruitful, be productive (fruits)% Ha laytti tukkee ayfiya herxxexxiis.% Coffee was fruitful this year.%(syn) [qorxxiis, bootiis, teeriis, yonddoddiis, gakkiis, suufariis, zerkkekkiis, yenkkekkiis]

hiiliis%1. intransitive verb%▶ grow thinner (because of a sickness)%● Bitanee harggiyappe denddidaagan hiiliis.%○ The man grew thinner because of his sickness.%(syn) [siliis, sahettiis, ooxiis, giilattiis, gooxiis] hiillanchchaa%1. noun%▶ craftsman, skillful person%● Hiillanchchay nuussi lo"o oydiya oottiis.%○ A craftsman made a beautiful chair for us.%(syn) [anaaxiya] hiraagaa yootiis%1. transitive verb%▶ prophesy; predict; foretell%● Nabee hiraagaa yootiis.%○ The prophet prophesied.%(syn) [hiraagiis, hananabaa yootiis] hirattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be comfortable%● Daro waayetti simmin, assi duussay hirattiis.%○ After a lot of misery, his life became comfortable.%(syn) [ushachchiis, injjetiis, giigiis, banqqatiis, mankkatiis, ettay teeriis, tonoqiis]

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hiyyeesiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ become poor%• I zal''iya oosuwan hanenna
maachchaa maacidi hiyyeesiis.% He made poor business decisions and became poor.
%(syn) [manggiis]
ho'ettiis%1. transitive verb%▶ warm%• A badalaa shaashshaa taman ho'ettaasu.%○
She warmed the roasted corn on the stove.%(syn) [qumppiqumppissiis]
hodde%1. adverb%▶ so%• Hodde, taani ay oottanawu danddayiyanaa?%○ So, what can I
do?%(syn) [simi]
hollolaawa%1. adjective%▶ poor; penniless; destitute%• Hagee ayba holollaawa
asee! Ba metuwa iddidi salettennaagee!% What a talkative person he is! He is
talking too much about his poverty!%(syn) [hiyyeesa, manqqo, tuyyeeba, oppoodo,
putteesa, suqiya kuttiya baynna]
hoola%1. interjection%▶ awesome (admiration, feeling mostly used in reference to
God)%● I dadaa girssaa siyidi, "hoola" giis.%○ He said, ''awesome" when he heard
the thunder.%(syn) [anggata, ezggo]
hoppihoppiis (happihappiis) %1. intransitive verb≫ be fearful% • Beero
halaafiyayyo daro hoppihoppiyogee lo''enna.%o It is not good to be fearful of a
boss.%(syn) [dagammiis, horppattiis, yayyiis, babbiis, yuuqiyuuqiis, bobariis,
dozhggu giis, waabbaqiis, bizhggamiis, yarkkiis, qasiis, batibatiis,
hodhdhihodhdhiis, qiphiqiphiis, barggaagiis]
horddofiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ rush, march, walk rapidly, hurry%• Oosoy
darido bitanee soo horddofees.%o A busy man rushes back home from work.%(syn)
[lawuhu giis, kolxxiis, issi tohuwa han yeggiis, qefiya ekkiis, hurttu giis]
horoophphillee uttiyosaa%1. noun%▶ airport%• Taani horoophphillee uttiyosan mule
qulppee shuuyetti uttaagaa xayssaas.% I have lost a bunch of keys at the
airport.%(syn) [zarqqee uttiyosaa]
horoophphilliya%1. noun‰ plane; airplane‰ Asay horoophphilliyan buqettiis.‰
People were jolted in the plane.%(syn) [zarqqiya, jettiya]
hoskkiina%1. adjective%▶ gossipy, not secretive, talkative, garrulous, one who
does not keep a secret%• La I ayba hoskkiina asee! Xuuraa yaagawu haagawu
shombbayidi biddees.% What a gossip! He tells secrets to everyone.%(syn)
[hoshkkiina, odanchcha, hossooge, toshshiina, toshshilla]
hoskkiis%1. transitive verb%► pierce; prick; stab; thrust%• I do'aa tooran
hoskkiis.%o He stabbed the beast with a spear.%(syn) [torppayiis, caddiis,
logiis, waygiis, misoomiis, tumaatiis, wollogiis]
hototu giis%1. intransitive verb‰ drop; rain; fall; hail; pour‰ Iray
akeekennan hototu giis.% The rain fell suddenly.%(syn) [xoohiis, ximaaziis,
bukkiis, soosiis, mulxxaa xoohiis, manxxilootaa xoohiis]
hulluuqiis%1. intransitive verb≫ cross, pass through, go through% Mehiya
daaliya woykko liiqiya bitanee olla giddoora hulluuqiis.%o The man which
ceremonially counts his cows in hundred or thousand passes through underground
hole.%▶ cleanse, make somebody or something thoroughly, sanctify (cultural)
hulluuqiis%1. transitive verb%▶ cleanse, purify, neaten, sanitize, scrub,
sanctify with blood (cultural ceremony)%● Keettan de'iya tunatettaa
hulluuqidi/shukkidi geeshshiis.%o He slaughtered the animals and sanctified all
the wrongdoings of the home.%(syn) [geeshshiis]
hummu giis%1. intransitive verb≫ gather, come together (many people or animals)
%● Yeehuwayyoo dere asay hummu giis.%○ A lot of people gathered for the mourning
ceremony.%(syn) [shiiqiis, umbbubuliis]
hummunna%1. adjective%▶ clean; neat; pure %(syn) [geeshsha, walalla, xillo,
mulxxuxxa, qalxxaxxa, wululla]%▶ very white%(syn) [bootta, muqaqe, muqale]
huuphesa%1. adverb%► North%(syn) [qommo]%2. noun%► head (of bed)
huuphiya buucciis%1. intransitive verb‰ pluck% I yiillotidi ba huuphiya
buuccees.% He plucks his hair when he is angry.%(syn) [yiillotiis, boottaa
cuwattiis, ganccariis, kajjottiis, peegaamettiis, hanqqettiis, lancciis,
puuriis, suulliis]
huuxxiis%1. transitive verb%▶ amass; hoard; gather; assemble; accumulate;
collect; harvest; reinstate; reap%● Zal''anchchay daro miishshaa huuxxiis.%○ He
amassed a large amount of money.%(syn) [gaaxxiis, kaashiis]
ichchiis%1. intransitive verb%► lie; recline%• Qeeri na'ay hiittan ichchiis.%∘
The baby is lying in the bed.%(syn) [xiskkiis, ayfiya ayfiyara gattiis,
zin''iis, zin''iis, zaqulliis, miyyiya wottiis]
idimmiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ cradle%• A heezzu agina na'aa idimmaasu.%○ She
cradled the three-month old baby.%(syn) [qoommiis, lokkomiis]
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iiggiis%1. transitive verb%▶ chase; pursue; rebuke%• Heeraa asay kaysuwa

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iiggidosona.% People in the vicinity chased the thief.%(syn) [wuygiis, goddiis,
godatiis, hanqqiis]
iishiis%1. transitive verb%▶ resent%• I ta intttekko yiyogaa keehi iishees.%○ He
deeply resents my visiting you.%(syn) [uufiis, harshshuushiis, masuusiis,
salettiisl
imattattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be a stranger, feel loneliness%• Hayyanaa
imattatoppa! So asadan hana.% Please don't be a stranger! Feel at home.%(syn)
[boorasiis, moozottiis]
imattiis%1. transitive verb%▶ entertain; host; invite; entertain; respect;
honor;glorify; elevate; conserve%● I ba miireta kawuwa imattiis.%○ He hosted a
dinner for his colleagues.≫ respect; honor; glorify; elevate
imbbaamuwa%1. noun%▶ mushroom (edible and large in size)%• Imbbaamoy ira wode
mokkees.% Mushrooms grow in the rainy season.%(syn) [waaruwa, shumiya,
gilagisttiya, qawushuwa]
imuwa %1. noun%▶ giving (an act)%▶ child; possessions%• Ne imoy payyee?%○ How
are your children?
injje%1. adjective≫ comfortable; suitable; prosperous; convenient; well-to-do;
opportune%● Hegee soofay hira/injje; asi ubbi aan uttanawu dosees.%○ It is such
a comfortable sofa; everybody likes to sit on it.%(syn) [hira, ishalo, baalo,
munaasa, danaqa, ushachcha, worqqa, canna, irkko, sarqqa, banqqa, oyssa, tonoqa]
injjetiis%1. intransitive verb≫ prosper, suit, fit, comfort, be convenient, be
suitable, be comfortable. Ha guutta keettiya so asa ubbay de'anawu injjetukku.
%o This small house won't suit the whole family.%(syn) [ushachchiis, giigiis,
hirattiis, banggatiis, mankkatiis, ettay teeriis, tonogiis]
iqaa%1. noun%▶ goods%• suyqiyan diya iqaa%∘ goods in the shop%▶ tool; equipment
irkkiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ coagulate, be thick, be sticky (of liquid)%•
Woxiyan daro haattaa tigana xayikko irkkees.%o unless more water is put into the
sauce, it will be thick.%(syn) [me''iis]
irkko%1. adjective%▶ thick; sticky; viscous%(syn) [xononiina, kidhidho,
xanddaqiina, yororiina]%► comfortable; abundant; plentiful; luxurious%(syn)
[hira, injje, ishalo, baalo, munaasa, danaqa, ushachcha, worqqa, canna, sarqqa,
bangga, oyssa, tonogal
ishaluwa%1. noun%▶ comfort; provision; abundance; luxury%• Ishalo de'oy naata
loytti dichchees.% Life's provisions enable children to grow well.%(syn)
[injjiya, munaasaa, baaluwa, hiraa, banqqaa, danaqaa, bakkaa]
isiiniya%1. noun‰ July‰ Isiiniyan iray keehi bukkkiis.‰ There was a lot of
rain in July.%(syn) [Guuliya]
isisayiis%1. transitive verb%▶ do gradually, slowly%▶ do carefully, do something
carefully or slowly so that it won't be damaged%• Burccukkuwa isisayada meecca;
ne menttananne.% Wash the glasses carefully; you may break them.
itiya%1. noun%▶ hide; skin; leather%• Beni wode, asay itiya maayees.%○ In olden
days, people wear animal skins.%(syn) [calaa, galbbaa, agoziya, yancciya, ayraa,
dabbaa]
ixaanaa%1. noun%▶ incense, bitter frankincense%• Ixaanay sawees.%○ Incense
smells nice.%(syn) [lubanjjaa]
ixxisi%1. interjection%▶ no (refusal feeling that expresses disobedience)%•
Maataa buuccarkkii? Akkay ixxisi.% Would you mow the grass? No, I won't.%(syn)
[chii, kashi, akkay, halluuti]
jabalattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ babble%• I gooyiya asadan jabalattees.%○ He
was babbling like a crazy man.%(syn) [jaggottiis, elummiis, jabbattiis]
jabbijooriya%1. noun%▶ morning; early%• I jabbijooriyan denddidi giyaa biis.%○
He woke up early and went to market.%(syn) [jabbiya, guuraa, maalladuwa]
juujiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ run fast%• I wottaa juujiis.%○ He ran fast.%(syn)
[wottaa shokkiis, woxxiis, kaatiis, luucciis, xuydaa qachchiis, piigiis, piddi
giis, xuydaa xunttiis, xariisissiis, issi tohuwa han yeggiis]
kaalettiis%1. transitive verb‰▶ lead; guide; govern; manage%• Naa''antto
dooruwan citaa ooni kaalettanawu bessii?%o Who will lead the party in the next
election?%(syn) [heemmiis]
kaallidi%1. adverb%▶ next; then; afterwards%• Koyro, taani binzziliya shammana.
Kaallada, Hawaassi baana.%o First, I will buy benzine. Then, I will leave for
Hawassa.%(syn) [geeduwan, simmin]
kaamiya allattaa%1. noun%▶ bus station, bus stop, bus stand, bus terminal%•
Neeni yiyogaa taani eridabaa gidiyakko, kaamiya allattan nenaara gayttays shin.
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% If I had known you were coming, I would have met you at the bus stop.%(syn)

[kaamiya qatuwa] kaateediraaliya%1. noun%▶ cathedral, bishop's church%• Geeshsha Sillaasee Kaateediraaliya/Bataskkaanaa%∘ Holy Trinity Cathedral of Selassie%▶ large church, a large, important church kaaxiis%1. transitive verb%▶ stuff, pack in, put, insert%• Na'iya otuwan donuwa kaaxaasu.%o The girl put the potatoes into the pot.%(syn) [yeddiis, gelissiis] kaciya%1. noun%▶ horn %• Kacee darotoo qumbbatees.%○ Horns are often curved.% (syn) [kombbiya] kafotiis%1. transitive verb%▶ inform%● Qosettida xuuraa taayyoo kafotiis.%○ He informed me of the hidden secret.%(syn) [qaala qaattiis, paafunttaa yootiis] kafuwa%1. noun%▶ spy; espionage%(syn) [wochchiyagaa, meetiya]%▶ information% (syn) [paafunttaa] kajjeeliis%1. transitive verb‰ try; attempt; assay; aspire‰ I ta oyshawu zaaruwa immanawu kajjeeliis.%o He attempted to answer my questions.%(syn) [mali be''iis, mahiis] kallottiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be naked, be bare%▶ be poor%• Ayyoo diyabaa looxee effin, kallotiis.% He became poor when the thief stole his property. kalssiya%1. noun%▶ socks %• Kalssee caammaappe garssaara wottiyo maayo.%○ Socks are clothes that are worn inside shoes. %(syn) [gambbaalliya] kalssiya%1. noun%▶ socks %• Kalssee caammaappe garssaara wottiyo maayo.%○ Socks are clothes that are worn inside shoes.%(syn) [gambbaalliya] kane qofaa%1. noun%▶ theme, main idea, principle%• Ne haasayaw kane qofay aybee? % What is the theme of your speech? (syn) [bayra qofaa, kuushsha qofaa, ano qofaa] kane%1. adjective%▶ base; main; chief; vital%• Timirttiyawu kane qofaa demmanaagee keehi meto.% It is too difficult to find out the main part of the lesson.%(syn) [waanna, baaso, kuushsha, denddo, gul''a qofaa, kulkka, ayfe, biral kaqqiis%1. transitive verb≫ hang, to suspend or fasten something so that it is held up from above and not supported from below, or be suspended or fastened in this way%▶ hang%• Issi issi biittay hanno gakkanaashinkka danuwa oottida asaa kaqqoosona.% Some countries still hung criminals for their crimes. karaa%1. noun%▶ dysentery; diarrhea; diarrhea%• Karaynne cooshshay hambbalaashettida kattaappe oyqqiya hargge malaatata.%o Diarrhea and vomiting are symptoms of food poisoning.%(syn) [gusuwa] karchchiis%1. transitive verb%▶ scrape; rub; scratch%• Kuttiya biittaa karchchaasu.% The hen scraped the ground.%(syn) [booddiis] karen%1. adverb%▶ outside%• Ane ezggoos! Dirssaappe karen asi hemettennan aggenna.% Listen! Somebody might be walking outside the fence.%(syn) [gaxa, gaxi] karetta%1. adjective%▶ black; dark-colored%• shaaladan karetta%∘ as black as soot%(syn) [dum''a, dulkka, tambbo, cachcho, bishino] kariis%1. transitive verb‰ strip, remove, break off, detach (remove leaves or flowers from plants) (▶ I mittaappe ballaa kariis. % He broke off a branch from the tree.%(syn) [tashiis] katta keettaa%1. noun%▶ restaurant%• Ta ishay katta keettan qumaa yezees.%○ My brother serves as a waiter in a restaurant.%(syn) [quma keettaa.] kayaa%1. noun%▶ turn; shift%• Hachi kahuwa kattiyogee ne kaya.%○ It is your turn to prepare dinner.%▶ chance kayriis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be extinguished%• Tamay kayriis.%○ The fire was extinguished.%(syn) [kayzziis, to'iis, qilshshi giis, tippi giis] kaysuwa%1. noun%▶ thief%• Kaysoy wuuqqido miishshaara oyqettiis.%○ The thief was caught with the stolen items.%(syn) [looxiya, xuluqiya, qaxanaa] kayyottiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ grieve; sadden; disappoint; pity; distress%● Machchiya azinaara ooyettin keettaa asay kayyottiis.%o The family is distressed

duriis]
kayyuwa%1. noun‰ sorrow; grief; grievance; sadness; pity; sympathy‰ I ba siiqo
laggee hayqqin kayyo dabidaabbiya xaafiis.‰ He wrote a letter of sorrow over
his best friend's death.%(syn) [azzanuwa]
kebeeliis%1. adjective‰ be very dry‰ Mittay melaa kebeeliis.‰ The wood became

when the wife and the husband quarrel.%(syn) [masunxxiis, azzaniis, bonqquwan

dry.%(syn) [kachachchiis, meliis, kichichchiis, kinkkilliis, kinchchichchiis] keeliis%1. transitive verb≫ heap; pile%• I shuchchaa issuwa issuwa bolli keeliis.%∘ He heaped the stones over and over.%(syn) [guuppiis, dooriis,

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kuuriis, uliis, shiishshiis, koriis, dagayiis]
kehatettaa%1. noun%▶ kindness; altruism; meekness; mildness%• dottoree
hargganchchatussi bessiyo kehatettaa%o the doctor's kindness to the patients%
(syn) [ashkketettaa]
kessaa%1. noun%▶ dispatch, act of sending out%▶ end%• Neessi kessaa/wurssettaa
loytto.‰ May the end of your life be prosperous.
kessiya%1. adjective%▶ profitable%• kessiya zal''iya%○ profitable business%(syn)
[wodhdhiya]
kesuwa%1. noun%▶ removal; elimination; excel%▶ eviction%(syn) [kessi yeduwa]%▶
content
kiikiya%1. noun%▶ peak; top; tip%• Deriya huuphee kiikiya geetettees.%○ The peak
is the pointed summit of a mountain.%(syn) [xeeraa, liiphiya]
kiitettidaagaa%1. noun%► messenger, promoter of idea or cause%● Kiitettidaagee
kiitaa asaassi gattiyagaa.%o Somebody who carries messages to people is called a
messenger.%▶ apostle, prominent Christian missionary
kijajiya%1. noun%▶ chatterbox; chatterer%• Kijajiya giyogee haasayidi
zaarennaagaa giyogaa.% A chatterbox means a person who talks a lot.%(syn)
[biddanchchaa, kiraaraa, wokiikaa, haasayanchchaa, kilttaachchaa]
kinchchotiis%1. intransitive verb≫ (of a day) be frosty, be misty%• Iray
bukkidoogee sa'ay kinchchotees.% The day was misty as the rain fell.%(syn)
[ciggaaratiis, gubbaniis, arkkotiis, gaappotiis]
kinkkilla%1. adjective%▶ dry%• Mittay kinkkilla; eettuwawu hira.%○ The firewood
is dry; it is suitable to burn.%(syn) [kimbbilla, kachachcha, kebeela,
kenchchechcha, kichichcha, kikikka, mela]
kiraara%1. adjective≫ garrulous; voluble; verbose%• I kiraara asa. Pattennabaa
coo haasavees.% He is a verbose man. He talks on and on about nothing.%(syn)
[biddanchcha, kijaje, wokiika, kilttaachcha]
kitikituwan%1. adverb%▶ quickly, in a hurry%• Ta ha''i haasayanawu danddayikke.
Kitikituwan days.%○ I can't talk now. I'm in a hurry.%(syn) [dirbban, ho"uwara,
sohuwara , eesuwan, man''iyara, kuttoy haattaa mittanawu, cuchchay melennaan,
dirbban]
kokkiis%1. transitive verb≫ boil (of grain)%• A badalaa wohiyara gattada
kokkaasu.%∘ She boiled maize with kidney bean.%▶ urge; hasten; hurry; rush; nag
kolxxiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ slide%• Shooshshay kolxxiis.%○ The snake slid.%
(syn) [lawuhu giis, issi tohuwa han yeggiis, qefiya ekkiis, hurttu giis,
horddofiis]
kombbu giis%1. intransitive verb‰ clang% • Otoy kombbu gees.% ○ The pot clanged.%
(syn) [giiriis]
kon"aa%1. noun%▶ potsherd; chip%• A tamaa kon''an kaashaasu.%○ She shoveled the
ash with the potsherd.%(syn) [baashukul''iya]
koshshiis%1. transitive verb≫ be necessary, be needy%• Hachchi tana miishshi
koshshees.%○ I need money today.%(syn) [koyettiis, bessiis]
kotte%1. adjective%▶ large (number of related families)%• Kotte keettati issi heeran doosona.%○ The large family live in the same village%(syn) [cora, zawi
baynna, shaynna, kenchcho, dere, guyte, qoodi baynna, qoodi wurssenna, uulla, daro, besa, guufe, likkee baynna, dibe, innaaboote, uma, guuxxana geenna]
kuraachcho%1. adjective%▶ short, very short%• La ayba kuraachcho asee I!%○ What
a very short man he is!%(syn) [kinddiichcho, qantta, dinkke, durcca, chiro,
duddumushe, duuxa]
kushiya%1. noun‰ value; money; amount‰ A mehee lo''o kushiya kessiis.%○ His
cows were sold for a good amount of money. ≫ gratefulness
kuushshaa kuuyettaa%1. noun%▶ conclusion; end%▶ foundation; pavement; basis%▶
decision‰► 4. joint, body part
la'a%1. adjective%▶ free%• Bitanee qasho keettaappe kiyidi ha''i la'a asa
kiyiis.%o The man left prison and is now a free man.%(syn) [yeda, leexxa, mela]
laa%1. pronoun%▶ you (boy)%• Hayyanaa, laa na'awu haaya ne.%○ You, boy, come
here, please.%▶ hey
laa'anttiis%1. transitive verb%▶ itch; prickle; tingle%● Tana bolla ubbay
laa'anttees.% I itch all over my body.%(syn) [loo'iloo'iis, sooqiis]
laa'anttuwa%1. noun%▶ itch; tickle; prickle; tingle%• Taayyoo qooriyan
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laa'anttuwa doommiis.%o I have a tickle in my throat.%(syn) [loo'iloo'aa,

