

# Igbo-English Dictionary

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A Comprehensive Dictionary  
of the Igbo Language with an  
English-Igbo Index

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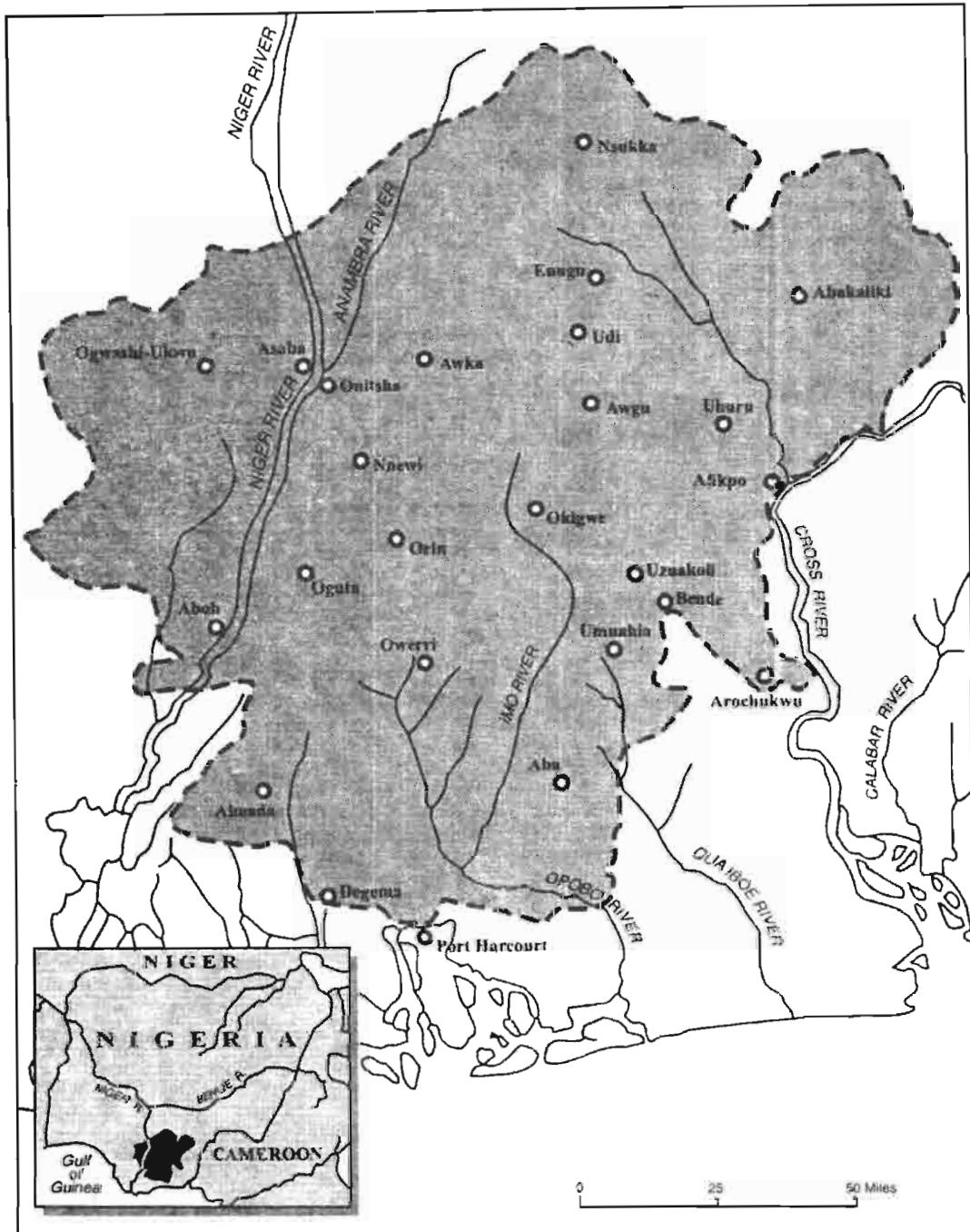
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**In loving memory of my mother**

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**who worked with me on this Dictionary  
till her death in November, 1995**



Map of south-eastern Nigeria showing the Igbo Language area

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## Abbreviations

adj	adjective/adjectival noun
adv	adverb/adverbial noun
alph	letter of the alphabet
aux	auxiliary to verbs
conj	conjunction
dem	demonstrative pronoun
esp.	especially
excl	exclamation or interjection
H	High tone
inter	interrogative pronoun
L	Low tone
lit	literally
n	noun or nominal
nom	nominalisation
num	numeral
prep	preposition
prn	pronoun
S	Downstepped tone
sfx	suffix or enclitic
v	verb or verbal
var	variant
Yor	Yoruba
~	Examples follow
=	Meaning follows
*	Additional note follows
<>	Etymological note
[ ]	Encloses tone
( )	Encloses dialect zone

## Books of the Bible

Acts	Acts
Chr	Chronicles
Cor	Corinthians
Dan	Daniel
Est	Esther
Ezek	Ezekiel
Ezra	Ezra
Gen	Genesis
Heb	Epistle to the Hebrews
Is	Isaiah
Jer	Jeremiah
Jn	Letter to John
Job	Job
Lev	Leviticus
Lk	Luke
Mal	Malachi
Mt	Matthew
Num	Numbers
Prov	Proverbs
Ps	Psalms
Rev	Revelation
Sam	Samuel
Song	Song of Songs
Tit	Letter to Titus

# Introduction

## The Igbo language

Igbo is one of the eight major languages in the Benue-Congo Group of African languages (Williamson 1989). Spoken by some 20 million Nigerians, it is one of the three "national languages" (the others being Hausa and Yoruba) so designated in the Nigerian Constitution. Although fairly sizeable dictionaries are available for Yoruba and Hausa, nothing comparable exists for Igbo. This dictionary is a modest first step towards meeting that need.

Every serious work on the Igbo language since J. P. Schön's *Ibo Primer* (1852) has had to provide some listing of Igbo words. Of the dedicated vocabulary lists, the best known are those of S. Crowther and J. P. Schön (1882 and 1883), the 1904 polyglot *Ibo Dictionary* by A. Ganot (and his *Grammaire Ibo*, 1879), Northcote W. Thomas's *English-Ibo Ibo-English Dictionary* (1913), and the *Dictionary of the Ibo Language: English-Ibo* (1923) by Archdeacon T. J. Dennis and others. More recently, we have R. G. Armstrong's *Comparative Wordlist of Five Igbo Dialects* (1967), *Igbo: A Learner's Dictionary* (1968) by B. F. Welmers and W. E. Welmers; and Kay Williamson's *Igbo-English Dictionary* (1972) which, although based on C. W. Pearman's manuscript wordlist, incorporates the work of C. N. and E. I. Madünagü who, under Dr. Williamson's guidance, added new material to the collection.

Two dictionaries have been produced by native speakers of the language: *Ökowa Okwu: Igbo-English English-Igbo Dictionary* (1962) by F. C. Ögbalü and *A Modern English-Igbo Dictionary* (1985) by H. I. Nnaji. Both are important pioneering efforts. As the recent festschrift, *F. C. Ögbalü and the Igbo Language* (ed. A. E. Afigbo, 1995) amply reminds us, Dr. Ögbalü was the motive force behind the emergence of Igbo language revival and development. Although, therefore, there are deficiencies in his compilation, it was his enthusiasm and commitment that has made much subsequent work on Igbo possible. Every student of Igbo will remain grateful to him for that leadership. *Ökowa Okwu*, unfortunately, tried to do two things at the same time: provide a list of original Igbo words, and supply acceptable Igbo transliterations for English words in common use, especially in the school system, e.g. bacteria = *bakiteria*, bank = *banki*, latitude = *latitudi*. Cantata = *Kantata*; and sulphur = *sölüfö*. It did neither as satisfactorily as intended. *Ökowa Okwu* has a short English-Igbo wordlist, and an even shorter list of Igbo synonyms which was also intended to serve the community of students and teachers. H. I. Nnaji's *Modern English-Igbo Dictionary* (1985) is a different kind of work. It offers meanings in both English and Igbo for a very wide selection of English headwords, essentially translating standard dictionary definitions of the English headwords into Igbo.

This *Dictionary of the Igbo Language* is an attempt at a comprehensive reference work. It collects discrete meaningful free-forms from various dialects of Igbo, and provides summary or extended meanings with examples as necessary. Because it was not conceived of as a "learner's dictionary", this volume has not tried specifically to find or provide Igbo equivalents for particular English words. Quite the reverse: the dictionary has tried to identify Igbo words and to provide an English-language gloss to those words in as approximate a sense as is possible. In consequence, users anxious to find Igbo equivalents for particular English words may have to turn to the English Igbo-Index for the closest synonym.

## Selection of materials

Because this dictionary has been designed to be as comprehensive as possible, even if not definitive in every instance, and to record and gloss all meaningful discrete word-forms in the various dialects of Igbo, no distinctive occurring forms have been excluded. Accordingly, the following forms are recorded:

- a) distinctive forms that occur in any dialect, provided they can be accounted for by some general phonological or other rule; e.g. **ökpala**, **ökpara**, **ökwala**, **ökwara**, **öpara** (= first son); **fa**, **ha**, **va**, **wa** (= they); **mie**, **nwaamü**, **nwanyi**, **nwunye** (= wife; woman); and **ele**, **elege**, **eleghii** (= like, as);
- b) "aberrant" forms, some of them adopted from other languages which occur but do not fit existing rules, e.g. **afe** (= cloth, dress); **akamu** (= corn-starch); **akupe** (=fan); and **oloma** (= orange).

Although they have not been so categorised, these items fall into three classes:

- i) ["native words"]: **abali** (= night-time), **nkita** (= dog), and **üdara** (= star apple);
- ii) [derived words]: **ecice** (= thought [from **cee** = think]), **mkpari** (= ridicule [**kpa-riä** = ridicule]); and
- iii) [assimilated words]: **anyanwü** (= sun [from **anya** (= eye) + **anwü** (= sunlight)]), and **eligwe** (= heaven [from **elu** = top, high + **igwe** = sky]). Indeed, almost all Igbo nouns of more than 3-syllables are either nominalisations (**ögbaköba** (= assembly [from **gba-köö**], or re-duplicated forms: e.g. **igirigi** (= dew), [**gbaa**] **okirkiri** (= surround) (Green and Igwe 1963; Anagbögü 1990).

Entry items have been collected from a variety of sources: classic texts such as the Protestant Bible, *Bible Nsö*; existing dictionaries and wordlists; creative works of poetry, drama, and especially fiction (from Pita Nwana's *Omenükö* to Tony Ubesie's *Jiö Obinna*); works written in English about Igbo life - from Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart* to Chukwuemeka Ike's *The Bottled Leopard*; technical and periodic literature: from works on Agriculture, Religion and Anthropology to essays and field studies on feminism and birth songs, for example. Inevitably, several other possible sources of information have not been used, and the work of lexicography must remain a continuing one.

## The new standard orthography (NSO)

The orthography adopted for this Dictionary is the New Standard Orthography (NSO) reproduced below. It is an updated and modified version of the official Önvwü Orthography (1961).

**A, B, C, D, E, F, G, GB, GH, GW, H, I, İ, J, K, KP, KW, L, M, N, NW, NY, Ñ, O,  
Ö, P, R, S, SH, T, U, Ü, V, W, Y, Z**

The New Standard Orthography (NSO) makes four changes to the 1961 orthography.

### a) Sub-dotted vowel characters

The Önvwü Orthography allowed Igbo to be written entirely in the Roman script, with only the exception of the three closed vowels, i, o, and u, with subscript dots under them. This particular exception has led to technical typographical complications which could not have been foreseen in 1961. Underlining of Igbo texts has hitherto been plagued by technical problems; in both handwritten and in some typed texts, the sub-dots have invariably been overwritten or typed-over by the underlining character. Moreover, by using the sub-dot, the Önvwü Orthography consigned Igbo, unintentionally, to a script group to which, by the very nature of its sound system, it did not belong. In any event, although some Nigerian languages use sub-dotted vowels (e. g. Efik and Yoruba), there are other Nigerian languages which use "unconventional" characters. An example is Kanuri with an absurd minuscule "o" as a sub-dot under "a" and "e." Igbo does not, therefore, jeopardise any pan-Nigerian orthographical convention by simplifying its practices. To resolve these problems, the New Standard Orthography (NSO) replaces the sub-dotted vowels with umlauted ones ( ï; ö; and ü ).

### b) The "ch" digraph

"Ch" is redundant as a digraph. That is to say, if Igbo had a "c" there would perhaps be justification for "ch" but that is not the case. Nowhere in the Igbo language does a situation arise in which "ch" is

in complementary distribution with “c”. In addition, the Önwü Orthography does not allow Igbo to have a simple “c” although it is well understood that Igbo “ch” is neither “a clear-cut cluster” nor “a combination of c and h” but “a single sound” (Emenanjö, 1978). Whereas with other Igbo consonant clusters (**gb**; **gh**; **gw**; **kp**; and **sh**), the component elements are themselves characters within the alphabet, in their own right, the matter is different for “ch”. We thus have a character made up of “c” and “h” when the “c” does not occur independently in the alphabet. One consequence of this situation is that in enumerations, an alphabetical listing that begins with “**a, b . . .**” must use “ch” -- because “c” is not a letter in the alphabet. The New Standard Orthography (NSO) resolves this difficulty by replacing the digraph “ch” throughout with a simple “c”. It is a modest but important change. It may be a difficult change for some people to accommodate, but it is a necessary one.

### c) Sort order

It has long been recognised that the order of the Igbo alphabet in the Önwü Orthography needed modification. In proposing a revision to “simplify the work of lexicographers and in consonance with existing international practices,” the Standardisation Committee recommended the following order:

**a, b, c, d, e, f, g, gb, gh, gw, h, i, ì, j, k, kp, kw, l, m, n, ñ, nw, ny, o, ö, p, r, s, sh, t, u, ü, v, w, y, z**  
The New Standard Orthography (NSO) has modified this order further by moving “ñ” to a position after “nw” and “ny”, as had indeed been proposed years ago (Igwe and Green, [1964]). This change realises the full logic of an alphabetically-ordered orthography. This order is followed throughout this dictionary. Accordingly, just as **agü** and **agü** come before **agba**, so also **anwü** and **anyü** come before **aña**, and so on.

### d) The voiced velar nasal, ñ

The voiced velar nasal has been variously represented in the Igbo orthography. In the Önwü orthography, it is represented as an “n” with a super scripted dot (ñ). This variation, like its predecessors, ñ and ñ, is a non-standard character which does not exist in the International character set. The New Standard Orthography has replaced it with ñ, which is a standard character available to both the specialist and the general public alike. With this change, all four unique characters of the Igbo alphabet (í, ö, ü and ñ) can now be written and printed with standard characters by all and sundry.

### The status of “sh”

Although initial “sh” appears in only a handful of words, but relatively more frequently in medial positions, yet it does not replace “s” in those positions, and so justifies its existence as a distinct item in the Igbo orthography and sound system. The instances of initial occurrence are mostly dialectal, but medial occurrences cut across zones. It is possible that its fate in a future Igbo language, like that of “v” (and, in certain contexts, of “f”) will be determined by the relative pace of standardisation in conjunction with the discernible movement of the language in the direction of increasing devoicing of many of its consonants.

## Arrangement of the dictionary

The Dictionary provides the following features:

### a) Igbo headword

This is either a free-form word (**üdö** = cable; **bia** = come), or a longer noun or verb phrase (**ibe nna** = uncle; **abafí-di-egwu** = armed robbery; or **tükwasí obi** = have confidence in).

### b) Grammatical class

Grammatical class (using abbreviations) is indicated in italics immediately after the headword. The two main classes identified are, of course, nouns and verbs. Others are adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions,

exclamations or interjections, prepositions, and suffixes. Classification has not been complicated for nouns and verbs: all nouns, except for loan words, have an initial vowel, semi-vowel or syllabic nasal; the verbs, without exception, have initial consonants. Adjectives and adverbs are a different matter, as is well-known. The use of the term "qualificative noun" instead of adjective is helpful in drawing attention to the problem; but it solves nothing (Emenanjö, 1978). The fact is that some Igbo nouns (but not most) can be used to serve explicitly "adjectival" functions without a change in form or tone. When serving that function, they are usually "marked" by a preceding "**dī**" verb. Nouns that function in this way can, however, be identified only by their semantic character. In this dictionary, therefore, they have been listed as nouns and as adjectives (e.g. **ogologo** *n* = length; **ogologo** *adj* = long). Where this is impossible, I have preserved their classification as nouns but added a note to the gloss when the English equivalent is actually an adjective. Additionally, in the English-Igbo Index, the English equivalents of these Igbo nouns/adjectives are identified as "adjectives," as they must be.

A similar difficulty arises with adverbs, sometimes called "adverbial nouns" by those who assert quite flatly that "there is no syntactic class of adverbs in Igbo", although "adverbial notions are frequently found" (Emenanjö, 1978). Where a noun can serve as adverb: where the word that serves that function does not otherwise satisfy the first conditions for a noun-class word, it is classified exclusively as an adverb. All adverbs, in addition, satisfy the simple test of being minimally functional, for example, after **mee** (as in **mee gari gari**; **mee ösisö**). For this reason, most ideophones are classified as adverbs. Most adverbs would consequently be expected to take the form of duplicated adjectivals; as for example, **ngwa ngwa**.

#### c) Tone

Because tone-marking is not obligatory in Igbo, and because there has been no agreement as to whether all or only "low" and "downstepped" tones should be marked, this dictionary has taken the compromise route and indicated tone in capital letters within square brackets "[ ]". Because of variations in tone across dialects (and among users), the tones given in this dictionary may not always correspond to those known to particular native users, especially as no particular dialect has been regarded as "standard". However, every attempt has been made to ensure that the tone recorded is actual and current in the language. Some errors of transcription (and a great deal of genuine disagreement) are certain to arise in this effort, and correction that are necessary will be made in future editions.

#### d) Dialect zone

In a number of instances, dialect zones have been indicated after the headword. This designation is intended to identify a particular locale (or region) for some words, but mostly as a matter of detail especially for those forms that (for reasons of dialect purity) are not interchangeable between dialects; e.g., **rie ihe** (Owere); **lie ife** (Önica) = eat something, but not \***rie ife**, or \***lie ihe**. There is no attempt to provide dialectal locations on a regular or consistent basis. In addition, the designations "Önica" and "Owere" are used both for forms local to the two towns, as well as for usages associated with the two main dialect areas. Similarly, some of the names given for zones refer to towns, local government areas, even electoral constituencies. Although the practice may make zoning somewhat untidy, it nevertheless allows for specific additional (and useful) information to be provided regarding the occurrence of particular words.

#### e) Meanings

Meanings have been given as briefly and as succinctly as possible; in fact, in many cases, explanatory definitions have been found unnecessary, and so single word meanings have been provided; as, for example, **mmiri** = water! However, with culture words, and with verbs, additional information, and examples, have been provided. Many names of plants, and animals have only been given generic definition, mainly because identification with English equivalents has not always been possible, or has been problematic. In these cases, for this edition of the dictionary, I have listed the word primarily so as to preserve its form and general meaning. Wherever possible, however, I have given technical or

scientific names for plants and animals. It should be pointed out that some of these scientific names have changed over the years, and a current set of terms will have to be worked into future editions.

Sometimes a list of meanings is provided which cannot all be exactly right. A good example is **anyü**, which is rendered as "cucumber; melon; pumpkin." As is obvious, the word cannot be all three things. But because these items have not been satisfactorily identified, and because usage of these English equivalents has been extremely loose, many Igbo speakers have found themselves using any or all of the three English words indicated when referring to **anyü**.

When more than one major meaning has been provided, numbers have been used to mark their boundaries. Nothing is implied in the order of the entries regarding what is usually thought of as primary and secondary meanings; or for that matter, idiomatic or other specialised usages of the word. Where the differences in meaning are slight (**akwa** = "cloth", "clothing", "dress," for example), numbers have been eliminated altogether and meanings have been separated only by semi-colons.

### f) Examples

As a matter of policy, examples have been provided only where they are absolutely necessary. Since the body of published material on which to base reliable citations of usage is relatively limited, ingenious examples created by the lexicographer can often become self-serving and unverifiable instruments. Such examples have been avoided.

### g) Variants

Variants are defined here as phonologically related alternative forms of headwords. They exclude synonyms. Only significant variants (i.e., variants that would otherwise be lost or mistaken for other words) are listed. It is not implied in any way that a particular variant is restricted to the zone indicated. No preference is expressed or implied as to the importance or status of any variant. Hence, for example, **ökpala**, **ökpara**, **ökwala**, and **öpara** are listed as variants of one another. Nor is the list of dialect variants exhaustive, as some recent studies of dialect variants for common body parts have demonstrated. Where the variant is actually a different lexical entity (e.g. "think" = **cee** [**Owere**]; **loo** [**Onitsha**]), attention has been drawn to the fact in an asterisked (\*) Note.

### h) Etymology

Etymological and derivational notes for particular words are given in angled brackets. These notes range from obvious instances of borrowing as **Maazi** from "Monsieur" and parallel cognates such as **okwute** and Yoruba **okuta** (= "rock") to more problematical items concerning Ijaw roots for **ogumabiri** (= "daily market"), and Yoruba/Nubian sources for **ala** (= "earth")!

### i) Related words

Where necessary or useful, short notes have been provided directing the reader to particular connections or usages between the word in question and other words and usages. Such notes have been marked by a single asterisk, and come immediately after meanings and examples.

## Spelling conventions

Igbo is essentially a two-syllable (VCV or CV(V)) language. Extensions of this basic syllabic structure are usually VCV+CV(V), or VCV +VCV. Most junctures are, therefore, marked by double vowel sequences —which then are affected by rules of assimilation. The practical problem for Igbo lexicography is to maintain a balance between, on the one hand, retaining scribal forms which preserve the assimilated syllabic form, and, on the other, re-constituting those forms into their original individual word units linked by blank spaces or hyphens. The latter must be done often if the underlying links within compounded multi-syllabic words are not to be lost. To complicate matters, Igbo words are often truly complete statements, e.g. **nwunyemkpürüüdaasüsü** (= allophone), lit: "the wife of the seed of the sound/phone of a language." As written, it is virtually unpronounceable and awkward. There are many words, not as tedious as this, which raise serious problems for spellers. Because existing

texts themselves carry both forms in no particular order and for no particular reason, both forms and spellings will be recorded and cross-referenced, as circumstances dictate.

The Standardisation Committee of the Society for the Promotion of Igbo Language and Culture, through its influence on the school system and the examinations process up to the university level, has had a very salutary effect on the standardisation of Igbo spelling conventions. Still, as is perhaps to be expected, much remains to be done. In fact, some of the conventions already established may need to be reviewed. For example, the Committee's recommendation that Igbo words be spelt "as pronounced except where convention has established a particular spelling" becomes problematic when the Committee does not quite indicate which "conventions" are to be regarded as "established." The Standardisation Committee also recommends that "each of the two or more elements which has an independent and identifiable meaning, should be written separately", but makes exceptions of "all kinship terms" (except "professions usually preceded by **di**") and "fossilised forms" such as "dike, dibia, nwoke, nwata, okorobia, agboghobia, usekwu, and ugoloma." Other writers have made their own exceptions.

Established spelling usages for personal and place names, for example, have remained largely unstandardised, and this dictionary has not attempted to impose a standard method for re-writing these names. It is easy enough to attempt such an exercise with "Onitsha" (**Önica**), "Awka" (**Öka**) or "Owerri" (**Owere**). Names like "Afikpo" (**Ehu Ugbø**), "Umüahia" (**Öma ahia** or **Umü ahia**) create problems requiring a fuller uncovering of history and a sifting of folk etymologies and genealogies to resolve. In the absence of writers and publishers independent of the Standardisation Committee and the competition for book sales, the determination of spelling conventions has been left to schoolmasters and examiners who have used the penalty of failure at public examinations to impose a spelling convention neither justifiable in logic, nor in the economy of effort it requires. This dictionary has been a victim of this state of affairs. In the absence of a widely canvassed and fully developed spelling convention, and lacking the benefit of the authority of independent creative writers, the dictionary has applied a minimalist rule to all words encountered; namely, whenever in doubt, to separate out the component parts of compound words. The rule can be expanded as follows: **wherever an independent unbound meaningful unit can be identified in a lexical item of at least three (or four) syllables, the unit has been kept apart (with or without a hyphen) for the convenience of users, and the benefit of lexicography, rather than as a prescription for spelling.** Nothing is lost, in relation to the lexicon, but the extra space or hyphen; what is gained, however, is a fuller appreciation of the original structure of the word from its combining elements.

Arising from this, too, have been duplications and apparent inconsistencies. The entries **elu igwe**, **elu-igwe** and **eligwe** represent three phases of the spelling standardisation scheme. The first gives the two elements out of which the word "heaven" was compounded; the second, with the tell-tale hyphen, indicates the very close formation that has developed between them; the third shows the two bonded together in a word which existing texts have spelt in this particular way. Nothing, obviously, prevents speakers of the language from pronouncing all three forms alike. From a lexicographer's point of view, the first consideration has been the preservation, wherever possible, of compounding elements that are also lexical items in their own right.

### Tone and default tone

Igbo is a two-tone (High, Low) language: **akwa** [HH] (= tear); **akwa** [HL] (= cloth); **akwa** [LH] (= egg); **akwa** [LL] (= bridge); **saa** [HH] (= be wide or outspread); and **saa** [LH] (= answer; give reply to). The so-called Class 5 nouns (e.g. **agü** [HS] = leopard) which feature a downstepped high tone in the second syllable, are not as unique as previously believed, since they all also permit a semantically acceptable HH tone pattern (Echeruo, 1996). Thus, although **agü** [HH and HS] (= tiger) occurs in the language, and is meaningful; **akwa** [HS] may occur in a sequence, but would be meaningless in isolation. From this consideration alone, it is obvious that only tone patterns which can occur with meaning in isolation from other syntactical processes need have a place in the determination of the

form and boundaries of an Igbo word.

This dictionary, therefore, works from the position that minutely exact phonetic tone-marking of written Igbo is unacceptable and untenable. Such an act is a denial of orthography itself. Such a result cannot be the goal of either orthography or lexicography. Tone-marking must only represent a stable pattern for particular lexical items seen as isolable units. It is this *ton* pattern, not the many possible patterns a lexical item may manifest in various syntactic and phonological environments, that must be represented. I call this the "default lexical tone." Hence, although **akwa** (= tear) may occur in many contexts with a variety of tone patterns (in associative constructions, for example), yet it is consistently represented by its default [HH] tone pattern.

To repeat: entries carry their default tone values; that is, the tones with which they are identified in their primary entry; thus ignoring tone changes dictated by the contingent environment. **Ama ügha** (= false witness) as an entry retains the default tones of its constituent units: **ama** ([LL] = information), and **ügha** ([LH] = a lie), even though the compound word is realised with a different tonal pattern in actual speech.

### Dialects and a standard language

Students of Igbo used to speak of the language's six dialect zones: Plains; Osimili; Savannah; Omambala; Central; Delta; and Enyom. More politically-minded investigators have preferred to see otherwise obviously Igbo dialects as quite different languages. That phase of political scholarship is almost over, though vestiges remain in certain areas. Informally, though, Igbo speakers know, among others, of Ahoada, Bende, Ika (Western Igbo), Ikwerre, Izzi, Mbaise, Nsüka, Obowo, Ohuhu, Önica (Onitsha), and Owere (Owerri) dialects, etc. Actually, as with many other languages, though not exactly for the same reasons, many intermediate and transitional groupings exist. As is clear from Pearman's work, an Igbo dictionary based on a particular dialect (Önica, in this instance) may not be as unique in its lexicon as might be supposed.

In general, there are two major dialect zones in Igbo: Owere and Önica, although quite significant variations occur within each zone. Indeed the zones are defined by a general combination of syntactical, lexical, and phonological features rather than exclusively by any one of those elements. This is important to bear in mind, especially because many specialised words are to be found across dialect zones, in small well-defined pockets of usage. Within the Önica zone, the following subregions can be identified: West Igbo; Ösömarri; Nsüka-Udi; and Izi-Abakaliki. The strong local variations in the Öka area and the transitional features of the Ihiala-Uli complex may also be noted. The Owere zone incorporates such distinct sub-regions as Mbaise; Afikpo-Eda; Ohaafia-Bende-Ohuhu; Ngwa-Azumini, and Ikwere-Ahöada. It is important to emphasize that although, as with all language communities, mutual intelligibility is impaired or restricted across these dialect (and sub-regional) zones, the basic elements of the language remain constant throughout.

Work for this dictionary has shown that the phonological boundaries do not always coincide with the lexical. Word forms have been found in widely separated and non-contiguous areas of Igboland. For the purposes of this dictionary, therefore, recording existing dialect variants has been more important than identifying their precise dialect zones. Over the years, a written standard Igbo (called **Igbo Izugbe**, by the Standardisation Committee) has been gaining currency in educational institutions, the mass media, as well as in popular publications. This standard language draws from two main varieties of spoken Igbo: a "generalised Owerri/Umuahia Igbo" and a "generalised Onitsha Igbo" (Emenanjo, 1978). While the drive for a standard language makes eminent sense with regard to structure, it is an impoverishing development when applied to the lexicon. What this dictionary does is to try to record the total Igbo word-stock, and give writers (and speakers) the freedom to use the language as creatively and as unabashedly as they wish, knowing that readers and listeners have a reference work to aid comprehension.

How best to represent the variations in spoken Igbo across the language area is beyond the scope of this dictionary to determine. It is however clear that how we read texts depends on conventions that are not entirely dependent on spelling. It is possible, therefore, for a reader of an Igbo text to

pronounce **añü**; **ahü**, or **avü** as he or she chooses, depending on the dialect base that determines his or her spoken form of Igbo. Texts demand dialectal accuracy and fidelity only in creative or academic works where dialectal variations are tokens of character definition and scholarly precision.

### Igbo verbs

This dictionary tries to accord Igbo verbs a place in the lexicon comparable to that which they enjoy in the grammars. There have been sharp disagreements among scholars as to the exact boundaries of an Igbo verb class, arising from some very basic problems of definition (Uwalaka, 1983; Emenanjö, 1983a; Öji, 1983 and Nwachukwu, 1983b). This state of uncertainty raises problems for lexicography. First, Igbo verbs have, for the most part, been studied under their stem and infinitive forms and are so listed in existing vocabulary lists. As a result, for example, Igbo verbs are listed or cited under two vowels: "i" or "I".

**i- >> (i-le [= to look], i-li [= to bury], i-lo [= to swallow], i-lu [= to throw]);**

**i- >> (i-la [= to go back home], i-li [= to ignore a wrong], i-lö [= to dream], and i-lü [= to marry].)**

Secondly, and quite as importantly, some of the more crucial distinctions which need to be made in Igbo verbal studies are obscured by the reliance on either infinitive or stem citations after the manner of the European languages. The difference between so-called Class 1 and Class 2 verbs would, for example, be unnoticed unless the imperative forms of these verbs are examined (Nwachukwu, 1983a). Furthermore, a characteristic feature of Igbo is the manner in which its verbs respond (phonologically) in the imperative mood. The evidence shows that Igbo verbs follow a very rigid grid when forming positive imperative forms, and this grid is tell-tale of their other characteristics. Igbo verbs, as this dictionary demonstrates, have defining two-syllable endings, as follows: **-aa, -ee, -ie, -ia, -oo, -öö, and -üö**. There are, indeed, instances when this scheme appears not to be operative, as with **welü** and **were** (=take). But even in such instances, there is a parallel form **wee** which has the same meaning. Whether we should conclude from this that the 2-syllable imperative form evolved in the same way from **-re** and **-lü** is another matter. What is clear is that Igbo verbs are better accounted for by using their positive imperative forms than the stem forms so habitually in use in Western linguistics. One clear advantage of this is that all Igbo verbs can be found distributed over the consonants which are the first element of their structure. At the same time, the cited forms are also semantically viable; that is, meanings can be attached to them in ways that are more specific than would be possible with stem-forms.

Thirdly, these verb-forms are glossed together with the nouns which complete their meaning. Objections have been raised against the argument that all Igbo verbs have an obligatory noun complement; it has been shown, for example, that the noun complements in some Igbo verbs are not equivalent to Latin accusatives (Uwalaka, 1983). Still, as the evidence of this dictionary shows, Igbo verbs actually appear in the following formats:

a) independent forms	<b>laa</b>	= go; go home
b) conditional forms	i) <b>laa di</b>	= get married
	ii) <b>laa n'iyi</b>	= go to waste
	iii) <b>laa elu</b>	= rise

Quite as importantly, then, there are Igbo verbs that never appear as independent forms; there are verbs ( e.g. **gbaa** or **kwaa**) which attain their full semantic form only in the presence of a noun complement. These forms have a phono-semantic core of meaning which can only be fully realised in the actual presence of a noun complement. In this sense, the "verb", properly-speaking, is neither **gbaa** nor **kwaa** in isolation but the expression "**gbaa** (or **kwaa**) + complement". We do not know enough about the phono-semantic basis of the Igbo language to make any serious determinations as to how these various verbal forms should be classified or grouped from a lexical point of view. What is apparent on the present evidence is that the Igbo verb does involve a noun complement, although that complement may be realised as a "null" in some instances.

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In these circumstances, this Dictionary lists **lee** and **nee** (= look); it also lists the full forms, **lee anya**, and **nee anya**, as well as other related forms (**lee/ree** = be effective [of medicine, charm]; **lee/ree** = sell; **lee/ree** = rot; and **lee/ree** = burn). It also lists similarly constructed forms: **baa anya**; **caa anya**; **daa anya**; **haa anya**; **kaa anya**; **kpuo anya**; **raa anya**; **röö anya**; **saa anya**; **taa anya**; **waa anya**; and **wee anya**.

Finally, the dictionary has avoided sub-classifying verbs as transitive or intransitive; as auxiliary, complementary, relational or copulative. These labels do not directly affect the lexical enterprise, although they enable students of other languages to recognise in what ways Igbo differs from the languages they already know. The so-called auxiliaries (**dī**, **ga**, **ka**, **ma**, **na**) and copulas (**bü**, **dī**, **nö**, and **wü**) are, in this context, better seen as verb forms that never take the direct positive imperative; when they do, they cease to be auxiliaries or copulas in function and meaning, a situation not very different from that of the so-called compound verbs (e.g. **dapuo** [**<daa + puo**] = fall + have a gap or opening) in which, for the positive imperative, the end-verb carries the appropriate inflectional ending.

### English-Igbo index

Part Two of the dictionary is the English-Igbo Index. This index has been generated from the English-word meaning field of the main Igbo dictionary database. It is strictly an index. For example, the Igbo entry, **agba** (with variations in tone) generates the following English equivalent entries in the index: **age**; **appointment**; **chin**; **color**; **contract**; **covenant**; **epoch**; **fork of road**; **indigence**; **jaw**; **leucoderma**; **pain**; **pledge**; **schedule**; **skin disease**; **swelling**; **testament**; **tryst**; and **whip**. Similarly, under English "whip," for example, readers will find Igbo equivalents: **agba**; **agba osisi**; **agbala aja**; **anya acü**; **aña**; **añü**; **apipia**; **ekwe**; **itäli**; **itäri**; **mkpisi**; **okpili**; and **ütali**. Every English word, then, for which there is an equivalent word or phrase in Igbo will appear as a headword. What the index does not do, however, is attempt to be a key to translating particular English words into Igbo.

### History of the Dictionary

This Dictionary began as an attempt to implement an idea (Echeruo, 1972). It sought to take advantage of the highly structured nature of the Igbo language to develop some general rules by which all two- and three-syllable words – from **aba** to **üzüzü**; from **baa** to **züzüö** – might be generated. The resulting wordlist would then be subjected to intensive field review to determine which of the words generated in the exercise existed in the Igbo lexicon. The task of developing those rules continues; but it became clear over the years that the construction of rules required to define the structure of poly-syllabic Igbo words was a major undertaking in itself. Because the laws of word-formation and combination in Igbo are yet to be fully understood, more nonsense words were being generated than seemed reasonable to use as research base. Moreover, even if satisfactorily completed, the list would not substantially obviate the need to compile a wordlist of Igbo using fairly traditional lexicographic methods. By 1993, I had to suspend work on that aspect of the project.

There can be no doubt now that the grammar of Igbo will eventually be better revealed through a fuller understanding of its phono-semantic morphology. In my view, the success of any comprehensive standardisation initiative, and even the viability of any effort to invent new words for modern conditions, will depend on how closely any formulations in that regard conform to, or at least acknowledge, the word- and meaning-making habits of the Igbo language. For example, vowel harmony has become a staple of our description of the Igbo sound system. Standardising the language by invoking the vowel harmonising principle will, in one simple step, remove one large area of uncertainty not only in the lexicon, but also in the exceptions that must be made to many a rule of syntax or phonology. But that step cannot yet be taken because not enough theoretical work has been done to determine the extent to which harmony, including recently proposed principles of "consonant harmony", pre-determines semantic and syntactic viability in Igbo; or to explain why certain harmonising sequences, but not others, are permitted within the language's lexicon. The most important studies touching on vowel harmony since Carnochan's (1960) mostly address the mode

and place of production for the two groups of vowels. But the logic by which combinations of certain consonants and vowels are validated appears mostly neglected. A generated word-list could, therefore, still provide us with a bank of information that will help us better understand how Igbo works by displaying the thousands of logically-possible segments which have not made it into the Igbo lexicon. On present evidence, the reason for their exclusion appears to be largely phono-semantic.