After the cow gave birth, she started licking the calf.%(syn) [serefuwa]

laachchaa%1. noun%▶ licking%• Mizziya maraa yela simmada laachchaa doommaasu.%○

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laalagunxxiya%1. noun%▶ earthworm%• Laalagunxxee biitta giddon de'iya erettida,
addussanne lee'e guxune.%o An earthworm is a common, long, thin worm that lives
in soil.%(syn) [biitta sheniya, sa'aa sheniya]
laallama%1. adjective%▶ sparse, thin (of seed when sown)%• laallaman zerettida
badalaa%o sparsely sown corn%(syn) [kaarikaaro]
laamettenna%1. adjective%▶ eternal, (of rights) not changed because of the
passage of time or the history of people%• laamettenna duussaa%∘ eternal life%▶
abiding, lasting for a long time and not changing
labaciis%1. transitive verb%▶ lick%• Kanay suuttaa eesuwara labaciis.%○ The dog
quickly licked the blood.%(syn) [laacciis, lashiis, serefiis, loshkkayiis]
labbaniis%1. intransitive verb%▶ faint; weaken%• I namisan labbaniis.%○ He
fainted from hunger.%(syn) [shenqqiis, kabbiis]
laddiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ get bare (land)%• Daro layttaa goyikko, biittay
laddees.% If the land is overused, it gets bare.%(syn) [oxxiis]
laggetuwan yelettidaagaa%1. noun%► bastard, child born out of wedlock%• Iyyoo
laggetuwan yelettida na'ay de'ees.‰ She has a bastard son.≫ hybrid
lahuwa%1. noun%▶ pretext, lie, a misleading or untrue reason given for doing
something in an attempt to conceal the real reason%• Lahoy mooruwa kammanaayyoo
odiyo worddo gaasuwa.%o A pretext is providing false reason to cover up wrong
deeds.%(syn) [wordduwa, gaasuwa, malttiya]
lancciis%1. transitive verb%▶ be sulky, be angry%• Issi asa bollinne lanccoppa!
% Don't be angry at anybody!%(syn) [huuphiya buucciis, yiillotiis, boottaa
cuwattiis, ganccariis, kajjottiis, peegaamettiis, hanqqettiis, puuriis,
suulliis, tamaa yedhdha kuttiyo gidiis, tuggu giis, Xoossawu waassiis]
lankkiis (lankkilankkiis)%1. intransitive verb‰ darken, get dusk, be dark, be
night%● Sa'ay lankkees; eesotta.%○ It is getting to be dusk; hurry up.%(syn)
[xumiis, qammiis, lem"iis, omariis]
lanqqiyan%1. adverb%▶ near, nearby, close, beside, next to%• Keettay deriya
langqiyan keexettiis.% The house is built near the mountain.%(syn) [doonan,
achchan, matan, heeran]
laphphiina (lophphiina)%1. adjective%▶ soft; pliable; flexible%● Taani
laphphiina salo mera carqqiya shammaas.% I bought two meters of soft, blue
cloth.%(syn) [looxiga, shooriqa, lophphiina]
laqilaqiya%1. adjective%▶ sweet%• laqilaqiya burttukaaniya %∘ a sweet orange%
(syn) [luqaaluqo, mal"o]
leegganttiis%1. transitive verb%▶ bend; lean%• Sitta xam''aa oonee
leegganttiday?% Who bent the straight stick?%(syn) [geellayiis, leeggamissiis,
zinggiis]
lem"iis%1. transitive verb≫ get dusk, nightfall, be dark, be night, be twilight
%● Eessotada hemetta. Sa'ay lem"anaashin nu biyosaa gakkanawu bessees.%○ Walk
fast. We must reach the place before nightfall.%(syn) [xumiis, qammiis, omariis,
lankkiisl
leggiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ exceed, excel, look bigger%• Issi issi
tamaaribeenna cima asay qofan tamaaridaaqaa leqqees.% Some of uneducated elders
logic exceeds that of the educated ones.%(syn) [aadhdhiis, munnuuqiis]
liiqiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be crushed (of crops)%• Kattay keehi liiqiis.%∘
The crop was crushed well.%(syn) [xiinniis, xiillettiis, tumppu giis]
likkee baynna%1. adjective%▶ innumerable, many, much, a lot of, a great deal of,
numerous, plentiful, abundant%• I O likkee baynna dosuwa dosees.%○ He likes her
too much.%(syn) [cora, zawi baynna, shaynna, kenchcho, dere, guyte, qoodi
baynna, qoodi wurssenna, uulla, daro, besa, guufe, dibe, innaaboote, uma,
guuxxana geenna, kotte]
likkiya%1. noun%▶ measurement; measure; degree%• Maayuwa sikkiyagee assi qesiya,
tohuwanne tiraa likkiya ekkiis.%o The tailor took the measurements of his arms,
legs, and chest for a suit.≫ comparison; balance; analysis
limiyo%1. noun%▶ cow%• I limen qayccettiis.%○ He was gored by a cow.%(syn)
[miizziyo, gimiyo]
loddan (leddan)%1. adverb%▶ carefully; slowly; gradually%• Cima mishshiriya
dirbbennan loddan hemettaws.%o The old lady walks slowly without hurrying.%(syn)
[leelan, akeekan, loddaara]
lokkomaa%1. noun%▶ kidney bean%• Lokkomaa cambbay miizzaa morettees.%○ Soup made
of kidney beans fattens cows.%(syn) [wohiya]
lokkomiis%1. transitive verb‰⊳ nestle; snuggle; nuzzle; cuddle; hug‰• A qeeri
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na'aa lokkomada zin''aasu.% She slept cuddling her small son under her arm.%

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(syn) [qoommiis, idimmiis]
loodduwa%1. noun%▶ enlarged spleen, enlarged spleen as a result of malaria%• A
looddoy sakkiis.% He has an enlarged spleen.%(syn) [loshaa]
loohissiis%1. transitive verb%▶ train; teach%• I tana biskkiliitiya toggiyogaa
tamaarissiis.% He taught me how to ride a bicycle.%(syn) [erissiis, luxissiis,
meezeyiis]
loohuwa%1. noun%▶ training; proficiency%• I Baahir Daare gujo loohuwassi biis.%○
He went to Bahir Dar for additional training.%(syn) [eraa, bilaa]
loomiya%1. noun%▶ lemon%• Loomiya haattaa galla galla uyiyakko, payyatettaassi
lo''o.‰ The juice of a lemon everyday is good for health.≫ lemon tree, tree
that bears lemons
looxigissiis%1. transitive verb%▶ make soft, make pliable%• A qashuwa
qachchanaappe kasetada sussaa looxigissaasu.% She made the enset cord pliable
before tying the bundle.%(syn) [shugissiis, laagoxissiis]
lophphattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be soft, be pliable, be flexible%• Lasttiqee
tamaa bessin, lophphattees.% When it is hot, plastic becomes flexible.%(syn)
[linqqilinqqiis]
loshshu giis%1. intransitive verb‰⊳ burn; pain; ache; smart‰∙ Taassi uluwan
loshshu gees.% My stomach aches.%(syn) [seelliis]
lukkiis%1. transitive verb%▶ drill; bore; pierce%● Anaaxee xawulaa maarisan
lukkiis.% The carpenter drilled the plank with a drill.%(syn) [xoo'eyiis]
lullumiis%1. transitive verb≫ suck, hold something in the mouth and make
movements with the tongue and lips as if drawing liquid out of it%● I
burttukaaniya haattaa lullumiis.%∘ He sucked the juice from orange.≫► conceal
truth, be unwilling to tell the truth
luqaaluqiis%1. intransitive verb≫ be delicious, be tasty, taste good%• Oyssa
qumay luqaaluqees.% The food spiced with butter is tasty.%(syn) [laqilaqiis,
mal"iisl
lugaalugo%1. noun%▶ sweet; delicious%• Shukkaaree miyode lugaalugo.%○ Sweet
potato is sweet.%(syn) [mal"o, laqilaqiya]
ma''iya%1. noun%▶ ancestor; forefather%• Nu ma"etu wogaa naaganawu bessees.%○ We
should preserve our ancestors' culture.%(syn) [mayzzaa.]
maaduwa%1. noun%▶ help; assistance; aid; support%● Aakimee taassi immido
xaliyawu ayba maadoynne baa. Taassi huuphiya zawuree haa toolliis.%o The
medicine that the nurse prescribed did not help. My headache has gotten worse
and worse.%(syn) [amppettaa, miyyiya, kaafiya, morggiya ohettaa, zemppuwa,
tuuqiya, techchaa.]
maahiya%1. noun%▶ leopard%• Gaammoy maahiyappe wolqqaama do'a.%⊙ A lion is more
powerful than a leopard.%▶ tiger, the largest member of the cat family
maalaaliis%1. intransitive verb‰ astonish; amaze; wonder; surprise‰ A xuuraa
qottanawu danddayidoogee nuna ubbaa maalaaliis.%o The ability she has to hide a
secret amazed all of us.%(syn) [garamiis.]
maallado xoolinttiya%1. noun%▶ morning star%• Maallado xoolinttee poo'ees.%○ The
morning star shines.%(syn) [bakkaaliya.]
maallado%1. adverb%▶ in the morning%• Kafoy maallado guuran ceeqqees.%○ Birds
sing in the morning.%(syn) [wontti maatti, guuran, jabbijooryan.]
maaragiya%1. noun%▶ distinction, mark of high achievement%• A yumburisttiyappe
maaragiyan anjjettaasu.%○ She graduated from the university with distinction.%▶
discipline, controlled behavior
maaran wottiis%1. transitive verb%▶ put orderly, put things orderly%• l qumaa mi
simmidi, sayniya denttidi maaran wottiis.%o He put the plates away in an orderly
way after he had eaten.%(syn) [taaggiis.]
maaretissiyaro%1. noun%▶ midwife%• Maaretissiyaro giyora maccaasaa
maaretissanawu loohidaaro.%o A midwife is somebody trained to help pregnant
women deliver babies.%(syn) [yelissiyaro.]
maari baynna%1. adjective%▶ undisciplined; disorderly; muddled; jumbled;
cluttered; chaotic%● Neeni maari baynna hanuwa hanaydda daasa.%○ You are acting
in an undisciplined way.%(syn) [tollocca, dolliwaaqa, shori baynna, carqqa,
seeri baynna, kawushsha, waalla.]
macca%1. adjective%▶ female%• naa''u qommo mattuma: attumanne macca%○ two kinds
of genders: male and female%(syn) [indde.]
maccatettaa%1. noun%▶ vagina%• Maccatettay macaasaa gaytota bollaa.%○ A vagina
is a sexual organ of a female.%(syn) [xoriya.]
machchiis%1. transitive verb%▶ marry%• I machchi simmoosappe dummatiis.%○ He has
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changed since he married.%(syn) [ekkiis.]
machchiyo%1. noun%▶ wife%• I ba machchiyo keehi siiqees.%○ He loves his wife
very much.%(syn) [keettaayyiyo, maccaasiyo.]
madaabbariya%1. noun%▶ fertilizer%• Miizzaa oshay meretaappe demiyo madaabare.%○
Cow dung is a natural fertilizer.%(syn) [araddissaa.]
madabaa%1. noun%▶ portion, a portion to be distributed by lot (meat)%• ashuwa
madabaa%o a portion of meat%(syn) [kituwa.]
magaajjaa%1. noun≫ saw%• Anaaxee xawulaa maagaajjan qanxxees.%∘ A carpenter
cuts planks with a saw.%(syn) [magaaziya.]
maganniis%1. transitive verb%▶ inform; tell%∘ Ne na'aassi seeray bessiyogaa
taani magannin aybissi wudennan ixxadii?%o Why don't you pay attention when I
inform you that your child needs to be disciplined?%(syn) [amassaliis.]
mahettaa%1. noun%▶ test, a test or experiment to determine the quality, safety,
performance, usefulness, acceptance of something%● Ha laytta pissee ne oosuwa
mahettay tishshennaagaa bessees.% This year the report shows that your test was
unsatisfactory.≫ quality control, control of product quality, a system for
achieving or maintaining the desired level of quality in a manufactured product
by inspecting samples and assessing what changes may be needed in the
manufacturing process
makkaliis%1. intransitive verb‰ rebel, be wicked, refuse to obey, be
disobedient%• Cora ammaniyageeti woosa keettaa kaalettiyageetu boli makkaliyogaa
doommidosona.% Most of the believers rebelled against the church leaders.%(syn)
[xibiis, ixxiis, miiqiis.]
mal''enna%1. adjective%▶ bland, tasteless, not delicious%• He mal''enna keekee
shamettanaw bessenna.% That tasteless cake should not be purchased.%(syn)
[dachchiis, doda, dallamma, made.]
malaa%1. noun%▶ appearance, color of skin%• Eessaa miyogee malaa kessees.%○
Eating honey beautifies your appearance.%(syn) [menttuwa, meraa, mala calaa.]
malanchcha%1. adjective%▶ beautiful, handsome, lovely, smart, pretty, charming,
attractive, good looking%• I malanchcha maccaasiyo ekkiis.%○ He married a
beautiful woman.%(syn) meranchcha, jannanna, puulanchcha, meray lo"o,
walanqqasa, yooshsha, yalalla, yalamuse, yallisa, hajibala, yalddadda, lasassa,
shumbbubba, salddadda, salddida.]
malatiya%1. adjective%▶ similar; resembling%• Azinaassinne machcheessi malatiya
qofay de'ees.% The husband and wife had similar interests.%(syn) [lagge, mala,
keena, issuwa, bixe lagge, hare haytta, issi mala.]
malatuwa%1. noun%▶ resemblance%● Malatuwa giyogee issoy issuwara issi mala
giyogaa.% Resemblance is the state of being similar in appearance.%(syn)
[misatuwa.]
malkkataa%1. noun≫ trumpet; bugle% Malkkatay kace.% A trumpet is a horn.%
(syn) [xurumbbaa.]
manddariis%1. intransitive verb‰ go, wander, go on a journey‰ I zino baynni
Addisaabi manddaridaagee yibeenna.%○ He went to Addis Ababa before yesterday and
has not come back yet.%(syn) [biis, mokkiwulliis, aadhdhiis, hoochchiis,
zattiis.]
maniyo%1. noun‰▶ potter (female)%• Maniya urqqa miishshaa medhdhiyaro.%○ A
potter is a woman who makes pottery.%(syn) [hiilliyo.]
manqqo%1. adjective%▶ poor; destitute; penniless%• I manqqo gidikkokka, ba
de'uwan ufayttees.% Though he is a poor man, he is happy.%(syn) [hiyyeesa,
tuyyeeba, hollolaawa, oppoodo, putteesa, suqiya kuttiya baynna.]
maqaa%1. noun%▶ stalk (corn or millet)%• Badalaa maqaa miida mehee modhdhees.%⊙
Animals fed stalks become fat.%(syn) [dalaa, dappaa, utulaa.]
maqquwa%1. noun‰ conspiracy, plot (often more than one person plotting
together)%● Maqqoy iitabaa oottanaassi naa''u uray woykko daro asay maayettidi
yaa'iyogaa.%o A conspiracy is an agreement between two or more people to commit
an illegal action.%▶ secret discussion
mariyo%1. noun%▶ a female kid, young calf (of any domestic animal)%● Miizziya ba
mariyo xanttawus.%○ The cow feeds its kid.%▶ daughter (small)
markkatettaa%1. noun%▶ testimony, evidence that a witness gives to a court of
law%• Shilootan immiyo markkatettay bala gidikko, qashissees.%○ If you give a
wrong testimony in court, you will be imprisoned.%(syn) [markka macaraa.]
marzziya%1. noun%▶ poison%• I marzziya uyyidi, hayqqiis.%○ He died after he had
drunk poison.%(syn) [xaliya.]
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Masqqaynno%1. noun%▶ Tuesday, the day after Monday%• Hachchi sa'ay Saynno

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qiddikko, wonttoy Masqqaynno.% If today is Monday, tomorrow will be Tuesday.%
(syn) [Ciishshaa.]
matan%1. adverb%▶ near; nearby; close; shore%• I ta matan eqqiis.%○ He stood
near me.%(syn) [doonan, achchan, lanqqiyan, heeran.]
mattoyiis%1. transitive verb%▶ intoxicate%• Bitaniya ushshay mattoyiis.%⊙
Alcohol intoxicated the man.%(syn) [huuphiya kiyiis.]
mattuma gaytotaa%1. noun%▶ coitus, sex, sexual intercourse%● Daro baggi Eedisee
mattuma gaytotan oyqqees.%o AIDS is mostly caused by sexual intercourse.%(syn)
[gaytotaa, woyluwa.]
maxiis%1. transitive verb%▶ pick up, gather up things%• Baa''eelaa ayfee
laalettidaagaa maxaasu.% She picked up the dropped beans.%(syn) [qoriis,
qociriis.]
maydiya%1. noun%▶ upper grindstone, upper millstone, runner stone%• Asay kase
wode gaxariyan/ganddan woxaa bolli maydiyan kattaa gaacciiddi takkidosona.%○ In
the country side people used to grind the crop with the runner stone on the
millstone.%(syn) [muylaa.]
meecciyogaa%1. noun%▶ mop%• A keettaa meecciyogan meeccaasu.%○ She cleaned the
floor with a mop.%(syn) [qucciyogaa.]
meegaa%1. noun%▶ rafter; beam%• Meegay godaa meeganaassi maaddees.%○ Beams are
used to reinforce the wall.≫ latitude
meetiya%1. noun%▶ relationship; communication%(syn) [gaytotaa, dabbotaa.]%▶ spy;
watcher%(syn) [wochchiyagaa, kafuwa.]
mehiya%1. noun%▶ cattle; animal; cow; livestock%• Haree, baluqoy, paraynne
gaameelay Toophphiyan caana meheta.% Mules, donkeys, horses, and camels are
used as pack animals in Ethiopia.%(syn) [miizzaa, patiliya.]
mela%1. adjective%▶ dry%• Mela mittay eettanawu wayssenna.%⊙ The dry wood is
easy to burn.%(syn) [kinkkilla, kimbbilla, kachachcha, kebeela, kenchchechcha,
kichichcha, kikikka.]
menttettaa%1. noun%▶ chunk%• Neeni ha menttetta oyttaa maana danddayaasa.%○ You
can have this chunk of bread.%(syn) [basuwa.]
menttuwa%1. noun%▶ appearance, color, resemblance, similarity in appearance or
quality to somebody or something else%● A bolli aawaa menttoy dees.%○ He has the
appearance of his father.%(syn) [meraa, malaa, mala calaa.]
megetti baynna%1. adjective%▶ cruel; brutal; ruthless; inhuman; moody; hostile;
bad-tempered; irritable; malicious%• Megetti baynna uri shemppuwa woranawu guye
geenna.% A cruel person is not afraid of murdering.%(syn) [iita, suutti baynna,
pala, biittaa goggiya, aggaaga iita, meqettaa iita, bodoojje, aja, oso, ajaajje,
hanccaama, maracciya iita, maracciya worddo, wozanaa shuchcha, hanttaara, qareti
baynna, kehatetti baynna.]
meranchcha%1. adjective%▶ beautiful; handsome; lovely; smart; pretty; charming;
attractive%● A meranchcha na'a gidiyo gishshawu, asi ubbi O dosees.%○ Because
she is a beautiful girl, everybody likes her.%(syn) [malanchcha, jannanna, puulanchcha, meray lo"o, walanqqasa, yooshsha, yalalla, yalamuse, yallisa,
hajibala, yalddadda, lasassa, shumbbubba, salddadda, salddida.] mereeriis%1. intransitive verb‰ pop, (of millet or maize) roasted and burst
open, be popped%● Malddoy bashiyan mereeriis.%○ The millet burst open on the
griddle.%(syn) [xuuqqiis, pohattiis.]
micciis%1. intransitive verb%▶ burn (roasting crop)%● Hayyanaa, tukkiya
shaayaydda micisoppa.% Please, don't burn the coffee black when you are
roasting it.%(syn) [xiiximmiis.]
migiduwa%1. noun%▶ finger ring (not golden)%▶ ring%• Kushe qalabatee dumma dumma
qottan alleeqettees.% Rings are made in a variety of decorative designs.
miicciis%1. transitive verb%▶ laugh%• Ta naachchan asay miicciis.%○ People
laughed at my jokes.%(syn) [moocatiis, ufayttiis, noocu giis.]
miimminttiya%1. noun‰ a large and usually ferocious creature in myths, legends,
and fairy tales which was supposed to pick up stars from the sky standing up
straight from the sea%• Miimminttee abbaa doonan eqqidi saluwappe xoolinttiya
maxi maxi mees yaagidi beni asay ammanees.% People traditionally believe that
dinosaurs used to eat stars standing on the shore of the lake.≫ dinosaur
milli'a%1. adjective%▶ pert; cheeky; impudent%● Milli'a na'iya asttamaariyan
seerettaasu.%o The cheeky girl was scolded by the teacher.%(syn) [gayra,
meeluula, elcco, diljjo, wociilla, oca, xexxela, melleejja, shillaajje, xiixala,
jeere, xiixaawa, millijja, wociigga, xala, milxxixxa.]
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milli'iis%1. intransitive verb≫ be showy, be boastful, be conceited. Issi issi