A dictionary is always work-in-progress. Each new day brings to mind a new word or phrase; or a better understanding of an existing entry. The work of compiling a comprehensive dictionary of Igbo will, therefore, never ever end. It is my earnest hope that this dictionary will serve as the basis for even better, more accurate, and more comprehensive record of the word-hoard of the Igbo language.

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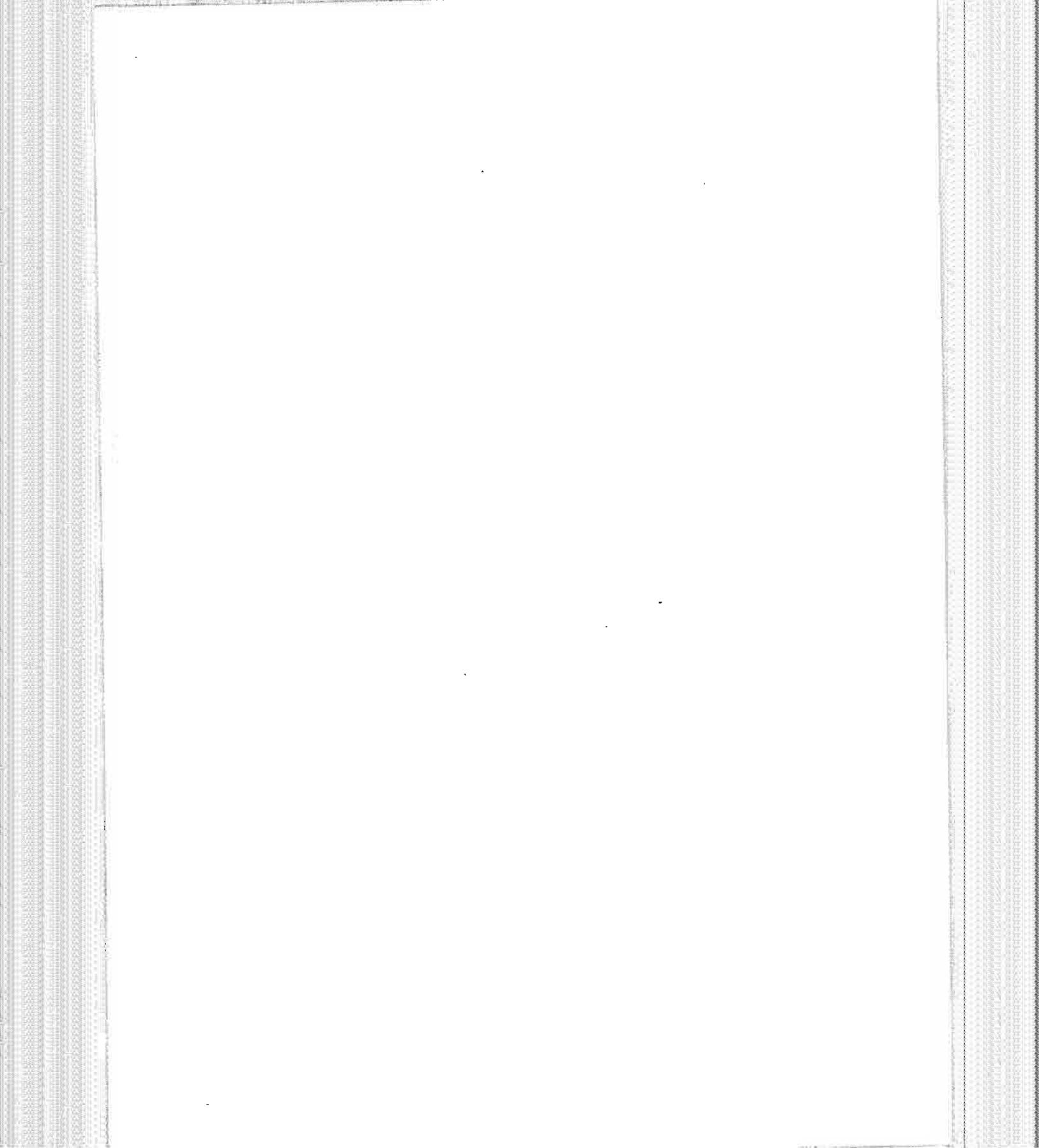
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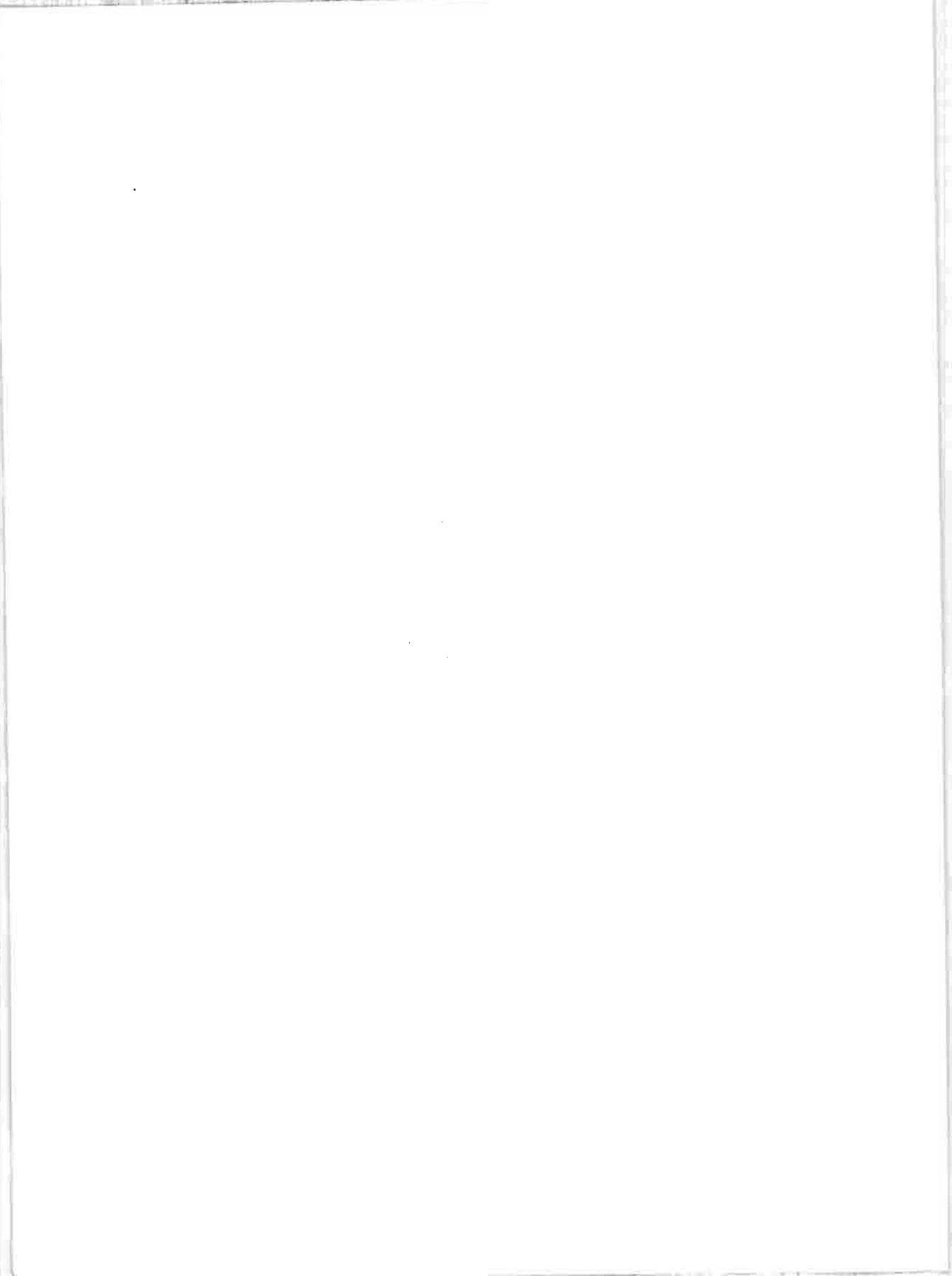
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## **Part I**

# **Igbo-English**



## A

- a** *alph* [H] 'First letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>open unrounded front vowel.
- a** *dem* [L] this; this one - *nke a* = *this one*; *obodo a* = *this town*. \*See "ahü" = that; that one.
- a** *prn* [H] 'I; first person pronoun; <sup>2</sup>it - *A nakewu na* = *it is said that*; <sup>3</sup>one (used in impersonal constructions) - *Anaghii ejii abali acö eghu ojii* = *one doesn't look for a black goat by night*.
- a-a** *excl* [H-L] oh!; what!; exclamation of surprise.
- aba** *adj* [LH] flat; prone - *dee ha aba* = *lay them flat*.
- aba** *n* [HH] <sup>1</sup>metal rod, bar or pin; <sup>2</sup>forked pole, used to support roof or scaffolding; <sup>3</sup>hook or staple. \*See "oke azü" = pole.
- aba** *n* [HH] bottle; glass container. \*See also "akarama," *ekpem*, "iron", and "ololo".
- aba** *n* [HL] short form of "aba-iceku", a type of tree. *var. abaceku*.
- aba** *n* [LL] <sup>1</sup>branch of a tree; <sup>2</sup>road junction; <sup>3</sup>house corner. *var. agba*.
- aba** *n* [LL] open wound; sore with pus. \*See "onya" = wound.
- aba** *n* [LL] <sup>1</sup>iron rod or metal bar; <sup>2</sup>(sometimes) short metal piece used to hold something together; metal pin; staple.
- aba** *n* [LL] house corner.
- aba** *n* [LL] epoch or season; period of time in the past marked by very important events. *var. aba*.
- aba** *n* [LL] (Afikpo) masked spirit or masquerade - *oke aba* = *chief (or principal) masquerade*.
- aba aja** *n* [HH HH] sand. \*See "uzuzu" = fine sand.
- aba aka** *n* [LH HH] kindred; lineage.
- aba aka** *n* [LL HH] twig; tree-branch; *var. ana aka*.
- aba ezi** *n* [LH HH] road crossing; intersection. *var. agba üzö*.
- aba iceku** *n* [LL-LHH] leguminous tree, used as a fallow crop; (possibly) velvet tamarind (*Dialium guineense*).

- aba ianya** *n* [LL HL] first hair on baby's head; baby hair. *var. aba nya; abönfi; apönli*.
- aba önü** *n* [LL HH] cheek; jaw. *var. agba nti; agba öönü*.
- abaca** *n* [HHH] day-old young chick; grower chick; sometimes called "uriöm" or "üyöm".
- abaca** *n* [LLL] 'sliced, dried cassava flakes; tapioca flakes; 'salad made from tapioca flakes. *var. abaja*. \*See "acica" = wafers.
- abada** *n* [LLH] wax printed cloth; wax print; printed cloth.
- abadaba** *adj* [HHHH] broad; flat or wide.
- abadaba** *n* [LLLL] narrow raffia-and-cotton cloth, the material from which men's traditional pants or loin cloths were *made*.
- abaja** *n* [LLL] sliced cassava; tapioca flakes. *var. abaca*.
- abaje** *n* [HHH] (loan(?)) barrel.
- abaka** *n* [LLH] type of fish.
- abakpa** *n* [LLL] (loan(?)) market-town; originally name for section of Igbo town settled by Hausa traders and cattlemen; now found as specific place name for urban areas no longer so-settled. *-Abakpa-Nike = the Hausa quarters at Nike (near Enugu)*.
- abala** *n* [HHH] iroko fruit. \*See "üpö öji" = iroko fruit.
- abala** *n* [HHL] fowl meat, especially including wing or leg. *var. abara*.
- abala agidí** *n* [LLH HHL] blanket; thick cover cloth worn to keep off the harmattan. *var. abara agidí; abara ngidí; avara ngidí*.
- abala ngidí** *n* [LLH HHL] blanket; thick cover cloth worn to keep off the harmattan. *var. abara agidí; abala ngidí; avara ngidí*.
- abalaba** *n* [HHHH] food bowl made of clay.
- abali** *n* [LLL] night; night-time - *Abali di'egwu!* = *night time is frightening or mysterious*. *var. abani; añañi*.
- abali** *n* [LLL] climbing rope made from brush-like plant. *var. apari*.
- abali isi** *n* [LLL LL] dead of night; the pitch darkness of night. *var. abali ishi*.
- abali-dí-egwu** *n* [LLL-L-HL] robbers; underworld gangs; whence, robbery - *ndí abali-dí-egwu* = *men of the criminal underworld, usually operating by night; hence, robbers; abali-dí-egwu akariala* = *there's too much robbery*.
- abam** *n* [HLL] corner; edge.

<b>abana</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] water yam, a “bastard” species of yam.	= long basket.
<b>abani</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] night; night-time. var. <b>abali</b> ; <b>añasi</b> .	<b>abö</b> <i>n</i> [HH] 'box of wicker-work used as a coffin; <sup>2</sup> grave.
<b>abara</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] fowl meat, usually including the leg or wing. var. <b>abala</b> .	<b>abö</b> <i>n</i> [LH] forest; plantation; wooded area of settlement; now found in place names - <i>Abö</i> = <i>Aboh, name of a community in Mbaise clan.</i>
<b>abara</b> <i>n</i> [HLL] threadworm. var. <b>avara</b> .	<b>aböca  abö öca </b> <i>n</i> [LHH] calico or similar kind of cloth; cotton cloth; <i>Lit:</i> white sheet of cloth imported (originally) from Aboh.
<b>abara</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] deep hole in the ground for planting yam (in areas of Igbo land where yam-mounds are not in fashion).	<b>abögba idide</b> <i>n</i> [HLL HLL] discarded or molted skin of a worm.
<b>abara agidi</b> <i>n</i> [LLH HHL] blanket; thick cover cloth worn to keep off the harmattan. var. <b>abala ngidi; abala agidi; avara ngidi</b> .	<b>abökö</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] crab; king-crab. var. <b>abükö</b> .
<b>abara ngidi</b> <i>n</i> [LLH HHL] blanket; thick cover cloth worn to keep off the harmattan. var. <b>abara agidi; avara ngidi; abala ngidi</b> .	<b>abönli</b> <i>n</i> [LLHL] (Uzuaköli) first hair on baby's head; baby hair. var. <b>abainya; apönli</b> .
<b>abazü</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] gale; high winds accompanying a rain storm.	<b>aböö</b> <i>num</i> [LHH] two; the number 2 - <i>aböö</i> = <i>two; ha aböö</i> = <i>both of them; aböö ezuola</i> = <i>two is enough; will do.</i> var. <b>abüa; abüö</b> .
<b>abd</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] alphabet; “ABC” - <i>güöra m ABD = recite the (Igbo) ABC for me!</i>	<b>aböö</b> <i>num</i> [LHH] twice; second - <i>ughoro aböö</i> = <i>second time; ite aböö</i> = <i>two pots.</i> var. <b>abüa; abüö</b> .
<b>abia</b> <i>n</i> [HLL] male person.	<b>abösö</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] rear entrance to a house; back door.
<b>abii</b> <i>n</i> [HL] breed; stock; lineage; seed; gene. var. <b>abülü; abürü</b> .	<b>abösö</b> <i>n</i> [HLL] 'camwood tree; redwood tree, used as cosmetic dye; <sup>2</sup> medicinal plant also used as chewing-stick for cleaning teeth ( <i>Baphia nitidis</i> ).
<b>abii</b> <i>n</i> [LH] - a variety of yam, light yellow in colour, with a thick bark; also called “ji ita”. var. <b>abii (D. rotunda)</b> .	<b>abösö</b> <i>n</i> [LHH] cricket; insect of the grasshopper family. var. <b>abüzü; avüyü; avüzü; mbisi; mbösö</b> .
<b>abia</b> <i>n</i> [HLL] 'ritual drum used during certain festivals, esp. the New Yam (or Ahiajökü/ Fejiökü) festival; <sup>2</sup> type of music (usually “ifie”) played to the accompaniment of the “abia” drum. *Music played during Fejioku festival.	<b>abü</b> <i>n</i> [HH] pus; yellowish discharge from infected wound or boil. var. <b>avü</b> .
<b>abiba</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] <sup>1</sup> plumage or feather, especially of young bird; <sup>2</sup> hair; down. var. <b>ab'ba</b> .	<b>abü</b> <i>n</i> [HH] cat; specifically, the bush-cat.
<b>abidi</b> <i>n</i> [HLL] kind of monkey. var. <b>abüdü</b> .	<b>abü</b> <i>n</i> [HH] 'belly; stomach; abdomen; intestines; entrails; <sup>2</sup> womb. var. <b>afö; ahö</b> .
<b>abigbo</b> <i>n</i> [LHL] a traditional dance, usually associated with Mbaise and northern Ngwa areas, and known for its vibrant but cultivated rhythms and biting (often indelicate) satirical lyrics.	<b>abü</b> <i>n</i> [HH] companion; comrade.
<b>abii</b> <i>n</i> [LHL] a variety of yam, light yellow in colour, with a thick bark; also called “ji ita”. var. <b>abi</b> .	<b>abü</b> <i>n</i> [HL] (Önica) hymn; psalm; song of joy, especially one associated with religious services; the word of choice for the Protestant missions - <i>Abü öma</i> = <i>[Book of] Psalms; ndi abü</i> = <i>singers; musicians; choristers.</i> var. <b>ebu; avü.</b> * See “ukwe” = hymn, the word favoured by the Catholic missions.
<b>abii</b> <i>n</i> [LHL] coin-currency formerly in use in Igbo land.	<b>abü</b> <i>n</i> [HL] armpit.
<b>abirika</b> <i>n</i> [LLLH] roasted plantain. *See also “ükpoći” = plantain.	<b>abü</b> <i>n</i> [LL] stock; breed; kindred. var. <b>abürü</b> .
<b>abisii</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] stinging black ant. var. <b>agbisii; agbishi</b> .	<b>abü</b> <i>n</i> [LL] worm.
<b>abö</b> <i>n</i> [HH] long, oblong basket. *See “ükpa”	<b>abü ala</b> <i>n</i> [HH LL] viper; adder. var. <b>abü anii</b> .
	<b>abü anii</b> <i>n</i> [HH LL] (Önica) viper; adder. var. <b>abü ala; avü ana</b> .
	<b>abüa</b> <i>num</i> [LHH] two; the number 2 - <i>abüa</i> = <i>two; ha abüa</i> = <i>both of them; abüa ezuola</i> =

*two is enough; will do.* var. **aböö**; **abüö**.  
**abüa** num [LHH] twice; second - *ugboro abüa* = *second time*; *ite abüa* = *two pots*. var. **aböö**; **abüö**.  
**abüba** n [HHL] leaf; palm fibre.  
**abüba** n [HHL] <sup>1</sup>plumage or feather, especially of young bird; <sup>2</sup>hair; down. var. **abiba**.  
**abüba** n [LLL] body-fat; fatty tissue; fat. var. **abübara**.  
**abüba isi** n [HHL HH] hair; locks.  
**abüba ji akpü** n [HHL H HH] cassava slices. var. **abüba ji akwü**. \*See "abaca" = tapioca.  
**abüba nti** n [HHH LL] cheek bone; jaw bone.  
**abübara** n [LLLL] body-fat; fatty tissue; fat. var. **abüba**.  
**abübö** n [HHH] egg yolk; yolk; yellow inner part of an egg. var. **abübü**.  
**abübö** n [HHH] mashed yam.  
**abübö** n [HLH] cooked vegetable dish.  
**abübü** n [HHH] egg yolk; yolk; yellow inner part of an egg. var. **abübö**.  
**abübü** n [HHH] abstinence; deliberate act of refraining from doing something in obedience to an injunction whether or not self-imposed.  
**abübü** n [HHL] 'dry waste fibre of chaff from palm nut; dried fibrous remains of palm bunch that did not thrive; <sup>2</sup>rag.  
**abüdü** n [HLL] variety of monkey. var. **abidü**.  
**abüghö** n [LHL] maiden; woman in her late teens or early 20's. var. **agbögöhö**; **agbüghö**.  
**abüke** n [HLH] chicken used for sacrifice; shabby chicken not likely to survive, anyway.  
**abükö** n [LHH] crab; king-crab. var. **abökö**.  
**abülü** n [LLL] breed; stock; lineage; seed; gene - *abülü öjöö* = *bad lineage or breed; lineage with undesirable character traits*. var. **abürü**.  
**abülü akwü** n [HLL] palm-fruit fibre; chaff of the palm fruit dried after extraction of oil. \*See "abüribü" = chaff of palm-fruit.  
**abüö** n [LHH] two; the number 2 - *abüö* = *two; ha abüö = both of them; abüö ezuola = two is enough; will do.* var. **aböö**; **abüa**.  
**abüö** num [LHH] twice; second - *ugboro abüö* = *second time*; *ite abüö* = *two pots*. var. **aböö**; **abüö**.  
**abüö** num [LHH] two; the number 2.  
**abüribü** n [HLLL] palm fruit fibre; fibre of the palm fruit dried after extraction of oil. var.

**ahiriba**; **avürivü**.  
**abürü** n [HLL] breed; stock; lineage; seed; gene - *abürü öjöö* = *bad lineage or breed; lineage with undesirable character traits*. var. **abülü**.  
**abüzü** n [HHL] cricket; mole-cricket.  
**aca** n [LL] a kind of wooden gong.  
**aca ökü** n [LH HH] a kind of magical show; according to Ögbalü, an ancient magical craft "of picking things from boiling oil".  
**acala** n [LLL] <sup>1</sup>bamboo; giant grass; <sup>2</sup>fish-trap made from bamboo stakes. var. **acara**.  
**acanü** n [LLL] blue bead.  
**acara** n [LLL] (Owere) fish-trap made from bamboo.  
**acara** n [LLL] <sup>1</sup>bamboo; giant-grass; <sup>2</sup>tall edible grass used (esp. in Umuahia area) in the preparation of soup. var. **acala**.  
**acara ugo** n [LLL LL] beautiful woman of stately carriage, robust like the prime young shoot of the raffia-palm.  
**aci** n [HH] <sup>1</sup>pelvis; hip-joint; head of thigh-bone; femur; <sup>2</sup>lines of thread worn by women around the hip as ornament. var. **aciti**.  
**aci** n [HH] pineapple. var. **acöö**.  
**aci** n [HH] rabbit-hole.  
**aci** n [HH] <sup>1</sup>species of sasswood, also known as pink mahogany; <sup>2</sup>the seed of the "aci" tree, used in making soup (*Gossweilerdendron balsamiferum*).  
**aci** n [LL] haemorrhoids; piles.  
**acica** n [LLL] (Önica) <sup>1</sup>dried, sliced plantain; dried yam haulm; <sup>2</sup>wheat or corn bread; biscuit; wafer; more specifically, communion bread; <sup>3</sup>foofoo from cooked, dried and preserved cocoyam, to be eaten with beans, etc. during lean planting season, especially in Udi area.  
**acica mbadamba** n [LLL HHHHH] wafers; Lit: flat and wide yam flakes. \*Used to translate "wafers" in Lev. 2.  
**acili** n [HHH] head of thigh-bone; femur; hip-joint or pelvis. var. **aci**.  
**acili** n [LLL] a variety of water yam.  
**aciri iba** n [HHH HH] abscess.  
**acita** n [LLL] chin.  
**acöö** n [HHH] pineapple. var. **aci**.  
**ada** adj [HH] many.  
**ada** n [HH] fall; collapse; slip - *öcü ökükö nwe*

- ada** = it's not the chicken but the person chasing it about that gets to fall; Lit: the chicken chaser owns the fall.
- ada** *n* [HL] beetle whose larvae develop in dung which it is forever ferrying.
- ada** *n* [LH] 'first daughter of a family; daughter; female child; <sup>2</sup>term of endearment or courtesy for a young woman.
- ada anî** *n* [HHL] (Oguta) dust; earth; sand. var. **aaja**.
- ada anî** *n* [HH LL] room.
- ada ushi** *n* [HL HL] (West Igbo) 'dung-beetle; Lit: stinking beetle; <sup>2</sup>dwarf; person of extremely short stature. var. **adakada**.
- ada ünö** *n* [LH HL] (Önica) oldest "nwa-ada". or woman born into a kindred; usually a married woman of the kindred. var. **ada ülö**. \*See "nwa ada" = woman married in her own kindred.
- adaa** *adv* [HHH] (Önica) never - *Adaa eli awö eli* = One never eats toad; Toads are never eaten. var. **adaghî**; **anaaa**; **anaghî**. \*short for "Adaghî ..." = One doesn't ever ...
- adaka** *n* [HHH] variety of yam.
- adaka** *n* [HHH] mole or dark mark, e.g. in the palm or hand.
- adaka** *n* [HHH] a shortish rifle or gun; gun with sawed-off barrel. \*named after "adaka" = dwarfish person; baboon.
- adaka** *n* [LHH] ape; baboon; chimpanzee. \*See also "özö" = gorilla.
- adaka** *n* [LHL] beetle; dung-beetle. var. **adakada**; **ada ushi**.
- adakada** *n* [HLHL] 'dung beetle; <sup>2</sup>small crab.
- adani** *n* [HHH] small basket with fine eyes, used for sifting, e.g. stone from rice.
- adidî** *n* [LLL] young female of birds; young hen; pullet - *adidî ökükö* = pullet, or young hen.
- adiele** *n* [HHLH] 'mate; comrade; companion; a person, often of about the same age, who is a companion and associate or comrade in any number of undertakings; a close friend and associate; <sup>2</sup>father's name of affection for a son; hence, father's companion.
- adikö** *n* [LLH] severe headache; migraine.
- adü** *n* [HL] species of yam that grows on climbing stems; sometimes called the "air yam" (*Dioscorea spp.*).
- adüdü** *n* [HLL] (Owere) insinuation.
- adüdü** *n* [HLL] iron tong used to pick up hot objects from cooking pot.
- afa** *n* [HH] 'divination; consultation with deities regarding past or future events by "throwing" and "reading" cowries, animal teeth, coins, etc. as dice - *ghaa afa* = foretell the future; perform a divination; <sup>2</sup>oracle.
- afa** *n* [HH] edible fruit; garden egg; var. **afüfa**. \*Short form of "afüfa".
- afa** *n* [HL] 'name; given name - *afa obodo* = town's name; *baa afa* = christen; name; <sup>2</sup>patriarchal name; lineage; family line - *afa m efuna* = may my name never never be lost; i.e. may my family line continue through children; <sup>3</sup>reputation; good name - *mehie afa mmadü* = defame somebody; ruin somebody's reputation. var. **aha**.
- afa** *n* [LL] hair; beard - *afa öniü* = beard; moustache; Lit: hair around the mouth.
- afa öniü** *n* [LL HH] (Önica) beard; moustache. var. **aha öniü**; **ava öniü**.
- afata** *n* [HHH] kind of fruit.
- afe** *n* [LL] cloth; dress; garment. var. **eфе**.
- afe isi** *n* [LL HH] head-dress; Lit: cloth for the head. var. **eфе isi**. \*See "ögödö isi" = head dress.
- afere** *n* [HHH] dish; plate; serving plate; modern crockery. var. **efere**; **afele**.
- afî azü** *n* [HH HL] gill: organ used by fish for breathing.
- afia** *n* [HHH] (Önica) 'market - *ünö afia* = shop; store; <sup>2</sup>trade; business; commercial activity - *afia mmanü* = oil trade; *afia ajöka* = business (trade) is quite bad. var. **ahia**.
- afia** *n* [HHH] loom; instrument for weaving cloth.
- afia iwu** *n* [HHH HH] 'contraband; goods prohibited by law; <sup>2</sup>trade in banned or prohibited goods. var. **ahia iwu**.
- afia ölü** *n* [HHH HH] festivities, held on a designated market day, to mark the "iwa-ji" harvest festival: market-day set aside in honour of farmwork.
- afifia** *n* [HHHH] grass; green leaf.
- afifia** *n* [HHHH] antelope (*Situtunga*).
- afö** *n* [HH] a variety of fresh water fish.
- afö** *n* [HH] 'belly; stomach; abdomen; entrails; intestines; also womb - *afö ukwu* = pot-belly; *afö anü* = entrails of a slaughtered animal;

<sup>2</sup>womb - *nwa afō ya* = a child of her womb; *afō ime* = pregnancy; <sup>3</sup>condition affecting the stomach - *afō na-agba ya* = he has a running stomach. var. **ahō**; **abü**.

**afō** *n* [HH] tube; tyre; any inner tubing made from rubber or similar material - *afō moto* = motor tyres; *afō taya* = tyre tube. \*A meaning derived by analogy with “afō” = stomach, intestines.

**afō** *n* [HL] year.

**Afō** *n* [LL] 'third day of the 4-day Igbo week; <sup>1</sup>market that holds on Afō day; <sup>3</sup>personal name. var. **ahō**. \*Afō ukwu = main Afō market/day; Afō nta = minor Afō market/day.

**afō ime** *n* [HH HH] pregnancy - *O bu afō ime* = she is pregnant; Lit: she is carrying a pregnancy.

**afō nta** *n* [HH HL] small intestines; entrails.

**afō öbala** *n* [HH LLL] (Önica) dysentery; inflammation of the bowels followed by severe diarrhoea. var. **afō öbara**.

**afō öbara** *n* [HH LLL] (Owere) dysentery; severe diarrhoea. var. **afō öbala**.

**afō ökika** *n* [HH LLL] constipation; hardening of stool leading to difficulty in evacuation.

**afō öma** *n* [HH HH] goodwill or favour; kindness - *nwee afō öma ebe m nō* = have goodwill towards me.

**afō ukwu** *n* [HH HH] swollen stomach; disease of the stomach.

**afō ükwü** *n* [HH HH] heel; the back of the foot. \*See “ikili” = heel.

**afölö** *n* [HHH] shavings from iron-mongering. \*See “afölö üzü” = iron shavings.

**afölö üzü** *n* [HHH HL] metal shavings from iron-work; the sparks that rise from the anvil during metal work; also slag, smelt-waste. var. **afülü üzü**.

**afü** *dem* [HL] that; that very one. var. **ahü**. \*Sometimes shortened to “a”, as in “Ndii a” = “Ndii afü”.

**afü** *n* [HL] fart; gas or wind emitted from the anus. var. **ahü**.

**afü** *n* [HL] (loan) half, as in “half-penny.” \*Full form is “afü peni”.

**afü önü** *n* [LL.HH] \* See “afa önü”.

**afüfa** *n* [LHH] edible fruit from the “ofe” plant, smaller than the garden egg; used in preparing salads and other delicacies.

**afüfü** *n* [HHH] 'pain; suffering; tribulation; punishment.

**afüfü** *n* [HHH] type of maggot or caterpillar that feeds on fruit. \*See “ötí” = beetle.

**afüfü** *n* [HLL] swollen and hardened scar.

**afülü** *n* [LLL] bullet; iron shots for a dane gun.

**afülü üzü** *n* [HHH HL] metal shavings from iron-work; the sparks that rise from the anvil during metal work: also slag, smelt-waste. var. **afölö üzü**.

**afürü arü** *n* [HLH HH] fart; gas or wind emitted from the anus.

**aga** *n* [HH] needle; metal trap; threading needle. \*cf. “agia” = needle.

**aga** *n* [HH] thorny twining plant. \*See “uke” = medicinal plant.

**aga** *n* [HH] (West Igbo) cup.

**aga** *n* [LL] 'a childless (unmarried?) woman of advanced years; a sterile or infertile woman; sometimes a post-menopausal woman - *aga ejí di, ejí nwa* = the barren woman has neither husband nor child; <sup>2</sup>infertility; barrenness. \*cf. Yor. “agan” = barren woman.

**aga** *n* [LL] fishing gear, including spear and net - *aga azü* = fishing spear; Lit: fish needle.

**aga azü** *n* [HH HL] fishing spear; Lit: fish needle.

**aga ji** *n* [LL H] high-yielding white yam. \*See “ji aga” = variety of yam.

**aga ngwü** *n* [HH LL] crocodile; kind of crocodile.

**aga nkwo** *n* [LL HH] short-winged bird of prey of the hawk family; kite.

**agaba** *n* [HHH] 'razor blade; blade; <sup>3</sup>sharp two-sided narrow knife used as surgical knife; lancet. var. **agüba**; **agöba**.

**agaba** *n* [HHH] masquerade with the fierce aspect of a lion (“agaba”) from which it takes its name.

**agaba** *n* [HHH] a prickly plant.

**agada** *n* [HHH] sword with bent or curved end.

**agada** *n* [HHH] a kind of frog.

**agada** *n* [LLH] folding easy-chair.

**agada** *n* [LLH] shrimp.

**agadaga** *adj* [HHHH] huge; large.

**agadagba** *n* [HHHL] (Öhaözara) men’s underpants, woven from a mix of cotton, grass and tree-bark, also called “nwa igba” or

- "igba". \*See "igba".
- agadi** *n* [HHH] old person; a person of advanced years - *agadi nwoke na agadi nwanyi* = *an old man and an old woman*.
- agadigba** *n* [HHHL] hard-dried cod-fish.
- agafu** *n* [LLL] burglar; thief.
- agala isi** *n* [HHH HH] hair; hair on the head. *var.* **agara isi**; **agili isi**.
- agalaba** *n* [HLLL] 'tree branch; forked branch of trees; <sup>2</sup>cross road, or road junction; <sup>3</sup>section or division of organisation, society or other large group. *var.* **ngalaba**.
- agalamama** *n* [LLLL] ripe, dry kola-nut.
- agalamama** *n* [LLLL] an animal said to be paralysed by light.
- agale** *n* [LHL] (West Igbo) animal fur.
- agam** *n* [LLL] spear used in fishing.
- agam-evu** *n* [HLH-LL] fancy name for a kind of maggot with a particularly offensive odour; *Lit:* I won't carry (touch) it.
- agama** *n* [LLL] clitoris; small upper end of a woman's genitalia.
- Agana** *n* [LLL] a title among the Ösömarí people, taken by persons of considerable wealth.
- agangwu** *n* [HHLL] crocodile; kind of crocodile.
- agara isi** *n* [LLL HH] hair; hair on the head. *var.* **agala isi**.
- agene** *n* [LLL] (West Igbo) bamboo mat.
- agidi** *n* [LHH] cream of corn; blancmange made from guinea-corn.
- agidi** *n* [LLL] 'bullet; iron or lead pellet used as shot; birdshot; <sup>2</sup>ball-bearing. *var.* **agili**; **agini**; **agiri**.
- agiga** *n* [HHH] needle (threading); skewer; spike. *var.* **aga**.
- agiga** *n* [HLL] corner; edge - *nökeghe n'agiga ilö* = move over to the side (or corner) of the house. *var.* **aguga**.
- agili** *n* [LLL] 'iron ball used as shot; bullet; lead or iron pellet; bird-shot; <sup>2</sup>ball-bearing. *var.* **agidi**; **agini**; **agiri**.
- agili isi** *n* [LLL HH] hair of the head; locks.
- agiliga** *n* [HHHH] tattered basket; faggots; thatch.
- agiliga** *n* [HLHH] (Önica) spear. *var.* **agiriga**.
- agini** *n* [LLL] kind of mat.
- agini** *n* [LLL] 'iron ball used as shot; bullet; lead or iron pellet; bird-shot; <sup>2</sup>ball-bearing.
- var.* **agidi**; **agili**; **agiri**.
- agiri** *n* [HHH] hair - *agiri isi* = hair of the head; lock.
- agiri** *n* [LLL] 'iron ball used as shot; bullet; lead or iron pellet; bird-shot; <sup>2</sup>ball-bearing. *var.* **agidi**; **agili**; **agini**.
- agiriga** *n* [LHLH] (Owere) kind of spear. *var.* **agiliga**.
- agirigada** *n* [HHHHH] wry person; person with dry, mocking humour.
- agogo** *n* [HHH] (loan(?)) metal gong.
- agö** *n* [HH] kind of spoon.
- agö** *n* [HH] outright denial; disclaimer; the formal act of disassociating oneself from a charge - *goö agö* = *deny*. \*See "agügö" = denial.
- agö** *n* [HH] herbal potion.
- agöba** *n* [HHH] 'razor blade; blade; <sup>2</sup>sharp two-sided narrow knife used as surgical knife or lancet. *var.* **agaba**; **aguba**.
- agöfü** *n* [HHL] liar; a person with a reputation for never telling the truth.
- agölö** *n* [HHH] sticky sap of tree, or similar substance, used to trap birds; bird-line.
- agölö** *n* [HHH] species of fish.
- agölö** *n* [LLL] a kind of plant. *var.* **agülü**.
- agü** *adj* [HH] huge; powerful; *Lit:* tiger-sized; tiger-like in power.
- agü** *n* [HH] farm.
- agü** *n* [HH] hawk; kite.
- agü** *n* [HH] tiger; leopard; (inaccurately) cheetah. \*Often also used to mean "cheetah" and "leopard".
- agü** *n* [HL] 'namesake; one who shares same name, and (in some cases) the same guardian spirit from the spirit world, as another; <sup>2</sup>spirit double; parallel incarnations of the same being; 'spirit of mischief; prankster spirit. \*See "güö aha" = christen; cf. Egyptian "ka" (Yor: "Esu") = "spirit double".
- agü aba** *n* [HH HH] lion. \*See "agaba" = lion.
- agü aba** *n* [HH HL] razor blade; blade; sharp two-sided narrow knife used as surgical knife or lancet. *var.* **aguba**; **agöba**.
- agü isi** *n* [HH HH] disease of skin; scalp infection.
- agü iyi** *n* [HH HH] crocodile; large, amphibious, tropical reptile with thick scales; *Lit:* river tiger.
- agü nkwo** *n* [HH HH] falcon; hawk; kite. *var.*

agü nkwü.	agba [LL] (West Igbo) indigence - <i>daa agba</i> = become indigent; fall into indigence.
agü ünö n [HH HL] gecko; house, or domestic lizard; also called wall-gecko ( <i>Ptyodactylus gecko</i> ).	agba n [LL] paint; colour - <i>agba uhie</i> = brown (earth) colour.
agüba n [HHH] 'razor blade; blade; ^sharp two-sided narrow knife used as surgical knife or lancet. var. <b>agaba</b> ; <b>agöba</b> . *properly, "agü aba".	agba n [LL] rheumatism; joint swelling. *See "eguru".
agüga n [HLL] corner; edge - <i>nökeghe n'agüga ülö</i> = move over to the side (or corner) of the house. var. <b>agiga</b> .	agba n [LL] chapter.
agügö n [HLH] outright denial; disclaimer; the formal act of disassociating oneself from a charge - <i>göö agö</i> = deny. *See "agö" = denial.	agba n [LL] fat.
agügö n [LLL] argument; objection; contentiousness; disputation - <i>sie agügö</i> = challenge an opinion; contest an argument; adamantly hold on to an opposing opinion.	agba n [LL] epoch or season; period of time in the past marked by very important events. var. <b>aba</b> . *cf. Yor: "igba" or "ugba" = time.
agügü n [HHH] 'count; the act of counting - <i>agügü öñü</i> = head count; census; ^reckoner or counter.	agba n [LL] palm kernel.
agülü n [HHH] 'hunger; starvation; ^desire. var. <b>agürü</b> ; <b>agüü</b> .	agba ahü n [HH HH] penis; male sexual organ.
agülü n [HHH] kind of plant.	agba ahü n [HH HH] 'colour of the skin; complexion; ^blotch or blemish on the skin.
agülü n [HHH/LLL] bush-cat.	agba ala n [HH LL] cosmetic body marks cut around breasts or across stomach; scarifications on the body.
agülü n [HLH] thin oil.	agba ala n [LH LL] lower jaw. var. <b>agba aní</b> .
agülü arö n [HHH HL] any disease that appears to return to its victim every year; <i>Lit</i> : [disease] that counts a year [and returns]. *See "Ogbu n'orie" = disease that flares up every four days.	agba amimi n [HH LLL] (West Igbo) kind of basket. var. <b>ügbö amimi</b> .
agürü n [HHH] 'hunger; starvation; ^desire. var. <b>agülü</b> ; <b>agüü</b> .	agba aní n [LH LL] lower jaw. var. <b>agba ala</b> .
agüü n [HHH] 'hunger; starvation; ^desire. var. <b>agülü</b> ; <b>agürü</b> .	agbaanya n [LL HH] eye-lid. var. <b>ikuanya</b> .
agba n [HH] whip.	agba avü n [LH HL] armpit. var. <b>avü</b> .
agba n [HH] species of hardwood tree.	agba eli n [LL HH] upper jaw. var. <b>agba elu</b> ; <b>agba enu</b> .
agba n [HH] totem in the shape of a pillar; a phallus symbol.	agba elu n [LL HH] upper jaw. var. <b>agba eli</b> ; <b>agba enu</b> .
agba n [LL] 'appointment; schedule; tryst - <i>yie agba</i> = fix an appointment; set a date; ^contract; covenant; pledge - <i>Agba ocie</i> = Old Testament; <i>kwee agba</i> = enter into a contract or covenant; make a solemn pledge.	agba enu n [HH HH] upland; sub-fertile farmland. *See "igbo" and "aní öca".
agba n [LL] chin; jaw. var. <b>aba</b> .	agba enu n [LL HH] upper jaw. var. <b>agba elu</b> ; <b>agba eli</b> .
agba n [LL] skin disease; leucoderma.	agba igwe n [HH HH] cloud; patches ( <i>lit</i> : blemishes) in the sky.
agba n [LL] branch; fork of road - <i>agba üzö</i> = point where road branches out in several directions.	agba ilu n [HH HH] bitter kolanut; crunchy bitter nut, often served with, or as a substitute for kolanut. var. <b>akü ilu</b> . *See "ugugolo" = bitter kola.
	agba mmiri n [LL HHH] blister; skin condition caused by burn.
	agba na uce n [LL L HL] anxiety; worry; <i>Lit</i> : appointments and much thought.
	agba nti n [LL HH] cheek; jaw. var. <b>aba öñü</b> ; <b>agba öñü</b> .
	agba oruma n [LH LLL] bone disease.
	agba osisi n [LL HHH] whip; twig used as whip. var. <b>agba</b> . *See "agbala aja" = whip.
	agba üzö n [LH HH] road crossing; intersection. var. <b>aba ezi</b> .

- agbaa anü** *n* [LL HH] idiot; stubborn person.
- agbada** *n* [HHH] flat frying pot.
- agbada** *n* [HHH] two-edged carving knife.
- agbada** *n* [HHH] barn; outdoor storehouse for farm and garden produce.
- agbadi** *n* (loan(?)) kind of a dance.
- agbadi** *n* [HLL] (loan(?)) thick, low-quality oil.
- agbagadü** *adj* [HHHH] large and crooked - *agbagadü mpi = large and crooked horns (e.g. of ram).*
- agbagba nti** *n* [HHH LL] cheek; cheek bone.
- agbagha** *n* [LLL] animal skin or hide; leather.
- agbagha ükwü** *n* [LLL HH] sandal; shoe; *Lit:* leather covering for the foot.
- Agbagwü** *n* [HHL] 'fortnightly market at Üzüköli, reputed to be the largest slave market in the Bende area of Igboland - *na mgbe nibü, öbü Bianko bü oge ukwu karüa Agbagwü = at first, Bianco was a larger market than Agbagwü (Omenükö);* <sup>2</sup>a monthly market-day festival in the Üzüköli/ Mbaanö/Etiti area market by lavish entertainment for in-laws, and other visiting guests; it has no links with the slave market. \*Actually, "agba agwü", so-named after the mighty "agba" tree on the site, consecrated to the powerful deity, Agwü.
- agbala** *n* [HHH] hairy seed.
- agbala** *n* [HLL] (Önica) generic name for a spirit or deity; spirit; demon-deity. *var. agbara.*
- Agbala** *n* [HLL] (Önica) name of an oracle dedicated to the Agbala deity, a ruthless and unforgiving deity, often associated with both Awka and Nri.
- agbala** *n* [LLL] (Önica) four-cornered seat, or chair.
- agbala** *n* [LLL] 'community; <sup>2</sup>hall used for communal meetings by either men or women.
- agbala** *n* [LLL] (Önica) 'adult man who has not taken any title; <sup>2</sup>a woman of power; hence, a he-woman; a "strong", well-to-do, married woman, usually with many children - *Agbala di na ejeli ozi = well-to-do woman with a husband for errand boy.*
- agbala aja** *n* [HLH HH] whip. *var. agba.* \*See "agba osisi" = whip.
- agbala nwanyi** *n* [LLL HL] well-to-do, mar-

- ried woman, usually with many children; a woman of power. \*Shortened as "agbala".
- agbalagada** *n* [HHHHH] (Önica) thunder.
- agbale** *n* [LLLL] (West Igbo) special cloth worn by women in their first pregnancy. \*Also called "ipeteri" = fertility cloth.
- agbalumiö** *n* kind of herb used in the rituals associated with "Ögbanje" (*Chrysophyllum albidum*).
- agbara** *n* [HLL] demon; evil spirit. *var. agbala.*
- agbara** *n* [HLL] kind of bean with sharp prickly hair.
- agbara agba** *n* [LLL LH] pottage, made of shelled breadfruit seeds and cooked in a sauce of peppers and dried fish.
- agbara agba** *n* [LLL LH] loose-fitting tailored, mostly women's, dress, often touching the ankles.
- agbara atii** *n* [HHH HHH] cake made from ground and spiced melon seed, wrapped with leaves in small pellets, and steamed till done. \*See "nwa nru" = melon seed.
- agbasa** *n* [LLH] (Önica) left-over food.
- agbata** *n* [LLL] border; boundary; neighbourhood - *aghata obi = neighbour; one whose "obi" or main house, is next-door; a stone throw away.*
- agbata ekwu** *n* [LLL HH] hearth. \*See "ekwu" = hearth.
- agbata obi** *n* [LLL HL] neighbour.
- agbata ükwü** *n* [LLL HH] groin; *Lit:* the space between the legs.
- agbe** *n* [LL] calabash; gourd. *var. agbele.*
- agbele** *n* [LLL] calabash or gourd; float. *var. agbe.*
- agbidi** *n* [HLL] box; container.
- agbirigba** *n* [HHHH] small pod-bearing grass.
- agbishi** *n* [HHL] stinging black ant. *var. abisi;* *agbisi.*
- agbisi** *n* [HHL] stinging black ant. *var. abisi;* *agbishi.*
- agbö** *n* [HH] 'vomit; sickness; <sup>2</sup>disgust. *var. agböö; agbü.*
- agbö** *n* [HH] cord; rope for climbing; *var. agbü.*
- agbö** *n* [HH] palaver; tangle; minor quarrel.
- agbö** *n* [HH] cloth used as cover or spread over something; blanket; sometimes, table cloth.
- agbö** *n* [HH] forest.

**agbō** *n* [LL] calabash; gourd from which calabashes are carved.

**agbō** *n* [LL] breed; seed or gene; stock; genetic trait; genetic characteristic - *ezigbo agbō nwanyi/ajō agbō eghu* = woman from a good (breeding) stock; bad goat stock.

**agbōghō** *n* [LHL] maiden; woman usually in her late teens or early 20's. *var. abūghō; agbūghō; agbōghō-öbia.*

**agbōghō mmüö** *n* [LHH LHH] mermaid; spirit maiden.

**agbōghō öbia** *n* [LHH HLL] maiden; young woman. *var. abūghō; agbōghō; agbūghō.*

**agbōkili** *n* [HHHH] armlet.

**agbōli** *n* [HHL] impotence. *var. agbōni.*

**agbōlō** *n* [HHH] echo.

**agbōlō** *n* [LLL] species of mango, used as soup thickener. *var. agbōnō (*Irvingia gabonensis*).*

**agbōlögada** *n* [HHHHH] molar; back teeth used in grinding. *var. agbūlügam.*

**agbōni** *n* [HHL] impotence. *var. agbōli.*

**agbōnō** *n* [LLL] species of mango, used as soup thickener. *var. agbōlō (*Irvingia gabonensis*).*

**agbōö** *n* [HHH] vomit.

**agbū** *n* [HH] 'rope worn around the waist and wound round the ankles when climbing; <sup>2</sup>cord; rope used as fetters. *var. agbō.*

**agbū** *n* [HH] sore with pus.

**agbū** *n* [HL] <sup>1</sup>vomit; sickness; <sup>2</sup>disgust. *var. agbō; agbōö.*

**agbū** *n* [HL] gum of tooth.

**agbügba** *n* [LLL] 'plate, basin or other container made from light metal (often iron) and used in the kitchen and elsewhere; <sup>2</sup>zinc roofing sheet; metal roofing. *var. ügbügba.*

**agbügba** *n* [LLL] conspiracy; treachery.

**agbügbö** *n* [HHH] dust-bin; refuse dump; dump yard.

**agbügbö** *n* [LHL] bark; hard skin. *var. mbübö; mgbügbö.*

**agbüghō** *n* [LHL] maiden; woman usually in her late teens or early 20's. *var. agbōghō; agbōghō öbia; agbōghō.*

**agbūlügam** *n* [HHHHH] (Öka) molar; back teeth used in grinding. *var. agbōlögada.*

**agbürü** *n* [HHH] (Bende) cassava flour. *var. akpü.*

**agbürü** *n* [LLL] kindred; lineage; gene stock.

**aghā** *n* [HH] (Önica) battle; war. *var. aha; aya.*

**aghā** *n* [HL] instrument used in weaving: spindle.

**aghāaa** *n* [LHH] manner; condition - *ö dī aghāaa?* = in what condition is he? how is he?. *var. añaā.*

**aghala** *n* [LHH] wastrel; rascal; good-for-nothing person; vagabond; ne'er-do-well. *var. aghara.*

**aghara** *n* [LHH] confusion; disorder; pandemonium. *var. aghala.*

**aghara** *n* [LLL] wastrel; rascal; good-for-nothing person; vagabond; ne'er-do-well. *var. aghala.*

**aghara aghara** *adv* [LHH LHH] randomly; indiscriminately.

**aghirigha** *n* [HHHH] 'crumbs; pieces; <sup>2</sup>husks of palm fruit left after nuts are extracted.

**aghirügha** *n* [LLHL] confusion; rascality.

**aghō** *n* [HH] iguana; monitor. *var. aghū.*

**aghō** *n* [HH] rancidity; staleness; rancid taste, e.g. that of food left overnight; sour. \*cf. "üka"; "öla"; "üra" = sourness, staleness.

**aghō** *n* [HL] cunning; craftiness; deceit; trickery - *ghōö aghō* = play tricks or pranks; deceive through cunning. *var. aghüghō.*

**aghō ufu** *n* [LH LL] bribe; bribery; easy or improper profit from a deal. *var. aghū ufu.*

**aghū** *n* [HH] iguana; monitor; crocodile. *var. aghō.*

**aghū ufu** *n* [LH LL] bribe; bribery; easy or improper profit from a deal. *var. aghō ufu.*

**aghüghō** *n* [HLL] cunning; deceit; trickery; fraud; craftiness - *ghōö aghüghō* = play tricks or pranks; deceive through cunning.

**agwa** *n* [HH] shade: area under shade.

**agwa** *n* [HH] fever, with loss of appetite; <sup>2</sup>state of mental depression or anxiety.

**agwa** *n* [HL] <sup>1</sup>eczema; leucoderma; skin-disease; <sup>2</sup>measles. *var. ügwa; ügwö.*

**agwa** *n* [LL] beans; black-eyed beans.

**agwa** *n* [LL] kind; sort.

**agwa** *n* [LL] <sup>1</sup>character; manners; temper; conduct - *agwa öma* = good behaviour; exemplary character; <sup>2</sup>habit.

**agwa agwa** *n* [LH LL] spotted; pied; parti-coloured; having a patchwork of colours.

**agwa etiti** *n* [LL LHL] island - *ruo agba etiti nta* = reached a small island (Acts 27:16).

- agwata** *n* [HHH] bush-cat.
- agwī** *n* [HL] kind of hoe. var. **agwü**.
- agwō** *n* [HH] generic name for snake; serpent.
- agwō** *n* [HH] 'raffia; raffia-fibre; <sup>2</sup>head-pad made from raffia. var. **ngwō** (*Raphia vinifera*).
- agwō eghu** *n* [HH HH LLL] black cobra, a very poisonous snake; *Lit:* the goat-snake. var. **eghuanya öbara**; **agwō ewu** (*Naja melanoleuca Hall*). \*See "ubi" and "agwōanya öbara".
- agwō ewu** *n* [HH HH LLL] black cobra, a very poisonous snake; *Lit:* the goat-snake. var. **eghuanya öbara**; **agwō eghu** (*Naja melanoleuca Hall*). \*See "ubi" and "agwōanya öbara".
- agwō nkü** *n* [HH HH] centipede; sometimes, millipede.
- agwō ülö** *n* [HH HL] gecko; wall-gecko; lizard usually found around the house.
- agwü** *n* [HL] carved representation of a deity; fetish; idol; totem.
- Agwü** *n* [HL] a deity; god of madness.
- agwü** *n* [HL] (West Igbo) kind of hoe. var. **agwī**.
- agwü nkwo** *n* [HH HH] kite.
- agwü nsi** *n* [HL LL] god of evil (poison); patron spirit of quacks and fortune tellers. \*Fortune-tellers had to have an "agwü-isi"; even if they did no evil.
- agwügwá** *n* [HLH] a riddling game; riddle or conundrum. var. **gwam-gwa gwam**.
- aha** *n* [HH] (Arökukwu) war; battle. var. **agha**; **aya**.
- aha** *n* [HL] name; given name - *aha obodo* = town's name; *góó aha* = christen; name - reputation; good name; <sup>3</sup>lineage; family line; people who go by the same patriarchal name - *aha m efula* = may my never never be lost; i.e. may my family line continue through children. var. **afa**.
- aha ci** *n* [HL L] a sacred name given a child after divination, showing the god or other agency involved in its birth; e.g. Nwa-agwü; Nwa-cukwu; Nwa-amadi = son of Agwü, Cukwu, or Amadi. \*Also known as "aha üwa" = earthly name.
- aha önù** *n* [LL HH] (Owere) beard; moustache. var. **afa önù**; **ava önù**.
- aha üwa** *n* [HL LL] a sacred name given a child after divination, showing the god or other agency involved in its birth; e.g. Nwa-agwü; Nwa-cukwu; Nwa-amadi = son of Agwü, Cukwu, or Amadi. \*Also known as "aha ci" = name of destiny.
- ahaba** *n* [LHH] velvet tamarind, a leguminous tree, used mainly as fallow crop to restore soil fertility (*Acida bateri*; *Dialium guineense*). \*Known in some areas as "iceku" or "öhambe".
- ahara öca** *n* [HHH HH] large white variety of crayfish.
- ahiara** *n* [HHHH] giant leaf grass.
- ahii ìgba** *n* [LHHL] osimon plant.
- ahia** *n* [HHH] <sup>1</sup>market - *ülö ahia* = shop; store; <sup>2</sup>trade; business; commercial activity - *ahia mmanü* = oil trade; *ahia ajöka* = business (trade) is bad. var. **afia**.
- ahia iwu** *n* [HHH LH] <sup>1</sup>contraband; goods prohibited by law; <sup>2</sup>trade in banned or prohibited goods. var. **afia iwu**.
- ahia ogwe** *n* [HHH HL] evening market; market that does not begin until late afternoon.
- Ahiajökü** *n* [LLLHH] <sup>1</sup>Yam god; <sup>2</sup>New Yam Festival; an annual harvest festival marking the formal harvest of the new yam, and paying tribute to the Yam god. var. **Ifejioku**; **Fejioku**.
- ahíara** *n* [HHHH] <sup>1</sup>name of a market; *Lit:* mad people's market; i.e. market with an unusually high number of people with mental problems; <sup>2</sup>name of a community; place name - *Ahiara* = community in Mbaise.
- ahihia** *n* [HHHH] leaf; grass; weed.
- ahihia ofe** *n* [HH] leaf of the "ofe" plant, used in soups and other foods; the plant produces the "afufa" fruit, a small, delicious relation of the garden egg. var. **ofe**.
- ahihíara** *n* [HHHH] wild okra, a long-fruited jute plant. var. **ahühara** (*C. olitorius*). \*Same as Yoruba "öyö" = wild okra.
- ahihíara** *n* [HLHHH] edible fern with highly viscous sap.
- ahiri** *n* [HHH] column; line; row; queue.
- ahiri** *n* [HLL] fart; gas - *nyüö ahühü* = fart; pass gas or wind from the anus. var. **ahürü**.
- ahiriha** *n* [HHHH] chaff from dried fibre of palm fruit. var. **abürübü**; **avürivü**.
- ahö** *n* [HH] (Enugu) <sup>1</sup>belly; stomach; intestines.

tine; stomach; <sup>2</sup>womb. var. **afö; abü**.

**ahö** *n* [HL] year. var. **afö; arö**.

**Ahö** *n* [LL] (Afikpo) <sup>1</sup>third day of the 4-day Igbo week; <sup>2</sup>market that holds on Afö day. var. **Afö**.

**ahü dem** [HL] that; that very one - *onye ahü* = *that very person*. var. **afü**. \*Sometimes shortened to “a”, as in “Ndia” = “Ndii ahü”.

**ahü n** [HH] (Bende) melon; climbing plant that produces flat-bodied edible seeds.

**ahü n** [HH] hair or body air. var. **ashü**.

**ahü n** [HL] fart; gas or wind emitted from the anus. var. **arü**.

**ahü n** [LH] body; body surface or skin; flesh. var. **arü; eshu**.

**ahü ekere n** [LH HHH] groundnut; peanut.

**ahü ike n** [LH HH] good health; health or well-being.

**ahü nwanyi n** [LH LL] vagina; private parts of a woman’s anatomy.

**ahü ökü n** [LH HH] fever; high body temperature associated with illness; *Lit:* hot (or warm) body. var. **arü ökü**.

**ahü önu n** [LL HH] beard; moustache; *Lit:* mouth hair.

**ahühara n** [HHHH] wild okra, a long-fruited jute plant. var. **ahihüara** (*C. olitorius*). \*Same as Yoruba “öyö” = wild okra.

**ahühü n** [HHH] pain; punishment; suffering. var. **afüfü**.

**ahühü n** [HHH] insect; maggot; ant. var. **ehuhu; esusu; arürü**.

**ahühü n** [HLL] fart; gas - *nyüö ahühü* = *fart: pass gas or wind from the anus*. var. **ahürü**.

**ahürü n** [HLL] fart; gas or wind from the anus. var. **ahürü**.

**aja n** [HH] ‘earth, and its various loose forms: sand, soil, dust, and mud; but excluding such solid forms as gravel, stone or rock; <sup>2</sup>wall; earthen wall. var. **üza; ada ani**.

**aja n** [HH] species of tree.

**aja n** [HH] wooden clappers used as a musical instrument; cymbal. \* See “kpönkpö” = wooden clappers.

**aja n** [LL] oblation; offering; sacrifice - *aja Masi* = *sacrifice of the Mass*.

**aja n** [LL] <sup>1</sup>large premium-quality freshwater fish of the same family as “asa”; <sup>2</sup>shark. \*“When he went fishing, he caught only asa and aja”. Nwapa, *Efurū*.

**aja ana n** [HH LL] earth shrine. var. **aja-anü; aja-ala**.

**aja anü n** [HH LL] (West Igbo) male cricket.

**aja uke n** [LL LL] sacrifice to ward off future disaster by keeping evil spirits at bay. \*See “uke” = hardship.

**ajaba n** [HHH] (Afikpo) area reserved for principal actors in a masquerade for storing equipment and changing costumes; tiring area.

**ajadu n** [LLL] (West Igbo) <sup>1</sup>widow, especially if widowed in her youth: young widow; <sup>2</sup>a young widow who does not elect to be inherited, or to have a steady lover, but instead accepts men as sex partners as she pleases; (in an extended sense) harlot.

**ajadu n** [LLL] (Önica) widower; Also **ajadu nwoke**

**ajaghija n** [HHHH] ceremony (especially in Öka) whereby prospective title takers are presented to current title holders; performance of this ceremony is a mini-title in itself.

**ajakpa n** [HLH] woman with pronounced masculine features.

**ajali n** [HHH] <sup>1</sup>rust; <sup>2</sup>red earth. var. **ajara; ajari**.

**ajara n** [HHH] <sup>1</sup>rust - *tiöö ajara* = *become rusty*; <sup>2</sup>red earth. var. **ajali; ajari**.

**ajari n** [HHH] <sup>1</sup>rust; <sup>2</sup>red earth. var. **ajara; ajali**.

**ajata n** [HHH] fly-whisk.

**ajii n** [HH] hair, excluding human body hair; animal hair; fur.

**ajii n** [HH] part of a carcass.

**ajii n** [HL] tree with malleable bark which can be turned into wool-like strings.

**ajii agba n** [HH LL] beard; *Lit:* hair of the chin/jaw.

**ajii anü n** [HH HH] wool; *Lit:* animal hair.

**ajii iku n** [HH LL] eye lash; hair lining the eyebrow.

**ajii n** [HL] antidote; something taken to counteract the effect of a poison or other powerful potion.

**ajii n** [HLL] waist-band; belt.

**ajii n** [LHH] crocodile.

**ajili ja n** [HHHH] pebble; fine stone. var. **ajiri ja**

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- ajiliija** *n* [HHHH] sweat; body sweat. *var.* ajiriija; aziriza
- ajiriija** *n* [HHHH] sweat; body sweat. *var.* ajiliija; aziriza
- ajö** *adj* [HH] bad; faulty.
- ajö** *adj* [HH] <sup>1</sup>bad; not right - *ajö üzö = bad road*: *ajö nri = ajö nri = tasteless or unappetising food*; <sup>2</sup>hurtful; unkind; discourteous - *ajö okwu = unkind, hurtful or discourteous speech/words*; <sup>3</sup>evil or forbidden - *ajö öhia = sacred or evil forest*. <sup>\*\*</sup>"Ajö" always precedes the noun it modifies.
- ajü** *n* [HH] pillar of house.
- ajü** *n* [HH] <sup>1</sup>head-pad made from leaves or cloth; pad serving as stand for wine keg; <sup>2</sup>girdle; <sup>3</sup>small bundle or roll, e.g. of vegetable.
- ajü** *n* [HH] crocodile. *var.* ajü-iyi.
- ajü** *n* [HL] dizziness; epilepsy; giddiness.
- ajü** *n* [HL] consolation.
- ajü ala** *n* [HH LL] puff-adder; horned viper. *var.* ajü-aní.
- ajü aní** *n* [HH LL] puff-adder; horned poisonous viper. *var.* ajü ala (*Bitis arietans*).
- ajü di mgbá** *n* [LL H HH] convulsion. \*See "ose" = convulsion.
- ajü iyi** *n* [HH HH] crocodile; *Lit:* water viper. *var.* ajii (*Cataphractus*).
- ajüü** *n* [HLH] inquiry; question.
- ajüü önú** *n* [HLH HH] interview; oral questioning.
- ajülü** *n* [HHH] tranquiliser.
- aka** *n* [HH] branch; limb; tendril.
- aka** *n* [HH] manner; style; way.
- aka** *n* [HH] <sup>1</sup>hand; finger - *aka apüla gi = God forbid! Don't say it was an accident*; *Lit:* may [your] hand never act on its own will; <sup>2</sup>handle; attachment to an object by which it can be held, lifted, or carried. *var.* eka.
- aka** *n* [HH] place; place where - *O jere aka aha = she went to that place*; *Aka o jere adighi anya = He went to a place not far away*. *var.* eka.
- aka** *n* [HL] dwarf; more particularly those serving the chiefs of Nri. \*See "nwa aka" = dwarf.
- aka** *n* [LH] previous year. *var.* aka ahü; aka afü.
- aka** *n* [LL] wood insect.
- aka** *n* [LL] poisonous brown snake which can strike from tree branch.
- aka aböö** *n* [HJ LHH] two-handed stool.
- aka abüö** *n* [HH LHH] double-dealing; stealing; theft.
- aka afü** *n* [LH HL] previous year *var.* aka; aka ahü.
- aka ahü** *n* [HH HHH] the first sale supposed to bring luck (or ill-luck) for the rest of the day.
- aka ahü** *n* [LH HL] previous year. *var.* aka; aka afü.
- aka azü** *n* [HH LH] bribery; dishonest dealing.
- aka ebe** *n* [HH HH] testimony; witness.
- aka ebe** *n* [LL HL] flying ant; yam-eating bug.
- aka ekere** *n* [HH HFHH] groundnut. *var.* aha ekere.
- aka ekpe** *n* [HH LL] left hand; *Lit:* leopard's hand; southpaw's hand. *var.* aka ikpa; aka ibite.
- aka enwe** *n* [HH LL] deceit; foul play.
- aka enwe** *n* [HH LL] <sup>1</sup>left hand; <sup>2</sup>southpaw. *var.* aka ikpa.
- aka ibite** *n* [HH LLH] left hand - *aka ibite = left-hand; omena ibite = left-handed person; Lit: one who does/acts with the left hand*. *var.* aka ikpa.
- aka ike** *n* [HH HH] tight-fistedness; cruelty - *ö na-eme aka ike = he is tight-fisted; he can be cruel*.
- aka ikwe** *n* [HH HL] pestle.
- aka ikpa** *n* [HH LL] left hand. *var.* aka ekpe.
- aka ila** *n* [HH HL] (Azümimi) left-handed person; southpaw. \*See "omena ibite" = one who acts with the left-hand.
- aka inya** *n* [LH LL] (Öka) mat made of raffia palm, or from "ata" grass.
- aka ji** *n* [HH H] yam sprout; the tender light green bud of yam.
- aka mbö** *n* [LH HH] pangolin.
- aka mkpö** *n* [HH HH] pangolin. *var.* akabö.
- aka mkpu** *n* [HH HH] disease leading to the painful swelling of the finger- or toe-nail; whitlow. *var.* aka nzo.
- aka mpi** *n* [HH LL] forked horns.
- aka na aka** *n* [HH H HH] palm wine jar; kind of jug.
- aka nde** *n* [HH HH] wooden club used for laundry.
- aka ngo** *n* [HH HL] whitlow; inflammation of the finger-nail.

- aka ngwe** *n* [HH HH] pestle; pounder; grinding stone.
- aka nni** *n* [HH HH] right hand. var. **aka nri**.
- aka nri** *n* [HH HH] right hand. var. **aka nni**.
- aka nzo** *n* [HH HH] disease leading to the painful swelling of the finger- or toe-nail; whitlow. var. **aka mkpu**.
- aka nzö** *n* [HH HH] finger-nail disease; whitlow.
- aka odo** *n* [HH HH] pestle; wooden instrument for pounding food, etc. in mortar. var. **odo**.
- aka ökpö** *n* [HH LL] fist; clenched hand; *Lit:* "hand [set to give a] blow".
- aka ömü** *n* [HH HH] grindstone.
- aka ütara** *n* [HH HLL] (Öhafia/Nsüka) right hand.
- aka-nni ori** *n* [HH-HH HH] (Önica) kleptomania; incorrigible thief.
- akabiri** *n* [HHLL] long green snake, usually found living on tree-tops.
- akabö** *n* [HLL] pangolin; also known as ant-eater. var. **akabü**; **akamkpö**.
- akabü** *n* [HLL] pangolin; also known as ant-eater. var. **akabö**; **akamkpö**.
- akaje** *n* [LLL] (loan(?)) insult; mockery; ridicule - *mee mmadiü akaje = mock or ridicule somebody*. var. **akaji**.
- akaji** *n* [LLL] (loan(?)) insult; mockery; ridicule. var. **akaje**.
- akakpö** *n* [LLL] dwarf; thick-set man.
- akala** *n* [HLL] boundary; line; row. var. **akara**. \*See "oke" = boundary.
- akala** *n* [LLL] (loan) bean cake; cake made from ground beans, duly seasoned and fried in hot oil. var. **akara**.
- akala iru** *n* [HLL HH] (Önica) wrinkles; lines on the forehead. var. **akara ihu**.
- akalaka** *n* [HHHH] crab.
- akalikpö** *n* [HHHH] pupa stage of beetle.
- akalö** *n* [LLL] (Öka) fog.
- akamkpö** *n* [HLL] pangolin; also known as ant-eater. var. **akabö**; **akabü**.
- akamu** *n* [LLL] pap made from maize flour; cream of corn/maize.
- akana** *n* [HHH] (West Igbo) twig.
- akanii** *n* [HHH] (Önica) anger.
- akankolo** *n* [HHHH] (West Igbo) name for the village set aside for cult or indentured slave in West Niger area; cult slave; same as "osu". \*See "ugwule" = slave village.
- akanwü** *n* [LHH] potash; saltpetre; salt-like substance used in food preparation, and in the production of gun-powder. var. **akawa**.
- akanya** *n* [LHH] 'roofing mat made from bamboo fronds - ülö akanya = tent; *Lit:* house built with tarpaulin or canvas; <sup>2</sup>canvas; tarpaulin. var. **akanye**; **ökiy়ি**.
- akanye** *n* [LHH] roofing-mat; canvas; tarpaulin - ülö akanye = tent; *Lit:* house built with tarpaulin or canvas. var. **akanya**; **ökiy়ি**.
- akara** *n* [HHH] (Bende) bitter kolanut.
- akara** *n* [HLL] line; row - *akara nzu = line of chalk-mark*. var. **akala**. \*See "oke" = boundary.
- akara** *n* [LLL] (loan) bean cake; cake made from ground beans, duly seasoned and fried in hot oil.
- akara** *n* [LLL] 'measure or length of cloth; strip of cloth; <sup>2</sup>(strictly) cloth with "nsibidi" motifs woven into them. var. **ükara**.
- akara aka** *n* [HLL HH] personal destiny or fortune; one's pre-determined luck; *Lit:* lines on one's palm. var. **akala aka**.
- akara ihu** *n* [HLL HH] (Owere) wrinkles; *Lit:* lines of the forehead. var. **akala iru**.
- akara ogiri** *n* [LLH LLL] (Ndizögü) 'vagabond; ne'er-do-well; <sup>2</sup>sometimes used in a derogatory way to refer to an uncircumcised male. var. **akara ogoli**; **ökali oholi**; **ofo ogoli**.
- akarama** *n* [HHHH] (loan) 'bottle or flask; glass container; <sup>2</sup>special flask in use in the Niger Delta in the early years of European trade. var. **kalamam**.
- akasa** *n* [HLH] species of cocoyam. var. **akasi** (*Xanthosoma sagittifolium*). \*See "ede arö" = cocoyam; also called "ede bekee" = European cocoyam.
- akasa** *n* [LHL] kind of cloth of special design, imported (then) mainly from Akassa port.
- akasi** *n* [HLH] species of cocoyam. var. **akasa** (*Xanthosoma sagittifolium*). \*See "ede arö" = cocoyam.
- akata** *n* [HHH] a variety of plant used in hedges and fences.
- akawa** *n* [LHH] (Bende) potash; saltpetre; salt-like substance used in food preparation, and in the production of gun-powder. var. **akanwü**.
- akiti** *n* [HHH] (loan(?)) bracelet.

- akī** *n* [HH] 'kernel; palm kernel; <sup>2</sup>nut; hard seed of fruit. *var.* **akü**.
- akī** *n* [HH] hunchback; hump-back.
- akī bekee** *n* [HLLL] coconut. *var.* **akü bekee** (*Cocos nucifera*).
- akī ilu** *n* [HH LL] an bitter edible fruit, commonly called the bitter kola, on account of its permitted use as a kolanut substitute. *var.* **akü ilu** (*Chinçona*(?)). \*The fruit has many medicinal uses.
- akī mkipikö** *n* [HH HHH] two palm kernels fused together; twin nuts. *var.* **akü mkpi**.
- akidī** *n* [HHL] (West Igbo) dwarf; trickster.
- akidī** *n* [LHL] cowpea.
- akidī mpkishi** *n* [LHH HHH] chicken peas.
- akika** *n* [HLL] <sup>1</sup>a mark or scratch; <sup>2</sup>ornamental mark on the body.
- akika** *n* [LHL] (lhiala) dry yam stems.
- akika** *n* [LHL] white ant.
- akika oyighoyi** *n* [HHH LLLL] finishing or smoothing chisel used by blacksmiths.
- akikala** *n* [LHHH] (Öka) crab.
- akikö** *n* [HHH] (Önica) story. *var.* **akükö**.
- akili** *adj* [HHH] (Önica) thin.
- akilibö** *n* [HHLH] (Öka) coconut.
- akilikö** *n* [HLHH] dry yam stems.
- akirī** *n* [LLH] frog.
- akirika** *n* [HHHH] tattered basket; bamboo mat; thatch.
- akitti** *n* [HHH] species of tree.
- akitikpa** *n* [LHHH] kind of wild yam.
- akitikpö** *n* [HHHH] male lizard.
- akö** *n* [HH] pneumonia.
- akö** *n* [LH] cleverness; guile.
- akö na uce** *n* [LH L HL] common sense; intelligence; practical wisdom.
- akolikö** *n* [HHHH] scabies on animals.
- akölö** *n* [LHH] common sense; sense.
- akölö** *n* [LHH] kidney. *var.* **akülö; akürü**.
- aköm** *n* [HLL] hepatitis; jaundice; yellow fever.
- aköm** *n* [LL] hippo. *var.* **aküm**.
- aköö abaa** *n* [HHH LHH] a variety of cocoyam that produces multiple tubers; sometimes called "ede India"; *Lit.* "plant it, and it multiplies". *var.* **öcö**.
- akörö** *n* [HHH] dryness of the vagina; atresia vaginae. *var.* **akpölö**. \*Full form is "akörö ötü".
- akörö** *n* [LHH] tick; spider-like flea that infests dogs.
- akörö** *n* [LHH] a type of climbing plant.
- akötökpo** *n* [HHHH] low-grade palm oil.
- akpa** *n* [HH] uninhabited land; wilderness; heath - *bugude n'egu akpa = lived in the wilderness*. *var.* **ikpa**. \*The example is from Ösömarri; see also "öma agü" = heath.
- akpa** *n* [HH] machet for cutting grass.
- akpa** *n* [HH] kind of fruit.
- akpa** *n* [HH] species of fish.
- akpa** *n* [HH] tick; small parasite of the spider family that afflicts dogs. \*See "akörö" = tick.
- akpa** *n* [LH] kind of edible caterpillar commonly found on palm trees.
- akpa** *n* [LL] groundnut; peanut. *var.* **ökpa**.
- akpa** *n* [LL] dumb person.
- akpa** *n* [LL] <sup>1</sup>bag; pouch; pocket; sack; <sup>2</sup>nest - *akpa anü = bee hive*.
- akpa** *n* [LL] kind of game.
- akpa abü** *n* [LL HH] boil; cellulitis.
- akpa af** *n* [LL HH] diviner's bag.
- akpa agü** *n* [LL HH] (Öka) hunter's trap for large animals. \*See "mkpakana" = lion trap.
- akpa akpa** *n* [LL LL] small tortoise.
- akpa akpa** *n* [LL LL] (Ndizögü) maize; corn; maize-pottage.
- akpa akü** *n* [LL HH] quiver; bundle of arrows.
- akpa ala** *n* [HH LL] thunder.
- akpa ala** *n* [LH HH] dung beetle whose larvae develop in dung, and is forever ferrying dung. *var.* **akpa ana**.
- akpa ala** *n* [LL HH] kind of sleeping mat.
- akpa ala** *n* [LL HH] underclothes supporting the breasts; bra; brassiere. *var.* **akpa ara**.
- akpa amü** *n* [LL HL] scrotum; bag of skin containing testicles.
- akpa anwü** *n* [LL HH] hive; bee-hive; honey-comb. *var.* **akpa anü**.
- akpa anü** *n* [LL HH] beehive; hive; honey-comb. *var.* **akpa anwü**.
- akpa ara** *n* [LL HH] (Owere) underclothes supporting the breasts; bra; brassiere. *var.* **akpa ala**.
- akpa ego** *n* [LL HH] <sup>1</sup>bag of money; a set of twenty "ukwu ego" or about 1.200 cowries; 18 of them (21.600 cowries) would be the equivalent of one hundred English pounds sterling; <sup>2</sup>purse or pouch.
- akpa igbo** *n* [LH LL] (Önica) medium-sized

- women's all-purpose bag, used for going to the market.
- akpa mma-miri** *n* [LL HH-HH] bladder. var. *akpa nwa-mili*.
- akpa nwa** *n* [LL HH] ovary; womb; uterus.
- akpa nwa-mili** *n* [LL HH-HH] bladder. var. *akpa mma-miri*.
- akpaka** *n* [HHH] anvil; iron stand used by smiths; \*See "osi ama" = anvil.
- akpaka** *n* [LHH] 'oil-bean fruit; oil-bean tree; dish made from oil-bean seed and spices. var. *ügba*; *ükpaka*; *ükpakala* (*Pentaclethra macrophylla*).
- akpaka anwü** *n* [HHH HH] honey-comb; beehive.
- akpakö** *n* [LLH] calabash or gourd. \*See "agbe" = gourd.
- akpala** *n* [LHH] bird droppings. var. *akpana*.
- akpalata** *n* [HLLL] bamboo basket.
- akpana** *n* [LHH] bird droppings. var. *akpala*.
- akpankwö** *n* [LHHH] dung-beetle.
- akpara** *n* [HLL] wide wicker-basket or tray. var. *asakala*. \*See "öda" = basket.
- akpara** *n* [LHH] bird droppings; bird dung.
- akpara** *n* [LLL] large animal of the duiker family, close to "ekpeke" and different in colour from "mgbada". \*See "mgbada" and "ekpeke".
- akparata** *n* [HHHH] species of tree with hard wood timber.
- akpata** *n* [HHH] broom made of small long sticks.
- akpata** *n* [HHH] 'drying tray made of wicker-work; 'shed.
- akpata** *n* [HLL] measles; infectious disease, mostly of children, marked by numerous skin rashes.
- akpata** *n* [HLL] (Abö) prawn; shrimp.
- akpata oyi** *n* [HLL HH] goose-bump; raised bristles on the skin caused by very high fever or fear; goose-flesh.
- akpata önü** *n* [HH-HH] story; tale.
- akpati** *n* [HLL] large box; suitcase usually of wood or metal, very much like a cabin box - *akpati ozu* = coffin; Lit: box for a corpse.
- akpati ozu** *n* [HLL HH] box in which a corpse is placed for burial.
- akpele** *n* [LLL] flute-like musical instrument made from a narrow gourd; flute. var. *akpili*; *akpüri*. \*See "öja" = flute.