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asay quuttabaa demmidi milli'oosona.%o Some people want to be showy regarding
their success.%(syn) [jeeretiis, xexxeliis, jiilaawiis, xiixaawiis.]
millijja%1. adjective%▶ pert; cheeky; impudent%• millijja na'iyo%○ a pert girl%
(syn) [gayra, meeluula, elcco, diljjo, wociilla, oca, xexxela, melleejja,
shillaajje, xiixala, jeere, xiixaawa, milli'a, wociigga, xala, milxxixxa.]
miqqaynniis%1. transitive verb%▶ be jealous%• A ba laggiyo puulaa anaaciyan
xoonido gishshawu O miqqaynnawsu.% She is jealous because her friend won the
beauty contest.%(syn) [qanaatiis.]
mirggaaciya%1. noun%▶ nape, back of neck%• Kutto mariyo xinggilee mirggaaciyara
oyqqiis.% The hawk caught the little chicken by the nape of the neck.%(syn)
[morggiya, garbballiya.]
mirgguwa%1. noun%▶ bull, a young ox which is not castrated%● He mirgguwa
inttesoo aaway awude shammidee? Boora keena gidiis.% When did your father buy
that bull? It is nearly as big as an ox.%(syn) [daddaruwa.]
miskkatiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ produce tuber, produce bulb%● Daro iray
bukkikko, sunkkuruutoy lo"i miskkatees.%o If more rain falls, the onion will
produce big bulbs.%(syn) [unkkotiis]
mitta%1. adjective%▶ wooden, made of wood mitta gafataa a wooden bowl%▶ strong,
solidly made and likely to withstand prolonged use%• A kushee mitta.%○ He has
strong hands.
modhdhiis%1. intransitive verb≫ be fatty%• Ashoy modhdhiis.%○ The meat is
fatty.%(syn) [tuuniis, kul''iis, qirxxatiis, tuuxiis, puxuruuriis,
tembbereeriis, tolssiis]
mogola%1. adjective%▶ devastating; destructive; damaging; injurious%● Mogola
gotee korinttiya pulttiya maashiniya donttiis.%o The destructive storm destroyed
power plant.%(syn) [xayso, bashsha, dontta]
mojira%1. adjective%▶ pure, clean, neat (of water)%• Mojira haattay uyanaw
lo"ees.% Clean water is good for drinking.%(syn) [irxxa, sasa, jaja, shachcha,
sorxxoxxal
mokkiwulliis%1. intransitive verb%▶ go away, go, travel, move, attend, vanish%•
I kare biitta mokki wulliis. % He went abroad.%(syn) [biis, aadhdhiis,
manddariis, hoochchiis, zattiis]
molloxxa%1. adjective%▶ bare, naked, not covered with clothing%• A woosa keettaa
gelanaappe kasetada ba molloxxa hashiya kammaasu.%○ She covered her bare
shoulders before entering the church.%(syn) [kallo, xiire]
moocatiis%1. intransitive verb≫ cheer, guffaw, rejoice, please, shout gaily,
talk happily, delight extremely, become happy, delight extremely, laugh noisily,
talk playfully%• I miishshaa demmi simmidi moocattees.%○ He laughed noisily
after he got the money. %(syn) [ufayttiis, noocu giis, miicciis]
moogossaa%1. noun≫ tomb; cemetery; graveyard%• Moogossay anhaa moogiyosaa.%○ A
tomb is a place for burying a dead person.%(syn) [kaashshaa]
mooqiis%1. transitive verb‰ scoop, take with a spoon% Pilaa mooqiis.% He took
the cheese with a spoon.%(syn) [kaashiis]
mooradiis%1. transitive verb%▶ sharpen; strap%• I mashshaa mooradidi qarayiis.%○
He sharpened the knife.%(syn) [warettiis, leefiis, qarayiis, poshiis]
mooranchcha%1. adjective≫ guilty; mistaken; culpable%• Naa"u naati son
ooyettin, aaway mooranchcha na'aa seeriis.%o The father punished the guilty boy
after the two brothers quarreled at home.%(syn) [wogabala, balanchcha]
moorettida%1. adjective%▶ corrupt; defective; faulty; imperfect; flawed;
malfunctioning%● Moorettida miishshaa giigissa%○ Repair the faulty things%(syn)
[talssa]
moozottiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ feel lonely%• Imattay barkka uttidi
moozottees.% Sitting alone, the guest felt lonely.%(syn) [imattattiis,
morggetiis%1. intransitive verb≫ defy, disobey, be an adversary (against
someone)%● I bari aawaa addiniitaa bolikka morggetees.%○ He disobeys his own
father.%(syn) [xeekkamiis, zerkkiis, garchchiis, gaaddetiis, garddatiis,
zeekkariis]
morggiya%1. noun%▶ nape, back of neck%• morggiya tuunaa%○ fat necked%(syn)
[mirggaaciya, garbballiya]
morkke%1. adjective%▶ adversarial; opposing%• I tawu morkke; haasayokko.%○ He is
my foe; we don't talk together.%(syn) [baarigaara, ayfenne akkirssa, diina]
morkkiya%1. noun%▶ enemy; foe; adversary%• Toophphiya asay ba morkkiya olanawu
gooba.% Ethiopians are brave when fighting against their enemies.%(syn)
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[baarigaaraa, eqettiyagaa, diinaa, badama, ixuwa]
mozhzhattiis%1. intransitive verb≫ spring, gush, flow out%• Haattay balggo
mozhzhattees.% Water springs from the ground in a rainy season.%(syn)
[xuuqqiis, pulttiis, nozhzhattiis]
muggiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ keep silent, be quiet%• I oosuwan muggiis.%○ He
was quiet while working. %(syn) [hayzziis, sirphphi giis, co"iis, si''i giis]
mul"uwa%1. noun‰ soft grass, immature grass, soft grass pulled up from the
separating point%• Issitoo issitoo nu ayfiyan gelida suullaa kessanawu mul"uwan
go'etteettees.% A piece of soft grass is sometimes used to remove dirt from our
eyes.%(syn) [purccuwa, aacaa, macimachchiya]
mule%1. adjective%▶ whole; all; full; complete; entire%• Paacee lefa; mule
tamaare naatikka aattiya markkiya demmidosona.%o The exam was easy; all the
students got passing marks.%(syn) [kumetta]
mulluxiis%1. transitive verb‰ escape, free, dislocate, slip, yourself to get
away%● Ussiya wodoruwappe mulluxada kessa ekkaasu.%○ The heifer escaped from the
rope.%▶ be unleashed
mulumuqqe%1. adjective≫ oval, egg-shaped, rounded (rocks and snakes)%• Ha
mulumuqqe shuchchay lo''ees.%o This oval rock is pretty.%(syn) [zolddo]
mulxxaa xoohiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ rain; fall; hail; pour%(syn) [xoohiis,
ximaaziis, bukkiis, soosiis, hototu giis, manxxilootaa xoohiis, hibbi giis]≫►
cry; weep; sob%(syn) [holssattiis, yeekkiis, afuxxiis, soosiis, oyddusaara
tigiis, afuttaa miis, siiphphotiis]
mulxxu giis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be finished%(syn) [wurii]%▶ be ruined, be
destroyed, be terminated, be swept away%▶ be cleared, be uprooted completely
munaasaa%1. noun%▶ comfort; abundance; suit; luxury%• Sa'aa munaasay A
ayyettees.% Having every comfort makes him proud.%(syn) [injjiya, ishaluwa,
baaluwa, hiraa, banqqaa, danaqaa, bakkaa]
munaasiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be comfortable, be abundant%● Kattay lo''i
shiiqido qishshawu, sa'ay asaassi munaasiis.%o Because of the good harvest, life
for the people was comfortable.%(syn) [danaqattiis]
munaqqiis%1. transitive verb‰▶ knead‰• Mishiriya oyttaa uukkanawu xiilliya
munaqqaasu.% The woman kneaded the flour in order to bake the bread.%(syn)
[gattiis]
munnuuqiis%1. intransitive verb≫ excel, look bigger%• Galoy xanttaa xammidi
munnuagees.% The calf looks bigger after sucking its mother's teats.%(syn)
[aadhdhiis, leqqiis]
muqaaddaa%1. noun%▶ candle%• Carkkoy muqaaddaa toyssiichchiis.%○ The wind
extinguished the candle.%(syn) [shaamaa] muquuqquliya%1. noun%▶ 'enset' leaf (the innermost soft leaves of 'enset')%●
uuttaa muquuqquliya%o the 'enset' leaf%(syn) [hunqquluwa]
murunniis%1. transitive verb%▶ do sorcery, bewitch, do witchcraft, enchant, spell%• Bitanee bari baarigaara woranaassi murunniis.%○ The man did sorcery in
order to murder his enemy.%(syn) [bitiis, gojiis]
murutiis%1. intransitive verb≫ get qualitative, be attractive% be productive,
produce more%● Ha laytti iray sohuwara wodhdhin, daro kattay murutiis.%○ Since
rain fell on time, a lot of crops were productive this year.
murutissiis%1. transitive verb%▶ produce; yield; manufacture%• Ha laytti ay
qoshshanchcha ubbay daro kattaa murutissiis.%o Every farmer yielded a large crop
this year.%▶ improve; correct; arrange
muume%1. adjective%▶ round%• kuwaasetto muume%○ as round as a ball%▶ solid
muuruqa%1. adjective%▶ soggy; waterlogged; sodden; soaking; wet; saturated%(syn)
[urqqa, qita, biitta, bunssuqa, geeyyenna, sibba]%▶ untidy; messy; dirty;
filthy; stained%(syn) [tiniqiiqa, carqqa, masudhdha, bunuquuqa, maadhdho,
curqquqqa, wa''a]
muuruqaa%1. noun%▶ mucus; slime; snot%• Siiriya muuruqaa maarabiya qucaychcha.%○
Wipe the mucus from your nose with a handkerchief. % dirt; filth; muck; rubbish;
sewage; garbage; litter; spot; stain
muylaa%1. noun%▶ upper grindstone%• Woxan bambbariya daaxxanawu muylay anee?%○
Where is the upper grindstone to mill the pepper?%(syn) [maydiya]
na'aawa%1. noun%▶ father (father of dependent children)%• I kase mala gidenna;
na'aawa gidi simmin, A wodallissoy oyqqiis.%○ He is not like before; after
becoming a father, he faced poverty.%(syn) [aawaa]
na'aayo%1. noun%▶ mother (mother of dependent children)%• Na'aayi siiqoy dumma.
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% A mother's love is unselfish.%(syn) [na'aayyiyo, naatu aayo]

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naa''a%1. numeral%▶ two%● Issovnne issov naa"a.%○ One and one equals two.%(svn)
[hare xantta]
naa''anttiis%1. transitive verb%▶ do twice, repeat once%● Ne giidoogaa
naa"anttada guutee?%o Would you repeat once what you have said?%(syn)
naachchaa%1. noun%▶ joke; humor; jest; gag; prank%• Yelaga bitanee ba laggetu
bolli qohiya naachchaa naacees.% The young man plays hurtful pranks on his
friends.%(syn) [qiriya]
naaniis%1. intransitive verb%▶ increase, add, excel, grow, exceed, develop, look
bigger, become numerous%● I daro layttaa minni oottidi ba oosuwan naaniis.%○
After years of working hard, he excelled at his work. %(syn) [wogetiis, duretiis,
mannanniis]
naanno%1. adjective%▶ heavy, difficult to lift%• Ha naanno shuchchay kichchanaw
koshshees, shin ta tarkka danddayikke.%o This heavy stone needs to be moved, but
I cannot do it alone.%(syn) [deexo, wolqqaama ;wogga, 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,
wolqqaama, deexo]
naassiis%1. transitive verb%► threaten, intimidate, frighten in words%•
Boggiyageeti suygiya menttidi tana naassidosona.%o The robbers broke into the
shop and threatened me.%(syn) [baabisiis, yashissiis, hooranssiis, manddiis,
kaachchifatiis, ye''e giis]
nabbabettenna%1. adjective%▶ illegible; unreadable%• Maara xaafettibeenna xuufee
nabbabanawu wayssees.% Illegible handwriting is difficult to read.%(syn)
[wayssiya xuufe]
nabbabettiya%1. adjective%► legible%• nabbabettiya xuufiya%○ legible handwriting
%(syn) [wayssenna xuufe]
nabiya%1. noun%▶ prophet%• Nabee, Maammadoy, Isilaama ammanuwa doomissiis.%○
Mohammed, the prophet, founded the religion of Islam.%(syn) [hananabaa
yootiyagaa]
nagaratiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ sin%● Wuussay nagaratees.%○ Stealing is sin.%
(syn) [gometiis]
nagari baynna%1. adjective%▶ righteous; absolute; just; faultless; blameless;
right% kiitanchchadan nagari baynna% as righteous as an angel%(syn) [xillo,
likke, gamma, adda, suure]
nakkiis%1. transitive verb%▶ do hard, work hard%• I oosuwa nakkidi daafuriis.%○
He was tired after he worked hard.%(syn) [naqiis, nafiis]
namisettiis%1. intransitive verb‰ hunger; starve; famish‰ Qasho keettan
de'iyageeti hayqqanaadan namisettidosona.% The prisoners starved to death.%
(syn) [qophphattiis, habadi giis]
nappattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be lazy, lie down%• Yaanne haanee
nappattiyogaappe ayssi oosuwa oottikkii?%o Why don't you work rather than being
lazy?%(syn) [zom"attiis]
naqiis%1. transitive verb%▶ do hard, do well%• I paaciya naqidi oottiis.%⊙ I did
the examination well.%(syn) [nakkiis, nafiis]
narphphiis%1. transitive verb%▶ tread; trample%• Kaamee qorqqoruwa yedhdhidi
narphphiis.% The car trampled the can.%(syn) [daraxiis, dirxxiis]
naxalaa%1. noun%▶ toga, shawl, lightweight Ethiopian shawl%• Naxalay darotoo
maccaasan maayettees.% A shawl is usually worn by women.%(syn) [kutaa]
ne haylawu%1. interjection%► hooray, exclamatory word indicating the wanting of
what somebody else has%• Ne neero ne haylawu! Ne oosuwa wurssadasa, taagee
biroona.% Hooray! You finished your work, but mine is not yet finished.%(syn)
[ne sheeshshawu.]
nohayiis%1. transitive verb‰► toil, work hard, ply‰• Oosuwa nohayiiddi
pee'idaagee daafuriis.% He worked hard the whole day and became tired.%(syn)
[gawuhayiis, tullayiis, toppayiis]
noocu giis%1. intransitive verb%▶ smile; laugh%• I taani maalaaliya haysiya
odin, noocu giis.% He smiled when I told him the amazing story.%(syn)
[moocatiis, ufayttiis, miicciis]
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nooshiina%1. adjective%▶ brittle, likely to break%• Urqqaappe merettiyabay

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sohuwara me''iya nooshiina miishsha.% Pottery is an example of a brittle object
that is likely to break.%(syn) [toofiina, homppa]
noppattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ loiter%• I coo ogiyan yaanne haanne
noppattees.% He was simply loitering on the road.%(syn) [zoppattiis,
zom''attiis, zooqattiis]
norshshayiis%1. transitive verb%▶ gnaw%• Kanay ashuwa norshshayiis.%○ The dog
gnawed the meat.%(syn) [gorshshayiis]
nozhzhattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ spring, move rapidly upward (of water)%●
Cariyan haattay nozhzhattees.% The water sprang from the marshy ground.%(syn)
[xuuqqiis, pulttiis, mozhzhattiis]
nukkiis%1. transitive verb%▶ make a ball (of mud)%• I cadhdhiya nukkiis.%○ He
made a ball of mashed yam.%(syn) [laalukkiis]
odanchcha%1. adjective≫ gossipy, not secretive, one who has a loose tongue%•
Odanchcha asi ammanettenna.% A gossipy person is not reliable.%(syn)
[hoshkkiina, hossooqe, hoskkiina, toshshiina, toshshilla]
oduwa gujuwa%1. noun%▶ exaggeration%• Yo'otu bolli oduwa gujjiyogee
ammanettenna.% The exaggeration of things is dishonest.%(syn) [woreeraa.]
olanchchaa%1. noun%▶ fighter; warrior; army; troop%• Olanchchay xala gidanawu
koshshees.% A warrior must be courageous.%(syn) [tooranchchaa]
ollaa%1. noun%▶ ditch; abyss; pit; gorge; canyon; trench; hole; well%• Ollan
haattay kummiis.% The hole filled with water.%(syn) [kakaa, xahaa, aafuwa]
omarssa tukkiya%1. noun‰⊳ snack, a small meal or amount of food, usually eaten
in a hurry%● Omarssa tukkiya aattuttee?%○ Do you serve snacks?%(syn)
[makisasiya]
omarssi%1. noun%▶ evening; dusk; tonight%• Xaazay omarssinne maallado kiyees.%○
The dew appears on the grass during in the evening and morning.%(syn) [lem''o,
lankkilankkan]
onakko%1. pronoun%▶ she%● Onakko be"adii? Onee A?%○ Have you seen her? Who is
she?%▶ somebody, someone (female)
oonatettaa%1. noun%▶ identity; reputation%• Suuretettaa xayoy issi uraa
oonatettaa moorees.% A lack of integrity spoils a person's reputation.%(syn)
[meqettaa, aannisaa meqettaa, meraa meqettaa, aannisaa]
ooni erii%1. adverb%▶ probably, perhaps,∨maybe, may, who knows%● Ooni erii I
omarssi yaanaakkonne.%o Perhaps he may come tonight.%(syn) [awankko, geellidan,
woni]
oonne%1. pronoun%▶ no one, not anyone or anybody%• Oonne ichchashu saateppe
kasetidi kiyenna mala!%○ No one is to leave before five o'clock!%▶ whoever
ooso laggiya%1. noun%▶ colleague%• Bitanee dinggattiyan hayqqin, A ooso laggeti
banttana gakka kayyuwa keehi qonccissidosona.%o The man's colleagues expressed
deep sorrow regarding his sudden death.%(syn) [miiriya]
ooxiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ sick; agonize; suffer; ache; writhe; fatigue%●
Qeeri na'ay ooxidi hayqqana hanees.% The little child is severely sick and is
going to die.%(syn) [siliis, sahettiis, giilattiis, hiiliis, gooxiis]
Oruwa%1. noun%▶ Wednesday%• Daro Kiristtaaneti Oruwanne Arbba xoomoosona.%○ Most
Christians fast on Wednesday and Friday.%(syn) [Woliilaa]
oshinchchaa%1. noun%▶ common cold%• Oshinchchay issi asappe harawu laa'iya
hargge.%○ The common cold is a communicable disease.%▶ mucus
otorettiis%1. transitive verb‰ be conceited, be proud%• I darotoo gawaa
geeshsha shin, ha''i otorettees.% He used to be humble, but he became
conceited.%(syn) [axiraariis, ayyiis, meexxariis, piikkattiis, seesiis,
alliqariis, mirxxixatiis, xirirattiis, xiruwa toociis, eessaa mixxilliis,
shaaraara salliis, shaaran toggiis, seexxiis, duuxerettiis, axisettiis, poriis]
otuwa%1. noun%▶ pot%• Haatta otoy mela dees. Aani haatti baa.%○ The water pot is
empty. There is no water in it.%(syn) [lakkuwa, shiinnaatiya, sassaa, xuggaa,
baattaa1
oxxiis%1. intransitive verb≫ be uncultivated (of land)%• Gadee goyana xayikko,
oxxees.% The land is uncultivated unless it is plowed.%(syn) [laddiis]
oysettiis%1. transitive verb%▶ abet, cause to start, help or encourage somebody
to do something wrong%► kindle, set alight (of fire)%► instigate; motivate%(syn)
[yeeso maattan buuxa koyiis, miqiiqqiliis, sunkkuriis]
paafunttaa%1. noun%▶ rumor%(syn) [geetteesaa.]%▶ information (not clear)%(syn)
paaxettaa%1. noun%▶ confession; repentance%• Nagaraa paaxettay hayquwappe
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ashshees.% Confession of sin saves you from death.%(syn) [piixettaa.]