- akpete** *n* [HLL] (loan?) bush-rat.
- akpi** *n* [HH] (West Igbo) uncircumcised penis: penis with foreskin still intact.
- akpi** *n* [HL] bug; scorpion; tick.
- akpi mkpa** *n* [HH HH] hides; animal hide.
- akpi nta** *n* [HL HH] dog flea; tick.
- akpi özala** *n* [HH LLL] scorpion. var. *akpi özara*.
- akpi özara** *n* [HH LLL] scorpion. var. *akpi özala*.
- akpidi** *n* [HHH] low-grade palm oil, thick almost to a gel. var. *akpotö*; *akpüti*.
- akpili** *n* [LHH] 'throat; neck; ^desire; appetite - *akpili ogonogo* = ambition; Lit: long throat. var. *akpüri*.
- akpili** *n* [LHH] flute made from calabash. var. *akpüri*.
- akpili** *n* [LLL] money bundle, amounting to 108,000 cowries. \*The equivalent, then, of five pounds sterling.
- akpili aka** *n* [LHH HH] pulse; rate of heart beat as measured from the wrist.
- akpili ide** *n* [LHH HL] whitish insect that clusters around fruit trees and fruit leaves. var. *akpüri ide*; *akpüri ida*.
- akpili nta** *n* [LHH HL] larynx; voice box.
- akpimkpa** *n* [HLHH] 'kind of tick that produces rashes on animals; ^rashes produced by tick-bite.
- akpüri** *n* [LHH] 'neck; throat; ^desire; ambition; greed - *akpüri ogologo* = ambition; Lit: long throat; ^thirst. var. *akpili*.
- akpüri** *n* [LHH] flute made from long narrow gourd. var. *akpili*. \*See "opu" = flute.
- akpüri** *n* [LLH] flea; bed bug.
- akpüri ide** *n* [LHH HL] whitish insect that clusters around fruit trees and fruit leaves. var. *akpüri ida*.
- akpüri ida** *n* [LLH HL] whitish insect that clusters around fruit trees and fruit leaves. var. *akpüri-ide*.
- akpüri üta** *n* [LHH HH] larynx; voice box. var. *akpili üta*.
- akpürima** *n* [LLLL] (loan) thief; one who pilfers things, especially from the farm. var. *ekperima*.
- akpo** *n* [LH] type of fish.
- akpo** *n* [LL] low grade wine from trunk of palm. \*See "iti" = low grade wine.
- akpö** *n* [HH] chin; upper jaw; tooth gum. var.

- akpü.
- akpökpa** *n* [LLH] (Afikpo) corn; maize. var. ikpakpa.
- akpöli** *n* [HHH] (Önica) current; waves.
- akpölö** *n* [HHH] dryness of the vagina; *atresia vaginalae*. var. akörö. \*full form is “akpölö ötü”.
- akpölü** *n* [HLL] (Önica) spleen disease.
- akpötö** *n* [HHH] low grade palm oil, thick almost to a gel. var. akpidi; akpütü.
- akpötö** *n* [LLL] (Afikpo) walking stick.
- akpü** *n* [HH] 'cassava plant or tuber; ^mashed cassava, soaked in water for up to four days. washed clean, and cooked; foofoo; ^tapioca, or dried thinly-shredded cassava slices (*Manihot esculenta*; *Manihot utilissima*).  
**Akpü** *n* [HH] a god or deity to which the “akpü” tree is dedicated.
- akpü** *n* [HH] 'silk-cotton-tree; huge tree with thorns, held sacred in most communities; the thorn-tree, or red-flowered silk-cotton tree - *akpü onwo ogbu anü ukwu* = *sacred tree [that rejuvenates] killers of huge animals* (i.e. leopards); ^kapok tree (*Ceiba pendandra*; *B. buonopozense*). \*The example is from V. Ike. *The Bottled Leopard*, p. 133.
- akpü** *n* [HL] knot; non-pus swelling; tumour.
- akpü** *n* [HL] seed yam.
- akpü** *n* [HL] stump.
- akpü** *n* [LH] chin. var. akpö.
- akpü ahü** *n* [HL HH] buttock. var. akpü arü.
- akpü apkilí** *n* [HH HHH] 'Adam's apple; the "stump" or projection in front of the neck; ^goitre, or disease involving swelling of the thyroid gland. var. akpü önü.
- akpü arü** *n* [HL HH] buttock. var. akpü ahü.
- akpü ji** *n* [HH H] seed yam; stump of harvested yam, used as “seed” in next year’s planting.
- akpü mmiri** *n* [HL HHH] varicose veins; enlarged veins.
- akpü nkölö** *n* [HH LLL] variety of cassava.
- akpü osisi** *n* [HL-HHH] stump; tree-knot.
- akpü otobo** *n* [LL HLL] navel; stump on the stomach at which the umbilical chord is attached to the body. var. otuwe; otume; akpa otuwe; otobo; akpa otume.
- akpü otume** *n* [LL HLL] navel. var. otuwe; otume; akpa otobo; otobo; akpa otuwe.
- akpü otutu** *n* [HL-HHH] blister.
- akpü otuwe** *n* [LL HLL] navel. var. otuwe; otume; akpa otobo; otobo; akpa otume.
- akpü öhü** *n* [HL HH] buttock. var. akpü ahü; akpü arü.
- akpü önü** *n* [HH HH] 'Adam's apple; the "stump" or projection in front of the neck; ^goitre, or disease involving swelling of the thyroid gland. var. akpü apkilí.
- akpü örü** *n* [HL HH] buttock. var. akpü ahü; akpü öhü; akpü arü.
- akpükpa** *n* [HHH] scabies.
- akpükpa** *n* [HHH] mango.
- akpükpa** *n* [HLL] broom made from shrubs.
- akpükpö** *n* [HHH] 'hide; processed skin of animal; leather - *akpükpö anü* = *hide of skinned animal*; ^membrane or outer skin; foreskin - *igba akpükpö* = *drum membrane*. var. akpükpu.
- akpükpö ükwü** *n* [HHH HH] footwear; shoes; Lit: hides for the feet.
- akpükpu** *n* [HHH] hide; skin..
- akpükpu** *n* [HHH] small hard lumps in otherwise well-pounded foofoo or similar preparation.
- akpükpu** *n* [HHH] 'hide; processed skin of animal; leather - *akpükpö anü* = *hide of skinned animal*; ^membrane or outer skin; foreskin - *igba akpükpö* = *drum membrane*. var. akpükpö.
- akpükpu ahü** *n* [HHH HH] skin; animal skin.
- akpükpu nni** *n* [HHH HH] small hard lumps found in poorly pounded foofoo or similar preparation. var. akpükpu nri. \*See “ntakü nni”.
- akpükpu nri** *n* [HHH HH] small hard lumps found in poorly pounded foofoo or similar preparation. var. akpükpu nni.
- akpürü** *n* [HHH] (Afikpo) kernel; fruit; seed. var. mkipürü.
- akpütü** *n* [HHH] low grade palm oil, thick almost to a gel. var. akpidi; akpötö.
- akü** *n* [HH] edible clay. \*See “ülö” = clay.
- akü** *n* [HH] 'palm kernel; kernel; ^nut; hard seed of fruit. var. akí.
- akü** *n* [HH] pubic hair.
- akü** *n* [HL] black beads.
- akü** *n* [LH] arrow - *akpa akü* = *quiver*.
- akü** *n* [LH] shutter.
- akü** *n* [LL] property; riches; wealth; mammon.
- akü** *n* [LL] edible species of flying ant; often

- fried in its oil and dried for storage. var. akü ebe; akü mpu.
- akü bekee** *n* [HH LLL] coconut. var. **akü bekee** (*Cocos nucifera*).
- akü ebe** *n* [LL HL] 'edible species of flying ant or termite; often fried in its oil and dried for storage; 'yam-eating bug. var. akü; akü mpu.
- akü eze** *n* [LH HH] tooth-ache.
- akü ilu** *n* [HH HH] bitter kola nut; crunchy bitter nut, often served with, or as a substitute for, kola nut. var. **agba ilu**. \*See "ugugolo" = bitter kola.
- akü mkpi** *n* [HH HH] two palm kernels fused together; twin-seeded palm nut. var. akü mkpikö. \*A reference to the twin balls of the he-goat!.
- akü mkpu** *n* [LL HH] edible species of flying ant; often fried in its oil and dried for storage. var. akü; akü mpu.
- akü mmiri** *n* [HH HHH] hail; hailstorm. var. akü mmili.
- akü mpu** *n* [LL LH] edible flying ant or termite. var. akü; akü ebe; akü mkpu.
- akü ötü** *n* [LL HH] clitoris; small upper end of a woman's genitalia. var. atütü ötü.
- akü ugo** *n* [HH LL] white palm kernel.
- akü ülö** *n* [LL LL] purlins; horizontal bamboo roofing member.
- akübara** *n* [HHHH] creeping plant that causes skin irritation. var. **akügbä**; **akügbara** (*Mucuna urens*).
- akügbä** *n* [HHH] prickly creeping plant. var. akübara; akügbara (*Mucuna urens*).
- akügbara** *n* [HHHH] irritant creeping plant. var. akügbara; akügbä (*Mucuna urens*).
- akükö** *n* [HHH] narrative; story; tale.
- akükö** *n* [HLL] curved hoeing knife. var. nkuko.
- akükö ani** *n* [HHH LL] legend; tales of the land and lineage.
- akükö ifo** *n* [HHH HL] folk-tales of a general type, usually in prose, with songs interspersed. var. akükö iro.
- akükö iro** *n* [HHH LH] folk-tale of a general type, usually in prose, with songs interspersed. var. akükö ifo.
- akükü** *n* [HLL] side; corner; part.
- akükü** *n* [LLL] gossip.
- akükü akükü** *adv* [HLL HLL] sideways; from the edges or corners.
- akükwa** *n* [HHH] pain (or period of pain) after childbirth. \*See "önödü nwa" = post-partum pains.
- akükwa nne** *n* [HHH HH] children by the same mother; mother's children.
- akülö** *n* [LHH] kidney. var. akölö; akürü.
- akülü** *n* [HHH] ornament.
- akülü** *n* [HLL] fungus attaching to the palm tree; mushroom.
- akülü** *n* [LHH] tick; insect parasite of the spider family; a kind of flea.
- akülü** *n* [LLL] premium quality palm wine. var. akürü.
- aküm** *n* [HHH] hippo. var. aköm.
- aküm ala** *n* [HHH LL] species of yam.
- aküpe** *n* [LLH] (loan) fan; hand-held personal fan made from a species of raffia palm.
- akürükö** *n* [LLHH] charred remains of food.
- akürü** *n* [LHH] kidney. var. akülü; akölö.
- akürü** *n* [LLL] premium quality palm wine. var. akülü.
- akürü** *n* [LLL] species of small, black insect; tick.
- akürü ügba** *n* [LLL LL] kind of prickly plant - ökpankü akpura akürü ügba = the firewood picker knows better than to pick the "akürü ügba" plant. var. akürü.
- akwa** *n* [HH] lamentation; tears; weeping.
- akwa** *n* [HH] funeral; funeral obsequies; wake keeping; lamentations for the dead; mourning, with associated crying.
- akwa** *n* [HH] money bundle amounting to 1,200 cowries. \*See "ayölö" = cowries.
- akwa** *n* [HL] cloth; cloth lengths. \*See "ögödö" = waist-cloth.
- akwa** *n* [LH] egg.
- akwa** *n* [LL] bridge - akwa mmiri = bridge across a river: formerly constructed of logs and held together with ropes.
- akwa** *n* [LL] 'bed; couch; 'hammock, or bed made from canvas or tarpaulin.
- akwa** *n* [LL] (Önica) kind of bird.
- akwa arirü** *n* [HH LLL] lament; cry of sorrow by the weak. \*See "uri akwa" = dirge; lament.
- akwa mkpe** *n* [HL HL] sack-cloth worn for a season of months by widowed people; Lit: cloth of widowhood.
- akwa m kpuci** *n* [HL HLH] curtain or veil; cloth used in covering or shielding object or

- area - *akwa mkpuci iru* = veil to cover the face (Ex. 26:31).
- akwala** *n* [HHL] root - *gbanye akwala* = set down roots. var. **akwara**.
- akwala iru** *n* [HLL HH] (Önica) wrinkles; lines on the forehead. var. **akwara ihu**.
- akwam ozu** *n* [LHH HH] funeral or burial rites.
- akwara** *n* [HHH] guinea-worm.
- akwara** *n* [HHL] 'coarse fibre from the petioles or slender stalk of growing palm leaves; twine; rope.
- akwara** *n* [HHL] 'root - *gbanye akwara* = set down roots; 'nerve; tendon; artery. var. **akwala**.
- akwara iru** *n* [HLL HH] (Owere) wrinkles; lines on the forehead. var. **akwala ihu**.
- akwü** *n* [HH] palm; palm-nut; palm-tree. var. **nkwü** (*Elaeis guinensis*).
- akwü** *n* [HH] (Bende-Öhafia) silk-cotton tree.
- akwü** *n* [LH] deserted farmland.
- akwü** *n* [LH] nest; widow's hut.
- akwü** *n* [LH] door; shutter; window.
- akwü** *n* [LH] net for catching fish; fish trap. var. **nkwu (azü)**.
- akwü** *n* [LL] widow. \*See "ökwa" = widow.
- akwü aní** *n* [HH LL] white ant.
- akwü nrö** *n* [HH HL] hand-squeezed palm oil; i.e. quality palm oil extracted by hand from fresh unboiled fruits.
- akwü olu** *n* [HH HL] pineapple. var. **nkwü olu**.
- akwükwa** *n* [HLL] earthen pot-stand.
- akwükwa** *n* [LLL] curse - *gbaa akwükwa* = rain abuses.
- akwükwö** *n* [HHH] paper; book; leaf; sheet of paper.
- akwükwö akpü** *n* [HHH HH] vegetable and banana dish.
- akwükwö ndü** *n* [HHH HL] green leaf; non-edible green leaf - *akwükwö ndü*, *akwükwö ndü* = green; greenish.
- akwükwö nni** *n* [HHH HH] vegetable; edible green vegetable. var. **akwükwö nri**.
- akwükwö nri** *n* [HHH HH] vegetable; edible green vegetable. var. **akwükwö nni**.
- Akwükwö Nsö** *n* [HHH HH] Holy Bible; the texts of the Old and New Testaments; *Lit.* Sacred Book.
- akwükwü** *n* [LLL] epileptic fits; fits of trepidation - *akwükwü na-ebu ya* = he does have

epileptic fits.

- akwüla** *n* [LLL] harlot or prostitute. var. **akwüna**. \*See "akwüna-akwüna" = harlot.
- akwüma** *n* [LLL] smallpox - *kavoro ihere kuru nwa akwüma* = agree to carry a child infected with small-pox *fakwüma* in one's arms for fear of causing embarrasment.
- akwüna** *n* [LLL] harlot or prostitute. var. **akwüla**. \*See "akwüna akwüna" = harlot.
- akwüna akwüna** *n* [LLL LLL] harlot or prostitute; named after "Akunakuna", the Ogoja town famous in colonial times as source of harlots for West African cities. var. **akwüla**; **akwüna**.
- ala** *adj* [LL] south; southerly. \*compare with "ugwu" = "north".
- ala** *n* [HH] (Önica) breast - *ike ala* = breast lobe. var. **ara**.
- ala** *n* [HH] (Önica) madness; insanity. var. **ara**.
- ala** *n* [HH] used to refer to suckers or shoots of particular plants.
- ala** *n* [LL] (Owere) earth; ground; land; soil. var. **aní**; **ale**.
- ala** *n* [LL] bottom. var. **aní**. \*cf. "isi" = top.
- Ala** *n* [LL] (Owere) Earth; Earth goddess. var. **Ana**; **Aní**.
- ala aka** *n* [LL HH] 'tributary; arm or branch (e.g. of river); inlet - *ala aka osimiri* = sea inlet. var. **ara aka**.
- ala akörö** *n* [LL LLL] earth; earth's crust.
- ala enu** *n* [HH HH] (Önica) colostrum; mother's first milk, usually yellow and bitter.
- ala eze** *n* [LL HL] kingdom; dominion.
- ala ezi** *n* [LL LH] shrine containing the clay figures of family deities; a kind of "igbudu". \*See "igbudu" = family idol.
- ala mgbalagada** *n* [HH HHHHH] flat fallen breast associated with adult women. \*See "ala mgbötögö" = fallen breasts.
- ala mgbötögö** *n* [HH LLLH] flat fallen breast associated with adult women.
- ala mmöö** *n* [HH LHH] 'spirit world; *Lit.* land of the spirits; nether world; 'hell - *zida na mmöö* = descended into hell (Is. 5:14). var. **ala mmüö**.
- ala nkita** *n* [HH HHL] (Önica) rabies; *Lit.* dog madness.
- ala nkita** *n* [HH HHL] (Önica) shrubby climbing plant with white-to-pink flowers (*D.*

*saxatilis*).

**ala ntakö** *n* [HH HHH] nodal breasts yet to be fully formed; shrunk breast of a grown woman.

**ala öca** *n* [LL HH] sub-fertile land; land far away from (flood) water. var. **ani öca**.

**ala ökpöö** *n* [LL HHH] dry parched land.

**alaga** *n* [HHH] needle.

**ale** *n* [LL] (Afikpo) earth; ground; land; soil. var. **ala**; **ani**.

**alele** *n* [LLL] (Öka) delicacy of bean meal, mixed with oil and other spices, and steamed to a stable consistency in a wrap of select leaves; very much like the “moi moi”. var. **elele**.

**ali** *n* [LH] parasite that attacks the eyes. var. **ari**; **arirü**.

**alibala** *n* measles; infectious disease, mostly of children, marked by numerous skin rashes. var. **alübala**. \*See “akpata” = measles.

**alibö** *n* [LLH] (loan) flour from yam, maize, or cassava.

**alighürü** *adj* [HLLL] lean and tough. var. **anighinü**.

**alika** *n* [HLH] 'lizard; <sup>2</sup>rascal; person of lean and ungainly build.

**alila** *n* [HHH] funnel.

**alila** *n* [LHH] surgical blade.

**alili** *n* [HHH] (Önica) <sup>1</sup>centipede; millipede; <sup>2</sup>euphemism for “snake” - *leele alili* = look! a centipede; a phrase used to politely ask a speaker to stop. var. **arirü**. \*See “esu” = millipede.

**alili** *n* [LLL] (Önica) undeserved agony; extreme grief; misfortune; sorrow - *arirü ka njö* = the worst suffering is undeserved agony. var. **arirü**.

**alo** *n* [LL] gong. \*cf. “agogo” = gong.

**alo** *n* [HH] horned viper; puff-adder.

**alo** *n* [HH] umbilical chord.

**alo** *n* [HL] walking stick, or ceremonial staff of office carried by titled men - *alo özö* = staff of office used by an özö title holder. var. **alü**. \*See “ngwu” = staff of office.

**alo** *n* [LL] big metal gong, used in the “Atilögwu” dance.

**alo egbene** *n* [LH LLL] cockscomb; red fleshy crest on head of cock. var. **alo ökpa**; **arü ökpa**.

**alo ökpa** *[LH LL]* cock’s comb; red fleshy

crest on head of cock. var. **arü ökpa**; **alö egbene**.

**alölö** *n* [LLL] dregs.

**alöö** *n* [HHH] umbilical chord. var. **alülö**.

**alukpu** *n* [HLL] (Öka) cloud. var. **irukpu**.

**alü** *adj* [HH] (Önica) heavy - *ibu alü* = heavy load. var. **arü**.

**alü** *n* [HH] bite - *taa alü* = bite. var. **arü**.

**alü** *n* [HH] (West Igbo) sponge made from palm frond; called “ncica” when used to wash plates. var. **alü**.

**alü** *n* [HH] (Önica) abomination; sacrilege; taboo. var. **arü**. \*Usually against the Earth, as in “liü ani” = commit an abomination.

**alü** *n* [HH] bell.

**alü** *n* [HH] weight; heaviness. var. **arü**.

**alü** *n* [HL] ceremonial staff of office or walking stick carried by titled men - *alü özö* = ceremonial staff carried by özö title holders. var. **alö**. \*See öfö.

**alü ökpa** *n* [LH LL] cockscomb. \*See “alö egbene” = cockscomb.

**Alüa** *excl* [LLL] (West Igbo) Welcome!; Welcome back!; Happy return home!. var. **ilö**.

**alübala** *n* measles; infectious disease, mostly of children, marked by numerous skin rashes. var. **alibala**. \*See “akpata” = measles.

**alülö** *n* [HHH] umbilical chord. var. **alöö**.

**alülü** *n* [HLH] cloud; haze; mist. var. **alülü**.

**alülü** *n* [LHH] marriage; the act of getting married - *alülü di na nwanyi* = marriage between husband and woman. var. **ölülü**.

**alülü** *n* [LLL] stake from tree branch used to support yam stems and tendrils.

**alülü ana** *n* [HHH LL] mischief; wickedness; meanness. var. **arürü ala**.

**alülüü** *n* [HLHH] cloud; haze; mist. var. **alülüü**.

**alülüü** *n* [LHHH] blue or indigo dye; the tree from which dyes are obtained.

**alüsü** *n* [HHH] (Önica) fetish; idol; carved representation of a spirit or deity. var. **arüsü**.

**ama** *n* [HH] (Nsüka) god; spirit.

**ama** *n* [HH] <sup>1</sup>compound; settlement; <sup>2</sup>fringe or outer part of settlement (as distinct from its core, or “nguru”) - *Isu ama* = part of Isu regarded as being on its outer fringes of the settlement.

**ama** *n* [HH] <sup>1</sup>spleen; <sup>2</sup>inflammation of the spleen with associated pain. var. **ümä**.

**ama** *n* [HH] 'family group or kindred; small village; <sup>2</sup>road leading from village or family group; maintained by the community and serves social and ritual functions; <sup>3</sup>village square; open space used for meetings and other communal activities.

**ama** *n* [HL] measure; step.

**ama** *n* [HL] 'chapter; verse; <sup>2</sup>mark; pointer to a location.

**ama** *n* [LL] 'information; intelligence; <sup>2</sup>informant - *onye ama* = *spy; informant*.

**ama** *n* [LL] time.

**ama afia** *n* [HH HHH] boil; inflammation; inflammation of the gums; tooth ache. var. **ama ahia**. \*See "ama azi" = tooth ache.

**ama afō** *n* [LH HH] enlarged spleen; splenitis. var. **üma afō**.

**ama afölö** *n* [LH LLL] male sterility.

**ama ahia** *n* [HH HHL] boil; inflammation; inflammation of the gums; tooth ache. var. **ama afia**. \*See "ama azi" = tooth ache.

**ama ala** *n* [HH LL] plank.

**ama ala** *n* [HH LL] indigenous person; person born into the community.

**ama ama** *adj* [HL LH] well-known or illustrious; famous; popular; renowned - *ö bü onye ama ama* = *he is a well-known personality*.

**ama azi** *n* [HH HH] tooth ache.

**ama onye** *n* [LL HH] spy; informant; *Lit:* you never know who!.

**ama ukwu** *n* [HH HH] main or primary village open space; village central square. \*See "obodo ezi" = village square.

**ama ügha** *n* [LL LH] false testimony.

**ama ügha** *n* [LL LH] false information.

**ama ükwü** *n* [HL HH] unit of measurement; verse - *ama ükwü ise* = *five steps (lit: foot-lengths); 5th verse (e.g. of song or poem)*.

**ama-afia aka** *n* [LL-HHH HH] whitlow; inflammation of the finger-nail.

**ama-afia eze** *n* [LL-HHH HH] tooth-ache.

**amadi** *n* [LHH] free-born adult; aristocrat or noble man; in the Arö system, refers to a member of an Arö settlement whose ancestors were never slaves.

**Amadi öha** *n* [LHH LL] 'god of thunder; its shrine is marked by a forked stick, or a log resting on two large bamboo posts; <sup>2</sup>carved figure of the god.

**amaghii ama** *n* [HHH LH] accident; something done unwittingly - *ö bü amaghii ama* = *it was an accident; the act was not intended*.

**amala** *adv* [LLL] about; almost - *ö bialü amala izu itö* = *he came about three weeks ago*.

**amala** *n* [HLL] cross-beam.

**amala** *n* [LHH] (Öka) colour - *amala ojii* = *black or blue-grey colour*.

**amala** *n* [LLL] (Önica) paddle; broad-bladed oar used by canoe-men.

**amala** *n* [LLL] grace; mercy; pity; favour; kindness. var. **amara**.

**amanii** *adv* [LLL] at; at the time of; on the occasion of - *amanii önwü anyi* = *at the time of our death*.

**amara** *n* [LLL] grace; mercy; pity; favour; kindness. var. **amala**.

**amara** *n* [LLL] paddle; broad-bladed oar used by canoe-men.

**amii** *n* [HL] kind of reed shaped for wine-tapping.

**amii** *n* [LL] female genitals.

**amii aca** *n* [LH LH] fast maturing variety of maize; *Lit:* ripening even while growing.

**amiri** *n* [HHH] wine.

**amusu** *n* [HHH] witch; witchcraft; the practice whereby a sleeping victim is attacked by a witch appearing in the form of bird, insect, or animal. var. **amusu**.

**amü** *n* [HH] (Önica) cheer; hilarity; laughter; smile - *öci na amü* = *laughter and smiles*.

**amü** *n* [HH] mark or tattoo on chest or forehead.

**amü** *n* [HL] penis; testicle.

**amü ibi** *n* [HL HL] hernia.

**amüdezi** *n* [HHHH] slave; indentured house servant. \*See also "oru".

**amüma** *n* [HHH] prophecy; warning - *onye amüma* = *prophet*.

**amüma** *n* [HLH] dirt; filth.

**amüma** *n* [LLL] lightning; lightning flash - *amüma igwe* = *lightning flash; Lit: flashes of the sky*.

**amüma** *n* [LLL] mental illness.

**ana** *n* [LL] (Önica) earth; ground; land.

**Ana** *n* [LL] (Önica) Earth; Earth goddess. var. **Ana; Ani**.

**ana aghara ndü** *n* [LL HHH HL] a variety of orange with edible rind, used in curing palm wine.

**ana aka** *n* [LL HH] twig; tree-branch. *var.*  
**aba aka**.

**anaga** *n* [HHH] surgical needle.

**anagba** *n* [HHH] anklet; bracelet.

**anam** *n* [LLL] cloth work loosely around the waist; loin cloth.

**anambe** *n* [LLL] (Mbieri) branching tuber of the cocoyam. *var.* **anünü**; **anünü-edē**.

**anasi** *n* [HHH] head-wife; first wife in a polygamous household; also called “nwanyi isi ci”.

**ani** *n* [HL] porcupine.

**ani** *n* [LL] (Önica) earth; earth goddess; ground. *var.* **ala**; **ana**.

**ani** *n* [LL] bottom. *var.* **ala**.

**Ani** *n* [LL] (Önica) Earth; Earth goddess. *var.* **Ala**; **Ana**.

**ani** *prn* [HH] one alone; solo. \*See “naani”.

**aniolu** *n* [LL HH] wetlands, or land constantly under flood; flood plain; wetlands; riverine land. \*See “mgbökö” = wetlands.

**ani öca** *n* [LL HH] sub-fertile land; land far away from (flood) water. \*also called “agbenu” or “igbo.”.

**aniga** *n* [HLH] (Önica) lizard. *var.* **anika**. \*Used with this meaning in the novel, *Ojaadili*, p. 2.

**anighinii** *adj* [HLLL] lean and tough. *var.* **alighiri**.

**anika** *n* [HLH] lizard. *var.* **aniga**.

**anim** *n* [LLH] female tortoise. *var.* **anüm**; **anyim**.

**anima** *n* [HLL] seed yam, good for planting.

**anini** *n* [LHH] coin formerly in local use; worth a farthing or a quarter of a penny - *lowest-value coin; mite*.

**anö** *num* [LH] four; the number 4; fourth.

**anü** *n* [HH] 'animal; beast; <sup>2</sup>flesh; meat. *var.* **unu**.

**anü ahü** *n* [HH LH] flesh. *var.* **anü arü**.

**anü arü** *n* [HH LH] flesh. *var.* **anü ahü**.

**anü öibia** *n* [HH HHH] animal; beast; *Lit:* animal of the forest.

**anüm** *n* [LLH] female tortoise. *var.* **anim**; **anyim**.

**anüm üyölö** *n* [LLH HLL] (Öka) plantain; variety of plantain with smallish fruits.

**anümanü** *n* [HHHLL] 'animal; beast; <sup>2</sup>stupid person - *kpaagwa ka anümanü = behave like a animal, without sense.* \*A reduplica-

tion of “anü” = beast.

**anünü** *n* [HHH] pus.

**anünü** *n* [LLL] kind of bird.

**anünü ede** *n* [LLL] 'cocoyam tuber, esp. the branching tuber which serves as sucker; cocoyam corinlets; <sup>2</sup>kind of cocoyam with small reddish sucker-like tubers. *var.* **anünü**; **anambe**.

**anünüü** *n* [LLLL] variety of dye or pigment; the blue-dye producing plant.

**anwa** *n* [HL] attempt; a trial.

**anwa** *n* [LL] dog's vomit - *nkita adighi eli anwa ya = a dog does not eat its own vomit.*

**anwa nsi** *n* [LL LL] magic; necromancy.

**anwöli** *n* [HHH] joy; rejoicing; gladness. *var.* **añöli**.

**anwü** *n* [HH] sun; sunlight.

**anwü** *n* [HH] mosquito.

**anwü** *n* [HH] bee. *var.* **anü**.

**anwü anwü** *adj* [HL HL] immortal; never dying.

**anwü nta** *n* [HH HL] mosquito.

**anwülü** *n* [HLL] smoke; soot. *var.* **anwürü**; **anyülü**.

**anwürü** *n* [HHL] smoke; soot. *var.* **anwüldü**; **anyülü**.

**anwürü** *n* [HLL] ground tobacco; snuff; tobacco. *var.* **anwüldü**.

**anwüta** *n* [HHL] mosquito. *var.* **anwü nta**.

**anya** *adj* [HH] far; distant.

**anya** *n* [HH] eye.

**anya** *n* [HH] attitude; disposition.

**anya** *n* [HH] watch.

**anya** *n* [HH] plate.

**anya** *n* [HH] gap or narrow opening; small fissure; opening just enough to allow light to pass through - *meeanya = have a gap; cieanya = be completely sealed.*

**anya** *n* [L.L] thick rope made from plant-skin; cane made from similar material.

**anya acü** *n* [HH HH] whip; cane.

**anya atülü** *n* [HH HHL] blue eyes. like those of sheep.

**anya egbe** *n* [HH HH] squint-eye.

**anya egele** *n* [HH LLL] eyes that do not see well in strong light; hazel eyes.

**anya ike** *n* [HH HH] boldness; aggressiveness.

**anya ji** *n* [HH H] set of yams from ten barn poles (or “mkpa”) each consisting of about

- 48 yams. \*See "mkpa" = barn pole.
- anya mba** *n* [HH HH] eye-sore.
- anya mkpō** *n* [HH HH] blindness.
- anya mkpölö** *n* [HH LHH] blindness.
- anya mkpörö** *n* [HH LHH] blindness.
- anya mmanü** *n* [HH HHH] jaundiced eyes; yellow eyes associated with fever.
- anya mmiri** *n* [HH HHH] tears.
- anya mpia** *n* [HH HHH] blindness in one eye.
- anya nku** *n* [HH LL] (Ngwa) backbone; hence, strength - *mwa bù anya nku* = child is (*family's*) backbone. var. **anyunku**.
- anya nnünü** *n* [LL] species of bird; kingfisher.
- anya olu** *n* [LL HH] necklace.
- anya öca** *n* [HH HH] impudence.
- anya ögbangö** *n* [HH HHLL] blindness.
- anya öjöö** *n* [HH HHH] dislike; hatred.
- anya ökü** *n* [HH HH] 'inflammation of the eye; conjunctivitis; keratitis; envy.
- anya öma** *n* [HH HH] friendship; love.
- anya ucici** *n* [HH LHL] night; night-time; *Lit:* eye of darkness. \*See "anyasi" = night-time.
- anya usie** *n* [HH LLL] squint-eye; red-eye. var. **anya uvie**; **anya usifie**.
- anya usifie** *n* [HH LLLL] red eyes; squint-eyes.
- anya ukwu** *n* [HH HH] greed; covetousness.
- anya uvie** *n* [HH LLL] squint-eye. var. **anya usie**.
- anya üfū** *n* [HH LH] envy; jealousy; *Lit:* pain in the eye.
- anyali** *n* [LLL] albino.
- anyanwü** *n* [HHL] sun; *Lit:* eye of sun.
- anyari** *n* [LLL] albino.
- anyasi** *n* [LHL] night; night-time. \*See "anya ucici" = night-time.
- anyi prn** [HH] we; ourselves - *onwe anyi* = we ourselves.
- anyi(m)** *n* [LLL] female person; woman.
- anyike** *n* [HLH] axe. var. **ayike**; **onyike**.
- anyim** *n* [LLL] female tortoise. var. **anüm**; **anüm**.
- anyim** *n* [LLL] river.
- anyinya** *n* [LLL] horse. var. **inyinya**.
- anyinya ibu** *n* [LLL HH] donkey; ass: beast of burden.
- anyü** *n* [HH] cucumber; melon; pumpkin.
- anyü** *n* [HH] axe.
- anyü** *n* [HH] hoe-shaped metal coin used in the Arökukwu/Bende area; replaced by "apa"
- coin.
- anyü ike** *n* [HH HH] axe. var. **anyike**.
- anyü nda** *n* [HH LL] pumpkin; cucumber.
- anyü nka** *n* [HH LL] hammer, about half the size of the maim hammer ("otutu"), used by smiths to round off sharp edges; smoothing hammer.
- anyülü** *n* [HHH] bundle of fruit. var. **anyürü**.
- anyülü** *n* [HLL] smoke; soot - *anyülü ökü* = smoke; soot from burning. var. **anwülü**; **anyürü**.
- anyürü** *n* [HHH] bundle of fruit. var. **anyülü**.
- anyürü** *n* [HLL] gum: flesh surrounding teeth - *anyürü eze* = tooth gum.
- aña** *n* [HH] cane; rope; whip. var. **añü**.
- aña** *n* [HH] black foul-smelling ant. var. **aña ahia**.
- aña ahia** *n* [HH HHH] black foul-smelling ant. var. **aña**.
- aña ntü** *n* [HH HL] inattention; stubbornness.
- añaa** *n* [LHH] manner; condition - *ütö dī añaa* = a particular way/manner. var. **agħħaa**. \*equivalent to Owerri "kpa".
- añara** *n* [HLL] garden egg.
- añasi** *n* [HHH] head-wife; first wife in the household of a titled man.
- añasi** *n* [HHL] soldier-ant var. **agħiġi**.
- añasi** *n* [LHL] night; night-time. var. **anyasi**.
- añöli** *n* [HLH] gladness; joy; rejoicing. var. **anwöli**.
- añü** *n* [HH] bee; honey.
- añü** *n* [HH] whip; cane; rope. var. **aña**.
- añülli** *n* [HL HLH] happiness; joy; rejoicing; gladness. var. **añürü**.
- añülli** *n* [HLH] (Önica) happiness; joy; rejoicing.
- añürü** *n* [HLH] (Owere) happiness; joy; rejoicing; gladness.
- apa** *n* [HH] dispute.
- apa** *n* [LH] unbelief.
- apa** *n* [LH] Y-shaped metal coin which replaced the hoe-shaped metal coin, "anyü," used in the Arökukwu/Bende area.
- apa** *n* [LH] raffia palm wine; wine of inferior quality collected from felled "ngwö". var. **akpa**. \*See "eruru"; "ngwö" = raffia wine.
- apa** *n* [LL] scar from healed wound - *önya naa*, *apa ya adua ana* = the wound may heal, but the scar never goes away.
- apa** *n* [LL] swollen spleen; disease of the

spleen.