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padiis%1. transitive verb%▶ widen; broaden; extend; expand; enlarge%• Eti godaa
kessidi beeruwa padidosona.% They enlarged the office by removing a wall.%(syn)
[xagaagiis, aassiis.]
pal''aanaa%1. noun%▶ splinter; fragment%(syn) [sookkiliya, pinccuwa.]%▶ thorn;
spine; prickle%(syn) [agunttaa, hooliya.]
palahiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be surplus, overflow, be in excess%▶ evade;
escape%● Gorddomaa qohuwappe guutta asay palahiis.%○ A few people escaped the
smallpox plague.
palamaa%1. noun‰ argument; dispute; debate; quarrel; fight; conflict; fracas;
skirmish; strife; affray; fuss; riot; disturbance; unrest; commotion; trouble%●
Neeni naa''anttoo qamissada yiikko, nu garssan palamay merettanna.%o There will
be trouble between us if you get home late again.%(syn) [ooshshaa, cabbuwa,
daysiya, gurubaa, wocamaa, karssikarssaa, walaqiya.]
paraasaa%1. noun%▶ horseman; rider; cavalry%• Paraa toggiya bitaniya paraasa
geettees.% A horseman is a man who rides a horse.%(syn) [paraa toggiyagaa.]
parssuwa%1. noun%▶ traditional beer, local beer%• I parssuwa uyidi mattottiis.%⊙
He drank the local beer and became intoxicated.%(syn) [sussugaa, dimbbuwa,
zaakkuwa.]
pashkkissiis%1. transitive verb%▶ refresh, make feel better%● Qumay
hargganchchaa pashkkissiis.% Food refreshed the patient.%(syn) [gasttissiis,
pattiis, xalliis.]
pasottiis%1. intransitive verb≫ be uneasy, be restless, be fretful%• Sahuwappe
denddidaagan na'ay pasottiis.%∘ Due to sickness, the child was restless.%▶ get
angry, be upset, seethe, fume, resent, reproach
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denddidaagan na'ay pasottiis.%○ Due to sickness, the child was restless.%▶ get
angry, be upset, seethe, fume, resent, reproach
paxa%1. adjective%▶ healthy; well%▶ alive%• Cimatettaynne harggee daro
qohikkonne, bitanee paxa dees.%o Although the man is horribly weakened by old
age and illness, he is still alive.
paxuwa%1. noun%▶ healing%• Paxoy sakketti simmin bollay lo"iyogaa woykko sahoy
yeddiyogaa.% Healing is the improvement of one's health after an illness or
returning to a healthy state after an illness or an injury. %(syn) [paxettaa.]
paydiis%1. transitive verb%▶ count; enumerate; number%• I miishshsaa paydiis.%⊙
He counted the money.%(syn) [qoodiis.]
payduwa%1. noun%▶ number, verse, reference number (ref. no)%(syn) [qoodaa].%▶
verse%(syn) [xiqisiya.]
payyenna%1. adjective%▶ sick; unwell%• Payyenna asi ooso oottanawu danddayenna.
% A sick person cannot work.%(syn) [hargganchcha, sahanchcha.]
peenotiis%1. intransitive verb≫ stink, smell bad%• Anhay sohuwara moogana
xayikko, peenotees.% A corpse smells bad unless it is buried soon.%(syn)
[xinqqiis, zee'iis, xo''u giis, ariis, samuqiis.]
peeriya%1. noun%▶ contribution, special offering%• Hiyyeesa tamaaree bari
laggetuppe quutta miishsha peeriya koyees.% A destitute student needs some
contributions from his peers.%(syn) [cecettaa.]
pererotiis%1. intransitive verb≫ live lavishly, live luxuriously%• Dure
bitaniya naati keehi pererottoosona.%o The children of a rich man live lavishly.
%(syn) [bayiis.]
perzza%1. adjective%▶ bucktoothed, protruding (of teeth)%● Achchaa aakimee
na'aayyoo perzza achchaa giigissiis.%o The dentist fixed the child's protruding
teeth.%(syn) [kerphpheshe.]
phakkiliya%1. noun%▶ lump; clod%• I Kanaa bolli phakkiliya oliis.%○ He threw a
clod at the dog.%(syn) [guulluwa, phashaa, zebbaa.]
phalqqettaa%1. noun%▶ division; split; bisecting%▶ opposition; antonym%• Ne
qofay muleera taagawu phalqqetta.% Your ideas are in total opposition to mine.
phanggaliis%1. transitive verb≫ open wide%• Aakimee A doonaa phanggalidi metuwa
demmiis.% The doctor opened wide his mouth and found the problem.%(syn)
[poogqiis.]
phanqqiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ scream; shout%• Qeeri na'ay waasuwa panqqees.%○
The little child screamed.%(syn) [xulluusiis, waassiis, zuulliis, sheekkiis, woo
giis.]
phayxiis%1. transitive verb%▶ kill; murder%• Sahoy A ha laytti phayxennan
aggenna.%○ The illness may kill him this year.‰▶ strike, hit hard
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phengqeshiis%1. transitive verb%▶ neglect; reject%• I ta qofaa phengqeshidi

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ixxiis.% He rejected my opinion.%(syn) [qelekkiis.]
phixxilliis%1. transitive verb‰ canter, leap (implies happiness)%● Ussiya phixxillawusu.%○ The heifer is leaping.%(syn) [xikkilliis.]
phooliis%1. intransitive verb%▶ gleam, glitter, shine brightly and continuously
%• Tamaare keettay bootta qalamiyan lo''idi tiyettido gishshawu awan phooliis.%○
The freshly painted wall in front of the school gleamed in the sunlight.%(syn)
[pheelipheeliis, waciwaciis.]
phoolliya%1. adjective%▶ luminous; glittery; shiny; gleaming%• I phooliya
caammaa wottiis.% He wore shiny shoes.%(syn) [waciwaciya, pheelipheela.]
phopholqqu giis%1. intransitive verb%▶ flash; sparkle%• I hayttaa worqqay
pholqqu gees.% Her golden earring sparkles.%(syn) [wolqqammiis, zeelummiis.]
piigiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ run; scuttle; bolt; canter; dash%• Polisiya
be"idi kaysoy wottaa piigiis.% Upon seeing the policeman, the thief ran
quickly.%(syn) [wottaa shokkiis, woxxiis, juujiis, kaatiis, luucciis, xuydaa
qachchiis, piddi giis, xuydaa xunttiis, xariisissiis, issi tohuwa han yeggiis.]
piillanttiya%1. noun%▶ throat%• Eti issoy issuwara piillanttiya oykettidosona.%○
They went for each other's throat. № Adam's apple
piitiis%1. transitive verb%▶ peel%• Na'iya donuwa piitaasu.%○ The girl peeled a
potato.%(syn) [salkkiis, massiis.]
pilaatiis%1. intransitive verb‰ get better, be healthy%• I hanno gakkanaw
sahettees, shin guuttaa pilaatiiddi dees.% He is still ill, but he is getting
better slowly.%(syn) [lo''iis, paxiis, deciis, gasttiis, kehiis.]
pilggettaa%1. noun%▶ scrutiny, research, careful, searching examination or
inspection%• payyatettaa pilggettaa%∘ medical examination%(syn) [pilggi
xeelliyagaa.]
pirdda keettaa%1. noun%▶ court%• Eti hachchi qalla Saynno pirdda keettaa
shiiqoosona.% They will appear in court next Monday.%(syn) [piixa keettaa.]
pirddiis%1. transitive verb%▶ judge; sentence%● Shemppuwa woridaageetu bolla
daannay laatamu laytta pirddiis.%o The court sentenced the murderers to twenty
years in prison.%(syn) [piixiis.]
piriis%1. transitive verb%▶ jump; leap; hop%• Kaysoy dirssaa huuphiyara piriis.
%○ The thief jumped over the fence.%(syn) [guppiis.]
piriya%1. noun%▶ snare; trap%• Piriya waaxa.%○ Set a trap.%(syn) [woximaxiya,
shoci woraa.]
piskkattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be scattered%• Joyniya xoo'iyara kattay
piskkattiis.%o The crop is scattered from the hole in the sack.%(syn) [piskki
giis, laalettiis, tiskkaari maxine kiyiis.]
piskki oottiis%1. transitive verb%▶ scatter%• Carkkoy mela mittaa tashiya
laaliis.%o The wind scattered the tree's dry leaves.%(syn) [laaliis, piskkayiis, tiskkayiis, tiskki oottiis, biittaa gattiis, biittaa sa'aa gattiis, toskkayiis,
poskkayiis.]
pizh"i giis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be torn%• Dabidaabbee na'eeppe na'ay dafi
ekkishin pizh"i giis.%o The letter was torn when the boy was snatched it from
the girl.%(syn) [pozh''u giis, peerettiis.]
poga%1. adjective%▶ open (container)%• Poga gosiyan diya maattaa naata
ushshoppite.% Don't let children drink the milk from the open gourd.%(syn)
[dooya.]
pokko%1. adjective%▶ decent; honorable; respected%• Hachchi, nu soo pokko imatti
yees.%o Today, a respected guest will visit our home.%(syn) [bonchcho, wogo,
pokko%1. adjective%▶ indecent; shameful; impolite; offensive%• pokko ooso%o an
impolite deed%(syn) [bala, mooro, borsso, boqoso.]
pol"attiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ flame, burn producing flame%• Mela mittay
tamaa eettido wode pol"attiis.%o The dry wood produced a flame when it was
burnt.%(syn) [eexxiis, pololattiis, poddu giis.]
polisiya%1. noun%▶ policeman, man on a police force%• Kaysoy wuuqqiiddi diishin,
polisee oyqqiis.% The policeman caught the thief red handed.%(syn) [xaaciya.]
poo'iis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be lit%• Nuuni isiwiichchiya naaqqikko, keettay
poo'ees.%o If we turn on the switch, the room will be lit.%(syn) [wagaggiis,
pozhzhattiis, xaariis.]
poocciis%1. intransitive verb≫ subtract, spend, take away (money for another
purpose)%● I booraa bayzzi simmidi 500 biraa poocciis.%○ He spent 500 birr after
he had sold his ox.%(syn) [denttiis.]
poosattiis%1. intransitive verb≫ be uneasy, be restless, be fretful%• So asaa
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shoorov zigiridoogaa sivada A poosattaasu.%o She became fretful because she
heard what the neighbors were saying about her family. ≫ get angry, be upset,
seethe, fume, resent, reproach
porddoliina%1. adjective%▶ gristly%• Porddolliina ashuwa coommanaagee tana
iitees.%○ I don't like chewing gristly meat.%▶ difficult
pozh''u giis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be torn out (clothes)%• Ta suree
misimaariyan pozh''u giis.%o My trousers were torn on a nail%(syn) [peerettiis,
pizh"i giis.]
prezidanttiya%1. noun%▶ president, head of state of republic%▶ president,
highest-ranking member of association%▶ president, head of company%▶ 4.
president, the highest-ranking executive officer of some universities, colleges,
government departments, legal divisions
pude duge yegettaa%1. noun%► shake%(syn) [giggishuwa, gurettaa.]%► manipulation;
fraud; perversion; garble; obstinacy%(syn) [muttumuruwa, wuttaaluwa,
qaxiballuwa, xambbixalluwa, wulaatuwa, shikkaaluwa, dirqqallettaa,
shikkibilluwa.]
pude duge yeggiis%1. transitive verb%▶ quiver; shake; tremble; sway%(syn)
[giggishiis.]%▶ manipulate; sway; bias%(syn) [xambbarssiis, muttumuriis,
wuttaaliis, undduwaaliis, qaxiballiis, wulaatiis, shikkaaliis, shikkibilliis,
dirqqalliis, dooqqiis, kinnaaliis, baxxiis.]
pudettaa%1. noun%▶ hill; uphill; upwards%• Taani pudettaa kiyada daafuraas.%○ I
was tired after climbing uphill.%(syn) [zumbbullaa.]
pulttiya%1. adjective%▶ springing, flowing out%• pulttiya haattaa%∘ the flowing
water%(syn) mozhzhiina.]
purcciis%1. intransitive verb%▶ regrow (grass)%● Buuccido maatay naa''antto
purcciis.% The mown grass regrew.%(syn) aaciis, caariis, macimachchiis.]
purccuwa%1. noun%▶ immature grass%• Miizzay purccuwa miidi gusees.%○ Cows get
diarrhea if they eat immature grass.%(syn) [aacaa, mul"uwa, macimachchiya.]
purchchakkiis%1. transitive verb%► mix; blend; amalgamate%• A xiiliya haattaara
purchchakkaasu.% She mixed the flour with water.%(syn) [walakkiis.]
pushakkiis%1. transitive verb%▶ splash; spray; scoop%• A na'aa som' uwan haattaa
pushakkaasu.%o She splashed the water on the boy's face.%(syn) [kakkafiis,
caccafiis, puukkiis.]
putiis%1. transitive verb%▶ procreate often, breed often, give birth often%•
Issi cora naati de'oosona. A yeluwa putaasu.% She has many children. She gave
birth often.%(syn) [gacinnaasu, yeliis, huttayiis.]
puukkiis%1. transitive verb%▶ spit, puff out, spray (of water or liquid from the
mouth)%• Shooshshay A bolli marzziya puukkiis.%○ The snake spit poison at him.%
(syn) [kakkafiis, caccafiis, pushakkiis.]
puulattiis%1. transitive verb%▶ be attractive%• I meecettidi maayi simmidi
puulattiis.% He became attractive after washing and dressing.%(syn) [lo''iis,
malddaddiis, hajibaliis, yalddaddiis, yalalliis, lasassiis.]
puusiis%1. transitive verb%▶ drizzle, rain very gently in fine drops, usually
for a short period of time%• Iray guutta puusin, buhee looxigiis.%○ When it
drizzled, the ground got damp.%(syn) [diifiis.]
puusuwa%1. noun%▶ itch, itchy skin disorder%• Puusuwassi xaliya tiyanawu
shammaas.% I bought medicine to apply to the itchy skin disorder.%(syn)
[qaachchaa.]
puuziis%1. transitive verb%▶ claw, tear, rip (claws)%• Gawariya kanaa puuzaasu.
%○ The cat clawed the dog.%(syn) [zaaziis.]
qaachchaa%1. noun%▶ scratch; itch%• Qaachchay A bollaa masunxxissiis.%○ The
scratches caused injury to his body.%(syn) [puusuwa.]
qaadadan%1. adverb%▶ luckily; fortunately%• A qaadadan lotoree gakkiis.%○ He
luckily won the lottery.%(syn) [ayyaanadan.]
qaafiis%1. transitive verb%▶ stoop%• Bitanee cimiiddi qaafiis.%○ The man stooped
as he grew old.%(syn) [hokkiis.]
qaala qaattiis%1. transitive verb%▶ say; utter; mention; quote; pronounce;
rehearse%(syn) [haasayiis, doonaa gattiis, corbbobayiis, giis, yaagiis,
girggiis, qaalaa phalqqiis.]%▶ tell; mention%(syn) [kafotiis, paafunttaa
qaaqqiis%1. transitive verb%► wish; desire; hope%• I qumaa maana qaaqqees;
namisettennan aggenna.%○ He wishes to eat food; I think he is hungry.%(syn)
[amottiis, yooqu giis, yeemottiis, qaaqqatiis.]
qakkiis%1. transitive verb%► kick, strike with the foot%• Haree godariya
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gakkiis.%○ The donkey kicked the hyena.%(syn) [ginddiis.]
galam''iis%1. transitive verb≫ fold%• A irppaniya galam"aasu.%∘ She folded the
the hide.%(syn) [dakkoyiis.]
qalliis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be thin%• Miizziya maataa pacaappe denddidaagan
qallaasu.%o The cow became thin because of a lack of grass.%(syn) [laafiis,
gilqqiis, lee'iis, ashkkariis, kixettiis, shawuhetiis, gilppiciiciis.]
qalxxaxxiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ become neat%• Wuygee pitetti simmidi
qalxxaxxiis.%o After being swept, the floor became neat.%(syn) [geeyyiis,
walalliis, mulxxuxxiis, wululliis.]
qam"iis%1. transitive verb%▶ chew, chew a little%• Maray maataa qam"ees.%○ The
calf chews a little grass.%(syn) [qorphphayiis, qawucayiis, coommiis, cittayiis,
cippayiis, coppayiis, qirphphayiis, xoggiis.]
qammiis%1. intransitive verb≫ darken, fall, be dusk, be dark, be night, be
evening (of a daytime)%• Kanay qammiyo wode bocciis.%o The dog barked when it
was night.%(syn) [xumiis, lem"iis, omariis, lankkiis.]
qanaatiis%1. transitive verb%▶ envy, become jealous, become envious%• Na'iya
lo''o timirtte ooso ayfiya demmin, I laggeti qanaatidosona.% Her friends became
jealous when the girl achieved her good grades.%(syn) [miqqaynniis.]
qanggiis%1. transitive verb%▶ curse%• Cima bitanee na'aa qanggiis.%○ An old man
cursed the boy.%(syn) [massammiis, goommiis.]
qanxxettida%1. adjective%▶ cut%● Qanxxettida shonkkooroy kaamiyan caanettiis.%○
The cut cane was loaded onto the trucks.%▶ amputated
qanxxettiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be cut%(syn) [duuxxiis.]%▶ be amputated%(syn)
[qaaratettiis.]
gaggaasiis%1. transitive verb≫ search for, search for% here and there Biittaa
sa'aa qaqqaasiis.%o He searched for something everywhere.%(syn) [koyiis,
paachchuriis, tattaafiis.]
qarcciitaa%1. noun%▶ bag, baggage (of clothes)%● Woosanchchay demmobaa ubbaa
qarcciitan naaqqiis.% The beggar put everything into the bag.%(syn)
[korojjuwa.]
qaretaa%1. noun%▶ compassion; concern; sympathy; empathy%• Iyyoo oge gaxan
de'iya naatussi qaretay de'ees.%o She has compassion for street children.%(syn)
[siiquwa, mishuwa, sotuwan seellettiyogaa.]
qareti baynna%1. adjective%▶ callous%• A qareti baynna asa kiyaasu.%○ She became
a callous woman.%(syn) [iita, meqetti baynna, suutti baynna, pala, biittaa
goggiya, aggaaga iita, meqettaa iita, bodoojje, aja, oso, ajaajje, hanccaama,
maracciya iita, maracciya worddo, wozanaa shuchcha, hanttaara, kehatetti
baynna.]
qarettiis%1. transitive verb%▶ have compassion, have pity, sympathize%• Aaway
na'aayyo qarettiis.%o Father pitied the child.%(syn) [goshiyan goodettiis,
mishettiis, sotuwan seelettiis.]
qashamiis%1. transitive verb%▶ transfer, relocate (threads from spindle to
bamboo pipe) № Shimaynnee shaluwa hinddiriitaappe piiqiyawu qashamiis. % The
weaver transferred the thread from the spindle to the bamboo pipe. %▶ gather;
assemble; accumulate; collect; harvest; reinstate; reap; amass; hoard
qaw'e%1. adjective%▶ green; unripe; immature%• Qaw'e mitta ayfee maanawu
lo''enna.% Unripe fruit is not good to eat.%(syn) [qayye, ka"enna.]
qaxana%1. adjective%▶ little; few; some; small%(syn) [qiiba, guutta, daro
guutta, ayfiyan geli qum''enna, xoyta.]%▶ worthless, good-for-nothing, selfish%
(syn) [qoriso.]
qaxaniis%1. intransitive verb%▶ steal (food)%• I qumaa qaxanees.%∘ He steals
food.%(syn) [mogoliis, wuuqqiis, londdis.]
qaxxariis%1. transitive verb%▶ circumcise%• Beni wode attuma asay mashshan
gaxxarettees.% Men were circumcised with a knife in the olden days.%(syn)
[muuciis, cuuphiis.]
qaxxiis%1. transitive verb%▶ trip; stumble%• Taani hemettishin, gediya sinttawu
kessidi tana qaxxiis.%∘ As I walked, he stuck out his leg and tripped me.%▶
qeeqqaalettiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ dawdle; loiter; linger; dally; tarry%•
Neeni yaanne haanne qeeqqaalettana xayikko, yaa sohuwara gakkaasa.%○ You'll get
there in time if you don't dawdle.%▶ fornicate
qeexiis%1. transitive verb%▶ deforest, clear, uproot completely%• Goyanaassi
gadiya qeexana koshshees.% Clearing forests is needed for plowing.≫ ruin,
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destroy, terminate, sweep away

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qel''qel"iis%1. transitive verb%▶ be unsteady, shake%• A ammanoy aybinne
qel"iqel"enna.% Nothing could shake his faith.%(syn) [gaytigaytiis, gajigajiis,
qaaxxiis, yanqqiyanqqiis, yabiyabiis, yaaqiyaaqiis, yaa haa giis, kokkoriis.
qelekkiis%1. transitive verb%▶ reject; neglect%● Qelekkiyogaappe ayssi izaawu
balaa zorada ammanttikkii?%o Why don't you convince him of his mistakes rather
than rejecting him?%(syn) [phenqqeshiis.]
qexe geenna%1. adjective%► courageous; brave; plucky; valorous; audacious;
mettlesome; clever; adroit; smart; skillful%• I wogaa mooriyageetu bolli
haasayanawu qexe geenna asa.%o He is a courageous man to speak against
injustice.%(syn) [yayyenna, gooba, mino, gaammo, buuxanne geenna, babbenna.] qexe guussaa%1. noun%▶ fear; fright; dread; terror%● Qeexe
guussaappe/yashshaappe denddidaagan assi suylee kokkorees.% Because of fear,
his legs are trembling.%(syn) [yashshaa, babettaa.]
qiiba%1. adjective%▶ few; small; little; vestige%• He qiiba na'ay asttamaare
gidiyogee ammananawu deexxees.%o That small boy is a teacher, which is hard to
believe.%(syn) [guutta, daro guutta, qaxana, ayfiyan geli qum''enna, xoyta.]
qilicattiis (qilcciqilcciis)%1. intransitive verb‰▶ be worthless, be good-for-
nothing, be selfish%(syn) [na'atiis, yelagiis.] > be foolish%(syn) [na'atiis,
eeyyiis, yelagiis, onkkolotiis.]
qim''otiis%1. transitive verb≫ wink, signal to close one eye and open it again
quickly, especially as a private signal to somebody, or to show something is a
joke%● I O qim''otin, A A qofaa eraasu.%○ He winked at her and she knew he was
thinking the same thing that she was.%(syn) [sim''iis.]
qiphiqiphiis%1. transitive verb%▶ be intimidated, be terrified, be scared%•
Tamaaree asttamaariyassi qiphiqiphiis.%o The student was scared of the teacher.%
(syn) [dagammiis, horppattiis, yayyiis, babbiis, yuuqiyuuqiis, bobariis, dozhggu
giis, waabbaqiis, bizhggamiis, yarkkiis, hoppihoppiis, qasiis, batibatiis,
hodhdhihodhdhiis, barggaagiis.]
qirbbiya%1. noun%▶ ankle, a place behind an ankle%• Qirbbee tohuwappe xoqqu
giidi de'ees.% An ankle is above the foot.%(syn) [meeshi meqettaa.]
qita%1. adjective%▶ dirty; filthy; stained; garbagy; rubbishy%• Ta qita kootee
kare olettiis.% My dirty coat was thrown out.%(syn) [urqqa, muuruqa, biitta,
bunssuga, geeyyenna, sibba.]
qitaa%1. noun%▶ dirt; filth; blot; stain; garbage; rubbish; litter; muck; sewage
%● Qitaara diya maayuwa maayada asa sinttan eqqoppa, hayyanaa.%○ Don't stand in
front of others wearing clothes with dirt, please.%(syn) [buuraa, pituwa,
xorkkuwa, xelequwa, hanchchaa, axumaa, miiriqaa.]
qitattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be dirty, be stained, be blemished%● Neeni ne
maayuwa waata qitayana danddayadii?%o How did you get so much filth on your
clothes?%(syn) [muuruqiis, tiniqiiqiis, urqqatiis, xeleqotiis, xorkkotiis,
bunuquuqiis, bunssuqiis, masudhdhiis, curqquuqiis, murxxiis, sorxxoxxiis.] qocaa%1. noun%▶ market, small market in a village%● Santtaa shammanawu qocaa ba.
%○ Go to the small market to buy cabbage.%(syn) [giyaa.]
qociis%1. transitive verb≫ gather, collect, mow (grass from the shore of the
river)%● Bitanee haattaa doonaappe maataa qociis.%○ The man gathered the grass
from the shore of the river.%(syn) [buucciis, sholkkayiis.]
qohettida%1. adjective%▶ vulnerable%● Qohettida naati maadettanawu bessoosona.%○
The vulnerable children must be helped. ≫ maltreated
qohiya%1. adjective%▶ harmful; malicious%• qohiya meeziya%∘ harmful practice%
(syn) [maadoy baynna.]
qolchchiis%1. transitive verb%▶ win; defeat; overcome; conquer; beat; overtake%•
Priissaa meezetida paray annaaciyan qolchchees.% A horse that is exercised
often wins a horse race.%(syn) [xooniis, luukkiis, zooxiis, kanttiis.]
qolettaa%1. noun%▶ pulling down (crops)%▶ demolition%• keettaa qolettaa%∘
demolition of house
qolettiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be poured out%• Kattay koottaappe qolettiiddi
dees.%○ The crop is being poured out from the barrel.%▶ be demolished (house)
qoncce%1. adjective%▶ obvious; clear; open; public%• Ne balaa genttanawu
lahotoppa; neeni balidoogee nuussi goncce.%o Don't try to hide your guilt; it is
already clear to us.%(syn) [telxxexxa, bage.]
qoncciyan%1. adverb%▶ openly; publicly; clearly; indeed; certainly; surely;
definitely; undoubtedly; frankly%• Imattay nu soo hachchi yeennaagaa neeni
nuussi qoncciyan odadasa, shin ha"i tiran kiyi wodhdhiis.% You have told us
clearly that the guest won't come back today, but then he came to our home
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suddenly.%(syn) [gallassay seetin, geeshshan.]
qoommiis%1. transitive verb≫ embrace, hug, hold closely in one's arms% Bitanee
ba machchiyo qoommidi yeriis.%o The man embraced his wife and kissed her.%(syn)
[idimmiis, lokkomiis.]
qoophattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ crave, desire, long for, yarn, need, want%▶
loiter‰ I yaanne haanne ogiyan qoophattees.‰ He is loitering here and there on
qooxiis%1. transitive verb‰⊳ pass gas‰• A uloy sakkin,qooxiis.%∘ His stomach was
upset so he passed gas.%(syn) [suqiis.]
qorccayiis%1. transitive verb‰ gulp, swallow quickly, drink noisily‰ Kanay suuttaa qorccayiiddi dees.%○ The dog is gulping the blood.%(syn) [qorccu
oottiis, mittiis.]
qorccu oottiis%1. transitive verb%► gulp; swallow%● Hargganchchay xaliya qorccu
oottiis.% The patient swallowed the tablet.%(syn) [mittiis, qorccayiis.]
qorphphayiis%1. transitive verb≫ chomp, crunch, chew (noisily)%• Na'ay
shaashshaa qorphphayees.% The boy is chewing the roasted corn.%(syn)
[qawucayiis, coommiis, cittayiis, cippayiis, coppayiis, qirphphayiis, qam"iis,
xoggiis]
qorqqoriis%1. transitive verb%▶ build, build a house which is covered with tin%•
Ne aawaa ishay ha laytti qorqqoruwa shaaccido gishshawu, A miishshaa pacay
oyqqiis.% Since your uncle built the house covered with tin, he has a shortage
of money this year.%(syn) [keexxiis, gimbbiis.]
qosiis%1. transitive verb%▶ hide; conceal; cover; screen; disappear%● A
panggatuppe attanawu mitta giddon gosettaasu.% She hid among the trees in order
to escape the vandals.%(syn) [qottiis, genttiis.]
qottaa%1. noun%▶ shape; form; conformation%• Issi qaalawu qottaa laammanawu
danddayettees; shin birshshettaa laammanawu danddayetteenna.% We can change the
form of a word, but we cannot change its meaning.%▶ posture
qucci ekkiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ seem; resemble%● Na'ay ba aawaa qucci
ekkiis.% The boy resembled his father.%(syn) [malatiis, yeli laacciis, duutti
ekkiis.]
qucciyogaa%1. noun%▶ mop; rag%• A qucciyogan go"ettada keettaa quccaasu.%○ She
used a mop to clean up the room.%(syn) [meecciyogaa.]
qufiis%1. transitive verb%▶ cough%● Zino omarssi taani xiskkana danddayabeykke
gaasoynne qufayda utta aqaas.%o Last night, I couldn't sleep because I coughed
and coughed and coughed.%(syn) [suraasuriis.]
quliquliis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be enthusiastic%• Toho kuwaasiya kaassaa
be'anaagee taayyoo quliquliis.% I am enthusiastic when watching soccer.%(syn)
[sooqiis.]
quma keettaa%1. noun%▶ restaurant%• Ta yiyode I quma keettan laaxaa miiddi dees.
% When I came, he was eating lunch in a restaurant.%(syn) [katta keettaa.]
qumbba%1. adjective%▶ concave%• qumbba keriya%∘ concave bowl%(syn) [qoobba.]
qunccuutiya%1. noun%▶ fiber; filament; thread; web%• Maayoy peerettiyode,
qunccuutiyaninne narppiyan sihettees.% Clothes are sewn with a needle and
thread.%(syn) [kaaloosiya, kiriya, qacinaa.]
qunqqa%1. adjective≫ stingy, miserly, greedy (not consuming much since he/she
likes saving very much)%(syn) [shenqqa.]%▶ skinny; thin; lean%(syn) [kabba.]
qunxxissiis%1.transitive verb%▶ burn%▶ describe clearly%• I xaaciyassi daafaa
qunxxissidi yootiis.% He described the accident clearly to the policeman.
qurphphu oottiis (qarphphi oottiis)%1. transitive verb%▶ seize; capture; hold;
grab; poach; catch%• Gooliya naagiyagee kuwaasiya qurphphu oottiis.%○ The
goalkeeper grabbed the ball.%(syn) [oyqqiis, kuttu oottiis, hawhu oottiis,
sophiis, happi oottiis, gaddabbi oottiis, qaphphi oottiis, carppiis, kutuutiis,
mirggaaciis, baxuuxiis, cirppinttiis, sophphu oottiis.]
sa'aa%1. noun%▶ time%• Sa'aa sugoppa.%o Don't waste time.%(syn) [wodiya,
saallaqiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be foul, be unpleasant, be nasty, be
nauseating%● Oyssa qumay saallagees.%○ The food flavored with sour butter is
nauseating.%(syn) [teeqqiis.]
saamettiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be thirsty%• Ta saamettaas; hayyanaa tana
haattaa ushsha.%o I am thirsty; please give me water to drink.%(syn)
saapho%1. adjective%▶ honorable; respectable%• Saapho imattati Afrikaa
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Issipetettaa yaa'awu zino Addisaabi gelidosona.%○ Honorable guests arrived at

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Addis Ababa yesterday for AU summit.%(syn) [pokko, bonchcho, wogo.]
saaphoyiis%1. transitive verb%▶ respect; elevate; conserve; honor; glorify%•
Nuuni nu cima asaa saaphoyanawu bessoos.% We ought to respect our elders.%(syn)
[bonchchiis, boossiis, gitayiis.]
sadhdhaki giis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be muddy, be watery%• Torqqoy sadhdhaki
giis.% The marshy land became muddy.%(syn) [torqqottiis, silimotiis.]
safiis%1. transitive verb≫ do hard (cut, eat, dig. etc.)%• Booray maataa
safiis.%o The ox devoured the grass.%(syn) [nafiis, gadulliis, gaacciis,
sarbbiis, miis.]
sahanchcha%1. adjective%▶ sick; fatigable; sufferable; ill; unwell%• Sahanchcha
booray maataa maanawu danddayibeenna.% A sick ox hardly grazes.%(syn)
[hargganchcha, payyenna.]
salddadda%1. adjective%► perfect; wellbehaved; splendid%• Na'a gooppa, salddada!
% What a wellbehaved child he is!%(syn) [salalla, yololla, salkkakka,
malanchcha, meranchcha, jannanna, puulanchcha, meray lo"o, walanqqasa, yooshsha,
yalalla, yalamuse, yallisa, hajibala, yalddadda, lasassa, shumbbubba, salddida ]
salettiis (saliis)%1. intransitive verb%▶ bore, lose interest%• Ha kifilee
ufayssenna. Tana salettiis.% This class is not interesting. I am bored.%(syn)
[iishiis, uufiis, harshshuushiis, masuusiis.]
salo gufantto%1. adjective%▶ international%(syn) [biittaa sa'aa, sa'a
miccettaa.]%2. noun%▶ everywhere; wherever
salo mera%1. adjective%► blue%• salo malatiya meraa%o as blue as the sky%(syn)
[samaaye.]
saluwa kawotettaa%1. noun%▶ kingdom (of heaven), heaven%• ammanidaageeti
laattiyo saluwa kawotettaa%o the kingdom of heaven which believers will inherit%
(syn) [gannatiya, merinaa kawotettaa.]
saluwa qayciis%1. transitive verb‰ be successful. Loytta xanna'ada, tamaare
na'iya kifiliya timirttiyan saluwa qaycaasu.%o After studying hard, the student
became successful in her class.%(syn) [minniis, goobiis, saluwa yambbariis,
saluwa gakkiis, dadawu guulluwa oliis, xoqqiis, dadawu yambbariis, shaaraara
salliis, shaaran toggiis, saluwan tamaa shociis, hannanniis, amaamiis.]
samaaye%1. adjective%► blue%● Saloy samaaye; hachchi iray waayi bukkanna.%○ The
sky is blue; I think it will not rain today.%(syn) [salo mera.]
samppappiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ lounge, sit comfortably%• I soofan
samppappidi uttiis.%∘ He sat comfortably on the sofa.%▶ be idle
sawiis%1. transitive verb‰⊳ perfume, smell good, be fragrant‰∙ Qimaamee gelido
qumay sawees.% Spicy food smells good.%(syn) [tonggu giis.]
sawuwa caddiis%1. transitive verb%► flavor (with butter)%• A bambbariyan sawuwa
caddaasu.% She flavored the chili sauce with butter.%(syn) [shaatiya
peenoyiis.]
sawuwa%1. noun%► odor; fragrance; spice; taste; flavor; tang%► butter%●
Bambbariyan sawuwa caddiyakko lo"o.%o It is better to put butter into chili
saxaa%1. noun%▶ hay, dry grass (from thatched hut)%• keettaa saxan tamaa
yeddiis.%○ He set fire to the dry grass of hut.%(syn) [buuxaa.]
seesiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be haughty, be conceited, be proud%• A ba
bollotiya ehiido qumaa maanawu seesaasu.%o She was too proud to eat her
motherin-law's food.%(syn) [axiraariis, ayyiis, meexxariis, piikkattiis,
alliqariis, mirxxixatiis, xirirattiis, xiruwa toociis, eessaa mixxilliis,
shaaraara salliis, shaaran toggiis, seexxiis, otorettiis, duuxerettiis,
axisettiis, poriis]
seexiseexiis%1. intransitive verb≫ fidget%• Woppu ga utta. Seexiseexoppa.%○ Sit
still. Don't fidget.%(syn) [seeximeexiis, binjjibinjjiis, qin''arettiis.]
seexxiis%1. transitive verb‰ fuss, brag, boast, be haughty, be conceited, be proud% Booray maataa seexxees.%○ The ox is fussy and won't eat the grass.%(syn)
[axiraariis, ayyiis, meexxariis, piikkattiis, seesiis, alliqariis, mirxxixatiis,
xirirattiis, xiruwa toociis, eessaa mixxilliis, shaaraara salliis, shaaran
toggiis, otorettiis, duuxerettiis, axisettiis, poriis.]
senkkotiis%1. intransitive verb≫ be flawed, be imperfect, break partly (for
fragiles)%● Burccukkoy xa''idi senkkotiis.%○ The glass was imperfect after it
had been cracked.%(syn) [boroyyiis, selembbotiis.]
serefiis%1. transitive verb%► lick (a cow of its calf)%• Miizziya ba maraa
serefaasu.% The cow licked its calf.%(syn) [labaciis, laacciis, lashiis,
loshkkayiis.]
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shaafaa%1. noun%▶ river%• Na'iva haattaa tikkanawu shaafaa baasu.%○ The girl
went to the river in order to fetch water.%(syn) [haattaa.]
shaahotaa%1. noun%▶ division; isolation; discrimination; division; separation;
split; segregation%▶ secession%• shaahotaa maataa%∘ rights of secession
shaamaa%1. noun%▶ candle%• Away wullin, nuuni shaamaa oyttida.%○ We lit the
candle when the sun went down.%(syn) [muqaaddaa.]
shaaraara salliis%1. intransitive verb%▶ brag, boast, be haughty, be conceited,
be proud%(syn) [axiraariis, ayyiis, meexxariis, piikkattiis, seesiis,
alliqariis, mirxxixatiis, xirirattiis, xiruwa toociis, eessaa mixxilliis,
shaaran toggiis, seexxiis, otorettiis, duuxerettiis, axisettiis, poriis.]≫ be
clever%(syn) [minniis, goobiis, saluwa yambbariis, saluwa gakkiis, dadawu
guulluwa oliis, xoqqiis, dadawu yambbariis, shaaran toggiis, saluwan tamaa
shociis, saluwa qayciis, hannanniis, amaamiis.]
shaaran toggiis%1. intransitive verb≫ brag, boast, be haughty, be conceited, be
proud%(syn) [axiraariis, ayyiis, meexxariis, piikkattiis, seesiis, alliqariis,
mirxxixatiis, xirirattiis, xiruwa toociis, eessaa mixxilliis, shaaraara salliis,
seexxiis, otorettiis, duuxerettiis, axisettiis, poriis.]%▶ be clever, be active%
(syn) [minniis, goobiis, saluwa yambbariis, saluwa gakkiis, dadawu guulluwa
oliis, xoqqiis, dadawu yambbariis, shaaraara salliis, saluwan tamaa shociis,
saluwa qayciis, hannanniis, amaamiis.]
shafa%1. adjective%▶ useless, futile, pointless, trivial, wicked, not serious%•
Ha shafa dorssa mariya ha boniya shaacanabaa malatukku.%○ This wicked lamb may
not pass this dry season.%(syn) [tuysa, xiilima, puyna, gushama.]
shagiis%1. transitive verb%▶ bushwhack%(syn) [washiis.]%▶ devour more%(syn)
[shayyiis.]
shaniis%1. transitive verb%▶ parcel, share (of land)%• Kawotay goshanchchatussi
gadiya shaniis.% The government parceled out the land among the farmers.%(syn)
[yeziis, gishiis, gattiis, laaliis, shaakkiis.]
shaqiis%1. transitive verb%▶ share, divide, halve (of crops and vegetables)%• I
ba kottaawaara boynaa shaqiis.% He shared the yam with his partners.%(syn)
[shaakkiis.]
shareechchuwa%1. noun%► magician, witch doctor, shaman, magic, occult, wizard,
sorcerer, warlock%● Shareechchoy ha laytti kattay lo"i mokkana yaagees.%o The
wizard says that there will be a good crop this year.%(syn) [malaa, maracciya
caddiyagaa, xoossaawa.]
sharishariis%1. intransitive verb%▶ get turbid, be impure, be muddy (of water)
%● Haattay sharisharees; uyoppite.%○ The water is impure; don't drink it.%(syn)
[bulqqotiis, orccotiis, yolomoomiis.]
sheefi baynna%1. adjective%▶ graceless%• sheefi baynna asa%∘ a graceless person
%▶ doomed
sheekkiis%1. transitive verb%▶ obsess; concentrate; continue%• I ba oosuwan
sheekkiis.% He continued his work.%(syn) [shedeediis.]
sheeshsha utettaa%1. noun%► faeces; stool%• Hargganchchaayyoo sheeshsha utettaa
pilggissanaassi labiraatooriya biis.%o The patient went to the laboratory in
order to check the stool.%(syn) [shiyaa, katta sheeshshaa.]
sheeshshawu uttiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ defecate, empty the bowels%• A
sheeshsha keettaa baada sheeshshaw uttaasu.% She went to the latrine to
defecate.%(syn) [toociis, shiyiis.]
shekkeeriya%1. noun%▶ malaria%• Garaaninne misho sohotun shekkeere harqqee
darees.% Malaria is quite common in places that are low and hot.%(syn)
[uunnuwa.]
shekuriis%1. intransitive verb%▶ wobble%• Haree shuchchan kunddoosappe simmin,
wobbiya shekurees.%o After the donkey fell on the stone, it is wobbling.%(syn)
[santtiis, wobbiis, shenkkel''iis.]
sheneyiis%1. transitive verb%▶ nauseate%● Udunxxee utto qumay maanawu sheneyees.
%o Food on which flies sit nauseates me.%(syn) [magali giis, gudiis.]
shiiquwa%1. noun%▶ vow%• A woossiyo keettawu dorssaa gattaasu.%○ She offered a
lamb as a vow to the church.%(syn) [hirimaa.]
shilinggiya%1. noun%▶ coin, a coin that equals fifty cents%• Naa"u shilinggee
issi bira.% Two coins fifty-cent coins equals 1 birr.%(syn) [shenchchiya.]
shimaynniya%1. noun%▶ weaver%• Shimaynnee iirichchuwanne afalaa daddees.%○ The
weaver weaves cultural cotton blankets.%(syn) [daddiyagaa.]
shinchchaalle%1. interjection%▶ sorrow, be sorry, sorrow for a loss%• Keetta
shinchchaalle! A keettaa tamay miis.% I am sorry for the loss of your house by
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fire.%(syn) [keera.]
shiriis%1. transitive verb≫ lift; shift; reposition% Bitanee miizziyo maatay
diyosaa shiriis.% The man repositioned the to better grazing place.%(syn)
[denttiis, sayiis.]
shochchaa%1. noun‰ lashing; hitting; striking; whipping; beating; fighting%
(syn) [buhaa, waraa, udulettaa, kanaa mizuwa, hariya henttuwa, biittaa mizuwa,
biittaa conchchuwa.]%▶ abduction%(syn) [dafaa.]
shokkiis%1. transitive verb%▶ rinse; clean; sluice; swill%• Maayuwa meecca
simmada geeshsha haattan shokkaasu.%o As soon as she had washed the clothes, she
rinsed them with pure water.%(syn) [bociis.]
shol"a%1. adjective%▶ loose; unfastened%• Misilee shol''a bilooniyan qashettido
gishshawu sa'an wodhdhiis.%o The picture fell down because it was held by a
loose screw.%(syn) [lefa, dol''a, kodhdhikodhdha.]
shol''iis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be loose%• Saqqiya minttana xayikko, ne suree
shol"ees.% Unless you fasten the belt, your trousers will get loose.%(syn)
[leppiis, kolddiis, dol''iis, kodhdhikodhdhiis.]
shombbiina%1. adjective%▶ wasteful; profligate; uneconomical; extravagant%(syn)
[toskkiina.]%► talkative; loquacious; glib; wordy; prolix; chatty%(syn)
[carbbiina.]
shoobbaa%1. noun%▶ depression; valley%• Di'oy shoobban eelliis.%○ The floodwater
is collected in the depression.%(syn) [cebbaa, wombbaa, dilbbaa, gisaa.]
shoorotiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be neighbor%• I nu heeraa yiidi nunaara
shoorotiis.% Coming to our village, he became our neighbor.%(syn) [zawatiis,
heerattiis.]
shooshsha ayfiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be nearly ripe, be green, be immature,
begin to ripen% ■ Badalay shooshsha ayfiis.% The maize is immature.%(syn)
[mocetiis, mulccetiis.]
shoraa xayiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ misbehave, be rude, be undisciplined%•
Aayyiya "Hayyanaa ta naato shora xayoppite," gaasu.%o Mother said, "Don't
misbehave please, my children."%▶ be untidy, mess
shorooqiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ slip; slide%• I wottaa paalliiddi shorooqiis.
% He slipped when he was running fast.%(syn) [handdaraashiis, hallixxiis,
haliis.]
shumbbubba%1. adjective%▶ lovely%(syn) [malanchcha, meranchcha, jannanna,
puulanchcha, meray lo"o, walanggasa, yooshsha, yalalla, yalamuse, yallisa,
hajibala, yalddadda, lasassa, salddadda, salddida.]%▶ obedient%(syn) [shaaga,
ashkke, keha, ashilaalo.]
shushara%1. adjective%▶ scrawny; undernourished; malnourished; skinny%• shushara
anoy de'iyo santtaa%o a cabbage with a scrawny stem%(syn) [unggaa'unggo, burcce,
suuppa, ufuuppune, burttakeeno, hurbbubba.]
shushariis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be slender (of vegetables)%• Oshaa yeggenna
kattay shusharees.% The vegetable got slender because the cow dung was not
scattered on the farmland.%(syn) [suuppatiis, burccetiis.]
shuuriis%1. transitive verb‰⊳ sweep up, clean up‰∙ Taani wuyggiyappe buuraa
shuuraas.% I swept the dirt off the floor.%(syn) [buuriis, pittiis.]
shuuyettaa%1. noun%▶ beading; threading%• Gozddaa shuuyiyogee naati bantta
aayetuppe luxiyobaa/tamaariyobaa.%o Threading beads is a skill children learn
from their mothers.‰ collection; amassment; hoard; pile; stack; heap
shuuyiis%1. transitive verb%▶ bead; thread%• Maccaasiya gozddaashuuyaasu.%○ The
woman threaded the beads. ≫ collect; gather; accumulate; hoard; assemble;
reinstate; reap; pile; heap; stack
sifiraa%1. noun‰ feast, feast by invitation‰ Kawoy shoobettida imattatussi
sifiraa giigissiis.%o The king prepared a feast for the invited guests.%(syn)
[sooruwa, gibiraa, shoobiya.]
sigaa%1. noun%▶ reconciliation, settlement, treaty, truce, agreement between two
quarreling individuals%• Issoy issuwaara ooyettida asaassi sigaa koshshees.%o
Reconciliation is advisable for those who have quarreled with each other. %(syn)
[makettaa, mahaa.]
siiqo laggiya%1. noun%▶ close friend, inner circle%• Daro laggetu giddon,
taayyoo aramida siiqo laggeti doosona.%o Of my many friends, I have a few close
friends.%(syn) [siiqiyagaa.]
sila%1. adjective%▶ crippled; lame; paralyzed%• sila tohuwa%∘ a paralyzed leg%▶
sick; fatigable; sufferable; ill; unwell
silimotiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be mucky; be slippery, be muddy (slime)%•
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Wolggaama iray bukki simmin, ogee silimotiis.% After heavy rain, the road
became muddy.%(syn) [torqqottiis, sadhdhaki giis.]
silxxi giis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be filled, be completely full%• Haattay otuwa
silxxi giidi kumiis.% The water completely filled the pot.%(syn) [qilxxi giis,
sippi giis, walxxi giis, kumiis, sippiyan siilliis.]
sim''iis%1. transitive verb%▶ wink%• Ta O sim"in, A ta gaana koyidobaa eraasu.%○
She knew what I wanted when I winked at her.%(syn) [qim''otiis.]
sinaa%1. noun%▶ fringe (of a toga or shawl)%• Anhaa xaaxiyo afaalaappe sinaa
pooshshichcheettees. No We tear out the fringe from the blanket that shrouds
corpse.%(syn) [onggaa, yessaa.]
siqettaa%1. noun%▶ tuck%(syn) [sirqqettaa, siqimettaa.]%▶ thatch%(syn) [kamuwa,
daddahaa.]
sirphphi giis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be quiet, be silent, keep quiet%● Yaa'ay
wurana gakkanaashin, I sirphphi giis.%o Throughout the meeting, he kept silent.%
(syn) [hayzziis, co"iis, muggiis, si''i giis.]
sirqqiis%1. transitive verb%▶ chase, drive away, drive away in order to catch%•
Kanay godariya yedetaa sirqqiis.% The dog chased the hyena.%(syn) [yedettis,
gooddiis, baanaa barssiis, haphphiis.]
sohiis%1. transitive verb%▶ massage; rub; knead%• Degelay galbbaa sohiis.%○ The
tanner rubbed the skin.%(syn) [shigichchiis, gorppiis, niqiichchiis.]
sohuwan sohuwan%1. adverb%▶ repeatedly, again and again%● Nuuni sohuwan sohuwan
issi mala balaa oottanawu bessenna.% We should never make the same mistakes
again and again.%(syn) [ha"i ha"i.]
sohuwan wottiis%1. transitive verb%▶ replace; represent%● Taani me''ida
burccukko ubbaa sohuwan haraa suyqiyappe shammada wottaas.% I replaced all the
broken glasses by buying new ones from the shop.%(syn) [gitto gidiis.]
som"uwa tukkiis%1. transitive verb‰ scowl; frown; grimace% Ne A bolli ayssi
som''uwa tukkay?%○ What are you frowning at him for?%(syn) [sinttaa tukkiis.]
som"uwa%1. noun%▶ brow; forehead; face%• Qibaatiya som''uwa tiya.%○ Apply the
cream to your face.%(syn) [sinttaa, merchchiya.]
soniya%1. noun‰ ledge‰ Soniyan eqqidi garssan de'iya wombbaa xeellees.‰
Standing on the ledge, he looked down into the valley.%(syn) [sagadaa.]
sonnu giis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be cooked, be wellcooked%• Kattay sonnu giis,
coociyappe kessargga.% The food is done, so take it off the stove.%(syn)
[ka''iis, suuggiis, konnu giis.]
sooriis%1. transitive verb%▶ feast%• I allaanaa daannatettaa ekkidi sooriis.%○
He feasted the people after he was assigned as the leader of the district.%(syn)
[sifiriis, shoobbiis.]
sooruwa%1. noun%▶ feast; party%• bullachchaa sooruwa%○ a wedding feast%(syn)
[sifiraa, gibiraa, shoobiya.]
sophiis%1. transitive verb≫ capture; catch; receive%• A ta olido loomiya
sophaasu.% She caught the lemon I threw to her.%(syn) [oyqqiis, kuttu oottiis,
hawhu oottiis, happi oottiis, gaddabbi oottiis, qaphphi oottiis, qurphphu
oottiis, carppiis, kutuutiis, mirggaaciis, baxuuxiis, cirppinttiis, sophphu
oottiis.]
sorphphayiis%1. transitive verb≫ slurp, drink noisily, drink something noisily
%● Booray atalaa sorphphayees.%○ The ox slurped the sediment.%(syn) [phaphiis,
uyiis, ganiis, co''ayiis, yo''ayiis, yolppayiis.]
sunddukiis%1. transitive verb%▶ nibble; bite%• Qeeri na''ay oyttaappe guuttaa
sunddukiis.% The little son nibbled at his bread.%(syn) [saxxiis, xinni
oottiis.]
sunkkuriis%1. transitive verb%▶ start; begin; commence%(syn) [qaydiis, doommiis,
qoxomiis, susaa haattan yeggiis.]%▶ nitpick; cavil; quibble%(syn) [yeeso maattan
buuxa koyiis, miqiiqqiliis, oysettiis.]
sunttaa%1. noun‰ name‰ Asay ba sunttan xeegettees.‰ People are called by
their names. № noun (grammar), a word used for things, people, animals, places,
and ideas
suquwa%1. noun%▶ passed gas%• Sugoy xingges.%○ Passed gas stinks.%(syn)
[qooxiya.]
suraggiis%1. transitive verb%▶ puff; blow%(syn) [punniis.]%▶ kill; murder%(syn)
[donttiis, woriis, mogoliis.]
suriya%1. noun%▶ trousers; pants; slacks%• Ha suree tanaara giigenna.%○ The
trousers don't fit me.%(syn) [bolaaliya.]
surxxu ootettaa%1. noun%▶ sabotage; ruin; destroying; invalidation; nullity%●
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Surxxu ootettaa givogee coraa issi kutti worivogaa.% Massacre means killing
many at once.%(syn) [hurxxu oosuwa, donttuwa, bashuwa, daafettaa, mogolettaa,
dippi ootuwa, qeexuwa, wurssuwa.]
suufariis%1. intransitive verb%▶ ripen (very well)%• Manggoy mittan suufariis.%○
Mangoes are ripened on the tree.%(syn) [qorxxiis, bootiis, teeriis, yonddoddiis,
gakkiis, herxxexxiis, zerkkekkiis, yenkkekkiis.] suuggiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be overcooked, be properly cooked%● Donoy
suuggiis; moos.%○ The potato was properly cooked; let's eat it.%(syn) [ka''iis,
konnu giis, sonnu giis.]
suuppa%1. adjective%▶ rubble, riff raff, particle, piece%• A woraqataa suuppa
kessada peeraasu.% She tore the paper into shreds.%(syn) [unggaa'unggo,
shushara, burcce, ufuuppune, burttakeeno, hurbbubba.]
suuppatiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be small and less useful, be rubble (stone)%•
Neeni qerido mittay suuppatiis.% The firewood you split became too small.%(syn)
[burccetiis, shushariis.]
taaggiis%1. transitive verb%► make tidy, arrange things orderly%• A qumaa miido
sayneta taaggaasu.% She put plates orderly after she had eaten.%(syn) [maaran
wottiis.]
taassi%1. pronoun%▶ me (for me or to me)%• Ta aayyiya taassi maallado qan"iya
immaasu.% My mother gave me breakfast in the morning.%(syn) [taayyoo.]
taayyoo%1. pronoun%▶ for me, to me%• Ayssi taayyoo maxaafaa sheedhdhikii?%○ Why
don't you submit the books for me?%(syn) [taassi.]
tabaa%1. pronoun%▶ mine%● Hagee qarcciitay tabaa; wottaaga.%○ This bag is mine;
put it down.%(syn) [taagaa.]
tamaa eexxiya%1. adjective%▶ quick; fast; hasty; rapid; speedy%● Tamaa eexxiya
asi shemppennan yuuyees.%o A restless person is constantly moving.%(syn)
[dirbbiya, boge, eeso, kiirimmiya, dirbba, kitikitiya, jiirijiira, kuyrikuyra,
biixibiixa, biiribiira, hatattaama, bol"o.]
tamaa miis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be expensive, be costly, be spendy%•
Yenjjeeloy giyan tamaa miis.% Ginger is expensive in the market.%(syn) [saluwa
sa''iis, al''iis.]
tamaare keettaa%1. noun%▶ school%• Zino tamaare keettaa ayssi babeykkii?%○ Why
didn't you go to school yesterday?%(syn) [tamaare soo, luxettaa keettaa,
timirtte keettaa.]
tamaaribeenna%1. adjective%▶ illiterate%• Tamaaribeenna na'ay bari sunttaa
addiniitaa xaafanawu danddayenna.%o The illiterate boy cannot write his own
name.%(syn) [xaafennanne nabbabenna.]
tamaariya%1. noun‰ student; scholar; learner‰ Issi issi shugo tamaareti harati
tamaariyode kifiliyan xiskkoosona.%o Some lazy students are sleeping while
others are learning in the class.%(syn) [luxiyagaa.]
tanggiis%1. intransitive verb%► stroll, saunter, promenade, step, walk, take a
footstep%• I haattaa bollaara tanggiiddi kunddiis.%○ He fell while stepping over
the river.%(syn) [hemettiis, gariis, xaakkiis.]
tappattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ loiter%• Tappattoppa! Ne oosuwa ootta.%○ Don't
loiter! Do your activities.%(syn) [toylattiis, tiirattiis, qozhzhattiis.]
taran%1. adverb%▶ one at a time, one by one%• Ubba meheekka issoy issoy taran
soo geliis.% All the cows came home one at a time.%(syn) [maaran, kayan,
aruwan.]
tarshshiis%1. transitive verb%▶ break off (of tree branches)%• I mittaa
daashshaa tarshshiis.% He broke off the tree branch.%(syn) [xooqqiis.]
tasiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ fade; bleach; blanch; wither%• Mittaa bonccoy
ceeggidi tasees.% The leaves of trees wither when it grows older.%(syn)
[aariis.]
taylitayla%1. adjective%▶ unseen; invisible%(syn) [xiilixiila, eeshotiya,
teeliteela, telelem''a.]%▶ thin; skinny%(syn) [labbana, laafa, tiilitiila,
goyxa, qawuxanna.]
tecciis%1. intransitive verb%▶ support; reinforce%• I kaamiya shuchchan tecciis.
%○ He supported the car with a rock.%(syn) [kaafiis, tuuqiis, zemppissiis.]
teeqqiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ feel queasy (of greasy food)%• Oyssa qumay
teeqqees.% Greasy food causes me feel queasy.%(syn) [saallaqiis.]
teeriis%1. intransitive verb%▶ ripen (of fruits) either yellow or red in color%•
Bambbaree teeriis.% The chili ripened.%(syn) [qorxxiis, bootiis, yonddoddiis,
gakkiis, suufariis, herxxexxiis, zerkkekkiis, yenkkekkiis.]
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tigaatigiis%1. transitive verb%▶ wear, wear as a sign of respect%• Bitanee kutaa