**apa** *n* [LL] laziness.

**apa** *n* [LL] thigh. *var.* **apata**.

**apa** *n* [LL] 'an insect or winged beetle that breeds in oil palm flower; <sup>2</sup>the pupa of the beetle.

**apalī** *n* [LLL] 'rope, secured at the ankle, used for climbing trees; different from "ete" which secures the climber around the waist; <sup>3</sup>exposed root of iroko tree.

**apari** *n* [LLL] (Ölü) rope for climbing trees. *var.* **abali**.

**apari** *n* [LLL] foolishness.

**apata** *n* [LLL] thigh; whole leg. *var.* **apa**; **apata ükwü**.

**apata ükwü** *n* [LLL HH] thigh; whole leg. *var.* **apa**; **apata**.

**api** *n* [LL] uncircumcised man.

**apia** *n* [HHH] uncircumcised penis; foreskin, intact over penis.

**apia** *n* [HHH] 'kind of bird; <sup>2</sup>beak of a bird.

**apia mmiri** *n* [HHH HHH] diver bird.

**apipi** *n* [LLL] castrated he-goat. *var.* **apiri apipii**.

**apipi** *n* [HHHH] punishment; sanction. *var.* **öpipia**.

**apipi** *n* [HHHH] cane; whip.

**apiri apipii** *n* [LLL LH] castrated he-goat. *var.* **apipi**; **mpipia**.

**apiti** *n* [HLL] mire; mud.

**apitö** *n* [HLL] mud; mire. *var.* **apiti**.

**apönlí** *n* [LHL] (Uzuaköli) first hair on baby's head; baby hair. *var.* **aba inya**; **abönlí**.

**apöpa** *n* [LHH] canoe paddle.

**apü** *n* [HH] silk-cotton tree.

**apü ji** *n* [HH H] white yam.

**apüpa** *n* [LHH] species of fish (*Tetralpia* (?)).

**apüpa** *n* [LLH] groundnut; peanut.

**ara** *n* [HH] breast - *ike ara* = lobe of the breast. *var.* **ala**.

**ara** *n* [HH] madness; mental illness; insanity; dementia. *var.* **ala**.

**ara** *n* [LL] gimlet; skewer; yam fork.

**ara aka** *n* [LL HH] 'tributary; arm or branch (e.g. of river); <sup>2</sup>inlet - *ara aka osimiri* = sea inlet *var.* **ala aka**.

**ara enu** *n* [HH HH] (Owere) colostrum; mother's first milk after delivery. *var.* **ala enu**.

**arankitá** *n* [HH HHL] rabies; madness caused

by dog-bite. *var.* **ala nkita**.

**aranikitá** *n* [HH HHL] shrubby climbing plant with white-to-pink flowers (*D. saxatilis*).

**araba** *n* [HHH] (Öka) hardwood used by - smiths to make handles for metal tools (*Griffonia Barteri*).

**arı** *n* [LH] 'filaria, a parasite that attacks the eyes; hookworm. *var.* **afí**; **arıri**.

**arı** *n* [LL] early morning meal; breakfast; meal - *gbua arı* - break fast. \*See "ütü" = break-fast.

**arı** *n* [LL] hook. \*See "ñko" = hook.

**arı igbe** *n* [LH HL] plant which gives out a fragrant smell when burnt; used both as medicine and as seasoning.

**arı nze** *n* [LH LL] but for the grace of ...; thanks to ... - *arı nze Cukwu* = *by the grace of God* ...; i.e., things would have been awful but for God's saving grace.

**aria** *n* [HLL] personal or household property - *jiri aria gbua aka ehe* = use household property as pledge.

**aria** *n* [LLL] 'funnel, faucet or similar object for collecting or transferring liquid; <sup>2</sup>flagon. \*See "ögbanaga" = funnel.

**aria mmiri** *n* [LLL HLL] water jug - *aria mmiri ökü* = hot water kettle.

**aria mmiri ökü** *n* [LLL HLL HH] kettle; hot water kettle.

**arikwa** *n* [LHH] intestinal worm.

**arılıka** *n* [HLHH] ship's anchor - *tüpüsüri arılıka n'ile* = cast off the anchors (Acts 27:40).

**arirí** *n* [HHH] (Owere) centipede; millipede; snake. *var.* **alili**. \*See "esu" = millipede.

**arirí** *n* [LHH] filaria, a parasite that attacks the eyes. *var.* **alíj**; **arı**.

**arirí** *n* [LLL] (Owere) 'undeserved agony; extreme grief; misfortune; sorrow - *arıri ka njö* = the worst suffering is undeserved agony'; <sup>2</sup>public humiliation, or grave insult. *var.* **alili**.

**arirí** *n* [LLL] feeling of guilt or remorse; compunction.

**aririo** *n* [HLHH] plea; prayer; request.

**arö** *n* [HH] dream. *var.* **nrö**.

**arö** *n* [HL] advice; suggestion. *var.* **alo**.

**arö** *n* [HL] year. *var.* **afö**; **ahö**.

**arö** *n* [HL] walking-stick.

**arö** *n* [HL] arrow; ceremonial spear; spear.

- arö** *n* [LL] the crown on a fowl's head. var. **arö; arü.**
- arö cukwu** *n* [HL HH] arrow of god; spear of god; the so-called spear-god of the Jukun.
- arü adj** [HH] (Önica) heavy - *ibu arü = heavy load..* var. **alü.**
- arü n** [HH] (Owere) bite - *taa arü = bite.* var. **alü.**
- arü n** [HH] weight; heaviness. var. **alü.**
- arü n** [HH] (Owere) abomination; sacrilege; taboo. var. **alü.** \*Usually against the Earth, as in "rüö ala" = commit an abomination.
- arü n** [HL] fart; gas or wind emitted from the anus. var. **ahü.**
- arü n** [LH] body; body-fat - *onwelii arü = she is on the fat side.*
- arü n** [LL] the crown on a fowl's head. var. **arö; eru.**
- arü egbene** *n* [LH LLL] cockscomb; red fleshy crest on head of cock. var. **alö ?kpa; arü ökpa.**
- arü nsí** *n* [HH HH] an idol or fetish: a carved representation of the idol or spirit. var. **arüsí; erisi; alüsí.**
- arü öca** *n* [LH HH] leprosy.
- arü ökpa** *n* [LH LL] cock's comb; red fleshy crest on head of cock. var. **alö ökpa; alö egbene.**
- arü ökpa** *n* [LH LL] cockscomb. var. **alü ökpa; alö egbene.** \*See "alö egbene" = cockscomb.
- arü ökü** *n* [LH HH] fever; high body temperature associated with illness; *Lit:* hot (or warm) body. var. **ahü ökü.**
- arü önwü** *n* [LH HH] serious illness certain to end in death; terminal illness.
- arüa** *n* [HLH] thin iron spear.
- arümarü** *n* [LHHH] plot; scheme.
- arümarü üka** *n* [LHHH HL] 'argument or contestation; ^debate.
- arürü** *n* [HHH] ant; insect; maggot - *arürü öca/ojii = white/black ant.* var. **ahühü; ehuhu; esusu.**
- arürü** *n* [HLL] (Önica) fart; gas or wind emitted from the anus.
- arürü ala** *n* [HHH LL] mischief; wickedness; meanness; an act of mischief. var. **alülü ana.**
- arüsí** *n* [HHH] (Owere) fetish, an object of reverence or worship; idol; carved representation of a spirit. var. **alüsí.**

**asa** *n* [HH] large fresh-water fish, of the same family as "aja", and reputed to be the most beautiful of fishes; usually smoke-dried. var. **asa echim.** \* "big fish like asa echim. aja and ifuru" (Nwapa, *Efuru*).

**asa** *n* [HLL] weaver-bird; bird that weaves a narrow leg-shaped nest with an opening at its inverted long end. var. **asía** (*Ploceus cuculatus*).

**asa** *n* [LH] needle.

**asaaa** *num* [LHL] seven; the number 7; seventh.

**asakala** *n* [HHHH] tray; type of wide wicker basket. var. **akpara.** \*See "akpara" = wicker basket.

**asala** *n* [HHH] cock; cock that has not crowed; also called "oti nku eghe önü", i.e. one that flaps wings without opening its mouth.

**asama** *n* [HHH] bracelet; ivory bracelet.

**asambodo** *n* [HHHH] certificate; diploma; a recent coinage for "certificate".

**asaní** *n* [LLL] mouse. var. **atani.**

**asató** *num* [LHH] (Owere) eight; the number 8; eighth.

**ase** *n* [LL] kind of imported ornamental bead associated with Arö trade - *ha na-eyi jigida ma öbü ase n'ukwu = they wear "jigida" or "asi" around the waist.*

**ase** *n* [LL] 'inquiry; question - *jüa ase = make general inquiries: ask questions;* ^consultation with a diviner in connection with the death or fortune of someone. var. **asía; ese.**

**ashi** *n* [HL] 'strong dislike; hatred; ^hard- or ill-luck - *asi di = a woman's ill-luck in seeming unable to attract a husband!*. var. **asi.**

**ashi** *n* [LH] falsehood; lie - *rüö ashii = tell a lie; onye ashii = liar; okwu ashii = lie; Lit: untrue words.* var. **asi.**

**asi** *n* [HL] 'hatred; strong dislike; ^hard- or ill-luck - *asi di = a woman's hard-luck in seeming unable to attract a husband!*. var. **ashi; azi.**

**asi** *n* [LH] falsehood; lie. var. **ashi.**

**asi** *n* [LL] multi-coloured stringed beads worn by young women as ornament around the neck or waist - *asi olu = neck beads; asi ukwu = waist beads.* var. **ase.** \*Same as "jigida".

**asía** *n* [HLL] weaver-bird; bird that weaves narrow leg-shaped nest with an opening at an inverted long end. var. **asa** (*Ploceus*

- cuculatus).*
- asía** *n* [LHH] left-over food.
- asía** *n* [LLL] <sup>1</sup>inquiry; question - *jüö asía* = make general inquiries; ask questions; <sup>2</sup>consultation with a diviner in connection with the death or fortune of someone. var. **ase**; **ese**.
- asili** *n* [LHH] seed yam; tiny yam tubers, or small cuts of yam used in planting. \*See "awa ji" = seed yam.
- asili** *n* [LLL] gossip; tale-bearing; hearsay. var. **asiri**.
- asiri** *n* [LLL] gossip; tale-bearing; hearsay. var. **asili**. \*"A siri m a siri" = "someone said that another person said that ...".
- asisa** *n* [HHH] sponge.
- asisa** *n* [HLL] confession; confession of guilt or crime at death bed.
- asö** *adj* [HH] holy; sacred - *ihe di asö* = something holy. var. **nsö**.
- asö** *n* [HH] saliva; spit - *büö asü* = spit. var. **asü**.
- asü** *n* [HH] saliva; spit. var. **asö**.
- asü** *n* [LL] poverty; indigence.
- asükwü** *n* [HHH] premium white yam, valued for the consistency and crispness of its smooth, and filling tuber.
- asüsü** *n* [HLH] dialect; language; tongue - *süö asüsü Igbo* = speak a language; *asüsü ha diwara ice* = their dialect is a little different.
- ata** *n* [HH] needle-grass; tares, a species of wild grass, collected and dried for use as roofing material.
- ata** *n* [LH] tendon - *ata ökpa* = tendon of the leg or ankle; *ata yöö akwü* = the heel loses its spring or tone. var. **atü**.
- Ata ama** *n* [HH HH] (Nsüka) priest; chief priest.
- ata inye** *n* [HH LL] coarse mat woven from "ata" or spear-grass, or from raffia.
- ata na-efu nwata** *n* [HH H-HH HL] hydrocephalus; over-sized head owing to accumulated water in the skull of an infant. \*It is not clear what "ata", in this context, means.
- ata ökpa** *n* [LL] Achilles's tendon. var. **ata ükwü**.
- atakana** *n* [HHHH] ram; uncastrated male sheep. \*See "ebunu" = ram.
- atakere** *n* [HHHH] muddy or clayey soil. \*synonymous with "üro", e.g. *ürö ma öbü atakere* - *Omenükö*.
- atalama** *n* [HHHH] hermaphrodite; person born with male and female organs.
- atamaja** *n* [LHHH] name of age group responsible for security during "mgba" festivals at Afikpo; also known as the "peace group".
- ataní** *n* [HHH] bell.
- ataní** *n* [HHH] portico or colonade; overhanging roof supported by posts.
- ataní** *n* [HHH] bell. var. **atañü**.
- ataní** *n* [LLL] variety of field mouse; dormouse. var. **asaní** (*Graphiurus spp.*).
- atañü** *n* [HHH] bell. var. **ataní**.
- atü** *n* [HL] pus; discharge; resinous discharge from diseased eye.
- afikpa** *n* [LLL] antidote.
- Atilögwü** *n* [LLHL] generic name for a family of festive dances, marked by fast-paced rhythms, colourful costumes and vibrant dancing by young men.
- atüri** *n* [HLL] gonorrhoea.
- atüta** *n* [HLL] tse-tse fly; any biting (and flying) insect.
- atüta** *n* [LLL] narrow knife used in war.
- atüfi** *n* [HHH] small species of lizard.
- atüfi** *n* [HHH] calabash-top.
- atüfi** *n* [HLL] dirt.
- atö** *n* [LH] three; the number 3; third.
- atü** *n* [HH] <sup>1</sup>bush cow; long-necked gazelle; large animal of the duiker family; <sup>2</sup>unicorn; wild ox. var. **etu**.
- atü** *n* [HH] species of fish.
- atü** *n* [HH] tendon. var. **ata**.
- atü** *n* [HL] female private organs; vagina; vulva. var. **öshü**; **ötü**.
- atü** *n* [LH] chewing stick.
- atü** *n* [LL] <sup>1</sup>boil; <sup>2</sup>cellulitis.
- atü** *n* [LL] <sup>1</sup>comparison; example; <sup>2</sup>advice; instruction.
- atü nta** *n* [HH HL] gonorrhoea. \*See "atüti" = gonorrhoea.
- atülü** *n* [HHL] <sup>1</sup>lamb; sheep; <sup>2</sup>fool idiot. var. **atürü**.
- atüma** *n* [LLL] jug; keg.
- atüma** *n* [LLL] catfish.
- atümatü** *n* [HLLL] <sup>1</sup>advice; suggestion; <sup>2</sup>plan; proposal.
- atürü** *n* [HHH] <sup>1</sup>lamb; sheep; <sup>2</sup>fool or idiot, figuratively speaking. var. **atülü**.
- atütü** *n* [HHH] attention; consideration.
- atütü** *n* [HHH] (Önica) stain; blemish - **atütü**

- iro ero = blemish of committing suicide by hanging.*
- atütü** *n* [HLL] invocation - *gbaa atütü = invoke; make an invocation.*
- atütü** *n* [LLL] (in derisive usage) buttocks; arse. \*See “örü nsí” = buttocks.
- atütü ötü** *n* [LLL HH] clitoris; small upper end of a woman's genitalia; *Lit:* buttocks of the vulva. var. **akü ötü**.
- ava** *n* [HH] (Anambra) divination; oracle. var. **afa**.
- ava öbü** *n* [LL HH] (Anambra) beard; moustache. var. **afa öbü; aha öbü**.
- avara** *n* [HLL] threadworm. var. **abara**.
- avara agidi** *n* [LLH HHL] (Uturu) blanket. var. **abara agidi; abara ngidi**.
- avirivü** *n* [HLLL] fibre; fibre of palm nut. var. **övürivü**.
- avö** *n* [HH] stomach; belly.
- avü** *n* [HH] pus; yellowish discharge from infected wound or boil. var. **abü**.
- avü** *n* [HL] armpit. var. **agba avü**.
- avü** *n* [HL] (Önica) hymn; psalm; ditty; song of joy, especially one associated with religious services; the word of choice for the Protestant missions - *Avü Öma = [Book of] Psalms; ndi avü = singers; musicians; choristers.* var. **abü; ebu.** \* See “ukwe” = hymn, the word favoured by the Catholic missions.
- avü ana** *n* [HH LL] viper; adder. var. **abü ala; abü anü**.
- avürivü** *n* [HLLL] palm nut fibre. var. **abürübü; ahiriha; avüvü**.
- avüsü** *n* [HHL] cricket; insect of the grasshopper family. var. **avüyü**.
- avüvü** *n* [HHL] mashed yam.
- avüvü** *n* [HHL] palm-nut chaff; fibre from palm nut after oil has been extracted. var. **abübü**.
- avüyü** *n* [HHL] cricket; insect of the grasshopper family. var. **avüsü**.
- avüzü** *n* [LHH] cricket; insect of the grasshopper family. var. **abösö; avöyö; mbösö; mbüsü**.
- awa** *n* [HH] short form of “ji awa”, a species of yam.
- awa ala** *n* [HH LL] door-post; shutter; window.
- awa eze** *n* [HL HH] gapped incisors; artificial cosmetic parting of the incisors.
- awa eze** *n* [LH HH] silvery fish found in fast-flowing streams.
- awa igu** *n* [LH HH] edible caterpillar.
- awa ji** *n* [HH H] 'seed yam; small rounded yam yamlets, or else cuts from medium-sized yams used as seed yam; <sup>2</sup>yam pottage. \*See “asili” = seed yam.
- awaka** *n* [LHH] scurvy - *awaka öni* = angular dermatitis.
- awaka öni** *n* [LHH] angular dermatitis; disease leading to cuts at the corners of the mouth.
- awala** *n* [LLL] 'redwood tree. the timber from which is used in building construction; redwood-tree; <sup>2</sup>door piece; door post.
- awala** *n* [LLL] shallow water channel; water path or course. var. **awara**.
- awali** *n* [HHH] castrated he-goat. var. **awanü**.
- awanü** *n* [HHH] castrated he-goat. var. **awali**.
- awara** *n* [LLL] shallow water channel; water path or course. var. **awala**.
- awelete** *n* [HHH] (West Igbo) luck; good fortune. var. **ewele**.
- awö** *n* [HH] stomach. var. **afö; ahö**.
- awö** *n* [HH] grey hair.
- awö** *n* [HL] toad.
- awö** *n* [LL] bean cluster. var. **awü**.
- awölö** *n* [LLL] leopard; leopard skin. var. **awörö; eworo**.
- awölö** *n* [LLL] discarded animal skin, esp. of a reptile. var. **awörö**.
- awönikö** *n* [HLHL] (West Igbo) toad.
- awörö** *n* [LLL] 'discarded or sloughed off skin, esp. of a reptile; <sup>2</sup>animal hide, e.g. of a leopard, kept as a trophy. var. **awörö**.
- awörö** *n* [LLL] leopard; leopard skin. var. **awölö; eworo**.
- awudu** *n* [LHH] kind of masquerade.
- awudu** *n* [LHL] (loan(?)) species of yam.
- awü** *n* [LL] bean cluster. var. **awö**.
- awüka** *n* [HHH] iguana; lizard.
- awülü** *n* [LLL] (Afikpo-Edda) a kind of python. var. **ewulu**.
- awüwü** *n* [LLL] dried “elem” fish, a small silver-scaled fish that moves in shoals.
- aya** *n* [HH] species of bird.
- aya** *n* [HH] dish; plate.
- aya** *n* [HH] war; battle. var. **agha**.
- ayabas** *n* [LLHL] onion. var. **ayabasi**.
- ayaka** *n* [LLL] chorus of spirits.

**ayike** *n* [HHL] axe. \*See “anyü ike” = axe.

**ayiliya** *n* [LLHL] *ne'er-do-well; confirmed spinster.*

**ayim** *n* [LLL] (Bende) onion. *var. ayö.*

**ayiya** *n* [LLL] crayfish or crawfish; small freshwater crustacean.

**ayiyö** *n* [LHL] plea; prayer; request.

**ayö** *n* [HL] onion. *var. ayabas; ayabasi.*

**ayö** *n* [HL] fly-whisk.

**ayö** *n* [LL] 'cowry piece, usually counted in units of six; <sup>2</sup>shelled mollusc used as currency. *var. ayölö; ayörö* (*Cypraea mollusc.*). \*Perhaps in analogy with the six-pennies of the English half-shilling.

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**aza** *n* [LL] (Öka) treasure-house; store for cowries; bank.

**azaga** *n* [LLL] feathers of fowl.

**azama** *n* [HHH] large fish-hook; gaff.

**azama** *n* [LLL] kind of bean.

**azi** *n* [HH] hair; body hair.

**azi** *n* [HL] 'strong dislike; hatred; <sup>2</sup>hard- or ill-luck - *azi gba* = *damn it!*; *God forbid (evil)!*; *May evil depart!*. *var. así; ashí.* \*See “ucu” = hard-luck.

**azi** *n* [HL] (Önica) child or offspring; little one belonging to the youngest future generation; hence, immature people with little responsibility and no adult judgment or experience - *kpaagwa ümii azi/ümü nta azi* = *behave or act like little children, without adult experience or judgment.*

**azi** *n* [HL] kind of insect.

**azi** *n* [LL] breakfast; food; meal - *azi ütütü*, *azi ehihie, azi anyasi* = *breakfast, lunch, dinner.*

**azi anyasi** *n* [LL HHL] dinner. *var. nri anyasi; nri abalí.*

**azi ehihie** *n* [LL HHL] lunch.

**azi ütütü** *n* [LL HHL] breakfast.

**azia** *n* [HLL] gill; wing.

**azigö** *n* [HHH] game of draughts, played on a hollowed out board. \*Like English checkers.

**azii** *adv* [HHH] (Önica) after all; also - *Ö biarö azii* = *He didn't come after all.*

**azili** *n* [HHH] leak.

**aziriza** *n* [HHHH] sweat; body sweat. *var. ajirija.*

**aziza** *n* [HHL] broom: bundle of palm-leaf spines tied at the base and used for sweeping.

**aziza** *n* [HLH] 'answer; reply; response; responsorial; answer given as part of a rite or liturgy - *zaa nü aziza* = *give the responsorial; say or sing the required liturgical response.*

**azizi** *n* [HHH] millet; also called “inyari”.

**azö** *n* [HH] (Öka) pillar or post supporting a building. *var. azü.*

**azum ahia** *n* [LHH HHH] trade, esp. retail trade; commerce.

**azü** *n* [HH] (Öka) pillar; post. *var. azö.*

**azü** *n* [HL] fish.

**azü** *n* [LH] 'the area behind; back or backside; far side - *laa azü* = *go behind; go back; gaa n'azü ülö* = *go the back of the house; n'azü m* = *behind my back; <sup>2</sup>back (of the body) - azü m* = *my back.*

**azü ifuru** *n* [HL HLL] species of fish.

**azü isi** *n* [HL-HH] fish of the “ökpö” family, but with large head and spikeless fins.

**azüzü** *n* [HHH] kind of goat.

**azüzü** *n* [HHH] (Önica) fan; triangular or circular fan made from desert- or dwarf-

palm.

**azüzü** *n* [LLL] infection of nose or throat with sneezing and catarrh; cold; running nose - *oke azüzü* = *influenza*.

## B

**B** *alph* [HH] '2nd letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiced bilabial plosive; a consonant. \*Pronounced "bii".

**baa** *adv* [LL] blank, confused or surprised; be completely at a loss - *gbaa baa* = *be thoroughly confused or disoriented*.

**baa** *v* [HH] peel. *var. bee*.

**baa** *v* [HH] 'rebuke or scold - *baa mba* = *admonish; remonstrate with, or reprimand; remonstrate; nom: mba*.

**baa** *v* [HH] prosper; get rich or become wealthy; *nom: üba*.

**baa** *v* [LH] formally give a permanent personal name to somebody, usually a child; christen; name - *baa afu* = *give a personal name to a child*. \*See also "güö" = give a name to a person.

**baa** *v* [LH] soak.

**baa** *v* [LH] enter; go into; *nom: mbata*.

**baa** *v* [LL] 'engage another in hand-to-hand combat or in wrestling; make a body-grab - *ya bara nna ya* = *he it was who made a bodygrab at (i.e. attacked) his father*; <sup>2</sup>be attacked or possessed, usually by a spirit or demon; bewitch or be bewitched - *mbam mmüö* = *stroke; or illness or possession by spirits; nom: öbüba* — attack; engaging of another in a hand-to-hand combat.

**baa anya** *v* [HH HH] mope; stare (stupidly) at.

**baa elele** *v* [LH LLL] be of value; have usefulness. *var. baa erere; bee ire*.

**baa erere** *v* [LH LLL] be of value; have usefulness. *var. baa elele; bee ire*.

**baa ire** *v* [LH LL] 'have potency or effectiveness; prove to have the expected power or efficacy, especially of medicinal remedies; <sup>2</sup>be of value; be valuable. *var. baa elele; bee erere*.

**baa mba** *v* [HH LH] admonish; remonstrate with; reprimand.

**baa mba** *v* [LL LL] rape or be raped; have forced sex with a woman - *Ö bara ya mba* = *he raped her*. \*A new but inexact expression,

- "kwa a iko n'ihe (= fornicate forcibly)," is currently in general use in the media.
- baa n'anya** *v* [HH HH] intoxicate. \**lit*: get into the eyes; hence, intoxicate.
- baa uru** *v* [LH HL] serve or be of use as; be profitable - *baa uru* = *beprofitable*; *baa n'ihe* = *be of some use*.
- bacapü** *v* [HLH] completely peel off skin or rind of tuber or fruit; *nom*: **mbacapü** — peeling off; the act or process of peeling off the skin of tuber or fruit.
- bada** *v* [LL] throw and hold somebody down, e.g. during wrestling; wrestle down; *nom*: **mbada** — overthrow; the act of throwing or wrestling something of somebody down.
- bagbuo** *v* [LHH] attack and kill through possession by a spirit or demon; be victim of such an attack; *nom*: **mbagbu** — sudden (usually magical) attacking leading to death; bewitching.
- bagide** *v* [LHH] hold down; *nom*: **mbagide** — act of pinning or holding somebody down.
- banyere** *adv* [LHH] about; concerning, or regarding.
- bata** *v* [LH] enter into; come into or inside; *nom*: **mbata** — act of entering; entrance or manner of entry.
- bawanye** *v* [HHH] increase; grow in number.
- be** *adv* [H] at; at home of. *var*. **ebe**. \*short form of "ebe".
- be** *v* [H] wait! hold it! - *Be nde!* = *Wait here!* *Hold it right here!*. \*This usage was encountered in the Bende area.
- bee** *v* [HH] 'reduce; mitigate; <sup>2</sup>end; come to an end; conclude or terminate. *var*. **bie**.
- bee** *v* [HH] moan; weep; cry; cry or make special plea (for something) - *bee ube* = *cry for help*; *bee ube ego* = *make a desperate plea for financial relief*; *nom*: **obube** — moaning; the act of crying.
- bee** *v* [HH] peel. *var*. **baa**.
- bee** *v* [LL] cut; buy a length of cloth - *bee akwa* = *buy length of cloth*. *var*. **yee**. \*See also "caa".
- bee** *v* [LL] perch.
- bee abü** *v* [HH HH] tie up; bind together with rope. *var*. **kee öbü**.
- bee akwa** *v* [HH HH] cry; moan; weep; shed tears.
- bee okwu** *v* [HH HH] cut speech short.
- bee uce** *v* [HH LH] make incision with razor; make cut with razor.
- bee ugwu** [HH HL] circumcise. *var*. **bie ugwu**.
- bejue** *v* [LLH] perch in large numbers.
- bekee** *n* [LHH] 'whiteman; Englishman; European; <sup>2</sup>English language. \*After the English explorer, Dr William Baikie.
- belata** *v* [LHH] 'reduce or lessen; abridge or shorten; abate; subside; <sup>3</sup>mark down price, e.g. of merchandise; *nom*: **mbelata** — reduction; lessening or abridging. *var*. **benata**.
- belü sö** *conj* [LH L] (Önica) but for; except for; unless. *var*. **belue sö**.
- benata** *v* [LHH] 'reduce or lessen; abridge or shorten; abate; subside; <sup>3</sup>mark down price, e.g. of merchandise. *var*. **belata**.
- bepü** *v* [HL] cut off - *bepü isi* = *decapitate*; *cut off head with sword-like weapon*; *nom*: **mtepü** — excision; cutting off.
- bere** *v* [LH] perch.
- bibie** *v* [HLH] 'spoil or get spoiled or damaged; rot - *mmiebi* = *ruin or destruction*; *spoilage* (e.g. of food); <sup>2</sup>go bad, including morally; be ruined; <sup>3</sup>waste. *var*. **mebie**.
- bicie** *v* [HHH] 'move into or occupy by force; <sup>2</sup>assume control of; <sup>3</sup>have home located at place that blocks or obstructs view, road, or other public facility.
- bido** *v* [LH] begin; commence; start.
- bie** *v* [HH] live; live in or at (a place); reside at; dwell.
- bie** *v* [LH] 'end; come to an end; conclude; be concluded; <sup>2</sup>terminate or finalise. *var*. **bee**.
- bie** *v* [LH] 'touch; make contact with the hand; <sup>2</sup>print; make an imprint - *bie akwükvwö* = *print (publish) a book*; <sup>3</sup>press hard on - *bie isi* = *hit head on something*.
- bie** *v* [LH] borrow or lend; take or give on loan - *biri ego* = *borrow money*; *binye ego* = *lend money*.
- bie aka** *v* [LH HH] 'touch; <sup>2</sup>an euphemism for "strike or hit (somebody)", as in the English expression, "I didn't touch him.".
- bie ikpe** *v* [LH LH] adjudicate; render verdict in a suit; settle dispute. *var*. **kpee ikpe**.
- bie isi** *v* [LH HH] hit head on something; bump into something with the head - *bie isi n'okwute* = *hit head on a stone*. <"bie" = press hard on; imprint; touch>.

- bie öma** *v* [LH HL] embrace; hug. \*Referred to by early European writers as the "chest kiss".
- bie önü** *v* [LH HH] reach agreement on price of merchandise; settle on a price.
- bie ugwu** *v* [LH HL] circumcise; be circumcised.
- bigböö** *v* [LHH] hush or shout somebody down.
- biketa** *v* [HLH] live nearby.
- biko** *excl* [HL] pardon! please!.
- bikököö** *v* [LHH] co-habit; live together as husband and wife.
- biköta** *v* [LHH] press together; press or knock together; collide - *biköta isi* = *knock or press heads together*.
- biköta** *v* [LHH] live together for some time.
- bilie** *v* [LHH] 'arise; get up; stand up - *bilie ötö* = *stand up erect; get up*; <sup>2</sup>get started; start off; get with it; <sup>3</sup>depart. *var.* **binie**; **walie**.
- bilikwa** *v* [LHH] a common greeting meaning, "May you, too, live long".
- bilite** *v* [HHH] 'get up on one's feet; arise - *bilite* = *get up, i.e. from sleeping or sitting position*; <sup>2</sup>arise - *bilite n'önwü* = *arise from the dead*. *var.* **binite**; **walite**. \*See "bilie" = get up.
- binie** *v* [LHH] 'arise; get up; stand up - *binie [ötö]* = *stand up erect; get up*; <sup>2</sup>get started; start off; get with it; commence; <sup>3</sup>depart. *var.* **bilie**; **walie**.
- binite** *v* [HHH] 'get up on one's feet; arise - *binite* = *get up, i.e. from sleeping or sitting position*; <sup>2</sup>arise - *binite n'önwü* = *arise from the dead*. *var.* **bilite**; **walite**. \*See "binie" = get up.
- binye** *v* [LH] lend.
- binyere** *v* [LHH] live with; share housing with.
- bipuo** *v* [LHH] press open; puncture.
- biri ökü** *v* [HH HH] start or begin in earnest; commence.
- bitü** *v* [LH] touch; touch slightly.
- bia** *v* [LH] come; come here. *nom:* **öbia** — stranger; visitor; guest; **öbibia** — arrival; advent.
- bia aka** *v* [LH HH] sign; affix thumb-print (e.g. on a document). *var.* **tinye aka**.
- biadebe** *v* [HLLL] (Önica) come a bit closer. *var.* **biakete**.
- biadebe** *v* [LLHH] (Önica) stop coming; put an end to visits.
- biakete** *v* [HLLL] (Owere) come a bit closer. *var.* **biadebe**.
- biaruo** *v* [LLHH] arrive here; reach this point from another. *var.* **bia-lue**. \*contrasts with "ga-ruo", to reach a destination from here..
- biri-biri** *adj* [HH-HH] over-sweet; sugary; cloying with sweetness - *töö biri-biri* = *taste over-sweet*.
- boo** *v* [HH] accuse; impute guilt; charge (perhaps falsely) - *bo ya osi* = *accuse him of stealing*; *nom:* **ebubo** — accusation; false (or unestablished) charge; **mbubo** — the act of accusing another falsely.
- boo** *v* [HH] 'lift a load unto somebody's head; impose a burden - *bo ibu* = *impose a burden*; *bo m ekete* = *help lift a (loaded) basket on to my head*; <sup>2</sup>accuse (someone) of wrongdoing; impute guilt - *bo mmadü ebubo* = *charge somebody of wrongdoing*; *bo ya osi* = *accuse him of stealing*.
- boo ebubo** *v* [HH HHH] accuse (especially if unjustly) of an offence; charge (someone) with committing an offence.
- bökapü ösö** *v* [HLL HH] run off in a hurry; sprint off; scamper off.
- böö** *v* [HH] scratch (with paws); paw.
- böö** *v* [HH] weed; clear farm of weed. *var.* **vöö**.
- böö** *v* [LH] 'dawn - *ci böö* = *(till) day breaks*; *(till) morning*; <sup>2</sup>be no longer secret; become manifest. *var.* **büö**.
- böö** *v* [LH] cut up (e.g. slaughtered animal) into parts or portions; carve up.
- böö anya** *v* [LH HH] expose inside of eye-lid to view, as insult or provocation to another.
- böö ike** *v* [HH HL] bare the anus as an act of grave insult to another person; make a gesture suggestive of such an act. *var.* **böö ukwu**.
- böö isi** *v* [HH HH] comb hair. *var.* **vöö ishi**.
- böö öbö** *v* [LH HL] 'bear grudge against someone; <sup>2</sup>take or bear vengeance. *var.* **düö übö**.
- böö ukwu** *v* [HH HL] bare the anus as an act of grave insult to another person; make a gesture suggestive of such an act. *var.* **böö ike**.
- buda** *v* [HL] lower load from one's or another's head, or from a higher stand; carry a load or other heavy object down to a lower level. *var.* **vuda**.

**bufee** *v* [HLH] pass on to another; cross; infect. var. fee.

**buga** *v* [LH] take or carry (something) to some other place. var. vuga.

**bukoo** *v* [HHH] collect; gather; or assemble. **bulie** *v* [LHH] lift; raise; carry up. var. bunie; vulie.

**bunie** *v* [LHH] lift; raise; carry up. var. bulie; vulie.

**bunye öria** *v* [LH HLL] infect another with disease. var. bunye öya; vunye öria.

**bunye öya** *v* [LH HL] infect another with disease. var. bunye öria; vunye öria.

**buo** *v* [LH] increase in size; become bigger; - buo ibu = grow in size; grow big. var. vuo.

**buo** *v* [LH] carry or lift. var. vuo.

**buo agha** *v* [LH HH] wage war. var. vuo agha.

**buo ibu** *v* [LH HH] carry a load. var. vuo ivu.

**buo ibu** *v* [LH HL] 'become large, or increase in size; 'become stout; put on weight. var. vuo ivu.

**buo ihu** *v* [LH HH] pay homage or respect, especially to older relations.

**buo iru** *v* [LH HH] 'have deep frown; 'make faces, generally; 'pout.

**buo nsi** *v* [HH HH] 'arrange and deliver poison through ritual or other means; Lit: carry or deliver poison; 'poison. var. vuo nsi.

**buo ökposi** *v* [LH-HLL] perform propitiatory ritual to allow for marriage between persons of the same kindred. \*See also "gbaa mgbaru", and "gbaa njö-ahü".

**buo önù** *v* [LH HH] 'go without food; 'fast.

**buo örü** *v* [LH HH] be defective; have a defect. var. vuo örü.

**buru** *v* [LH] carry or lift. var. vuru.

**buru üzö** *v* [HH HL] 'start or begin with - buru üzö rie nri = begin with eating a meal; eat first; 'go first - buru üzö = go first; be first in line. var. vuru üzö.

**buru-buru** *adv* [LL-HL] around; round the perimeter. var. gburu-gburu.

**buso agha** *v* [HL HH] wage war in enemy territory; invade enemy in war; Lit: carry war home to another.

**bute okwu** *v* [LH HH] cause conflict or trouble; be the cause of conflict. var. vute okwu.

**bü** *v* [H] is; be. var. wü.

**búa** *v* [HH] abstain or refrain from; be absent

(usually deliberately) from, or fail to attend, a scheduled event. var. büö. \*See "abübü" = abstinence.

**búa önù** *v* [LH HH] curse; speak a malediction; anathemise. var. büö iyi; büö önù; vüa önù; vüö önù.

**büö** *v* [HH] abstain or refrain from; be absent from, or fail to attend, a scheduled event - büö nzukö = fail to attend a meeting. var. büä; vüö. \*See "abübü" = abstinence.

**büö** *v* [LH] be over-seasoned, e.g. with salt - nnu büřü ose = there was too much salt in the soup.

**büö** *v* [LH] drizzle; shower - mmiri na-abü = there is a shower; it (rain) is drizzling. var. vüö.

**büö** *v* [LH] harvest (specifically root crops). var. vüö.

**büö** *v* [LH] hatch. var. vüö.

**büö** *v* [LH] dig up (tubers) during harvest. var. vüö ji.

**büö** *v* [LH] spit - büö asü = spit out saliva. var. vüö.

**büö** *v* [LH] 'dawn - ci büö = (till) day breaks; (till) morning; 'be no longer secret; become manifest - ö büöna = it has become common knowledge; the secret is not out. var. böö; vüö.

**büö abü** *v* [LH HL] chant; sing. var. vüö avü.

**büö asü** *v* [LH HH] spit. var. vüö asü.

**büö ci** *v* [LH L] be alive at dawn; survive the night; last the night - Ma ya büö ci = if he is still alive at dawn.

**büö iyi** *v* [LH HH] curse; speak a malediction. var. büä önù; büö önù.

**büö mbö** *v* [LH LL] bear a grudge, or plan revenge. var. büö öbö.

**büö önù** *v* [LH HH] 'curse; speak a malediction; anathemise; 'damn or condemn. var. büä iyi; büö iyi; vüa önù; vüö önù.

**büö übü** *v* [LH LH] scramble for or over something; fight over, or rush to possess something - büö nri übü = scramble over, or fight to get at food; rush for the food in a disorderly manner. var. vüö üvü.

**büpü** *v* [HL] spit out, e.g. seed.

**bürü** *v* [HH] snatch away; grab in the course of a scramble. var. vürü.

## C

- C** alph [HH] '3rd letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiceless palato-alveolar affricate; a consonant. \*Pronounced "chii". "C" replaces the digraph "ch" throughout this dictionary..
- caa** excl [HL] 'Out!; Off!; <sup>2</sup>An exclamation used to scar (e.g. domestic animals) away; it is considered insulting if addressed to people.
- caa** v [HH] have the colour of; be of a particular colour - *caa öbara öbara* = *be reddish; have the colour of blood*; *caa ka mkpu* = *be pale-white (like termites)*. \*\*"Caa" is used with light colors; "jie" with dark.
- caa** v [HH] clean; wash. var. **saa**.
- caa** v [HH] <sup>1</sup>shine; shine brightly; <sup>2</sup>illuminate, or light up.
- caa** v [HH] ripen.
- caa** v [LH] <sup>1</sup>pass or overtake (somebody), or be overtaken - *caa ya* = *overtake him*; <sup>2</sup>make way (for somebody) - *caara m* = *make way for me; let me pass*. var. **cafee**.
- caa** v [LL] <sup>1</sup>cut; <sup>2</sup>cut (and buy) length of cloth - *caa akwa* = *buy length of cloth*. \*See also "bee".
- caaanya** v [HH HH] become paranoid; be cantankerous and quarrelsome.
- caa nca** v [HH LH] be creative.
- cabiri** v [HLL] cut off and keep (or take away) a part of something.
- caböö** v [HHH] fade; lose original colour. \*See also "caghaa".
- cafee** v [LHH] <sup>1</sup>pass or overtake (somebody), or be overtaken - *cafee ya* = *overtake him*; <sup>2</sup>make way (for somebody). var. **caa**.
- caghaa** v [HHH] fade; lose original colour. \*See also "caböö".
- cagharia** v [HHHH] <sup>1</sup>change colour; <sup>2</sup>fade.
- caï** excl [HL] Goodness me!, or similar exclamation used in moments of great surprise, consternation, or puzzlement.
- canie** v [HHH] (Önica) rise in haste; jump up (from seat) in a hurry. var. **malie**.
- carüö ihu** v [HLH HH] 'frown; <sup>2</sup>have or have sour face; look disaffected or unhappy. var.

- carüö iru; gbarüö ihu; gbalüö iru.**
- cebido** v [HLH] ambush; lie in wait for somebody.
- cebiri** v [HLL] wait in ambush; ambush.
- cebiri** v [HLL] 'choose deliberate time to do something; act in one's own time and prompting - *cebiri püö* = *thought it over and went out*; <sup>2</sup>act as if on impulse, or on a moment's reflection.
- cebise** v [HLL] lay ambush at several points; lie in wait here and there, e.g. during a hunt.
- cebisia** v [HLHH] ambush or waylay by blocking escape routes. \*See "cebise".
- cedo** v [HH] keep guard over; protect.
- cee** v [HH] protect; safeguard; keep watch over.
- cee** v [HH] wait; wait for.
- cee** v [HH] cut off and trim or prune smaller branches of trees.
- cee** v [LH] remove skin from seed; de-husk - *cee ükwa* = *remove hard skin from breadfruit seed*.
- cee** v [LH] <sup>1</sup>think; reflect on; contemplate - *cee uce* = *think (thoughts); reflect; give further thought*; <sup>2</sup>imagine; suppose - *ihe m cere ö ga eme* = *what I imagine he will do*.
- cee** v [LH] crush or grind seed (e.g. bread fruit).
- cee ihu** v [HH HH] face; look in direction of. var. **cee iru**.
- cee iru** v [HH HH] face; look in direction of. var. **cee ihu**.
- cee nce** v [HH HL] serve as guard or watchman; be on guard or watch.
- cee öji** v [HH HH] offer or present kola - *Öjji rue ülö, o kwuo onye cere ya* = *when kola is brought home, it tells who presented it*. var. **süö öji**.
- cee uce** v think; think something over; give thought to.
- cefuo** v [HLH] <sup>1</sup>forget; fail to remember; <sup>2</sup>lose an object by misplacing it - *cefuo akpa* = *forget and (so) lose a bag*; <sup>3</sup>ignore; "forgive and forget" - *cefuo ihe ahü* = *ignore that thing; put it off your mind*.
- cegharia** v [LHHH] <sup>1</sup>reconsider; think something over; <sup>2</sup>repent (in Christian usage).
- cekpoö** v [HHH] dry (e.g. seed, grain or fruit) in the sun; sun-dry (something).
- cekwaa** v [HHH] guard carefully; safeguard; preserve.
- cekwube** v [LHH] (Önica) have expectation

- or hope, especially in Christian usage.
- celü** *v* [LH] wait awhile; wait; hold on; be patient; delay. *var. cere; gere.*
- cere** *v* [LH] wait awhile; wait; hold on; be patient; delay. *var. celü; gere.*
- ceta** *v* [LH] remember; recall.
- Ci** *n* [H] 'personal god; guardian angel; spirit-self; symbol of personal identity, autonomy, fate and destiny - *Cinedu m = Ci is my guide; Ci m akölam = may I never lack my own ci; Ci m na Eke m = my All-and-All (lit: my "Ci" and my "Eke", usually "Cineke");* <sup>2</sup>a spirit with god-like powers - *Agbala, ci na-egbu mmadü mgbe ndü na-atö ya ütö = Agbala, the deity that kills a man when his life is sweetest;* <sup>3</sup>controlling power or force; master - *Onye mmadü nwe, ci ya dī abüö = One owned by another person (a slave) has a second "ci" for master.* \*Short for "Cukwu" in personal names and non-Christian discourse. See "Cineke" and "Cukwu". <cf. Edo: "ehi" = personal god>.
- ci** *n* [H] 'dawn; morning; day - *ci aböö/ci efoo = dawn has broken/day has dawned;* <sup>2</sup>*mgba ci = high noon; time of day (like midnight) when spirits are out and about.*
- cie** *v* [HH] <sup>1</sup>take or assume a title or office involving formal rites; whence the person is transformed into a different order of being; <sup>2</sup>install or be installed; ordain or be ordained.
- cie** *v* [HH] 'close, or be closed; end; <sup>2</sup>be blocked close.
- cie** *v* [HH] tap, e.g. palm wine; ut into tree stem, to prepare gourd or pot to receive sap/wine - *cie nkwü = tap palm wine.*
- cie** *v* [LH] 'press hard to imprint; make an imprint; <sup>2</sup>rub something hard on a rough surface. *var. shie.*
- cie** *v* [LH] rub hand with something (e.g. *nzu* = chalk).
- cie anya** *v* [HH HH] be tight; be close-fitting.
- cie anya** *v* [HH HH] go or become blind.
- cie oci** *v* [HH LL] perform a procedure for sucking out patient's blood; do medical blood-letting.
- cighaa** *v* [LHH] turn back or return; come back.  
\*The full expression is "cighaa azü".
- Cineke** *n* [HHL] "*Ci and Eke,*" a typical Igbo compound name indicating completeness; hence, The Almighty, the All-in-All -
- Madübüci/Madübüeke** = *Man is God to Man; Onyemaci/Onyemaeké* = *Who knows what Ci or Eke will do?; Cimezie/Ekemezie* = *May Ci or Eke do right by me;* <sup>2</sup>(mistakenly) interpreted as "the god that creates" and used to translate "God Almighty". \*See also "Ci", "Cukwu", and "Eke".
- cia** *v* [HH] govern; rule; lead.
- cia** *v* [LH] 'laugh - *cí öci = laugh;* <sup>2</sup>smile.
- cia afö** *v* [HH HH] have diarrhoea or running stomach.
- cia öci** *v* [LH HL] <sup>1</sup>laugh; <sup>2</sup>laugh at; mock; deride - *ha na-ací ya öci = they are laughing at him; mocking him.*
- cigbu** *v* [HHH] rule in an oppressive manner; tyrannise.
- ciköö** *v* [HLL] assemble; gather [things] together; collect.
- ciköta** *v* [HLH] bring together; collect; gather; assemble.
- cikwapü** *v* [HLH] break off at joints; dislocate severely.
- cilie** *v* [HHH] gather or pack together and (then) store safely away; pack and keep something safe.
- cili** *v* [HH] gather or collect and (then) take way. *var. cirí.*
- cipü** *v* [HL] collect and then remove, throw away or dump.
- cirí** *v* [HH] gather or collect and (then) take way. *var. cili.*
- cita** *v* [HH] gather and then take (something) in the direction of the speaker; hence, bring - *cita ya = gather, then bring it (in my direction, or to us).*
- coo** *v* [LH] decide or determine a matter - *coo okwu = decide a case; render judgment.*
- coo** *v* [LH] fetch or collect, especially water. *var. cuo.*
- coo!** *v* [HH] stop! hold it!. \*I have not come across the use of this verb other than as a command.
- coga** *v* [HH] go in search of, or go looking for something.
- cöö** *n* [HH] <sup>1</sup>seek or want (to do something); <sup>2</sup>propose or try (to do something).
- cöö mma** *v* [HH HH] 'beautify or decorate (something); enhance or bring out beauty (of something) - *were uhie cöö ya mma = decorate it with camwood;* <sup>2</sup>apply makeup; adorn

or preen oneself; be noticeably concerned with beautifying oneself - *ōcō mma* = *dandy*.

**cōō okwu** *v* [HH HH] initiate trouble; provoke a conflict; *Lit:* look for trouble.

**cōpūta** *v* [HLH] discover; find out.

**cōrō** *v* [LL] want to; mean to; intend - *cōrō iri nri* = *want or intend to eat something*.

**cōta** *v* [HH] 'search for; make effort to find; <sup>2</sup>find; succeed in finding.

**Cukwu** *n* [HH] 'Great Ci, or the amalgam of individual "ci"; appears now mostly in personal names, many of them associated with the Arōcukwu oracle - *Nwacukwu* = *son of Cukwu*; *child born by grace of Cukwu*; <sup>2</sup>Almighty God, in Christian usage; the word does not appear in Bible translations of "God"; the word of choice being "Cineke"; <sup>3</sup>used by the Arō as name for Ibi Ükpabi, the supreme god located at the oracle of the "Long Juju of Arōcukwu" - *gaa Cukwu* = *consult (the Arōcukwu) oracle*. \*See "Ci-ukwu".

**cuo** *v* [HH] (Isu) perform or participate in a rite or festival of worship - *cuo Ebu* = *perform the rites of Ebu festival*.

**cuo** *v* [LH] be tarnished or faded; tarnish; lose lustre; be stained. \*See "mecuo ihu" = disgrace; humiliate.

**cuo** *v* [LH] fetch or collect, especially water. var. *coo*.

**cuo ucu** *v* [HH LH] try hard; make extra-or-

dinary effort.

**cuo üla** *v* [HH HH] lose sleep; hence cause deep anxiety. var. **cuo üra**.

**cuo üra** *v* [HH HH] lose sleep; hence cause deep anxiety. var. **cuo üla**.

**cūa** *v* [HH] <sup>1</sup>sacrifice - *cūa aja* = *offer sacrifice*; <sup>2</sup>perform an act of self-sacrifice - *jionwe ya cūa aja* = *offered himself in sacrifice*.

**cüö** *v* [HH] <sup>1</sup>drive out or away; expel; <sup>2</sup>dismiss or terminate or sack (somebody), e.g. from appointment - *cüö ndi örü* = *sack workers*; <sup>3</sup>ward off; scare off - *cüö mmiri* = *ward off rain (through special powers)*.

**cüö aja** *v* [HH LL] <sup>1</sup>make sacrifice, either in person, or by proxy, through a priest; <sup>2</sup>sacrifice something; give up some valued person or thing - *jiri ma örü ma ndü ya cüö aja* = *sacrificed both job and life; laid both work and life on the line*. var. *süö aja*; *tüö aja*.

**cüö nta** *v* [HH HH] hunt; participate in an organised hunt.

**cüö ösö** *v* [HH HH] chase after; chase out; run after.

**cüpü** *v* [HL] drive away; expel.

**cüpü aja** *v* [HL LL] get to make a sacrifice, with little interest in the significance of the rite; make sacrifice as required - *ebe a na-acüpü aja* = *the place of general sacrifice (Ömalinze, p. 1)*. var. *süpü aja*.

**cūsaa** *v* [HLH] scatter.

## D

**D alph** [H] '4th letter of Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiced alveolar plosive; a consonant. \*Pronounced "di".

**Da alü excl** [H LH] general greeting of encouragement to someone at work; short form of "Nda alü ölü" - *Da alü ölü = Keep up the work.* var. *Nda alü.*

**Da eje excl** [H LL] 'general greeting to people (passers-by or guests) setting out on a journey; <sup>2</sup>Goodbye!; <sup>3</sup>Farewell! Safe trip!. var. *De eje; Nda eje.*

**Da eme excl** [H LH] general greeting of encouragement to someone at work. var. *Nde eme; De eme.*

**daa excl** [LL] an exclamation usually tagged to the end of a statement, indicating disgust, boredom, or annoyance - *Ka anyi púa ebe a, daa! = For God's sake, let's out of here!*

**Daa n** [HH] 'aunt; <sup>2</sup>term of deference to elder female blood relation. var. *Dada.* \*Short for "Dada".

**daa v** [HH] warm up food; re-heat food.

**daa v** [HH] keep doing something; when followed by an action verb, a formula for a general greeting - *dee eje = keep journeying; hence, "welcome"...* var. *naa.*

**daa v** [LH] 'fall; collapse - *daa ada = have a fall; collapse;* <sup>2</sup>fail - *daa ule = fail a test or examination.*

**daa v** [LL] press hard.

**daa aka v** [HH HH] 'be lopsided; be disproportioned; <sup>2</sup>lack balance.

**daa anya v** [HH HH] refrain from taking corrective action on a critical matter on the grounds that it is not one's direct responsibility.

**daa azü v** [LH LH] lag behind; fall back; go back. var. *laa azü; naa azü.*

**daa iwu v** [LH LH] break the law. var. *lüa iwu.*

**daa jüü v** [LH LL] be or become quiet and still.

**daa mba v** [LH LL] become weak and despondent; lose energy and will to do any-

thing; despair. var. *daa mgba.*

**daa mgba v** [HH LL] faint; grow faint.

**daa ngwörö v** [LH HHH] .

**daa nha v** [HH LH] pay fine; be fined. var.

**daa nra.**

**daa nra v** [HH LH] pay fine; be fined. var. *daa nha.*

**Daa nta n** [HH LL] 'younger of one's aunts; older cousins; <sup>2</sup>term of deference for younger aunts, or elder cousins.

**daa ogbenye v** [LH HLL] become poor or indigent; fall into bad times.

**daa ogbi v** [LH HL] become dumb; lose one's voice. var. *daa ogbo.*

**daa ogbo v** [LH HL] become dumb; lose one's voice. var. *daa ogbi.*

**daa önü v** [LH HL] be expensive; cost a lot.

**daa örìa v** [LH HHL] fall seriously ill; become seriously ill. var. *daa öya.*

**daa öya v** [HH HL] fall seriously ill; become seriously ill. var. *daa örìa.*

**daa üra v** [LL HH] 'fall asleep; <sup>2</sup>doze off.

**Daalü excl** [LHH] 'general greeting of encouragement to someone at work; short form of "Da-alü ölü" - *Da alü ölü = Keep up the work;* <sup>2</sup>thanks, generally - *Cukwu daalü = Thanks to Cukwu; thanks to God!.* \*This is to be distinguished from "Daalü" = Thank you. See also "Da eme" and "kaa".

**daba v** [HL] coincide; fit in; fall into place.

**dabanye v** [HLH] fall into place; fit in.

**dacie v** [LHH] intervene; obstruct; happen accidentally to block or frustrate planned event - *ödaci = accidental event, usually of a negative kind.*

**dade v** [LH] fall on and hold down. var. *dagide.*

**dado v** [LH] fall upon.

**dafuo v** [LHH] break open; i.e. make a hole in something after falling. var. *dapuo.*

**dagbuo v** [LHH] crush. \*lit: kill by falling upon somebody.

**dagoro v** [LHH] fall and rest on something.

**dajüö v** [HHH] fail in attempt to kill. \*See "gbujuö".

**dakada n** [HLH] 'dung-beetle; <sup>2</sup>small variety of crab. var. *adakada; ada-ushi.*

**dakpuo v** [LHH] fall right into; fall completely into - *dakpuo n 'önü = fall right into an opening.*

- danda** *n* [HL] a small scavenger ant that drags along loads several times larger than itself.
- danye** *v* [LH] fall into or amongst.
- dapuo** *v* [LHH] break open; i.e. make a hole in something after falling. *var. dafuo*.
- data** *v* [LH] attract, obtain, or secure an outcome, especially a favour - *data ego = win or earn money (as token of appreciation)*.
- De eje** *excl* [H LL] 'general greeting to people (passers-by or guests) setting out on a journey; <sup>2</sup>Goodbye!; <sup>3</sup>Farewell! Safe trip. *var. Da eje; Nda eje*.
- De eme** *excl* [H LL] 'Well done!; <sup>2</sup>Keep it up!: <sup>3</sup>general greeting for many occasions. *var. Nde eme; Da eme*.
- debe** *v* [HH] keep; preserve.
- Dee** *n* [HH] 'uncle; <sup>2</sup>short form of "Dede", a term of deference to elders closely related by blood; <sup>3</sup>used, generally, as a term of respect when addressing seniors; hence, the meaning "Sir!".
- dee** *v* [HH] soften (and possibly disintegrate) from being soaked a long time in water. *var. gbee*.
- dee** *v* [LH] iron or press cloth.
- dee** *v* [LH] 'write; inscribe; <sup>2</sup>paint.
- dee** *v* [LH] dissolve or break up (in water); become soft or mushy with soaking.
- dee** *v* [LH] (Nsüka) roast in ash - *dee ube = roast pear in hot ash*. \*See "ruo".
- dee** *v* [LH] (Öhafia) stalk; shadow; keep an eye on - *anyi na-edē wa edē = we kept a close eye on them*.
- dee ide** *v* [LH HL] move with caution.
- dee nkö** *v* [LH LL] belch; hiccup.
- dee uli** *v* [HH LL] decorate the body with "uli", a kind of indigo dye. *var. dee uri*.
- dee uri** *v* [HH LL] decorate with "uri", a kind of indigo dye. *var. dee uli*.
- Deede** *n* [HHL] 'uncle; term of deference to elders closely related by blood; <sup>2</sup>used, generally, as a term of respect when addressing seniors; hence, the meaning "Sir!"; <sup>3</sup>(loosely) master, boss. *var. Dee*.
- dega** *v* [HL] write to; address letter to.
- delie** *v* [HHH] store or put away; save.
- delie** *v* [HHH] be able to write - *Aga m edeli ya = I can write it*.
- delie** *v* [HLH] 'catch (somebody) unawares; <sup>2</sup>able to detect something.

- delie** *v* [HLH] dissolve or melt completely. *var. derie*. \*From "dee" = melt, become soft.
- delie** *v* [HLH] write damaging letter or report concerning somebody; defame or injure reputation in written communication; ruin a reputation by petition - *I kwusie ike, e delie m gi = Any further protest from you, and I will finish you off in a report/letter*.
- depü** *v* [HL] succeed in hounding somebody out of office through petitions and reports.
- derie** *v* [HLH] dissolve or melt completely. *var. delie*. \*From "dee" = melt, become soft.
- desaa** *v* [LHH] circulate a written material widely; give wide publicity to a document.
- data** *v* [HH] 'put something down; place on; <sup>2</sup>keep; leave in place - *data ya = keep it there; leave it in place*.
- detuo** *v* [HLH] write down something; make a record or entry.
- detü önü** *v* [HH HH] 'eat a little (esp. of food) to sample it; taste - *detüü anyi ofe ahü önü = taste a bit of that soup on behalf of us all*; <sup>2</sup>sip; take a sip - *detü ya önü = take a sip of it*.
- dezie** *v* [HHH] set right; place correctly.
- di** *n* [H] 'husband; lord and master; a term of courtesy in acknowledgment of the position of a senior member of a woman's husband's lineage - *di m = my husband; di nwe ünö = master of the house; male head of household*; <sup>2</sup>male mate; one who is allowed or has sexual rights to a female partner - *ci na-efo, ökükö na-enwe di: hen has a new or different mate/ husband each new day*; <sup>3</sup>expert or master; one acknowledged as accomplished in a trade or craft - *di mgba = expert wrestler; di nta = master hunter*.
- di egbe** *n* [H-HL] sharp-shooter; marksman.
- di mgba** *n* [H LH] 'master wrestler; expert wrestler; <sup>2</sup>(figuratively) convulsion or seizure, especially of an infant.
- di nta** *n* [H LH] master hunter; expert hunter. \*See "egbeni" = hunter.
- di oci** *n* [H LH] master-tapper; tapper.
- di ökpa** *n* [H LL] cock; cockerel; *var. ökpa; oke ökpa*.
- diala** *n* [HLL] free-born male; adult male indigene with full legal rights; i.e. neither a slave/indentured servant, nor belonging to any cult-caste.

**dibia** *n* [HLL] 'doctor or medicine-man; one who prepares curative (or poisonous) medicines; <sup>2</sup>diviner or spiritualist; one who can intercede (through divination or sacrifices) with the spirit world on behalf of clients; fortune-teller.

**didebe** *v* [HLL] lie close to somebody - *didebe ya nso* = *lie a little closer to somebody* (e.g. in bed).

**die** *v* [HL] 'lie down to sleep; <sup>2</sup>sleep. var. **dina**; **dine**. \*The meaning "have intercourse" is rare with this variant of "dine", "dina".

**die** *v* [LH] 'endure; suffer patiently - *die agürü* = *endure hunger*; *die afifü* = *endure suffering*; <sup>2</sup>be patient; tolerate - *a gaghi m editeli agwa dì otu ahü* = *I will be unable to tolerate behaviour of that kind*.

**dike** *n* [HH] <sup>1</sup>strong or brave person; <sup>2</sup>warrior or hero; <sup>3</sup>person honoured for bravery or valour - *dike ögü* = *war hero*. <"di" + "ike"> = master of strength>.

**dike** *n* [HH] a kind of rabbit.

**dimkpa** *n* [HLL] <sup>1</sup>person in prime of manhood; youth; <sup>2</sup>strong man; man of strength and courage.

**dina** *v* [HL] (Önica) 'lie down - *dina ani* = *lie down*; Lit: *lie on the ground*; <sup>2</sup>sleep; pass the night - *ebe a na-edina* = *place where on sleeps*; bedroom; <sup>3</sup>have sexual intercourse - *dina nwanyi* = *have sexual intercourse with a woman*. var. **dine**; **dila**.

**dí** *v* [L] 'be; exist - *Cukwu dí* = *God is/exists*; *ö dí mma* = *it is good*; <sup>2</sup>continue to exist; remain - *Ö dí* = *It still exists; it remains*. var. **rí**.

**dí mkpa** *v* [L LL] be important or urgent.  
**dí mma** *v* [H HL] be good; be beautiful. \*See "maa mma".

**dí öti** *v* [H LH] be distant; be far off - *ebe ha jere dí öti* = *where they went to is a long way from here*; *oyiyi ya dí öti* = *his appointment (date) is a long time away*.

**didebe** *v* [HLH] (Önica) come close to; move closer to.

**difelu** *v* [HLH] exceed (in some quality); surpass - *difelu mma* = *is exceedingly good (or beautiful)*. var. **difere**.

**dibi** *v* [HH] recover (from illness); get well, especially from serious illness; manage to recover; survive. var. **ribi**, **rizi**.

**díri ime** *v* [LH] be pregnant; become pregnant.

**dobe** *v* [HH] put aside; keep.

**doküba** *v* [HLL] collect; put together; save.

**dokwaa** *v* [HHH] 'arrange properly - *dokwaa oce* = *arrange chairs properly*; <sup>2</sup>settle, e.g. a dispute - *dokwaa okwu* = *reach a settlement of a dispute*.

**doo** *v* [HH] 'become peaceful; be settled - *obodo e doo* = *the town has become peaceful*; <sup>2</sup>be settled to the satisfaction of all parties - *okwu ahü e doola?* *Has the matter been fully settled?*

**doo** *v* [HH] appoint; ordain - *do ... mmadu ndiokenye* = *ordain/appoint elders (Tit. 1:5)*.

\*This sense of "doo," preserved in Bible translation, is not in general current use.

**doo** *v* [HH] place something on top of another in sequence - *doo aja* = *build mud-wall; do brickwork; lay bricks*.

**doo** *v* [HH] keep and/or breed (animals).

**doo** *v* [HH] rain - *mmiri doo* = *when/if it rains*. var. **zoo**.

**doo anya** *v* [LL HH] be understood; become crystal clear. var. **wee anya**.

**doo nsö** *v* [HH HH] keep holy; make and maintain sacred or holy.

**dozie** *v* [HHH] arrange properly; organise; preserve.

**dozie** *v* [HHH] repair.

**dökaa** *v* [LHH] tear; shred.

**dökpürü** *v* [LHH] drag; drag along; lug along, usually with reference to load rather large for person concerned. <"dö" + "kpüö" = drag along>.

**dölaa azü** *v* [LHH LH] retard or impede progress; Lit: drag back.

**döö** *v* [HH] 'pull; draw - *döö eriri* = *pull a string*; <sup>2</sup>tug at; pull at; hence admonish or warn - *döö aka na ntii* = *warn*; Lit: *pull at the ear with hand*; <sup>3</sup>contest - *döö ndö/ndörö* = *be involved in a contest*; Lit: *tug-and-pull*.

**döö** *v* [HH] 'transplant seedlings - *döö nkü* = *transplant palm seedlings*; <sup>2</sup>create a plot of transplanted seedlings. \*See "ödö" = plantation.

**döö azü** *v* [HH HL] fish; collect, gather, or harvest fish; engage in (professional) fishing. var. **köö azü**.

**döörue** *v* [HLLH] sit down; sit awhile. var.

**nōōrue.**

**dörö** *v* [LH] lie (as in a puddle); lie dormant or motionless (e.g. a large water-pot); sit (as in a lump). \*Usage covers a wide area of reference: from standing water and unappetising (or undigested) food to lazy folk.

**duga** *v* [LH] accompany; escort; lead somebody to - *duga ahia* = *accompany or escort to the market*. <“duru” = lead + “gaa” = go, travel to>. var. **duje**.

**duje** *v* [L-H] accompany; escort - *duje ahia* = *accompany or escort to market*. <“duru” = lead + “jee” = go, travel to>. var. **duga**.

**dulaa** *v* [LHH] see somebody home in a formal manner, usually with an accompanying party carrying gifts, etc. - *idula ögö m nwanyi* = *seeing my mother-in-law back to her home*, e.g. after a maternity visit.

**dum** *adv* [HL] all.

**dunye** *v* [LH] <sup>1</sup>send up someone e.g. as representative; send an emissary; send somebody along on one's behalf or authority - *dunye Nwoye* = *send Nwoye (on the mission)*; <sup>2</sup>send someone to accompany another - *dunyere ya mmadü* = *have someone join him (or his delegation)*; <sup>3</sup>send or forward a message or delegation - *dunye ushi* = *send a protest delegation*.

**duo** *v* [LH] escort; guide; lead.

**Duru** *n* [HL] personal name, indicating mastery or expertise in something - *Duru-akü* = *master of wealth*; *Duru-ji* = *master of the yam*. <“di” = master + “uru” = profit; substance>.

**duru** *v* [LH] lead; go with someone to show the way.

**duu** *adv* [LL] calmly and quietly; still.

**duu** *v* [LL] (Owere) sit down; stay; remain

longer.

**duzie** *v* [LHH] direct; lead aright.

**dü** *v* [L] <sup>1</sup>be; exist - *Cukwu dü* = *God is/exists*; <sup>2</sup>*dü mma* = *it is good*; <sup>3</sup>continue to exist; remain - *Ö dü* = *It still exists; it remains; nom: ndü* — existence; life; being. var. **dī**; **rī**.

**düa** *n* [LH] soothe - *düa m olu* = *soothe my voice*. var. **düö**.

**düa** *v* [LH] give advice or counsel - *düa ödü* = *give advice*. var. **düö**.

**dücie** *v* [HHH] mend, sew up, or patch torn fabric or similar material.

**dügbuo** *v* [HHH] pierce to death. <“dü” = pierce + “gbuo” = kill, bring about death of>.

**düö** *v* [LH] give advice or counsel - *düö ödü* = *give advice*. var. **düa**.

**düö** *v* [LH] pierce; stick into; sting; spike or prick.

**düö aka** *v* [HH HH] challenge for fight by (as it were) poking finger in another's face.

**düö akwa** *v* [HH HL] sew or stitch; make garment from cloth. var. **gbaa akwa**; **kwaa akwa**.

**düö isi** *v* [LH HH] swear; take an oath.

**düö n'agha** *v* [LH HH] take or be taken captive in war.

**düö ndö** *v* [LH LH] haggle; contest.

**düö ögwü** *v* [LH HL] have or give an injection.

**düö ubiri** *v* [LH LLL] belch; hiccup.

**düö übö** *v* [LH HL] bear grudge or resentment.

**düpuo** *v* [HHH] pierce open; prick open; make a hole. <“dü” = prick or pierce + “puo” = become open>.

**düpü** *v* [HL] (Obowo) remove - *düpü uwe* = undress; remove dress.

## E

**E alph** [H] '5th letter of Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>half-open unrounded front vowel. \*Pronounced "e" as in English "bet".

**E prn** [H] 'It; passive impersonal construction marker - *E nwere ike* = *It is possible*; <sup>2</sup>I; first person subject marker - *E nwere m ego* = *I have money*.

**e-e** *adv* [H-H] yes.

**E-e** *inter* [L-H] Yes? What?.

**E-woo!** *excl* [LHH] Alas!; Oh!.

**E-wu** *excl* [LH] Oh! - *E-wu ci mü o!* = *Oh my God!*.

**ebe** *n* [HH] bird-shot fired from sling.

**ebe** *n* [HH] 'bail - *Nara ya n'ebe* = *take a person out on bail*; <sup>2</sup>surety - *onye ebe* = *one who stands as surety*; <sup>3</sup>one who testifies on behalf of a party to a suit, or vouches for the statement of another; witness - *ögbara ya aka ebe* = *he gave evidence on his behalf*.

**ebe** *n* [HH] location or place.

**ebe** *n* [HH] 'type of beetle that attacks yams; <sup>2</sup>species of caterpillar.

**ebe** *n* [HH] bet, stake or wager - *maa ebe* = *place a bet*.

**ebe** *n* [HH] strong twig or pole used in holding up yam or other tendrils; staking pole or stick.

**ebe ebe** *adv* [HL-HL] <sup>1</sup>endless, or without end; <sup>2</sup>eternal. *var.* **ebighi ebi**; **ebi ebi**.

**ebe obibi** *n* [HH LHH] settlement; dwelling place or habitation.

**ebee** *inter* [LHH] where?. \*Actually, "ebe e?", "which place?" See "ebe" = "location, place".

**ebele** *n* [LHL] 'compassion, or sympathy; <sup>2</sup>kindness - *obi ebele* = *kindness of heart*; <sup>3</sup>mercy or forgiveness - *mee ebele* = *have mercy; forgive*. *var.* **ebere**.

**ebele** *n* [LLL] gourd; hard-shelled gourd seed which, when processed, is used as wine jar; cup, spoon, saucer, dish plate, etc. (*Lageriana vulgaris*).

**ebele** *n* [LLL] ram; uncastrated male sheep. *var.* **ebunu**; **ebili**; **evule**.

**ebele aka ülö** *n* [LLL HH LL] forked tree

branch used as post to support house framework at corners and centre.

**ebelebe** *n* [HHHH] 'incredible happening; thing of wonder; miracle - *ebelebe gburu* = *incredible things happened*; <sup>2</sup>unfortunate or sad happening; tragedy. *var.* **ebenebe**. \*Used with the verbals "mee" or "gbuo".

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**ebenebe** *n* [HLHH] a tall branchless tree with breadfruit-like pods and seeds like the kola nut; sometimes referred to as the African maple. *var.* **ebelebe** (*Triplochiton scleroxylon*).

**ebere** *n* [LLL] (Owere) <sup>1</sup>compassion; kindness; sympathy - *nwee obi ebele* = *have a heart of kindness* <sup>2</sup>mercy; forgiveness - *mee ebere* = *have mercy*. *var.* **ebele**.

**ebi** *n* [HH] bell or gong.

**ebi** *n* [HL] plant with palm-like midribs and leaves.

**ebi** *n* [HL] porcupine.

**ebi** *n* [HL] (West Igbo) rainstorm; sea-storm; tornado; tempest. *var.* **ebili**.

**ebi** *n* [HL] species of inland fish.

**ebi** *n* [HL] a staff or wand made from roots of üma-tree, used as a warrant of arrest in cases of stolen property or disputed land.