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tigaatigiis.% The man wore a shawl.%(syn) [maayiis.]
tigiis%1. transitive verb%▶ pour; spill%• A tukkiya jabanaappe siiniyan tigaasu.
% She poured the coffee from the coffee pot into a cup.%(syn) [paggiis,
ceebbiis.]
tiifiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ break, break into pieces%• Goshshanchchay
guulluwa tiifiis.% The farmer broke the clod.%(syn) [menttiis, tomppu oottiis,
kinchchiis, homppayiis, konchchayiis, tincciis, honchchayiis, tolkkayiis.]
tiirattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ loiter; dawdle; linger; dally; tarry%• Ooso xayidi yaanne haanne tiirattees.%○ Being idle, he is loitering here and there.%
(syn) [toylattiis, tappattiis, qozhzhattiis.]
tiiruwa%1. noun%▶ impurity, dirt, suspended particles in a liquid%2. adjective%▶
lather, foam, soapy froth that is produced by soap or detergent used with water
or of coffee, drink, etc.%(syn) [hoommuwa.]
tikkeetiya%1. noun%▶ ticket%• Taassi tikkeetee baynna gishshawu baanawu
danddayikke.%o I can't go because I don't have a ticket.%(syn) [sharttiya.]
tikkiis%1. transitive verb%▶ collect, fetch, draw (water)%• A haattaa tikkaasu.
% She fetched water.%(syn) [ehiis.]
tim''i giis%1. intransitive verb≫ vanish; disappear%• Kaysoy paraa wuuqqi
simmidi heeraappe tim"i giis.%○ The thief disappeared from the village after he
had stolen the horse. %(syn) [xayiis, bayiis, kolli bo''an eqqiis, titifiyan
egqiis, haakkiis, Kafi Gomaran eqqiis, xuluqee xunqqiis, miimminttee mittiis,
gooni gamman eqqiis, kichchiis, hurttu giis.]
timettaa%1. noun%▶ completion; end%• oosuwa timettaa%o the end of the work%(syn)
[wurssettaa, maachchaa, kuushshaa.]
tinkkiri giis%1. intransitive verb%► die, end life%• A bolli kaamiya danoy
gakkaanne sohuwara tinkkiri giis.% He died suddenly after he had been in a car
accident.%(syn) [hayqqiis, kichchiis, bayiis, tuskku giis, huuphe gediyan
eqqiis, cenggereeriis, shemppii, bawutiis.]
tippi oottiis%1. transitive verb%▶ extinguish, put out a fire%(syn) [toyssiis.]
%▶ kill; murder; slay%(syn) [xayssiis, bashshiis, tim''i oottiis.]
tisttiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ apply (of your face)%• A ba som''uwa bolli
pogettida masunttaa bolli tiyiyobaa tisttaasu.% She applied ointment to the
open wound on her face.%▶ anoint
to'iis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be extinguished, be quenched%● Tamay to'iis.%o The
fire was extinguished.%(syn) [kayzziis, kayriis, qilshshi giis, tippi giis.]
tobbiis%1. transitive verb‰ discuss, deliberate, talk about% • Shuchcha gadaaway
yaa'aa asay bantta shoorotuppe murutaa dichchiyo ogiya tamaaranawu/tobbanawu
shiishshiis.%o At the chairman's meeting they discussed ways to learn from their
neighbors about increasing production.%(syn) [yaa'iis, konssooniis, haasayiis.]
toho kuwaasiya%1. noun%► soccer%• Toho kuwaasee ta dosiyo kaassa.%○ Soccer is my
favorite game.%(syn) [gede kuwaasiya.]
toho ogiya%1. noun%▶ sidewalk%• Makiina ogiya miyyessan toho ogee de'ees.%○
There is a sidewalk on the side of the road. № path, a path or road, especially
one made by the continual passing of people or animals
tohuwan wulliis%1. transitive verb≫ apologize. Ne ayssi I tohuwan wullay?
Baada eta so asaa atotettaa oychcha.% Why should you apologize to her? Go and
apologize to her family.%(syn) [mooraas giis, atotettaa oychchiis.]
tokkochchuwa%1. noun%▶ cooking utensil (of clay with three legs)%• Asay kattaa
tokkochchuwan kattees.% People prepare food by using cooking utensils.%(syn)
[teegulssaa, mexeqeliya.]
tollocca%1. adjective%▶ obscene; rude; oafish%• Tollocca na'ay asa bolli
inxxarssaa kessees.% The rude boy sticks out his tongue at people.%(syn)
[dolliwaaqa, shori baynna, carqqa, seeri baynna, kawushsha, maari baynna,
tololattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ burn, combust, be alight%• Tamay eettaa
tololattees.%○ There fire burns properly.≫▶ flow, move freely from place to
place
tolshshiis%1. intransitive verb≫ swell (of skin after it is burned by fire)%•
Ayyoo tamay miidosay tolshshiis.% His burnt body part is swelled.%(syn)
[qulppiis, masunxxiis, gambbaxiis, dee''iis.]
tolssiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be fatty (meat)%• Ashoy tolssiis.%∘ The meat is
fatty.%(syn) [modhdhiis, tuuniis, kul''iis, qirxxatiis, tuuxiis, puxuruuriis,
tembbereeriis.]
tonggiina%1. adjective%► fragrant%• A tonggiina shittuwa shammaasu.%○ She bought
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fragrant perfume.%(syn) [sawiya.]
tongqu qiis%1. intransitive verb∞ be fragrant, have a good smell. Cora gommo
qimaamee qelido qumay tonggu gees.% Well-spiced food smells nice.%(syn)
[sawiis.]
toociis%1. transitive verb%▶ defecate; excrete; evacuate; eliminate%• Qeeri
na'ay hiixan toociis.%o The baby defecated on the bed.%(syn) [shiyiis,
sheeshshawu uttiis.]
toofattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be broken easily%• Booqinttay toofattees.%∘
Limestone breaks easily.%(syn) [homppatiis.]
toonnuwa%1. noun%▶ decay; rottenness; mold; fungus%(syn) [aammuwa, wooqaa,
musaa, gassammaa.]%▶ stink, stench, unpleasant smell%(syn) [zee'uwa, xinqquwa,
xo''iinaa.]
tootiis%1. transitive verb%► ask repeatedly to buy, bid, guess (the price)%● Ne
booraa 8000 biran shammanawu deree washaa tootees.%o Everybody is asking to buy
your ox for 8000 birr.%(syn) [wachchiis.]
torppayuwa (torppu oottuwa)%1. noun%▶ prick; stab; piercing%• bollaa torppayuwa
%o body piercing%(syn) [cachchaa, wayqettaa, wolloqettaa.]
torqqottiis%1. intransitive verb≫ get muddy, be marshy%• Iray keehi bukkin,
gadee torggottiis.% After it had rained a lot, the land got muddy.%(syn)
[sadhdhaki giis, silimotiis.]
torqquwa%1. noun%▶ mud; swamp; marsh; bog; mire%• Otobisee torqquwan shorooqiis.
%○ The bus slipped in the mud.%(syn) [sereephiya, coodhdhiya, looqquwa,
silimuwa.]
toskkiina%1. adjective%▶ scatterable; spreadable; distributable%(syn)
[laalettiya, hususiina, piskkiina, tiskkiina.] ≫ wasteful; profligate;
uneconomical; extravagant%(syn) [shombbiina.]
tottiya%1. noun%▶ raindrop, drip, drop of rain%• wogga mittaappe wodhdhiya
tottiya%o a raindrop that has fallen from big trees%(syn) [xohaa.]
toylattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ loiter; dawdle; linger; dally; tarry%• Oosoy
baynna asi katama giddon toylattees.% An idle person loiters in the streets.%
(syn) [tiirattiis, tappattiis, qozhzhattiis.]
tubbiis (tuubbiis)%1. transitive verb%► stamp; step%● Naati urqqa caammaara
zaaretti zaarettidi tubbidi ta meeccido wuygiya urqqayidosona.%o The children
dirtied my polished floor by stamping it repeatedly with muddy shoes. ≫ flatten;
smooth; level; compress; step
tubettaa%1. noun‰ stamping; stepping‰ biittaa tubettaa‰ stamping on the
ground%(syn) [xolbbayuwa, yerettaa, daraxettaa.]
tuggaa%1. noun‰ hardship; misery; suffering; distress; trouble‰ A miishsha oychchoppa. I ha wodiyan wolqqaama tuggaa bolli de'ees.‰ Don't ask him for
money. He has enough hardship at the present time. %(syn) [kirqqaa, leelaa,
barchchiya, bixaa, metuwa, tuggaa besuwa, qiphettaa, waysuwa, tiraara qixxi
geettaa, tiraara sitti geettaa, waayiya.]
tum"ettaa%1. noun%▶ bumping; butting%• Tum"ettaa giyogee huuphiyan woykko
kaciyan dom''iyogaa.%o Butt means a push with the head or horns.%(syn)
[dom''ettaa.]
tumatettaa%1. noun%▶ truthfulness; veracity%• Issi issi ezggiyageeti A
taarikiya/haydaa tumatettaa oychchidosona.%o Some listeners questioned the
veracity of his story.≫ justice
tumppu giis (tomppu giis)%1. intransitive verb%▶ be flour, be crushed (of crops)
%(syn) [xiinniis, xiillettiis, liiqiis.]≫ be broken, be shattered%(syn)
[me''iis, kunchchu giis, nippi giis, tolkku giis, honchchu giis, konchchu giis,
komppu giis, tomppu giis.]
tunissiis%1. transitive verb%▶ make (the cutting edges) dull%• Neeni
misimaariyaara de'iya mittaa qanxxada ta kalttaa tunissadasa.%o You made my ax
dull by cutting wood that contains nails. ≫ profane; rape; defile; fornicate
tuuniis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be very fat%• Booray tuuniis.%⊙ The ox became
fat.%(syn) [modhdhiis, kul''iis, qirxxatiis, tuuxiis, puxuruuriis,
tembbereeriis, tolssiis.]
tuuqiis%1. transitive verb≫ support; reinforce%• Anaaxee wullana haniya keettaa
tuuqiis.%o The carpenter supported the hut which was about to fall.%(syn)
[kaafiis, zemppissiis, tecciis.]
ubbabaa%1. pronoun%▶ everything, all things%● Haraubbabaa tawu agga; maxaafaa
ekka.%o Take the book and leave everything else to me.%(syn) [woxxi
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ubbasaa%1. adverb≫ everywhere; wherever% Nuuni ubbasaa xeellida.% We looked
everywhere.%(syn) [pude duge.]
ufayttiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ rejoice, be glad, be happy, be elated%● Ta
ishaa lottoriyan naa"u miilloone biray gakkin keehi ufayttiis.%○ My brother was
happy when he won the two million birr lottery. %(syn) [moocatiis, noocu giis,
miicciis.]
uliis%1. transitive verb≫ accumulate; pile; gather; collect; heap; hoard; reap;
stack; assemble; reinstate%• I banggaa cakkidi issi sohuwan uliis.%○ He cut down
barley and heaped in a place.%(syn) [guuppiis, dooriis, kuuriis, shiishshiis,
koriis, dagayiis, keeliis.]
umbbubuliis%1. intransitive verb%▶ come at once (of large number of people or
animals)%• Dere asay woosa keettaa guuran umbbubulettiis.%○ Many people are
coming to the church in the morning.%(syn) [shiiqiis, hummu giis.]
unkkotiis%1. intransitive verb≫ grow big, increase in size (tubers)%•
Shukkaaree unkkotiis.% The sweet potato grew big.%(syn) [miskkatiis.]
unkkuwa%1. noun%► tuber (of vegetable)%• donuwa unkkuwa%o the potato tuber%(syn)
[miskkataa.]
usa%1. adverb%▶ even usa giyan even in the market%(syn) [haray attin, haray
atto.]%2. interjection%▶ you jerk (anger)
ussiyo%1. noun%▶ heifer, a young cow, especially one that has never had a calf%•
Ussiya beexxalawusu.% The heifer estruses.%(syn) [guntturiyo.]
utulaa%1. noun%▶ straw; hay; chaff%• Gaashiya utulay keettaa urqqaa caddanawu
maaddees.%o Teff straw is used for mixing with mud to plaster walls.%(syn)
[dalaa, dappaa, maqaa.]
uufiis%1. transitive verb≫ resent; complain% Asi soo yiyodee uufoppa.% Don't
complain when people come home.%(syn) [iishiis, harshshuushiis, masuusiis,
salettiis.l
uunnuwa%1. noun%▶ malaria%• A uunnoy oyqqidaagee giggishees.%∘ He was shivering
with malaria.%(syn) [shekkeeriya]
uzuuziis%1. intransitive verb%▶ ooze; leak; flow; drip%● Haattay otuwappe
uzuuzes.% The water leaked from the pot.%(syn) [tilshshattiis, aattiis.]
waagaa%1. noun%▶ price; cost; value%• Mata wodeppe simmin, tukkiya waagay/gatee
gujjiis.% The price of coffee has increased several times recently.%(syn)
[gatiya, allaalliya.]
wachchiis%1. transitive verb%▶ bid, guess, estimate, estimate something roughly,
guesstimate (of price)%● Makiinaa gatiya/waagaa wachchanawu danddayay?%○ Can you
estimate the cost of the car?%(syn) [tootiis.]
waciwaciis%1. intransitive verb%▶ glitter; gleam; shine%● Worqqay waciwacees.%○
Gold glitters.%(syn) [pheelipheeliis, phooliis.]
walakkiis%1. transitive verb%▶ mix; join%● Tukkiyara shayiya walakkoppa.%o Don't
mix coffee and tea.%(syn) [purchchakkiis.]
watiwatiis%1. intransitive verb≫ supplicate, plead, beg politely%• Na'ay ba
aawan warettenna mala watiwatiis.%o The boy begged not to be beaten by his
father.%(syn) [kaafikaafiis.]
watiwatuwa%1. noun%▶ supplication; plea%• A watiwatuwan gulbbataasu.%○ She knelt
in supplication.%(syn) [kaafikaafuwa.]
way'ana%1. interjection%▶ oh%• I way'ana giis.%○ He said, ''oh.''%▶ sorry, an
expression of regret or remorse
wayqiis%1. transitive verb%▶ spear, pierce (with a spear)%• Toora do'aa wayqiis.
% He pierced the beast with a spear.%(syn) [torppayiis, caddiis, loqiis,
hoskkiis, misoomiis, tumaatiis, wolloqiis.]
wobbiis%1. transitive verb%▶ limp, walk unevenly%• Na'ay haddirssa tohoy burqqin
wobbiiddi soo biis.%o The boy strained his left leg so he limped home.%(syn)
[santtiis, shenkkel''iis, shekuriis.]
wobettaa%1. noun%▶ limp (an act of limping)%• Assi tohuwan deshettay diyo
gishshawu wobettaa doommiis.% He walked with a limp because his foot had been
hurt.%(syn) [santtettaa.]
wocamaa%1. noun%▶ dispute; clamor; noise; uproar; hubbub; chaos; quarrel; fight;
conflict; fracas; argument; debate; skirmish; strife; affray; riot; disturbance;
unrest; commotion; trouble%● Hayyanintta wocamaa darissoppite; qeeri na'ay
xiskkiiddi dees.% Please don't make more noise; the baby is sleeping.%(syn)
[ooshshaa, palamaa, cabbuwa, daysiya, gurubaa, karssikarssaa, walaqiya.]
wocamiis%1. transitive verb%▶ clamor, vocalize, be noisy, drown out, dispute
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noisily, make noise, yell. Hayyanaa ta bolli wocammoppa! Maara haasaya. ∾

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Please do not yell at me! Talk peacefully.%(syn) [yootettiis, palamettiis,
cancciis, kacciis, cabbottiis, cayettiis.]
wochchiyagaa%1. noun%▶ watcher; spy%• Hara biittaa yo"uwa kaalli kaalli
ezggiyagee wochchiyagaa geetettees.% A spy is a person who tries to get
information about another country.%(syn) [kafuwa, meetiya.]
wodalliis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be young%▶ be alone (when children have gone
somewhere else)%• Naati tamaariyawu biichchido gishshawu tana sa'ay
wodallissiis.% I am alone at home because the children have gone to school.
woddiis%1. intransitive verb%► tilt; slant%• Keettay ceeggidi woddiis.%○ The old
house tilted down.%(syn) [sen''iis.]
wodhdhiya%1. adjective%▶ profitable; gainful%• wodhdhiya zal''iya%∘ profitable
trade%(syn) [kessiya.]
woga%1. adjective%▶ legal%• Ha yo''oy wogakkonne wogi baynnabaakkonne yigga
xeellanawu bessees.% You have to check whether this is legal or not.≫ right
wogaaciya%1. noun%▶ blacksmith%• Wogaacee birataappe dumma dumma miishshata
qoxxees.% A blacksmith makes different tools from metals.%(syn) [hiillaa.]
wolqqammiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ flash; sparkle%• Ta dorssiya wolqqanttay
wolqqammiyode bizhggamawusu.%o My ewe startles when the lightning flashes.%(syn)
[phopholqqu giis, zeelummiis.]
wonmbbeetuwa%1. noun%► king's brother%● Wombbeetoy kawuwa ishaa giyogaa.%○
'Wonbeeto' is king's brother.‰ relative, king's close relative
wonniis%1. transitive verb≫ blossom, bloom, bear corn silk (of maize plant)%•
Badalay shaletti simmidi wonniis.%o The maize bore silk after its rows had been
plowed.%(syn) [ciiyyiis.]
wonttiis%1. intransitive verb≫ be at daybreak, or (of a day or period of time)
to begin%• I sa'ay wonttana gakknaashin woppu giidi xiskkiis.%○ He was sleeping
peacefully until the dawn.%(syn) [barjjiis, bazzoy zo'iis, geeyyiis.]
wooqa%1. adjective%▶ rotten; decayed; decomposed; putrefactive%● buuraa wooqa%o
decayed rubbish%(syn) [aammotida, musa.]
woppu giis (woppiis)%1. intransitive verb%▶ keep silent, be calm, be restful%•
Panggati oyqettidi qashettin heeray woppu giis.%o The village was calm after the
gangs had been arrested.%(syn) [sariis.]
woqqu%1. pronoun%▶ how many, how much%• Woqqu asay yaa'aa yiidee?%○ How many
people came to the meeting?%(syn) [woysu.]
woraa dichchiis%1. transitive verb%▶ reforest%• Nu woraa naagiyakko, do'atussi
geessoy de'ees.% If we reforest, wildlife will have places in which to dwell.%
(syn) [worayiis, woraa mayzziis.]
worayiis%1. transitive verb%▶ reforest%• Nuuni biittaa worayikko, do'atussi
gonggoloy/geessoy xayenna.%o If we reforest, wildlife will have caves/hiding
places to dwell.%(syn) [woraa dichchiis, woraa mayzziis.]
worddoyiis%1. transitive verb%▶ falsify%• Tumaa haasaya. Nena aybee worddoyiyay?
% Tell the truth. What makes you falsify? %(syn) [lahoyiis.]
woriis%1. transitive verb‰ kill; murder; slay‰ Hagee nu miizziyo worida
kaamiya.%○ This is the car which killed our cow.%(syn) [donttiis, mogoliis,
suraggiis.]
woruwa%1. noun%► murder; killing; suicide%• Panggati shemppuwa woruwawu
mootettidosona.% The bandits were accused of murder.%(syn) [goyrettaa.]
wottaa%1. noun%▶ run; race; dash%• I wottan xoonikko, tammu sha'u biraa woyttuwa
ekkees.% If he wins the race, he will get ten thousand birr as a prize.%(syn)
[xariisuwa.]
woxaliis%1. transitive verb%▶ stretch; cover%• Bitanee aattiya kaaraassi
lasttige shanxxaa woxaliis.%o The man stretched a tarp over the leaky roof.%
(syn) [essiis, dunkkaaniis, daasiis.]
woximaxiya%1. noun%► mousetrap%• Woximaxee eceriya oyqqiyo qeeri miishsha.%o A
mousetrap is a small trap used to catch mice.%(syn) [piriya, shoci woraa.]
wozanaa bashshiis%1. transitive verb%▶ confuse; disturb%• Looxee tana wuuqqanawu
eqqidi wozanaa bashshiis.%o The pickpocket confused me in order to steal
something.%(syn) [toolliis, hayriis, boggiis, dirbbanttiis, eesoyiis, harddiis,
toliis, siiphphuwa teqqiis, biyosaa yiyosaa diggiis, iisettiis, un''ettiis,
tokkiis, xibbuwan tucciis.]
wozannaama%1. adjective%▶ wise; outstanding; understanding; knowledgeable;
intelligent; competent; fit; capable; literate; educated%• Wozannaama asi
akeekan, qoncciyan qoppeesinne, loyttidi hassayees.% A wise person thinks
carefully, clearly, and remembers well.%(syn) [eranchcha, diiximaxa, kiphata.]
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woziis%1. transitive verb%▶ redeem%• I ba booraa shammidaaqaappe quve woziis.%○
He redeemed back his ox from the buyer.%(syn) [woommiis.]
wulettaa%1. noun%▶ collapsing; falling%(syn) [worettaa, kunddettaa, bolqqu
geettaa, xinggimaalettaa.]%▶ failure%▶ sunset
wulliis%1. intransitive verb%▶ fall, collapse, set (of sun)%• Away Arggokko wullees.%○ The sun sets in the west.%(syn) [huuphe gediyan eqqiis, kunddiis,
bolqqu giis, xinggimaaliis, xul''u giis, oydday canggaraariis, biittaa
shammiis.]
wurssetta kaalo%1. adjective%▶ last born%• Eta wurssetta kaaloy keehi bana
siiqees.%o Their last born is very selfish.%(syn) [xantta duuto.]
wurssuwa%1. noun%▶ finishing%(syn) [xexxeefuwa, wococettaa.]%▶ sabotage; ruin;
destroying; invalidation; nullity%(syn) [hurxxu oosuwa, donttuwa, bashuwa,
daafettaa, mogolettaa, dippi ootuwa, surxxu ootettaa, qeexuwa.]
wusaawusiis (wusiis)%1. transitive verb%► wag; wiggle; waggle; shake%• Kanay ba
goynaa wusaawusiis.%o The dog wagged its tail.%(syn) [qaattiis, noskkayiis,
wusiis.]
wuuqqiis%1. transitive verb‰► steal; pilfer%• Kaysoy miishshaa wuuqqiidi
ohettiis.%o The thief was caught redhanded.%(syn) [mogoliis, qaxaniis,
wuygiya sharaa%1. noun%▶ rug; carpet; mat%• Wuygiya sharay wuygiya kammanawu
go"ettiyo ordde sharaa.% A rug is a thick heavy fabric covering for a floor.%
(syn) [minxxaafiya.]
xa''iis%1. intransitive verb%▶ crack; fracture; rift; break; split%• Urqqa otoy
tamaappe herchchidi xa''iis.%o The pot slid from the stove and cracked.%(syn)
[za''iis, moohotiis.]
xaa'attiis%1. transitive verb%▶ pay (sharing together for crisis)%● Kawuwa
miishshay xaydaagaa nuuni xaa'attidi qanxxida.% We paid the lost money sharing
together for the government.%(syn) [shaakki qanxxiis.]
xaafennanne nabbabenna%1. adjective%▶ illiterate%• xaafennanne nabbabenna asa%∘
an illiterate person%(syn) [tamaaribeenna.]
xaalli keesiya%1. noun≫ hurdle, a race in which runners or horses have to jump
over hurdles%• 300 xeetu meetire xaalli keesiya%o the 300m hurdles%(syn) [guppi
keesiya.]
xaaramusiya%1. noun%▶ bottle%• Nu xaaramuse kumetta woyniya uyida.%○ We drank a
whole bottle of wine.%(syn) [gassaa.]
xaaruwa%1. noun%▶ jar%• I xaaro kumetta eessaa nuussi ganddaappe ehiis.%○ He
brought a jar of honey for us from the countryside.%(syn) [xuu'aa.]
xaasayiya%1. adjective%▶ negligent; forgetful; careless%• Ooso xaasayiya uray
maqqaccettees.%∘ A negligent person will be punished.≫► scornful, contemptuous
xaazatiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ dew, be wet%● Xaazay maataa maayiis.%○ The
grass is covered with dew.%(syn) [akkattiis.]
xaciis%1. transitive verb%▶ splash%• Kaamee deelliya nu bolla xaciis.%○ The car
splashed the puddle on us.%(syn) [xarcciis.]
xafiraa%1. noun‰ strap, leather (of leather for fastening a load)‰ Xafiray
wodorodan qachchanawu maaddees.% A strap is used like a rope for tying.%(syn)
[caana wodoruwa, dafuwa.]
xalaala%1. adverb%▶ only; alone%• Nenaara takkanawu taassi naa''u saate xalaalay
de'ees.% I only have two hours to stay with you.%(syn) [kanchche, xalla,
mexile.]
xalalaa√1. noun%► fatigue; exhaustion%• Adussa ogiyappe simmidi xalalaa
aattanaayyoo naa''u gallassi zin''i pe'iis.%o After returning from a long
journey, he spent two days in bed to ease his fatigue.%(syn) [arggaacaa,
daafuraa, wolqqan geluwa, akataa ekkuwa.]
xaliis%1. intransitive verb%▶ dare, be courageous%• I olan xaliis.%○ He was
courageous in battle.%(syn) [tuulamiis.]
xam''aa%1. noun%▶ stick; cane; staff; rod%• I miizziyo xam''an shociis.%○ He
beat the cow with a stick.%(syn) [gatimaa.]
xanddaqiina%1. adjective%► sticky; thick; viscous; slimy; gummy%• Eessay
xanddaqiinabaa.% Honey is a sticky substance.%(syn) [xononiina, irkko,
kidhidho, yororiina.]
xaphuwa maraciya%1. noun≫ clan; member; partner; generation; ancestor;
descendant; tribe%● Inne taanne xapho marace.%○ He and I are from the same clan.
%(syn) [yaraa, zariya, so asaa, zuussaa, zerettaa.]
xaragiis%1. transitive verb‰⊳ slash-and-burn, burn, fire (forests)‰ Mehiyawu
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maatavaaca na mala asav dembbaa xaragees.% People slash-and-burn fields so that
the new grass will sprout for the cattle.%(syn) [xuuqqiis, eettiis, lashiis,
labiis.]
xarcciis%1. intransitive verb%▶ splash; spatter%• A haattaa masttootiya boli
xarccaasu.% She splashed water on the glass.%(syn) [xaciis.]
xarzziis%1. transitive verb‰ leave over (food)‰ Aaway naatussi guutta qumaa
xarzziis.% Father left some food for the children.%(syn) [shooggiis.]
xaskkiis%1. intransitive verb‰ evaporate, drain, dry partly‰ Iray bukki simmin, ogee xaskkiis.%○ After it rained, the road drained.%(syn) [xi''iis.]
xawuhiis%1. transitive verb%▶ snip, break off (cabbage leaves)%● A santtaa
xawuhaasu.% She snipped the cabbage leaves.%(syn) [xunqqiis.]
xayddiis%1. transitive verb%► fumigate; sterilize; disinfect; decontaminate;
delouse; smoke; cleanse; clean%● A maatta gosiya xayddaasu.%○ She sterilized the
milk gourd.%(syn) [ulliis, kashiis.]
xayuwa%1. noun%▶ disappearance; elimination%(syn) [timishkki guussaa, tippi
guussaa, tim''i guussaa.]%▶ lack; shortage; deficiency%(syn) [pacaa,
qaxuwatuwa.]
xeekkamiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ defy, disobey, refuse (to obey), gore%● Na'ay
bantta so asaa bolli xeekkammiis.%o The boy defied his family.%(syn) [zerkkiis,
garchchiis, gaaddetiis, morggetiis, garddatiis, zeekkariis.]
xeelaa%1. noun%▶ seeing%▶ outlook; attitude%▶ evaluation%(syn) [yiggi xeeluwa.]
xelegotiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be stained, be blemished, be dirty%• Biiriyan
go''ettaydda naagetta; hinkkoode ne maayoy xeleqotana.% Be careful with the pen
when you use it; otherwise your clothes will get stained. %(syn) [muuruqiis,
tiniqiiqiis, qitattiis, urqqatiis, xorkkotiis, bunuquuqiis, bunssuqiis,
masudhdhiis, curqquuqiis, murxxiis, sorxxoxxiis.]
xeleguwa%1. noun%▶ blot; stain; filth; garbage; rubbish; dirt; litter; muck;
sewage%● Ne maayuwan xelegoy dees.%o There is a stain on your clothes.%(syn)
[buuraa, pituwa, qitaa, xorkkuwa, hanchchaa, axumaa, miiriqaa.]
xephiis%1. transitive verb‰▶ tie, tie loosely‰• Na'iya maataa sussan xephaasu.‰
The girl tied the bundle of grass with 'enset' cord.%(syn) [qachchiis, zebbiis,
yiiciis.]
xi''iis (xits''iis)%1. intransitive verb%▶ drain, dry partly%● Meeccido maayoy
guuttaa xi"iis.%○ The washed clothes dried a little.%(syn) [xaskkiis.]
xibiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ rebel; refuse; reject; repudiate%• Naatussi
gan''ee suure imettibeenna gishshaw, oosuwa xibidosona.%o The children refused
to work because they had not been given enough breakfast.%(syn) [makkaliis,
ixxiis, miiqiis.]
xiihuwa%1. noun%▶ fattened cow%• Xiihoy keehi ashotiis.%○ The fattened ox got
very fat.‰► fattening
xiilattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be futile, be trivial%▶ struggle a little,
(due to physical impairment)%• I harggi paxxidi xiilattees.%○ He struggles a
little after sickness.
xiinniis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be flour, be powder%• Boyyee xiinniis.%○ The yam
was turned into flour.%(syn) [xiillettiis, tumppu giis, liiqiis.] xiinniis%1. intransitive verb%▶ ostracize, curse blasphemously%● Ta aawa aaway
tana dorssan xiinniis.%○ My grandfather cursed me by slaughtering the sheep.%▶
renounce, swear off
xinggimaaliis%1. intransitive verb%▶ fall; collapse%• I di'uwa ollan
xinggimaaliis.% He fell into the ditch.%(syn) [huuphe gediyan eqqiis, kunddiis,
bolqqu giis, wulliis, xul''u giis, oydday canggaraariis, biittaa shammiis.]
xinqqatiya%1. noun%▶ Epiphany%• Xinqqatee kirsttaaneti layttan layttan Ichchashe
11 bonchchiyo baalaa.% Epiphany is a yearly holiday Christians celebrated on
the 6th of January.≫ baptism
xinqquwa%1. noun‰ stink, stench, unpleasant smell‰ Heeran de'iya gawuxaa
xinggoy asaa harggissiis.% The stench in the village caused people to become
sick.%(syn) [zee'uwa, xo''iinaa, toonnuwa.]
xittiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be blackened%• Keettaa kaaray xittiis.%○ The roof
of the house is blackened.%(syn) [gaariqiis.]
xokkiis%1. transitive verb%▶ drop; drip; drain%• Iray bukki simmin, mittaappe
haattay xokkees.% Water drips from the trees after the rain has been fallen.%
(syn) [xittattiis.]
xoo'eyiis%1. transitive verb%▶ drill; bore; rip%• Ta ooratta birddilibsiya
eceree xoo'eyiis.%o The cat ripped my new blanket.%(syn) [lukkiis.]
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Xooma Birshshettaa%1. noun%▶ Easter%• Xooma Birshshettay layttan issitoo pe'ees.
% Easter falls once a year.%(syn) [Yesuus Kiristtoosa Dendduwa Baalaa.]
Xoomaa%1. noun%▶ Lent%• Xoomay/Kodaadee Orttoodokisenne Kaatolike ammano asay
naa''u aginaa xoomiyogaa.%○ Lent is a period of fasting before Easter in the
Orthodox and Catholic religions.%(syn) [Kodaadiya, naa''u agina xoomaa.]
xooqqiis%1. transitive verb%▶ dispatch, break off, break branch from trunk%•
Gotee zaafiyappe tashiya xooqqiis.% The storm broke off a branch from the tree.
%(syn) [tarshshiis.]
xoqarssuwa%1. noun%► kick; strike%• I A xoqarssuwa yeelliis.%○ He gave him a big
kick.%(syn) [xefeelluwa.]
xoqqissuwa%1. noun%▶ interjection%(syn) [wolqqanttuwa.]%▶ exaggeration%▶
hyperbole, figurative speech
xorkkotiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be dirty, be tainted, be blemished%• Ta maayoy
xorkkotiis.% My clothes are dirty.%(syn) [muuruqiis, tiniqiiqiis, qitattiis,
urqqatiis, xelegotiis, bunuquuqiis, bunssuqiis, masudhdhiis, curqquuqiis,
murxxiis, sorxxoxxiis.]
xorphphayuwa%1. noun%▶ slap; cuff; blow; punch; spank; strike; pat; tap; hit;
smack; thump; clout%(syn) [baqaa.]%▶ kiss%(syn) [yeruwa.]
xossaa%1. noun%▶ rheumatism%• tohuwa xossaa%∘ rheumatism in the legs%(syn)
[cadaa, zeelumettaa, biz"ettaa, pinccaamettaa, ziimettaa.]
xubbiis%1. transitive verb%▶ stumble%• Taani xubettada kunddaas.%○ I stumbled
and fell.%▶ obstruct; hinder
xudda%1. adjective%▶ docked, bobbed, cut (an animal whose tail is cut and
shortened)%● A kanaayyoo goynay xudda.%○ The dog's tail is docked.%(syn)
[murgga, muuca, unchchama, qanxxo.]
xumaa%1. noun%► dark, moonless night%● Xuman tuussaa dom''aas.%○ In the dark, I
bumped into the pillar.%(syn) [sakkanaa.]
xumiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ darken; dusk; shade%• Sa'ay xumido gishshawu, eti
lambbaa xomppidosona.% It is dusk, so they lit the kerosene.%(syn) [qammiis,
lem"iis, omariis, lankkiis.]
xunqqiis%1. transitive verb%▶ snip, break off%• I mittaa licuwa xunqqiis.%○ He
snipped the twig off the tree.%(syn) [xawuhiis.]
xuurataa%1. noun%▶ pension; retirement Usuppun%• tammanne ichchashu layttan kawo
oosanchchati xurataa kiyoosona.%o At the age of sixty, workers enter retirement.
%(syn) [edoto guufiya.]
xuussaa%1. noun‰ source%(syn) [danddiya.]‰ origin, refers to people and where
they came from%(syn) [kochchaa, merettidobaa.]
yaa'aa%1. noun‰ meeting; conference; assembly; event‰ Yaa'ay oyqqido yo'uwa kuushshaakko gattennan laalettiis.‰ The meeting ended without deciding the
agenda.%(syn) [shiiquwa, tobbiya, konssoonuwa.]
yaa'iis%1. intransitive verb‰ discuss, participate, gather, assemble (in the
meeting)%● Deree biittaa metuwa birshshanaayyoo yaa'iis.%○ People discuss things
to tackle the problem of a country.%(syn) [konssooniis, tobbiis, haasayiis.]
yaara%1. adverb%▶ over there%• Ta maxaafay hageehoo. Neegee yaara dees.%○ My
book is here. Yours is over there.%(syn) [hini, yaa, hefinttan, gede.]
yaaretiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be greedy, be selfish%• Kanay yaaretees. I
megettaa coommishin ay asinne baakko shiiqana mala koyenna.%○ The dog is greedy.
He won't let anyone near him while he is chewing his bone.%(syn) [qaaxxiis,
yorattiis, yiiqetiis, gagaamettiis, gaphigaphiis, hatattaammiis, qaphiqaphiis.]
yaatiyo gishshawu%1. adverb%▶ so, therefore, hence, thus, so that%• Taassi
wontto hara keeroy de'ees, yaatio gishshaw yiikke.% I have another appointment
tomorrow, so I won't come.%(syn) [yaaniyo gishshawu, hegaa gishshawu.]
yabiyabiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be unsteady, waver, dither%• Yabiyaboppa. Ne
gelido qaalaa naagada uttaaga.% Don't waver. Keep your promise.%(syn)
[qel''qel"iis, gaytigaytiis, gajigajiis, qaaxxiis, yanqqiyanqqiis, yaaqiyaaqiis,
yaa haa giis, kokkoriis.]
yadaawattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be widened, be spread out%• Keettaa penggee
yadaawattiis.% The door was widened.%(syn) [aakkiis.]
yafariis%1. transitive verb%► line; plow; plough; till; cultivate%•
Goshshanchchay badalaa zeranawu shooqa yafariis.% The farmer furrowed the
ground to sow the corn.%(syn) [zariis, boo'iis, phalqqiis, goyiis, duubbaliis.]
yambbariis%1. transitive verb≫ sling; throw%• Maldduwa naagiya na'ay, kafuwa
bolli guulluwa yambbariis.%o The boy, who is looking after the millet plants,
slung the clod at the birds.%(syn) [oliis, tinni oottiis, cuguddiis, yibiddiis,
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tixxi oottiis.1
yanqqiyanqqiis (yaaqiyaaqiis)%1. intransitive verb%▶ shaken, be unstable,
tremble% Caana kaamee bollaara aadhdhiyode mitta zarphphee yangqiyangqiis.%
The wooden bridge trembled when the lorry passed over it.%(syn) [qel''qel"iis,
gaytigaytiis, gajigajiis, qaaxxiis, yabiyabiis, yaaqiyaaqiis, yaa haa giis,
kokkoriis.]
yanxxilaa%1. noun%▶ umbrella%• Iray bukkana danddayees; yanxxilaa oyqqada kiya.
%○ Take an umbrella with you; it might rain.%(syn) [donddiya, dibaabiya.]
yaraa%1. noun%▶ clan; member; partner; generation; ancestor; descendant; tribe%
(syn) [zariya, xaphuwa maraciya, so asaa, zuussaa, zerettaa.]≫ kin; relative≫
yaratettaa%1. noun%▶ kinship; association; relationship%(syn) [dabbotettaa,
zuussatettaa.]%▶ membership%▶ feeling
yashissiis%1. transitive verb%▶ frighten; terrify; startle; intimidate; warn%•
Kaysoti dirssaappe soo gelana haniyo wode, kanay yashissiis.%○ The dog
intimidated the thieves when they were trying to enter the gate.%(syn)
[baabisiis, hooranssiis, manddiis, naassiis, kaachchifatiis, ye''e giis.]
yashshaa%1. noun%▶ fear; fright; dread; terror%• Panggati heeran woraajjido
wode, deriya garssan yashshay geliis.% When the the bandits spread to the
village, there occurred fright among the people.%(syn) [gexe guussaa, babettaa.]
yashshanchcha (yayyiya)%1. adjective%▶ fearsome; fearful%• I yashshanchcha asa
gidiyo gishshawu, xumaara hemettanawu danddayeenna.% Because he is a fearful
person, he is unable to walk in the dark. %(syn) [yuuqiyuuqa, hoppihoppa, horppa,
tafitafa, horppiina, hodhdhihodhdha.]
yaynniis%1. transitive verb%▶ expect; await; want%• I tana ba bullachchaassi
miire kiyana mala yaynniis.% He wanted me to be his best man.%(syn) [naagiis.]
yedettis%1. transitive verb%▶ chase, drive away, drive away in order to catch%•
Hanttaara kanay tana yedettiis.% The vicious dog chased me.%(syn) [gooddiis,
baanaa barssiis, sirggiis, haphphiis.]
yeelliis%1. transitive verb%▶ mix; dilute%• A haattaa maattaara yeellada tana
ushshaasu.% She made me drink the milk diluted with water.%(syn) [poolliis.]
yenkkekkiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be fruitful, bear abundantly%• Nu heeran
mangguwa mittay yenkkekkidi ayfees.% Mango trees are fruitful in our village.%
(syn) [qorxxiis, bootiis, teeriis, yonddoddiis, gakkiis, suufariis, herxxexxiis,
zerkkekkiis.]
Yesuus Kiristtoosa Dendduwa Baalaa%1. noun%► Easter%• Yeesuus Kirisoosa Dendduwa
Baalay ubbatoo Woggaa galla bonchchettees.% Easter always falls on Sunday.%
(syn) [Xooma Birshshettaa.]
yeziyagaa%1. noun%▶ provider; server; steward; waiter%● Qumaa yeziyagaa
oychchada ne laaxaa ekka.% Ask the steward to bring your lunch.%(syn)
[gishiyagaa, gattiyagaa, laaliyagaa.]
yibbaatiis (yibbiis)%1. intransitive verb%▶ despair, lose hope%• I
hayqqanaanees. A duussay yibbaatiis.% He is going to die. He has lost hope of
living.%(syn) [yirchchiis.]
yiggi xeeluwa (yiggettaa)%1. noun%▶ comparison; balance; analysis; inspection;
check≫ analysis≫ evaluation%(syn) [xeelaa.]
yiichchaa%1. noun‰ knot%(syn) [yiicettaa.]‰ bunch%(syn) [coraa.]
yiiciis%1. transitive verb‰ tie, fasten, gather together and tie tightly‰
Konttaaliya xeeraa baqettan yiica.% Tie the end of the quintal with a cord.%
(syn) [qachchiis, zebbiis, xephiis.]
yishkka%1. adjective%▶ shrewd; sly; cunning; wily; alert; agile%• Zal''anchcha
mishiriya yishkka gidiyo gishshawu woriya demmaasu.%○ The businesswoman was
successful because she was shrewd.%(syn) [zi''a, tishsha, ziba, zirxxa,
ciggichcha, cincca, miginjja.]
yohuwa%1. noun%▶ affair; issue; matter; thing; business%▶ dispute; argument%▶
case, something examined or investigated%▶ 4. information
yolomooma%1. adjective%▶ impure; turbid; muddy%• Haattay yolomooma. Uyyoppite.%⊙
The water is impure. Don't drink it.%(syn) [bulqqo.]
yolppayiis%1. transitive verb%▶ sip; taste; slurp; drink%• Na'ay maattaa
yolppayiis.%○ The boy slurped the milk.%(syn) [phaphiis, uyiis, ganiis,
co''ayiis, yo''ayiis, sorphphayiis.]
yonddoddiis (yonddiis; yenddeddiis)%1. transitive verb%▶ be ripe, be ready for
use (of fruits)%● Burttukaanee teeraa yonddoddiis.%○ The orange is ripe.%(syn)
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venkkekkiis.1
yoogaa%1. noun%▶ kid, baby, infant, young child, little child%● Yoogatu maataa
yedhdhiyoqee bala.% It is wrong to abuse the rights of the children.%(syn)
[yelagaa, ta na'aa.]
yooshsha%1. adjective%▶ charming; attractive; smart; pretty; splendid%•
Ashangguliitee guutta shin yooshsha.% The toy is small, but it's charming.%
(syn) [malanchcha, meranchcha, jannanna, puulanchcha, meray lo"o, walanqqasa,
yalalla, yalamuse, yallisa, hajibala, yalddadda, lasassa, shumbbubba, salddadda,
yootettiis%1. transitive verb≫ dispute; argue%• Machchiya ba azinaara
yootettaasu.%o The wife argued with her husband.%(syn) [palamettiis, wocamiis,
cancciis, kacciis, cabbottiis, cayettiis.]
yootettiya (yohanchcha)%1. adjective%▶ quarrelsome; troublesome; disorderly;
uncooperative; disruptive; riotous; rebellious *• Ne ishay yo'anchcha. Oonaaranne
ooyettees.% Your brother is quarrelsome. He fights everyone.%(syn) [cabbottiya,
danottiya, kobattiya, kobanchcha, dabattiya, koollottiya.]
yora%1. adjective%▶ greedy; gluttonous; voracious; stingy; miserly%• I oonanne
maaddenna yora asa.% He is a greedy man who never helps anyone.%(syn)
[habadiina, yiiqetiya, gawulla, gawuda, gaphigapha, gadulla, qaatta, yaare,
godare, hallamma qarccamma, qaaxxiya.]
yorattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be greedy, be selfish%● Godaree bawutaa miiddi
yoratees.% The hyena is greedy while it is eating the carcass.%(syn)
[yaaretiis, qaaxxiis, yiiqetiis, gagaamettiis, gaphigaphiis, hatattaammiis,
qaphiqaphiis.]
yuuyi xeelliis%1. transitive verb%▶ observe; supervise; check; inspect%• Yuuyi
xelliyaqeeti tamaare naati tamaariyode yuuyi xeellidosona.%o The supervisors
observed the students learning in the class.%(syn) [xeelliis.]
zaari zaari%1. adverb%▶ repeatedly; frequently%• Taassi ne giyogee geliis. Ne
ayssi zaara zaarada haasayay?% I have understood you. Why do you say it
repeatedly?%(syn) [simmi simmidi.]
zamppaa%1. noun%▶ shelter; camp; lodge; shack; booth%• Ooratta keettaa
keexxiiddi takkanawu zamppay keexettees.%o A shelter is made to live in
temporarily while building a new house.%(syn) [daasiya.]
zanddiidaa%1. noun%▶ beam, beam used to make the roof of a hut%• Heeraa asay
zanddiidaa qachchees.% Villagers are weaving the bound beams.%(syn) [sakkaa.]
zaqqulssaa%1. noun%▶ lying, lying on one's stomach%• biittan zaqqulssaa%○ lying
on the ground%(syn) [zin''uwa, xiskkuwa, ichettaa.]
zarbbiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be calm, be cool, be silent, subside%• Nu giddon
diya ooshshay guuttaa zarbbiis.%o The quarrel between us subsided a little.%
(syn) [dochchiis, woppiis, leppiis, gabbiis, irxxiis, lekkeme"iis.]
zardda'a%1. adjective%▶ distant; farther; far%• Tamaare keettay zardda'a sohuwan
de'iyo gishshawu, nuuni wodee diishin gakkana danddayibookko.%○ The school is at
a distant place, so we couldn't arrive in time.%(syn) [haaho, cuway cuchchay
beettenna.]
zariya%1. noun%▶ ancestor; descendant; tribe; clan; member; partner; generation;
relative; kin%• A zareti Keeniyappe Toophphiya yiidosona.%○ His ancestors came
to Ethiopia from Kenya.%(syn) [yaraa, xaphuwa maraciya, so asaa, zuussaa,
zerettaa.]
zariya%1. noun%▶ lizard; gecko%• Zaree godan woxerettiiddi qeeri do'ata mees.%○
A lizard crawls up walls and eats insects.%(syn) [zalliya.]
zarqqiya%1. noun%▶ plane; airplane; aeroplane%• Zarqqee simmanaappe kasetidi
carkkuwan pude keehi paalliis.% The plane went high in the air before turning.%
(syn) [horoophphilliya, jettiya.]
zattiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ go, join (in a group)%● Asay giyaa zattiis.%○
People went to the market in a group.%(syn) [biis, mokkiwulliis, aadhdhiis,
manddariis, hoochchiis.]
zawatiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be border, be neighbor%• I nu heeran de'iiddi
taassi zawatiis.% Living in our village, he is a neighbor of mine%(syn)
[shoorotiis, heerattiis.]
zawuriya%1. noun%▶ headache%• O huuphiya zawuree tolin aakime soo baasu.%○ She
went to the doctor because she has a serious headache.%(syn) [qoxuwa mishuwa.]
zazzariis%1. transitive verb%▶ sift, winnow, fan, separate particles%• Banggaa
zazzarikko, suullaappe shaakkanawu danddayettees.% If we sift barley, we can
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separate tare particles.%(syn) [hallakkiis.]