**ebi ebi** *adv* [HL HL] everlasting; forever; infinite. *var.* **ebighi ebi**; **ebe ebe**.

**ebi nta** *n* [HL LL] porcupine.

**ebi olu** *n* [HH HL] large porcupine.

**ebighi ebi** *adv* [HLL HL] everlasting; forever; never-ending. *var.* **ebi ebi**; **ebe ebe**.

**ebili** *n* [HLL] age-grade; age-mate. *var.* **ebiri**.

**ebili** *n* [LLL] tornado; tempest; sea-storm. *var.* **ebi**.

**ebili** *n* [LLL] granary.

**ebili** *n* [LLL] ram; uncastrated male sheep. *var.* **ebele**; **ebunu**; **evule**; **evunu**.

**ebiri** *n* [HLL] (Owere) <sup>1</sup>age-mate; a member of a set composed of children of the kindred born with a specified time-span (usually three years); <sup>2</sup>age-grade; each association or group of age-mates, bound together by a common assumed name, and recognised by the com-

- munity as a unit. var. **ebili**.
- ebiri** *n* [LLL] (Owere) <sup>1</sup>waves; sea waves; <sup>2</sup>trouble - *mee ebiri* = make waves; cause trouble. var. **ebili**.
- eko** *n* [HH] clan; kindred; lineage - *Okposaleho* ... called 'Disperser of a Kindred' (Achebe, *Arrow of God*).
- ebu** *n* [HL] (Abakiliki/Afikpo) <sup>1</sup>song of joy; choral chant; <sup>2</sup>dance, with vocal or choral accompaniment - *ebu mhe* = *tortoise dance, a kind of dance performed during an annual Afikpo festival*. var. **abü**. \*This variant has not taken on the specifically Christian meaning attached to "abü" = hymn; psalm.
- ebu** *n* [LL] mildew; mould - *maa ebu* = gather mildew; become mouldy.
- ebu** *n* [LL] wasp - *isi kote ebu, ö gbaa ya* = the head that stirs up the wasp, gets stung. var. **evu**.
- Ebu** *n* [LL] name of a river goddess - *Ebu mmiri* = *Ebu of the Rivers/Rains*.
- ebu** *n* [LL] tree used in making plates and other eating utensils.
- ebu ünö** *n* [HL HL] black hornet; large variety of wasp.
- ebube** *n* [LLL] thick rising haze; ash or dust (e.g. from burning bush).
- ebube** *n* [LLL] <sup>1</sup>fear; wonder; terror; awe - *ihe ebube* = *a thing of wonder*; *örü ebube* = *a work of wonder* (*Acts 4:16*); <sup>2</sup>aura; fame; glory; numen; halo.
- ebube** *n* [LLL] kind of mushroom.
- ebubele** *n* [HHLL] rim; edge; outer-rim; periphery - *ebubele önü* = lips; Lit: outer rim of mouth. var. **ebubere**; **egbugbele**; **egbugbere**.
- ebubele önü** *n* [HHLL HH] outer rim of mouth; lips. var. **ebubere** (önü); **egbugbele** (önü); **egbugbere** (önü).
- ebubo** *n* [HLH] accusation; slander; false report; accusation or allegation - *boo ebubo* = make a positive allegation; hold somebody responsible for an act. <"boo" = accuse falsely>. var. **ubo**.
- ebubu** *n* [HHH] step or notch cut into tree-trunk as aid in climbing; marks on tree trunk. var. **egbugbu**.
- ebule** *n* [LLL] ram; uncastrated male sheep.
- ebulu** *n* [LLL] ram; uncastrated male sheep. var. **ebule**; **ebunu**.
- ebumbu** *n* [HHHH] garbage; trash; grass/leaf waste; refuse. <Efik: "ebumbu" = refuse>. var. **mbumbu**.
- ebunu** *n* [LLL] ram; uncastrated male sheep. var. **ebele**; **ebili**; **evule**.
- ebutu** *n* [HHH] kind of insect.
- eci** *n* [HH] <sup>1</sup>tomorrow - *bia eci* = come tomorrow; *eci na-abia ahia* = the day that is to come; *eci öbülü izu/eci ökö izu* = a week tomorrow; <sup>2</sup>yesterday - *ö biara eci* = he came yesterday; *eci gara aga* = the day that has just gone by. var. **ünyaa**; **ünyahü**.
- eci öbülü izu** *n* [HH HHH HL] week tomorrow. var. **eci ökö izu**.
- eci ökö izu** *n* [HH HH HL] week tomorrow. var. **eci öbülü izu**.
- ecice** *n* [HLL] thought; reflection; idea.
- ecici** *n* [HHH] apparition; transformation; magical change. var. **eriri**.
- ecici** *n* [HHH] <sup>1</sup>ordination; installation; <sup>2</sup>adornment (esp. of the body), costumes, and dress associated with coronation, ordination, etc; <"cie" = ordain>.
- eciri** *n* [LLL] he-goat; male, often bearded, goat. var. **ekiri**; **okili**.
- ede** *n* [HH] middle of; centre of - *n'ede üzö* = by the road; Lit: in the middle of the road.
- ede** *n* [HH] post; pillar. var. **ide**.
- ede** *n* [HL] cocoyam. \*\*"the name 'eddes' or 'eddas' is African, probably from the Ibo vernacular" J. M. Dalziel, *Useful Plants of W.A.*, p. 481.
- ede** *n* [HL] generic name for the cocoyam (of which there are many species), a large-leaved plant with underground tubers (*Colocasia esculenta*).
- ede** *n* [LL] small cup with screwed-on cap used to hold tobacco snuff - *ede anwürü* = tobacco cup.
- ede ala** *n* [HH LL] decorative work on the body with a series of raised marks made with a pinching instrument.
- ede ala** *n* [HL LL] ornamental plant with blue flowers and a single-stalk broad leaf; the juice from the corm of this plant is used to produce black body paint (*Cynastrum cordifolium*).
- ede arö** *n* [HL HL] (Owere) species of the cocoyam. var. **ede bekee** (*Xanthosoma sagittifolium*). \*Also known as "akasi".
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**var. ede arö** (*Xanthosoma sagittifolium*). \*Also known as "akasi".

**ede ci** *n* [HL H] variety of cocoyam-like lily, with large pure white flowers and coated bulb; also known as "ede mmüö", "ede öbasi" and "ede cukwu", or the cocoyam of the spirits. *var.* **ede mmüö**; **ede cukwu**; **ede öbasi** (*Crinum giganteum*).

**ede cukwu** *n* [HL H] variety of cocoyam-like lily. *var.* **ede ci**; **ede mmüö**; **ede öbasi** (*Crinum giganteum*).

**ede eko** *n* [HL HL] variety of cocoyam.

**ede ele** *n* [HH HH] (Önica) companion; mate. *var.* **adí ele**; **adiele**.

**ede ji** *n* [HL H] species of cocoyam (*Colocasia esculentum*).

**ede mmüö** *n* [HL H] variety of cocoyam-like lily, with large pure white flowers and coated bulb; also known as "ede öbasi", "ede cukwu" and "ede ci", or the cocoyam of the spirits. *var.* **ede ci**; **ede cukwu**; **ede öbasi** (*Crinum giganteum*).

**ede öba** *n* [HL HH] main variety of cocoyam, or woman's yam; *Lit:* the cocoyam for the barn.

**ede öbasi** *n* [HL H] variety of cocoyam-like lily, with large pure white flowers and coated bulb; also known as "ede mmüö", "ede cukwu" and "ede ci", or the cocoyam of the spirits. *var.* **ede ci**; **ede cukwu**; **ede mmüö** (*Crinum giganteum*).

**ede üzö** *n* [HH HL] road-side; centre of the road - *n'ede üzö = right on the road; by the roadside.*

**egege** *n* [LLL] (Bende) many.

**edeke** *n* [HHH] blood.

**edekere** *n* [HHHH] spinning top made from improvised snail shells, used by children in a variety of games.

**ederi** *n* [HHH] candle stick made from chaff of palm nuts rolled in thick oil, and dried in the sun.

**edi** *n* [HH] large variety of the hare; rabbit.

**edibo** *n* [LLL] associate or henchman; trusted servant. \*See "odibo" = associate.

**edide** *n* [HLH] poisonous substance that caps arrow tips used in hunting.

**edide** *n* [HLL] (West Igbo) mark.

**edo** *n* [LL] 'colour of gold; yellow - öla edo = ring of gold; golden ring; <sup>2</sup>woodstain, the

colour of yellow ochre.

**edo** *n* [LL] small plant that grows from root-stem; yellow crocus.

**eduka** *n* [HHL] (Ösömari) leopard.

**efe** *adj* [HL] easy; light; with relative ease. *var.* **mfe**.

**efe** *n* [HL] opportunity; chance; scope.

**efe** *n* [LL] cloth; dress; garment - *yiri efe = put on clothes*; *efe öriü = work clothes*; *efe mkpe = widow's mourning dress*. *var.* **afe**. \*See "uve" = dress.

**efe isi** *n* [LL HH] head-dress. *var.* **afe isi**.

**efelege** *adj* [LHL] easy; light; with relative ease. *var.* **efe**.

**efelege** *n* [LHH] (Önica) dish; plate; serving plate. *var.* **afere**; **efere**.

**efenja** *n* [LLLH] smoking pipe; pipe.

**efere** *n* [HHH] (Owere) dish; plate; serving plate; modern crockery. *var.* **afere**; **efelege**.

**efere ukwu** *n* [LHH HH] washing bowl; laver.

**esi** *n* [HH] (Önica) cow; bull. *var.* **ehi**.

**esi** *n* [LL] mudfish; kind of fish, shaped like a pestle, and found in muddy or sedimentary streams. *var.* **eri**; **esi**; **eshi**.

**efi obu** *n* [HL LL] pneumonia; inflammation of the lungs, accompanied by high fever ("oke oyi").

**efie** *n* [HLL] 'dysentery; condition producing mucus or blood in the stool; mild form of cholera; <sup>2</sup>syphilis. \*See "afö öbara" = dysentery.

**efie** *n* [HLL] 'foolishness; <sup>2</sup>fool; joker - *mee efie/mee efio = play the fool; behave like a fool*. *var.* **efio**.

**efifie** *n* [LHLL] mid-afternoon; high noon; daylight time. *var.* **ehihie**.

**efio** *n* [HLL] 'foolishness; <sup>2</sup>fool; joker - *mee efio/mee efie = play the fool; behave like a fool*. *var.* **efie**.

**efu** *n* [HL] negative value; loss - *n'efu = in vain, Lit: without profit; to no advantage*.

**efu** *n* [HL] kind of spice used in making soap.

**efu** *n* [LL] mould; mildew. *var.* **ebu**.

**efulefu** *n* [LLHL] fool; dunce; wastrel.

**efulu** *n* [HLH] (Öka) seed of a plant used as spice in food preparation; the plant itself. *var.* **ehiri**; **ehuru** (*Monodora myristica*).

**ege** *n* [HH] a particular style or move in traditional wrestling, by digging one heel behind the opponent so as to pitch him back-

- ward, a move usually difficult to evade - *tüö*  
*ege* = make this particular wrestling move.  
 var. *nge*.
- ege** *n* [LL] a kind of grass with very sharp, blade-like edges.
- egede** *n* [HLL] 'mid-toned wooden slit-drum; <sup>2</sup>type of dance performed to the accompaniment of the "egede" drum. \*See "abia" and "ufie".
- egedege iru** *n* [HHHH HH] forehead.
- egedege ükwü** *n* [HLLL HH] shin, front of leg below the knee. \*See "ike ükwü" = shin.
- egero** *n* (Afikpo) female guardian spirit. \*See "üwa" = male guardian spirit.
- ego** *n* [HH] <sup>1</sup>money; currency; <sup>2</sup>coin; cowry.
- ego aka** *n* [HH HH] bracelet made from cowries, and strung together with light thread.
- ego ayö** *n* [HH LL] small cowries. var. *ego ayörö*.
- ego ayörö** *n* [HH LLL] small cowries. var. *ego ayö*.
- ego kürüküri** *n* [HH HHHH] cowries; coins; small change.
- egu** *n* [HH] 'song; dance; <sup>2</sup>organised games. var. *egwu*.
- egu** *n* [HL] <sup>1</sup>angled wooden handle for a hoe; often used to refer to the entire hoe, including the metal blade; <sup>2</sup>type of hoe commonly used by women. var. *ögü*.
- egu** *n* [LH] caterpillar; cankerworm.
- egu mmöö** *n* [HH LHH] (Asaba) pawpaw; papaya; edible plant with milky sap and juicy fruit shaped like a giant okra (*Carica papaya*)
- egugo** *n* [HHH] dream; vision; apparition.
- eguru** *n* [HLL] rheumatism; swelling of joints.
- egurugu** *n* [HLLL] 'rainbow; halo; <sup>1</sup>sacred python, with its head in the sky and its tail in the sea, as recounted in myth and folktale. var. *egwurugwu*; *egwulugwu*; *ogwulugwu*.
- egusi** *n* [LHH] (loan) melon; melon seed used in food preparation. <Yor.: "egusi" = melon>. var. *egwusi* (*Citrullus vulgaris*; *Citrullus lanatus*). \*See "elili".
- egbe** *n* [HH] kite; used loosely for a wide variety of predatory birds, including hawks.
- egbe** *n* [HH] edge of roof.
- egbe** *n* [HL] gun; rifle; shot-gun.
- egbe** *n* [LL] garden egg.
- egbe abali** *n* [HH LLL] night-hawk - *enyi*
- nnünü na egbe abali** = the ostrich and the nighthawk (Lev. 11:16).
- egbe cam** *n* [HLHL] dane gun; blunderbuss; gun prepared for firing by having its large bore filled and stuffed tight with powder.
- egbe igwe** *n* [HL HH] thunder; Lit: cannon of the sky.
- egbe ndü** *n* [HL HL] cannon.
- egbeje** *n* [HHH] shield woven from long straw. var. *ekpeke*.
- egbele** *n* [HLL] (Afikpo) 'masquerade or spirit; <sup>2</sup>association limited to persons initiated or servicing a masked spirit or masquerade.
- egbene** *n* [HLL] (Öka) 'young cock that has yet to crow; <sup>2</sup>cock's feather. var. *ugbene*; *ugbe*.
- egbere** *n* [LLL] edge; rim; bank of river. var. *ekpelü*; *ekpere*.
- egbere ögü** *n* [HHH HL] hoe, shaped like a crook, used by women for close weeding of farm.
- egbere önü** *n* [HLL HH] lip; Lit: rim of the mouth. var. *egbiligbe önü*.
- egbili** *n* [LLL] species of fish.
- egbiligbe önü** *n* [HLL HH] lip; Lit: rim of the mouth. var. *egbere önü*.
- egbo** *n* [HH] (West Igbo) trench; ditch. var. *ogwugwu*.
- egbo mmiri** *n* [LL HHH] rainbow.
- egbu** *n* [HH] tree with quality softwood used for carved "özö" (or chieftaincy) stools, and household utensils, as well as masks (*Alstonia congensis*). \*Same tree from which the Yoruba stringed musical instrument with flat sound box, "asologun", is made.
- egbu örä** *n* [HH] same as "egbu", a resinous tree with quality carver's softwood (*Alstonia congensis*).
- egbugbele** *n* [HHLL] outer rim; edge. var. *egbugbere*.
- egbugbere** *n* [HHLL] outer rim; edge. var. *egbugbele*.
- egbugbu** *n* [HHH] axe; axe with very short handle. var. *egbugbo*.
- egbugbu** *n* [HHH] 'step or notch cut into tree-trunk as aid in climbing; marks on tree trunk; generally, notches on tree trunk even when not used for climbing; <sup>2</sup>tattoo.
- egburu aja** *n* [HLL HH] shrine.
- eghu** *n* [HH] 'goat; <sup>2</sup>(figuratively) dumb-head;

- idiot. var. **ewu**.
- eghu anya öbara** *n* [HH HH LLL] black cobra, a very poisonous snake; *Lit:* goat with the blood-shot eyes (*Naja melanoleuca Hall*). \*See "ubi" and "agwö eghu".
- egwe** *n* [HH] fish-hook.
- egwe** *n* [HH] (Owere) tax or levy; compulsory tribute - *gbaa egwe* = *pay, or impose, tax or tribute*. var. **ewu**.
- egwe** *n* [LL] (Öka) compound wall; fence; barrier; obstacle.
- egwele** *n* [LHL] sparrow - *Adighi' ere egwele ise na penny abüa?* = Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? (Lk. 12:6). var. **egwulu**.
- egwerekwe anwürü** *n* [LLLH HLL] ground tobacco; snuff; tobacco.
- egwo** *n* [LL] bundle of herbs associated with certain ritual offerings.
- egwu** *n* [HH] dance; song - *gbaa egwu/tee egwu* = *dance; güö egwu* = *sing-song accompanying a dance - play; game playing*. <*gwuo egwu* = *play; frolic; mee ihe egwu* = *act or mime*>.
- egwu** *n* [HL] 'grave fear; state of fright; awe; dread; terror - *tüö egwu* = *have or cause grave fear; egwu were jide ya* = *he was terrified; danger; source of danger - egwu dikwa n'obodo* = *there is danger in the country*. var. **ewu**. \*cf. "üjö" = fear or a less serious kind.
- egwu öta** *n* [HH HL] kind of funeral dance.
- egwugwu** *n* [HHH] mask, or masquerade of ancestral spirit. <Yor. "egungun" = masquerade>.
- egwugwu** *n* [HLL] rainbow; halo. var. **egwurugwu**.
- egwulu** *n* [LHL] sparrow. var. **egwele**. \* See "egwele" = sparrow.
- egwulu** *n* [LLL] giddiness.
- egwulugwu** *n* [HLLL] 'rainbow; halo; <sup>2</sup>sacred python, with its head in the sky and its tail in the sea, as recounted in myth and folktale. var. **egurugu**; **egwurugwu**; **ogwulugwu**.
- egwuru egwu** *n* [HLL HH] 'playfulness; light banter - *oge egwuru egwu* = *time for play; sports festival; festival of games; organised playfulness*.
- egwurugwu** *n* [HLLL] 'rainbow; halo; <sup>2</sup>sacred python, with its head in the sky and its tail in the sea, as recounted in myth and folktale. var. **egurugu**; **egwulugwu**; **ogwulugwu**.
- egwusi** *n* [LHH] melon; melon seed used in paint preparation. var. **egusi**.
- Eha!** excl [LH] Amen!; So be it! Response, by way of assent, by the congregation to prayer, or in invocation by officiating priest. \*See "Ise!" = Amen.
- ehe** *n* [HL] opportunity; time; chance. var. **efe**.
- ehere** *n* [HLL] expanse of water.
- ehi** *adv* [LL] when; at that time - *ehi anyi gbara ösö ögü* = *at the time we became war refugees; Lit: when we did the war-flight*.
- ehi** *n* [HH] 'cow; bull; <sup>2</sup>ox - *otobo ... na-ata ahii'a dika ehi* = *the behemoth that eats grass like an ox* (Job 40:15). var. **efi**; **eshu**; **eshi**.
- ehie** *n* [HLL] fibroids; abnormal growth in the uterus and abdomen.
- ehihi** *n* [HHH] boil; swelling; pus-filled swelling on the skin. var. **evivi**. \*See "etuto" = boil.
- ehihi** *n* [HLL] transformation.
- ehihi** *n* [HLL] omen; prognosis.
- ehihie** *n* [LHLL] afternoon; daytime; noon. var. **efifie**.
- ehiri** *n* [HLL] (Owere) seed of a plant used as spice in food preparation; the plant itself. var. **ehuru**; **efulu** (*Monodora myristica*).
- ehiri** *n* [HLL] pond; wide shallow ditch holding stagnant body of rain water for communal use.
- ehirimehi** *adv* [LLLHL] round; circular; rounded.
- ehu** *n* [LH] (West Igbo) body. var. **eshu**; **ahü**.
- ehuhu** *n* [HHH] ant; insect; maggot. var. **ahühü**; **esusu**; **arürü**.
- ehuru** *n* [HHH] face; front - *ehuru m* = *my face; ehuru ülö* = *front of house; frontage*. var. **ezuru**; **ihuru**.
- ehuru** *n* [HLL] seed of the ehuru plant; used as a spice in food preparation. var. **ehiri**.
- eji** *n* [HL] species of snail. var. **eju**; **ejuna**; **nina**.
- ejije** *n* [HLH] imitation; mimicry - *ð na-ejeka ejije* = *she is fond of mimicking people*.
- ejiji** *n* [HHH] 'attire; dress; costume; 'red bead, used as dress ornament; *Lit:* suiting up.
- ejiji** *n* [LLL] rainbow.
- ejima** *n* [LLH] (loan) twin.
- ejimba** *n* [LLHL] pincers; scissors. \*See "mkpa" = pincers; scissors.
- ejina** *n* [HLL] snail. var. **ejii**; **ejuna**; **njina**; **njuna**.

- ejo** *n* [HL] species of fish.
- eju** *n* [HL] snail. var. **ejuna; njina; ejí**.
- eju** *n* [HL] usable pieces of broken clay pottery; potsherd.
- ejuna** *n* [HLL] snail. var. **eji; eju; ejuna; njina; njuna**.
- eka** *n* [HH] (Afikpo) hand; finger. var. **aka**.
- eka** *n* [HL] place; place where - *O jere eka aha = she went to that place; Eka o jere adighiianya = He went to a place not far away*. var. **aka**.
- eka** *n* [LL] wealth; prosperity. var. **akü**.
- eke** *n* [HH] python, held sacred in most Igbo communities (*Python regius*).
- eke** *n* [HL] gizzard. var. **eko**.
- eke** *n* [HL] fate, fortune or destiny either by choice or by chance.
- Eke** *n* [HL] 'the deity that allots fate, otherwise known as the creator God - *Eke ji üba = Wealth is in the hands of Eke; Ekeci (or Eke kere Ci) = Eke who created "Ci"; ^creator - otu nne na-amii, ma öbüghii otu ci na-eke = children may be born by the same mother, but each is created by a different Ci. <“kee” = divide, partition>*.
- Eke** *n* [LH] 'first day of the 4-day Igbo week; ^market that holds on Eke day; ^Used as personal name. \*Eke ukwu/Nne Eke = main Eke market/day; Eke nta/Obele Eke = minor Eke market/day.
- eke ci** *n* [HL H] destiny; fate; *Lit:* lot assigned from "Ci", that is fate determined from birth.
- eke na egwurugwu** *n* [HH L LLLL] 'rainbow; ^rain clouds - *eke na egwurugwu = rainbow; Lit: python and rain clouds, figures in Igbo iconology*. var. **eke na ogulugu; eke na ogwulugwu**.
- eke ögba** *n* [HH LL] boa constrictor; python.
- eke ukwu** *n* [HH HH] boa constrictor.
- eke ülö** *n* [HH HL] species of bird.
- ekele** *n* [LLH] 'greeting; salutation; ^thanks - *nye ekele = give thanks; kelee ekele = give thanks*. var. **ekene**.
- ekeleke** *n* [HLHH] rainbow.
- ekeleke** *n* [HLHH] stilts; stilt-dance.
- ekelekpo** *n* kind of animal.
- ekelesu** *adj* (Önica) level; straight; just.
- ekene** *n* [LLH] 'greeting; salutation; ^thanks - *nye ekene = give thanks; keneekene = give thanks*. var. **ekele**.
- ekeneke** *n* [HLHH] stilts; stilt-dancing.
- ekere** *n* [HHL] musical instrument.
- ekere mgba** *n* [HHL LL] wrestling music; musical instrument.
- ekete** *n* [LLL] large (often oblong) basket - *ekete nri = food basket; ekete ahia = basket for going to market*. var. **nkata**. \*See "mkpo" = food basket.
- ekete** *n* [LLL] kind of clay.
- ekete** *n* [LLL] waist-garment.
- ekete anwü** *n* [LLL HH] bee-hive; honey-comb.
- ekete nri** *n* [LLL HH] food basket or dish.
- eketeke** *n* [HLHH] low-grade palm-oil.
- ekike** *n* [HHH] 'attire; dress; ^dress for special occasion; fashion or dress style; costume. var. **ejiji**.
- ekike** *n* [HHH] kind of talisman worn by children to ward off disease or evil spirits. <"kee" = bind; tie>. var. **okike**.
- ekiki** *n* [HLL] rim; corner.
- ekiko** *n* [HLL] rust.
- ekili** *n* [LLL] meteor.
- ekiri** *n* [LLL] castrated he-goat. var. **eciri; ociri; okili**.
- eko** *n* [HL] a kind of grass, tied in a knot at the centre of the pole spanning the posts at the entrance to an Amadioha shrine, as part of a ritual.
- eko** *n* [HL] gizzard. var. **eke**.
- eko** *n* [HL] 'bellows, usually made of goat or sheep skin; ^voice box; larynx - *eko akpiri = voice box; Adam's apple*.
- eko** *n* [HL] 'blister or sore; ^penis sore.
- eko** *n* [HL] lily.
- eko akpiri** *n* [HL HHH] Adam's apple; voice box; larynx.
- eko iyí** *n* [HL HH] water lily.
- ekomeko** *n* [LLHL] sweet potato.
- eku** *n* [HH] long spoon or ladle.
- ekulu** *n* [LLL] pigeon.
- ekulu mmili** *n* [LLL HHH] plover; long-winged seabird.
- ekulu öfia** *n* [LLL HHH] wild pigeon.
- ekpe** *adv* [LL] when; time when - *ekpe nwa ji tiwaa ite = when the child broke the pot*. \*See "mgbe" = when.
- ekpe** *n* [HH] widow; widower.
- ekpe** *n* [HH] 'will; death-bed wishes; ^desperate plea, usually for life, or something equally

important - <i>kee ekpe</i> = make a desperate plea.	ekpo n [HH] (loan) mask; masquerade. *cf. "ekpe" = masquerade.
<b>ekpe</b> n [HL] wall, 3-4 feet high, with lookout holes, used as defences in war; sometimes called "mgbidi agha".	<b>ekpo</b> n [LL] time period; ages; generations - <i>ekpo nine</i> = (through) all ages; every period of time.
<b>ekpe</b> n [HL] 'kind of masquerade; a festival of masquerades, thought to have originated in the Efik/Ibibio culture area; <sup>2</sup> a secret society, or male fraternity responsible for the "ekpe" masquerade. <Efik: <i>ekpe</i> = mask>.	<b>ekpulekpu</b> n body swelling; enlargement in groin.
<b>ekpeci</b> n [LLL] yaws. var. <b>ekpecu</b> . *See also "öküma" = yaws.	<b>ekwe</b> n [HH] small slit wooden drum; wooden gong.
<b>ekpecu</b> n [LLL] yaws. var. <b>ekpeci</b> . *See also "öküma" = yaws.	<b>ekwe</b> n [HH] upright stack for storing yams.
<b>ekpeke</b> n [HHH] a large animal of the duiker family, though smaller than "mgbada". *See "mgbada" and "akpara".	<b>ekwe</b> n [HH] thicket or wooded area near river or stream.
<b>ekpeke</b> n [LLL] kind of shield made from straw.	<b>ekwe</b> n [HL] light-weight and portable stool carved from iroko tree - <i>ekwe özö</i> = "özö" (or chieftaincy) stool.
<b>ekpekele</b> n [HHHH] gourd used to hold and serve food, especially foofoo ("ütara"). var. <b>ekpekere</b> ; ökpökörö.	<b>ekwe</b> n [HL] neck; back of the skull close to the neck; occiput; area of the neck surrounding the spine. var. <b>ekwo</b> .
<b>ekpekere</b> n [HHHH] gourd used to hold and serve food, especially foofoo ("ütara"). var. <b>ekekere</b> ; ökpökörö.	<b>ekwe</b> n [LL] cane; whip.
<b>ekpele</b> n [LHH] <sup>1</sup> prayer; plea; <sup>2</sup> complaint or report against someone, with expectations of action, redress, or sanction. var. <b>ekpere</b> .	<b>ekwensu</b> n [HHHH] 'trickster spirit; spirit of confusion; figures of this spirit are displayed in many Ngwa festivals; <sup>2</sup> kind of ritual dance in celebration of "Ekwensu", god of mischief; <sup>3</sup> evil spirit; devil; satan - <i>onye a-nakpö Ekwensu na Satan</i> = who is called the Devil and Satan (Rev. 12:9).
<b>ekpelima</b> n [HHLH] (loan) burglar; robber; one who steals from farms. var. <b>akpirima</b> ; <b>ekperima</b> .	<b>ekwere</b> n [HHH] traditional loom; stand and other equipment for weaving cloth.
<b>ekpelü</b> n [LLL] edge; rim; bank of river. var. <b>egbere</b> ; <b>ekpere</b> .	<b>ekwere</b> n [HHL] 'string; twine; rope; <sup>2</sup> rope or twine made from the underside of raffia or palm frond when not fully dry.
<b>ekpem</b> n [LLL] (loan) bottle. *See "irom" = and "Akarama". <Efik: "ekpeme" = bottle>.	<b>ekwerekwe</b> n [LHHH] conspiracy or secret agreement; plot.
<b>ekpenta</b> n [LLHH] leprosy - <i>ihe otiti ekpenta</i> = leprous disease. var. <b>ikpenta</b> .	<b>ekwili</b> n [LLL] lepers; group of lepers.
<b>ekpere</b> n [LHH] complaint or report against someone, with expectations of action, redress, or sanction. var. <b>ekpere</b> .	<b>ekwo</b> n [HL] neck; back of the skull close to the neck; occiput; area of the neck surrounding the spine. var. <b>ekwe</b> .
<b>ekpere</b> n [LLL] edge; rim; bank of river. var. <b>ekpelü</b> ; <b>egbere</b> .	<b>ekwo</b> n [LL] supporting pole for holding up climbing plants - <i>kwoo ekwo</i> = stake climbing plant.
<b>ekperima</b> n [HHLH] burglar; robber; one who steals of pilfers from the farm. var. <b>akpirima</b> ; <b>ekpelima</b> .	<b>ekwo ume</b> n [HL HH] stern of boat.
<b>ekpete</b> n [HLL] six units of cowries.	<b>ekwo ülö</b> n [HH HL] main gate; entrance door. var. <b>ekwu-ülö</b> .
<b>ekpete</b> n [LLL] drum made from animal hides.	<b>ekwolo</b> n [LLL] jealousy; envy. var. <b>ekworo</b> ; <b>ekwölö</b> .
<b>ekpili</b> n [LLL] rattles; a musical instrument. var. <b>ekpiri</b> .	<b>ekworo</b> n [LLL] jealousy; envy. var. <b>ekwolo</b> ; <b>ekwölö</b> .
<b>ekpiri</b> n [LLL] rattles; a musical instrument. var. <b>ekpili</b> .	<b>Ekwu</b> n [HH] name of a title in Öka, also known as "özö ünö".
	<b>ekwu</b> n [HL] hearth, usually moulded with an

opening for firewood - *nörö n'ekwu ahü dí n'ebé icü-aja* = shall be on the hearth upon the altar (Lev. 6:9); *ekwu igwe* = metal cooking stand.

**ekwu öka** *n* [HH LL] kind of anthill.

**ekwu ülö** *n* [HH HL] main gate; entrance door. var. **ekwo-ülö**.

**ekwurekwu** *n* [HLHL] (Owere) talkative person. var. **ekwulu-ekwu**.

**ekwuru** *n* [LH] beautiful singing bird, larger than the hawk; probably the wood-pecker.

**ekwuru ülö** *n* [LLL HL] peacock - *enwe na ekwuru ülö* = apes and peacocks (1 Kin. 10:22).

**ele** *adv* [LL] (Bende) as; so; like. var. **elege**.

**ele** *n* [HH] antelope; buck; deer. var. **ene**.

**ele** *n* [HH] toddler; child learning to stand or walk.

**ele aghü** *adv* [LL HL] (Öka) like; similar to. var. **elegh**.

**ele mmiri** *n* [HH HHH] river antelope; its tusk is used in special rituals, especially of Amadiöha. var. **ele mmili**.

**elege** *adv* [LLL] (Bende) as; so; like. var. **ele**; **elegh**.

**eleghé** *adv* [LLL] (Bende) like; similar to; as. var. **elege**; **ele-agħü**.

**eleke** *n* [HHL] swallow - *dí ka eleke* = like a swallow" (Is. 38:14). var. **eneke**.

**eleke ntí öba** *n* [HHH HL HH] swallow; the bird that learnt to fly without perching when men learnt to shoot without missing; sometimes mis-labelled "sparrow" (Ps. 84:3). var. **eneke ntí öba**. \*The name, properly, should be "ene eke" (HH HH).

**elekere** *n* [HHHH] clock; hour; time o'clock - *elekere ise* = five o'clock; five hours; *kedu ihe elekere nö* = what time is it on the clock?

**elele** *excl* [LLL] (Öhafia) an exclamatory statement, indicating "Here is/are!" - *Elele nde ji okwu* = Here are those to determine the matter.

**elele** *n* [LLL] (Önica) delicacy of bean meal, mixed with oil and other spices, and steamed to a stable consistency in a wrap of select leaves; very much like the "moi moi". var. **alele**.

**elele** *n* [LLL] 'value or profit - *kedu elele ya* = what is its value or the profit it?; <sup>2</sup>efficacy - *ö dí elele* = it was efficacious. var. **erere**.

**elem** *n* [LHH] fish-fry; small, silver-scaled variety of fish that moves in shoals.

**eli** *n* [HL] height; surface; top. var. **elu**; **enu**. **eligele** *n* species of tree.

**elighili** *n* [HLLL] electric eel; snake-like fish that shocks when touched. var. **elighelu**; **elili**. \*Also called "ndudu".

**elili** *n* [HHH] rope; string; twine or thread; thread. var. **eri**; **eriri**.

**elili** *n* [LH] melon seed. var. **eliri**; **enini**.

**elili** *n* [HL] electric eel; snake-like fish that shocks when touched. var. **elighili**; **elughelu**.

**eliri** *n* [HLH] melon seed. var. **elili**; **enini**.

**elo** *n* [HH] mushroom, the edible fungus. var. **elue**; **ero**.

**elo** *n* [HL] thought; advice; due consideration; scheme or plan - *loo elo give thought (to a matter); think a matter over*.

**elo** *n* [LL] knot.

**elo** *n* [LL] venom or gall.

**elo** *n* [LL] over-fried palm oil.

**elu** *n* [HH] (West Igbo) sponge; sponge made from palm frond; called "ncīca" when used to wash plates. var. **alü**.

**elu** *n* [HL] height; surface; top. var. **eli**; **enu**.

**elu-igwe** *n* [HL-HH] 'heaven - *Elu-igwe ga abü ügwö* = Heaven will be the reward; <sup>2</sup>sky. <*elu*> = top of; above + "*igwe*" = sky>. var. **enu-igwe**.

**elue** *n* [HHH] (Ösömari) mushroom. var. **elo**.

**elughelu** *n* [HHHL] electric eel; a kind of fish that gives electric shock. var. **elili**.

**elughelu** *n* [HLH] soldier-ant; driver-ant. var. **elulu**; **eruru**; **iruru**.

**elulu** *n* [HLH] soldier-ant; driver-ant. var. **eruru**; **iruru**; **elughelu**.

**emii** *n* [HHL] whale - *anü emii* = whale meat, said to be very tasty.

**emo** *n* [HL] 'rebuke; reproach; chastisement; <sup>2</sup>blackmail - *muo emo* = blackmail; <sup>3</sup>mockery - *kwaa emo* = mock. var. **emu**.

**emu** *n* [HL] 'rebuke; reproach; chastisement; <sup>2</sup>blackmail - *muo emu* = blackmail; <sup>3</sup>mockery - *kwaa emu* = mock. var. **emo**.

**emume** *n* [HHH] celebration; festival; festivity; ceremony. var. **mmemme**.

**ene** *n* [HH] antelope; buck; deer. var. **ele**.

**eneke** *n* [HHH] swallow; the bird that learnt to fly without perching when men learnt to shoot without missing; sometimes mis-la-

belled "sparrow" (Ps. 84:3). \*See "eneke ntí öba" = swallow.

**eneke ntí öba** *n* [HHH HH HH] swallow; the bird that learnt to fly without perching when men learnt to shoot without missing; sometimes mis-labelled "sparrow" (Ps. 84:3). *var.* **eneke; eleke-ntí-öba**. \*The name, properly, should be "ene eke" (HH HH).

**enete** *n* [HHH] 'outer room of house; guest or visitor's reception area; <sup>2</sup>(short for "nwa enete") child born to a daughter of the family before marriage and claimed by her family; child born out of wedlock; *Lit:* verandah child; bastard. *var.* **aneta**.

**enini** *n* [HLH] melon seed. *var.* **elili; eliri**.

**enu** *n* [HH] height; surface; top of. *var.* **eli; elu**.

**enu aní** *n* [HH LL] hinterland; up country.

**enu azi** *n* [HH HL] new generation; modernity.

**enu-igwe** *n* [HL-HH] 'heaven; <sup>2</sup>sky. <"enu" = top of; above + "igwe" = sky>. *var.* **elu-igwe**.

**enunu** *n* [HLH] cattle; animal.

**enwe** *n* [LL] monkey. *var.* **enwo**. \*Translated as "ape" in 2 Chr. 9:21: "enwe na ekuru-ülö" = apes and peacocks.

**enwo** *n* [LL] monkey. *var.* **enwe**.

**enwo öka** *n* [LL HL] cornhusk.

**enwu** *n* [HL] bee. *var.* **anwü**.

**enyi** *n* [HH] elephant.

**enyi** *n* [HL] 'friend; close friend; <sup>2</sup>lover - *enyi nwanyi* = lady friend.

**enyi** *n* [LL] disease manifesting in the itching of vulva; associated with pregnancy.

**enyi nnünü** *n* [HH HLL] ostrich; large bird that runs, never flies; *Lit:* elephant bird - *enyi nnünü na egbe abali* = the ostrich and the nighthawk (Lev. 11:16).

**enyi otu** *n* [HL HL] comrade or associate; fellow; special friend or colleague.

**enyo** *n* [LL] mirror; looking-glass. *var.* **nnyo**. \*See "ugegbe".

**enyo anya** *n* [LL HH] (Owere) spectacles; reading glasses. *var.* **ugegbe anya**.

**enyunyo** *n* [HLH] shadow; reflection. *var.* **inyunyo; inyogo**.

**epe** *n* [HH] axe.

**epe** *n* [HH] forest or bush; grove - *epe agbara* = bush dedicated to deities; shrine or sacred

grove.

**epe** *n* [HL] orange tree or fruit (*Citrus spp.*).

**epe nkürisi** *n* [HL HHHH] 'a variety of the orange; <sup>2</sup>lime tree or lime fruit.

**epekele** *n* [HHHH] shard; bits and pieces of broken pottery, etc. *var.* **mpekele; mpekere; epekere**.

**epekere** *n* [HHHH] shard; bits and pieces of broken pottery, etc.. *var.* **mpekele; mpekere; epekere**.

**epete** *n* [HLL] variety of toad.

**ere** *n* [HH] abdomen; belly; stomach.

**erere** *n* [LLL] 'value or profit - *kedu erere ya* = what is its value or the profit on it?; <sup>2</sup>efficacy - *ö di erere* = it was efficacious. *var.* **elele**.

**eri** *conj* [LL] ever since; since - *eri afö* = for over a year now; since (last) year; *eri ökpü* = from time immemorial.

**eri** *n* [LL] mudfish; kind of fish, shaped like a pestle, and found in muddy or sedimentary streams. *var.* **efi; esi; eshi**.