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zebbiis%1. transitive verb%▶ tie (a bundle of grass)%● Na'iya maataa gashuwa
zebbaasu.% The girl tied a bundle of grass.%(syn) [qachchiis, xephiis,
viiciis.l
zee'iis (zeeqqiis)%1. intransitive verb%▶ stink, smell bad (especially for
carcass)%● Garawa bawutay pala zee''ees.%○ A cat's carcass smells bad.%(syn)
[xinqqiis, xo''u giis, ariis, peenotiis, samuqiis.]
zeere%1. interjection%▶ warning word, beware (warning), be careful%• Hachchi
niyo zeere!% Be careful today!%(syn) [heesso, ye''e, ooye, nena era.]
zemppiis%1. transitive verb%▶ recline; support; uphold%• I daafurido gishshawu,
soofaa bolli zemppiis.% Because he was tired, he reclined on the sofa.%(syn)
[keten''iis.]
ziba%1. adjective%▶ cunning; wise; alert; agile%• La ayba ziba na'ee! Oyshaa
likke zaariis.% He is a wise the boy! He answered the questions correctly.%
(syn) [zi''a, tishsha, yishkka, zirxxa, ciggichcha, cincca, miginjja.]
zigiriis%1. transitive verb%▶ backbite; slander; tattle; gossip%• Ne asa
zigiranawu koshshenna. Hegee nagara.% You shouldn't slander a person. It is a
sin.%(syn) [umbbu umbbu giis.]
ziiriya%1. noun%▶ parade, line, battle line%(syn) [salppiya.]%▶ row%(syn)
ziixiis%1. transitive verb%▶ hit; beat; strike; nail; hammer%• I O gatiman
shochchaa ziixiis.% He struck her with a stick.%(syn) [shociis, uduliis.]
zilaaliis%1. transitive verb%▶ sing elegy, sing funeral song, a tribute to a
deceased person that is sung, a sung eulogy. Aaway ba na'aa yeehuwan zilaaliis.
% The father sang a funeral song at his son's funeral.%(syn) [baliis,
yeekkiis.]
zinqqiis%1. transitive verb≫ curve, crook, bend down%• Qantta na'iya
burttukaaniya duuttanawu mittaa zinggaasu.%o The short girl bent the tree in
order to take the orange.%(syn) [leegganttiis, geellayiis, leeggamissiis.]
zirxxa%1. adjective%▶ alert; agile; sly; cunning; wily%• Zirxxa asi eesuwan
suure qoppanawu danddayees.%o A cunning person is able to think quickly and
intelligently.%(syn) [zi''a, tishsha, ziba, yishkka, ciggichcha, cincca,
miginjja.]
zo'o%1. adjective%▶ red; scarlet; reddish%• Asttamaaree nu paaciya zo'o biiriyan
goydiis.% The teacher corrected our test with a red pen. suutta mala zo'o as
red as blood%(syn) [tishsha zo'o, suuttale, suutta kule.]
zohettiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ toss, toss and turn%• Hayqqiya haree zohettees.
% The dying donkey is tossing and turning.%(syn) [zolggettiis.]
zolddo%1. adjective%▶ oval; spherical; spiral%• phuuphulledan zolddo%○ as oval
as an egg%(syn) [mulumuqqe.]
zor''iis%1. transitive verb‰ scratch, scrape (the body of person with thorns in
the context of punishment)%• Beni asay danuwa oottidaageeta agunttan zor"ees.%○
In ancient times, people scratched criminals with thorns.%(syn) [goodiis,
gaariis, qaaciis, gom''oriis.]
zoretaa%1. noun%▶ discussion%• Zoretan ay metonne birshshanawu danddayettees.%○
A discussion can solve any problem.%(syn) [hayyuwa, tobbiya.]
zoxxiis%1. intransitive verb%▶ be completely dead%(syn) [zozzu giis.]%▶ feel
cramp, be numb (body)%(syn) [docciis, donjjilliis.]
zuggiis%1. transitive verb%▶ ambush, be hidden, be concealed%• I ba morkkiya
qohanaassi zuggiis.% He lay in ambush to attack his adversary.%(syn)
[geemmiis.]
zugiya%1. noun%▶ secrecy; mystery; information%(syn) [xuuraa.]%▶ ambush%▶
allegory (literature)
zuufaa%1. noun%▶ cultural house, a type of quality cultural house a few people
build%• Bitanee zuufaa keexxiis.%○ The man built a hut.%(syn) [deelliya,
gaashuwa.]
ototu giis%1. intransitive verb%▶ drop; rain; fall; hail; pour%• Iray akeekennan
hototu giis.%o The rain fell suddenly.%(syn) [xoohiis, ximaaziis, bukkiis,
soosiis, mulxxaa xoohiis, manxxilootaa xoohiis, hibbi giis.]
huuphiya qanxxiyagaa%1. noun%▶ barber, hair dresser%• Huuphiya qanxxiyagee asaa
huuphiyanne buuchchaa giigissiyagaa.%o A barber is a person whose profession it
is to cut men's hair and shave their beards.%(syn) [huuphiya giigissiyagaa.]
huuphiya tuutissiis%1. intransitive verb‰ keep silent‰ Yiillotida bitanee
huuphiya tuutissidi hassayennan ixxiis.%o The angry man kept silent and didn't
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speak.%(syn) [co''u oottiis.]