**eri** *n* [LL] latex from the bark of a tree that serves as snare gum - *onya eri* = bird trap: trap of sticky latex gum used to trap birds.

**eri ökpü** *adv* [LL HL] from time immemorial; since the genesis of man.

**erima** *n* [HHH] bond of brotherhood.

**erimeri** *n* [LHHH] 'meal; abundant supply of food; feast; feasting; <sup>2</sup>bribe; gratification - *ego erimeri* = money for food, given as bribe.

**erimodo** *n* [LHHH] (Önica) grasshopper. *var.* **esimodo**.

**eriri** *n* [HHH] thread; rope; string. *var.* **elili**.

**eriri** *n* [HHH] 'net (e.g. fishing); twine; line; narrow strip of cloth used as belt or strap net; <sup>2</sup>thread; rope or string; <sup>3</sup>(idiomatic) snake; expression used to interrupt a speaker by raising a false snake alert - *Leele eriri! Look, a snake!*. *var.* **elili**.

**eriri** *n* [HLL] apparition; transformation; magical change. *var.* **ecici**.

**eriri afö** *n* [HHH HH] intestines; entrails. <"eriri" = rope + "afö" = stomach>.

**eriri nwa** *n* [HHH LL] umbilical chord; umbilicus. *var.* **elili nwa**.

**erisi** *n* [HLL] an idol or fetish; a carved representation of the idol or spirit. *var.* **arüsí; arü nsí; alüsí**.

**ero** *n* [HL] mushroom; fungus. *var.* **elo**.

- ero** *n* [LL] (Önica) rope or chord; twine - *iro*  
*ero ma ö bü igbu onwe ya = hang or kill oneself.*
- eru** *n* [LL] (Ölü) the crown on a fowl's head.  
*var. arö.*
- eru** *n* [LL] type of snake.
- Eru** *n* [LL] the god of wealth; hence, wealth, riches.
- eru eru** *adj* [HH HH] premature.
- eruru** *n* [HLH] soldier-ant; driver-ant. *var. iruro; elulu.*
- eruru** *n* [HLL] electric fish.
- eruru** *n* [HLL] pupa of beetle, usually found in rotting bamboo stems.
- esa anii** *n* [HH LL] boil.
- ese** *n* [LL] 'inquiry; question - *jüö ese = make general inquiries; ask questions;* <sup>2</sup>consultation with a diviner in connection with the death or fortune of someone. *var. ase; asia.*
- ese** *n* [LL] trouble; conflict; quarrel - *ese biara ya = trouble hit him/her (Ögbalü's example).*
- ese** *n* [LL] music played, with drums made from animal hides, during traditional burial ceremony of an aged man.
- Ese ama** *n* [LH HH] (West Igbo) village leader; chief.
- ese ilu** *n* [HH HH] wormwood; plant with very bitter vinegar taste. *var. osisi ilu.* \*It is a curse to have to eat it.
- eshe** *n* [LL] music played, with drums made from animal hides, during traditional burial ceremony of an aged man.
- eshi** *n* [HH] wonder; miracle.
- eshi** *n* [HH] . \*As in "Eshi Nkwere".
- eshi** *n* [LL] mudfish; kind of fish, shaped like a pestle, and found in muddy or sedimentary streams. *var. efi; eri; esi.*
- eshu** *n* [HH] (Udi) cow; bull. *var. efi; ehi.*
- eshu** *n* [HL] (Nsüka) body; flesh. *var. ahü; ehu; arü.*
- esi** *n* [LL] 'ages; long, long time past - *ka esi = since ages; <sup>2</sup>eternity.*
- esi** *n* [LL] mudfish; kind of fish, shaped like a pestle, and found in muddy or sedimentary streams. *var. efi; eri; eshi.*
- esisi** *n* [HHH] boil; lump; swelling.
- eso** *n* [HH] 'glue; gum; bird-lime; <sup>2</sup>tree-sap; rubber-sap; latex.
- esu** *n* [HH] millipede; sometimes, centipede.
- esu nwali** *n* [HH HL] black millipede. *var.*

- esu nwara**.
- esu nwara** *n* [HH HL] black millipede. *var. esu nwali.*
- esu öjü** *n* [HH LH] variety of millipede.
- esu ökpüna** *n* [HH LLL] variety of millipede.
- esu ukoro** *n* [HH HLL] variety of millipede.
- esu ülö** *n* [HH HL] variety of millipede found around the home.
- esusu** *n* [HLH] insect; ant; maggot. *var. ahühü; ehuhu; esusu; eruru.*
- eta** *n* [HL] story; tale; folk-tale; narrative.
- ete** *n* [HH] offence.
- ete** *n* [LL] climber's rope; rope, worn around the waist, used for climbing trees, etc - *ete nkwi = rope for climbing palm trees. var. öti.*
- etere** *n* [LLL] cover for the head against sun or rain; umbrella.
- etere** *n* [LLL] plant with rhizome, whose leaf stalk is used in making mats. *var. ogo.*
- etikpa** *n* [LLH] conceit - *dii etikpa = be conceited.*
- etili** *n* [LLL] (Öka) charm or medicine to ward off injuries, especially during war. *var. etiri.*
- etiri** *n* [LLL] charm or medicine to ward off injuries, especially during war. *var. etili.*
- etiri obi** *n* [LLL HL] hardness of heart.
- etiti** *n* [LHH] middle; center; in-between area.
- etiti ci** *n* [LHL H] midnight.
- etiti na-abö** *n* [LHL L-LH] space between; in-between area.
- etito ökü** *n* [HHH HH] blister - *etito ökü = blister from burns.*
- eto** *n* [HL] mat; sleeping mat. *var. ute.*
- etu** *conj* [HH] as; like; how. *var. otu.*
- etu** *n* [HH] manner; way or procedure - *etu esi eme ya = the way it is done. var. otu.*
- etu** *n* [HH] boil or inflammation; pus-filled swelling on the skin. *var. etuto.*
- etu** *n* [HL] large animal of the duiker family; long-necked gazelle; bush cow. *var. atü.*
- etu** *n* [LL] leech; horse-leech; a blood-sucking annelid, found in streams and rivers; a disease-carrying worm - *etu nwere üümü atö = the leech has three daughters (Prov. 30:15).*
- etuketu** *n* [LLHL] hiccup; spasm of the diaphragm. \*See "etutuu" = hiccup. *var. ututuru; uchuchuru.*
- etuto** *n* [HHH] boil; pus-filled swelling on the skin. *var. etu.* \*See "ehihî" = boil.

- etutuu** *n* [LHH] hiccup; spasm of the dia-phragm. var. **otutu**.
- evivi** *n* [HHH] boil; swelling. var. **ehihii**.
- evu** *n* [HL] negative value; loss - *n'evu* = *in vain*; *Lit: without profit; to no advantage*. var. **efu**.
- evu** *n* [LL] mould or mildew. var. **efu**.
- evu** *n* [LL] wasp. var. **ebu**. \*See "agama evu".
- evule** *n* [LLL] ram; uncastrated male sheep. var. **ebele**; **ebili**; **ebunu**.
- evunu** *n* [LLL] ram; uncastrated male sheep. var. **ebele**; **ebunu**; **ebili**; **evunu**.
- eweple** *n* [HHH] luck; good fortune. var. **aweple**.
- ewezuga** *adv* [HLHH] except for; with exception of; apart from.
- ewi** *n* [HH] 'hare; rabbit-like animal with rather long ears; <sup>2</sup>large rat, possibly simply rabbit. var. **eyi**. \*The rabbit is also called "oke bekee" = white(man's) fat.
- eworo** *n* [HLL] leopard; leopard skin. var. **awölö**; **awörö**.
- ewu** *n* [HH] 'goat; <sup>2</sup>idiot; dumb-head, figuratively speaking. var. **eghu**.
- ewu** *n* [HL] fear; anxiety; dread; terror. var. **egwu**. \*See "üjö" = minor fear.
- ewu** *n* [HL] fame; reputation.
- ewuci** *n* [HH H] goat presented to a girl by her suitor.
- ewu öhia** *n* [HH HHH] bush cow with huge horns; mountain goat; ibex.
- ewu öyi** *n* [HH LL] (West Igbo) a goat offered by a man seeking permission to have a woman as "lover" or temporary wife.
- ewulu** *n* [HLL] a kind of python. var. **awülü**.
- eye** *n* [LL] skin disease that turns the skin whitish.
- eye** *n* [LL] genealogy; family history - *itu eye* = *to recite one's genealogy during an Arö festival*.
- eyee excl** [LHH] Yes!. var. **iyee**.
- eyi** *n* [HH] rabbit - *önü eyi* = *rabbit hole*. \*See "aci" = rabbit hole.
- eyingana** *n* [HH HLL] giant rat (*Cricetomys gambianus*).
- eyi ucu** *n* [HH HH] giant rat (*Cricetomys*

*gambianus*).

**eze** *n* [HH] 'tooth; <sup>2</sup>gears.

**eze** *n* [HL] 'priest; chief; king - *Eze anyi* = *our chief*; *Igbo ama eze* = *The Igbo do not recognise (absolute) kingship*; <sup>2</sup>priest/king - *Eze-Ulu* = *priest/king of Ulu*.

**eze aga** *n* [HH HL] molars; back teeth used in grinding.

**eze agwö** *n* [HL HH] spotted snake; species of snake with white and black marks.

**eze aka** *n* [HL HH] second finger; *Lit: chief finger*.

**eze egede** *n* [HH LLL] red plantain.

**eze nkwaba** *n* [HH HHL] wisdom tooth; molars.

**eze nkwo** *n* [HH HH] toothlessness.

**eze ögü** *n* [HL LL] commander; military leader.

**ezene** *n* [LLL] collective name for wives belonging to one man, by some accounts, not including the first wife, or "oma akü".

**ezere** *n* [HLL] semen. var. **uze**; **uzi**.

**ezi** *adj* [HH] good; true; genuine.

**ezi** *n* [HL] pig; swine; pork.

**ezi** *n* [LH] slave.

**ezi** *n* [LH] compound; outside; yard.

**ezi** *n* [LH] eaves.

**ezi** *n* [LH] manners.

**ezi** *n* [LH] menstruation; menstrual blood; *Lit: "compound"*, but used euphemistically to refer to the cleansing period when a woman's movements outside her house are severely restricted.

**ezi imi** *n* [LL HH] nose-bleeding. var. **uzu imi**.

**ezi na ülö** *n* [LH-L-HL] family; household; *Lit: the compound-and-the-house*.

**ezi okwu** *n* [HH HL] truth.

**ezie** *adv* [HHH] truly; in truth.

**ezigbo** *adj* [HHH] good; true; genuine - *ezigbo ngwa ahia* = *genuine wares*. var. **ezi**.

**ezu** *n* [HL] lake; large body of inland water.

**ezuru** *n* [HHH] face; front - *ezuru ülö* = *front of house; frontage*. var. **ehuru**; **ihuru**.

## F

- F alph** [H] '6th letter of Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voice-less labio-dental fricative; a consonant. \*Pronounced "fi".
- fa prn** [H] they/them. var. **ha; va; wa.**
- faa adv** [HH] far away; distant - *O dīfaa = it is a long way away.*
- faa v** [HH] stuff; squeeze in
- facie v** [HHH] stuff something (e.g. bag or similar soft-cased container) close. var. **vacie.**
- fanye v** [HH] stuff soft leaf- or cloth-like material into bag or similar container.
- fecaa v** [HHH] 'shake off water from an object; shake something dry - *fecaa akwa = shake water off clothing; <sup>2</sup>flutter - fecaa nku = flutter wings (as if shaking them dry).*
- fee v** [HH] 'fly; fan; <sup>2</sup>flutter; wave - *fee nku = flutter wings; fee akwa = wave [cloth] in the air. var. vee.*
- fee v** [HH] 'pass; overtake; go beyond; <sup>2</sup>cross; cross over; <sup>3</sup>surpass.
- fee v** [HH] sprinkle with; spatter with. var. **vee.**
- fee v** [HH] 'become lighter or less heavy; <sup>2</sup>lose air or wind; be deflated - *afō ügbō ya efeela = his car tires have lost air; <sup>3</sup>lose body weight; slim down - o feela = he has lost weight; he has slimmed down. var. vee.*
- fee v** [LH] 'worship; adore; <sup>2</sup>obey and revere; <sup>3</sup>serve; worship; be slave to someone.
- fee v** [LH] pass on to another; cross; infect. var. **bufee.**
- fee isi v** [HH HH] 'refuse; say 'No'; lit. shake head to indicate refusal or disapproval; <sup>2</sup>remonstrate.
- fee mfe v** [HH LL] be infectious; be contagious.
- fee nru v** [HH LL] perform the "nru" rite, on the occasion of the death of one's father.
- fee nza v** [HH HL] cast lots or make a wager - *haferenza = they cast lots (Lk. 23:34). \*See "ita" = lot; wager.*
- fee use v** [HH LH] tell blatant lies.
- Fejioku n** [LHHH] New Yam Festival; an

annual harvest festival marking the formal harvest of the new yam, and paying tribute to the Yam God. var. **Ifejioku; Ahiajökü.**

**feyü v** [HL] 'fly out; escape by flying out; <sup>2</sup>be severely startled; miss a heartbeat - *ume sepürü ya = Lit. his breath flew out.*

**fesa v** [HH] 'sprinkle with water or similar liquid - *fesa yammiri = sprinkle water on her; <sup>2</sup>smear lightly; spatter - öbara fesara ya = he was spattered with blood.*

**feta v** [LL] come over; come across; cross over (i.e. to the speaker's side) - *feta ebe a = come over to this side. var. fete; gafeta.*

**fete v** [LH] come over; come across; cross over (i.e. to the speaker's side) - *fete ebe a = come over to this side. var. feta; gafeta.*

**ficaa v** [HHH] wipe; wipe clean. var. **hi-caa.**

**fisie isi v** [LLH HH] shake head repeatedly in disagreement or refusal.

**fio v** [HH] 'slip out; <sup>2</sup>escape by clever manouevres; <sup>3</sup>sneak out. \*See "mīa" = slip away.

**fio akwa v** [HH HL] tie cloth loosely; throw cloth carelessly over body. var. **ghasaa.**

**fituo iyi v** [LHH HH] take an oath.

**fia ökpa v** [HH HH] kick somebody or something with feet. var. **gbaa ükwü; gbaa ökpa.**

**fia üzü v** [HH LL] utter a piercing cry which then serves as a signal for a collective lament. \*See "ütü".

**fido v** [HH] tie together or bind something tightly together, usually with rope or twine.

**figaa v** [HHH] 'pry open, e.g. objects held together by a spring; <sup>2</sup>dismantle object, e.g. sprung vice.

**fiköö v** [HLL] constrict; twist or squeeze in knots or into grotesque shapes.

**fiö-fiö n** [HL-HL] (loan) a bean-yielding plant, sometimes called "igirigi" (*Cajanus cajan*).

**foo v** [HH] weed; uproot.

**foo v** [HH] dawn - *cifoo, ölü adaa = when day breaks, work begins in earnest. var. hoo.*

**foo ufo v** [HH LH] (Önica) extol; commend; call up somebody's name in praise - *Mbanefo = it is the nation that commends (its heroes).*

**fopü v** [HL] uproot completely.

**fö v** [H] remain; be left over.

**föba v** [HL] squeeze into.

**föda v** [HL] take (something) down e.g. from

- fôda** *hear or stove -fôda ite = take the pot down, i.e. off the stand or stove. var. höda.*
- fôjuo** *v [HLH] stuff full; pack full.*
- föö** *v [HH] 'wash (e.g. clothes); launder -föö akwa üka = wash or launder my Sunday clothes; <sup>2</sup>crush or squeeze fresh leaves to pulp.*
- föö** *v [HH] lift up (e.g. cooking pot from fire).*
- föpü** *v [HL] take or move (e.g. pot) out of hearth or stove. var. höpü.*
- förö** *v [HH] remain; left.*
- fule-fule** *adv [LL-LL] (Öka) like a roaring flame. var. hule-hule. \*Also used with rising tone: LL-HH.*
- fuo** *v [LH] germinate; sprout -fuo ime/fuo ome = germinate. var. puo; pue.*
- fuo** *v [LH] be lost; be missing.*
- fuo eze** *v [HH LL] grow or cut teeth. var. puo eze.*
- fuo üzö** *v [LH HH] miss one's way; go astray.*
- fü** *v [H] see; view.*
- fü n'anaya** *v [H HH] love; have affection for. var. hü (na anya).*
- fucie** *v [LHH] fold to cover; wrap.*
- füde** *v [LH] cover over with cloth, paper, or leaf.*
- fuhuo** *v [LHH] <sup>1</sup>blow to kindle fire or flame; <sup>2</sup>raise flame from red embers.*
- fujuo anya** *v [HHH HH] have a very difficult time of it; suffer; go through hell; Lit: see an eyeful.*
- füköö** *v [HLL] roll up; roll together.*
- fünyüö** *v [LHH] put out or blow out (fire or flame); extinguish.*
- füö** *v [HH] ache; give sharp pain.*
- füö** *v [HH] go out; depart; leave. var. püö.*
- füö** *v [HH] <sup>1</sup>wrap or fold; <sup>2</sup>wear (e.g. headpiece) by tying it round part of the body -füö icafü = put on a (woman's) headpiece.*
- füö** *v [LH] 'bloat; thicken; swell; <sup>2</sup>rise (e.g. of dough).*
- füö** *v [LH] blow; inflate; fan.*
- füö öja** *v [LH LL] play "öja", the musical whistle or flute. var. gböö öja.*
- füö ökü** *v [LH HH] make or raise a fire by blowing at the coal.*
- füö üfù** *v [HH HH] ache; give or cause sharp pain or hurt, as distinct from the deeper general pain ("mgbu"). \*See "gbuo mgbu".*
- füta** *v [LH] (Mbaise) come out; emerge; make*

an appearance.

**fuwaa** *v [LHH] inflate to bursting; blow open.*

## G

- G alph** [H] <sup>1</sup>7th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiced velar plosive; a consonant. \*Pronounced "gi".
- ga** *aux [L] used as an auxiliary to indicate future action - Öga-abia = he will come; Anyi ga-emeri = We shall overcome.*
- gaa** *v [HH] 'separate natural objects that are intertwined; split or divide into natural parts -gaa öji = break kola; divide kola into parts; <sup>2</sup>separate combatants; arrange a truce - gaa ögü = stop the fighting by arranging a truce.*
- gaa** *v [HH] stitch up; thread.*
- gaa** *v [HH] grow up; survive childhood; be grown enough to stand on one's own.*
- gaa akwükwo** *v [HH HHH] attend school.*
- gaa mgbaru** *v [HH HHH] pay formal condolence visit on the relatives of a deceased person. var. gbaa mgbaru.*
- gaa öji** *v [HH HH] perform the kola breaking rituals, including the associated invocations. var. waa öji.*
- gafeta** *v [LHL] come over: come over (i.e. to the speaker's side) -gafeta ebe a = come over to this side. var. feta; fete.*
- gagharia** *v [LHHH] walk around; go round; perambulate.*
- gaghii** *aux [HL] used as an auxiliary to indicate negative future action - Ögaghii-abia = he will not come; Ha agaghii-emeri = They will not win.*
- galaa** *v [LHH] (Önica) rejoice or exult openly; act out one's joy or happiness. \*See "ngala" = act haughtily or pridefully.*
- galaa önù** *v [LHH HH] cost a lot; be very expensive - akwa galaa önù. azütamaa = if cloth is expensive, don't buy.*
- gam** *adv [HH] with the metallic sound of a bell; bell-like. \*See "ökü gam" = bell.*
- ganye** *v [HH] stitch together.*
- gara gara** *adv [HH HH] 'brisk or lively - Ö na-eme ihe gara gara = he does things*

- briskly; <sup>2</sup>lank and trim -** *Ö dī'gara gara = he is a trim and lank. var. waa öjì; garī garī.*
- garī garī** *adv [HH HH] 'brisk or lively -* *Ö na-eme ihe garī garī = he does things briskly; <sup>2</sup>lank and trim -* *Ö dī'gari garī = he is a trim and lank. var. gara gara.*
- garri** *n [LH]* (loan) cassava flour; cassava tubers grated and fried to semi-coarse flour. <Ewe (Ghana): "gali" = something grated on metal>.
- garuo** *v [LHH]* arrive; reach destination.
- gee** *v [HH]* listen. var. **yee**.
- gee** *v [HH]* 'drip or run (e.g. from nose) - *gee imi ka nwata = allow discharge to run or drip down from the nose, much like a child would;* <sup>2</sup>display childlike incompetence when dealing with minor nuisances.
- gee nti** *v [HH LL]* listen; pay attention; heed  
- *Egene ya nti = don't pay attention to him; Lit: don't listen to him. var. ñaa nti.*
- gere** *v [LH]* wait awhile; wait; hold on; be patient; delay. var. **celü; cere**.
- gide** *v [HH]* 'catch; arrest; <sup>2</sup>throw someone in wrestling contest - *onye gidere ibe ya? = who threw the other (in the wrestling match)?.* var. **gude**.
- giri-giri** *n [LL-LL]* light liquid. var. **goro-goro**.
- gini** *excl [HH]* What!. var. **gini**.
- gini** *inter [HH]* What? why?. var. **giri**.
- giri** *inter [HH]* What? why?. var. **gini**.
- giri-giri** *adj [HH-HH]* lean or slender; thin and long.
- goo** *v [HH]* 'buy or purchase; <sup>2</sup>hire the services of another; hire others to do or say things on one's behalf or interest; to engage mercenary help - *goo ndī aka ebe = buy the services of witnesses; <sup>3</sup>rent - goo ihe, azūna ya = rent the thing, don't buy it.*
- goo egugo** *v [HH HHH]* dream.
- goro-goro** *n [LL-LL]* light liquid. var. **giri-giri**.
- gosi** *v [HH]* 'explain; show; <sup>2</sup>demonstrate; <sup>3</sup>point out or indicate.
- gögbuo** *v [HHH]* succeed in sustaining denial of wrong doing made by another.
- göö** *v [HH]* deny.
- göö** *v [HH]* 'make an incantation; pray over food or drink. etc.; <sup>2</sup>dedicate somebody or something to a deity, usually through incantation; consecrate; set apart; hence, make anathema, or accursed - *the agörö agö = something or somebody set apart, or dedicated [to a deity].*
- göö** *v [HH]* count; enumerate. var. **güö**.
- göö** *v [HH]* vindicate - *Ögönim {Ö göröla m agö} = She has vindicated me. \* "Ogonim" is the name for the precious first child that made Flora Nwapa's Efuru know the joy of motherhood (*Efuru*).*
- göö afa** *v [LH HL]* give a child a name.
- göö aha** *v [LH HL]* give a child a name.
- göö egwu** *v [HH HH]* sing or perform a song, usually one involving a fair amount of narrative or associated with a dance or other accompaniment. var. **güö egwu**.
- göö öfö** *v [HH HH]* 'invoke spirits to judge and punish the guilty party, or else reward the guiltless; <sup>2</sup>impose a curse by formal use of the öfö wand. \*See "öfö".
- göö öjì** *v [HH HH]* bless kolanut before breaking it; perform the ritual blessing of the kola before it is broken and shared.
- görö önū** *v [HH HH]* declare one's innocence directly, rather than by deputy; answer charges by oneself; speak for oneself in self-defence.
- gözie** *v [LHH]* bless.
- gude** *v [HH]* 'catch; arrest; <sup>2</sup>throw someone in wrestling contest - *onye gudere ibe ya? = who threw the other (in the wrestling match)?.* var. **gide**.
- guzo** *v [LH]* 'stand - *guzo ötö = stand upright; <sup>2</sup>wait awhile; stop for awhile - guzo kwa = hold it! wait a moment!.*
- guzoro** *v [LHH]* ordain; appoint - *guzoro onwe-ya ndi ncü-aja = appointed his own priests.* \*The example is from 2 Chron. 11:15:

**güa** *v* [LH] 'crave; desire; hunger for - üra agüghuo ya = *she is dying to get some sleep; she has a deep craving or desire for sleep; lust after; have sexual desire* - na-ele nwanyi anya ka agüü ya wee güa ya = *look at a woman to lust after her* (Mt. 5:28). var. güö.

**gügüö** *v* [LLH] console one (especially a child) that is crying or sobbing - gügüö nwata = *pacify crying child; stop the child crying.*

**güö** *v* [HH] count; enumerate. var. göö.

**güö** *v* [HH HH] sing; chant; recite - ögü egwu = *singer; chorister; güö egwu/uri = sing a song or perform an vocal accompaniment to a dance.*

**güö** *v* [LH] 'crave; desire; hunger for - üra agügbuo ya = *she is dying to get some sleep; she has a deep craving or desire for sleep; lust after; have sexual desire* - na-ele nwanyi anya ka agüü ya wee güa ya = *look at a woman to lust after her* (Mt. 5:28). var. güä.

**güö** *v* [LH] 'read - güö akwükwo = *read a book; go to school; be educated;* <sup>2</sup>recite; enumerate - güö iwu iri = *recite the ten commandments; güöra m iwu = recite a list of charges (Lit: laws) I am guilty of.*

**güö** *v* [LH] bring in hot coals to light fire in one's hearth.

**güö afa** *v* [LH] (Önica) 'find and give the right name for a child; christen a child; <sup>2</sup>formally give a child its name. var. güö aha.

**güö aha** *v* [LH] 'find and give the right name for a child; christen a child; <sup>2</sup>formally give a child its name. \*\*"Kama a ga agü nwa gügbuo, kpoo ya aha mgbe amürü ya" = Rather than kill a child with a wrong name, use its day of birth.

**güö akwükwo** *v* [LH HHH] read; be literate or have attended school; be educated; *Lit: read books.*

**güö ala** *v* [LH HH] (Önica) become mad; go mad or insane; go crazy. var. gbaa ala; gbaa ara; ghaa ala.

**güö egwu** *v* [HH HH] sing or perform a song, usually one involving a fair amount of narrative or associated with a dance or other accompaniment. var. göö egwu.

**güta** *v* [HH] bring in (e.g. coal embers to start fire in one's hearth).

## GB

**GB** *alph* [HH] '8th letter of Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiced bilabial implosive; a consonant. \*Pronounced as "gbi".

**gbaa** *v* [HH] 'be in active (scheduled) session - ahia ö na-agba taa? = *Does the market hold today?*; <sup>2</sup>Used mainly of markets when they are in session, and business volume is high - ahii gbara nke öma taa = *the market was full or very well attended today;* <sup>3</sup>used to indicate availability of particular wares, or product lines - ite gbara taa = *there was a good supply of pots on sale today.*

**gbaa** *v* [HH] de-husk (e.g. corn).

**gbaa** *v* [HH] engage in; participate in - Ö na-agba Lagos = *he is engaged in trade to/from Lagos; Lit: he runs the Lagos route.*

**gbaa** *v* [HH] burst; explode - afö igwe ahü gbara = *the bicycle tubes burst.*

**gbaa** *v* [HH] sting - aña gbara ya = *bees stung him.*

**gbaa** *v* [HH] 'drain; flush clean; <sup>2</sup>discharge - gbaa abü = *discharge pus; gbaa mmiri = discharge water.*

**gbaa** *v* [HH] germinate - ose ga agba = *the pepper seeds will germinate.* \*See, however, "gbaa ose".

**gbaa** *v* [HH] run; flee.

**gbaa** *v* [HH] make divination; tell fortune.

**gbaa** *v* [HH] shoot; or fire at.

**gbaa** *v* [HH] thread (e.g. beads).

**gbaa** *v* [HH] dance.

**gbaa** *v* [HH] pay ransom; redeem.

**gbaa** *v* [HH] wear as part of dress (e.g. earring).

**gbaa** *v* [LH] (of animals) copulate or mate with; breed female animals with male; inseminate - gbaa nkita = *arrange to have a male dog inseminate another dog.*

**gbaa abü** *v* [HH HH] discharge pus.

**gbaa afa** *v* [HH HH] prophesy; tell fortune; perform divination.

**gbaa afö** *v* [HH HH] burst open, e.g. tubes, balloons, etc.

**gbaa afö** *v* [HH HH] cause diarrhoea; cause

- loose or running bowels.
- gbaa afō** *v* [HH HL] be a year old; been a year since.
- gbaa aghara** *v* [HH LHH] break into confusion or disorder; break into pandemonium.
- gbaa agü** *v* [HH HL] 'determine a child's name through divination; divine child's name or spirit double.'
- gbaa ahia** *v* [HH HHH] be a fast line in trade; be a commodity in great demand, or supply - *ude na-agba ahia ugbua = body lotions sell fast these days.*
- gbaa ahü** *v* [HH LH] ejaculate.
- gbaa aja** *v* [HH HL] 'prophesy, or tell fortune; <sup>2</sup>perform divination. var. **gbaa afa**.
- gbaa aji** *v* [HH HH] grow or have much body-hair.
- gbaa ajüjü** *v* [HH HHH] ask lots of questions; interrogate; question.
- gbaa aka** *v* [HH HH] crack fingers; mae a distinctive noise with the movement of the fingers.
- gbaa aka** *v* [HH HH] fillip; turn over with a sleight-of-hand gesture.
- gbaa aka ahia** *v* [HH HH HHH] make first sales of the day; start an auspicious sales trend for the day.
- gbaa aka-nde** *v* [HH HH-LH] sharp-shoot; shoot a bull's eye.
- gbaa aka-nti** *v* [HH HH-LH] give a slap in the face.
- gbaa akü** *v* [HH HH] grow dry and juiceless; lack juice or water; *Lit:* be all-seed and no flesh. var. **gbaa akü**.
- gbaa akpükö** *v* [HH HHH] 'hide or process animal skin; <sup>2</sup>flay.
- gbaa akü** *v* [HH HH] grow dry and juiceless; lack juice or water; *Lit:* be all-seed and no flesh. var. **gbaa akü**.
- gbaa akü** *v* [HH LH] shoot arrow.
- gbaa akü** *v* [HH LL] make bride price payment; pay dowry.
- gbaa akwa** *v* [HH HL] sew or stitch; make garment from cloth. var. **düö akwa**.
- gbaa akwükwa** *v* [HH LLL] (Ngwa) abuse; rain abuses on someone.
- gbaa akwükwö** *v* [LLL-L] file law-suit; begin legal proceedings.
- gbaa akwükwö** *v* [LL LLL] wed; get married, esp. in the form of a court or church wedding.
- gbaa akwüna** *v* [HH LLL] prostitute oneself; become a harlot. \*See "akwüna akwüna" = harlot.
- gbaa ala** *v* [HH HH] become mad, or go insane; become crazy. var. **ghaa ala; güö ala; gbaa ara**.
- gbaa ama** *v* [HH LL] be an informant; reveal secret; pass on secret.
- gbaa amüma** *v* [HH HHH] prophesy; foretell. var. **maa amüma**.
- gbaaanya mmiri** *v* [HH HH LLL] shed tears; weep.
- gbaa ara** *v* [HH HH] become mad; go mad or insane; go crazy. var. **ghaa ala; güö ala; gbaa ala**.
- gbaa asü** *v* [HH HH] spit.
- gbaa azi** *v* [HH LL] 'have first meal of the day; break the overnight fast - *gbaa azi ütütü = have breakfast;* <sup>2</sup>(generally) eat something; have a snack - *were ya otu ahü gbaa azi = eat it as a snack to break the fast.*
- gbaa baa** *v* [HH LL] be thoroughly confused or disoriented; be completely at a loss; be dumbfounded; be flabbergasted.
- gbaa ci** *v* [HH H] (Asaba) celebrate feast marking a woman's fertility, often after her fourth child.
- gbaa egbe** *v* [HH HL] shoot; fire (a gun).
- gbaa ego** *v* [HH HH] donate or contribute money; pay due collection.
- gbaa egwe** *v* [HH HH] (Owere) impose levy or tax; make compulsory tribute.
- gbaa egwu** *v* [HH HH] dance
- gbaa ehirimehi** *v* [HH LLLHL] surround or encircle.
- gbaa ezene** *v* [HH LLL] be husband to many wives; have a harem of wives.
- gbaa ezi** *v* [HH LH] menstruate.
- gbaa ezi** *v* [HH LH] (of a married woman) be wayward or unfaithful; cultivate sexual relations outside marriage.
- gbaa gburu-gburu** *v* [HH LL-LH] encircle; surround.
- gbaa gburu-gburu** *v* [HH LL-LH] run round and round; run in circles.
- gbaa ifu** *v* [HH LL] serve an interest; protect, or protect an interest - *Öfö amaghị nde ögbara ifu = the "Öfö" does not know whose interest it is serving; that is, it acts dispassionately.*

**gbaa igbe** v [HH LH] win outright; win hands down, especially in a game or competition in which one party is unable to score a point. \*cross-translated from a local English expression, "to give him a box" = to beat the opponent without him scoring a point.

**gbaa igbe** v [HH LH] (Ngwa) snub.

**gbaa isi akwara** v [HH HH HHL] be obstinate, recalcitrant or stubborn; *Lit:* act in such a way as to make veins/nerves appear on the face.

**gbaa itiri** v [HH LLL] become dark; lack natural light. var. **gbaa ucici**; **gbaa utiri**.

**gbaa iyi** v [HH HL] have somebody bound to an oath, and so be at the mercy of a god - *gbaa ya iyi* = bind him to an oath.

**gbaa izu** v [HH LL] 'hold secret parley or private consultation; hold confidential meeting - *ha ghara izu* = they held prior secret consultations; <sup>2</sup>consult; confer with someone - *jee*. *gbaa izu* = go and consult.

**gbaa iga** v [HH HH] become barren.

**gbaa ita** v [HH LL] participate in "ita" folk dance, based on the "ita" folktale, a rather serious blend of myth, legend, and tale. \*See "ita" = type of folklore.

**gbaa mbö** v [HH LL] strive; try; try hard.

**gbaa mse** v [HH LH] lighten; make light.

**gbaa mgba** v [HH LH] wrestle - *gbaa mgba* = wrestle; engage in a wrestling contest.

**gbaa mgbaru** v [HH HHH] pay formal condolence visit on the relatives of a deceased person. var. **gaa mgbaru**; **gbaa mgbalu**.

**gbaa mgbe** v [HH LL] be common, ordinary or commonplace.

**gbaa mgborogwu** v [HH LLLL] develop roots; become well rooted.

**gbaa mkpe** v [HH HH] mourn a spouse, usually a husband; perform rites associated with death of husband.

**gbaa mkipi** v [HH HH] 'be such as to always leave a balance, and not divide evenly - *ögagba mkipi ma ekere ya mmadü ise* = there will be an odd balance if you share it among five people; <sup>2</sup>come in pairs; be paired - *gbaa mkipi akü* = mats that appear in pairs.

**gbaa nmanu** v [HH HHH] produce or yield oil.

**gbaa mmanü** v [HH HHH] perform pre-nuptial rituals and ceremonies, similar to

"mgbede", designed to prepare maidens for married life.

**gbaa mmee** v [HH HHH] (Önica) 'bleed; yield or lose blood; <sup>2</sup>be flesh-raw. var. **gbaa öbara**.

**gbaa mmili** v [LH HHH] force a drink of water down somebody's throat - *gbaa nwata mmili* = force water down an infant's throat. var. **gbaa mmiri**.

**gbaa mmiri** v [HH LLL] 'sprinkle with water; water: - *gbaa ya mmiri* = water it; *gbaa mmadü mmiri* = sprinkle somebody with water; <sup>2</sup>discharge or leak water - *ö na agba mmiri* = it is leaking water.

**gbaa mmiri** v [LH HHH] force a drink of water down somebody's throat - *gbaa nwata mmili* = force water down an infant's throat. var. **gbaa mmili**.

**gbaa na ntí** v [HH H HL] clean the ear with a swab - *A naghi ejì ihe ejì agba na ntí agba n'anya* = You don't use a swab meant for the ear on the eye.

**gbaa ncara** v [HH HHH] tarnish; become rusty. var. **gbaa (ncala)**.

**gbaa ndu** v [HH LL] talk nonsense; *Lit:* breed maggots.

**gbaa ndudu** v [HH LLL] play a board game using "ndudu" bean seeds.

**gbaa ndü** v [HH HL] enter into a covenant with another party in a ritual marked by the drawing of blood, or slaughter of an animal and sharing of its meat - *Ha wee gbuo ewu hajiri gbaa ndü* = They then slaughtered the goat [whose blood had been] used to seal the peace pact ("Omenükö"). \*Used to translate "covenant" in the Old Testament. Covenanting was especially strong among Arö trading communities.

**gbaa ngö** v [HH HL] determine and arrange to pay up bride price - *Ha biära igba ngö* = they have come to determine what the bride price should be and pay it.

**gbaa nkiti** v [HH LHL] keep quiet; bide one's time; be patient; do nothing immediately about a situation.

**gbaa nkü** v [HH HH] perform final traditional ceremony at the bride's home during which she gives formal public consent to the marriage.

**gbaa nrira** v [HH HHL] take on a concubine, especially the wife of an impotent husband.

- gbaa nta** v [HH LH] go on a hunt; have occupation as hunter - *Ö na-agba nta* = *he is a (professional) hunter.*
- gbaa odibo** v [HH LLL] serve as houseboy; be a servant. var. **gbaa (böyi).**
- gbaa ohi** v [HH HH] expose or reveal secret, usually a crime or other misconduct, to the disgrace of affected person; *Lit:* expose a theft. var. **gbaa osi.**
- gbaa ohu** v [HH HL] 'enslave or be enslaved; <sup>2</sup>(for a woman) be "married" by another woman; have another woman as titular "husband".
- gbaa okiri-kiri** v [HH LLL-HH] surround or be surrounded; encircle - *gbua ha okirikiri* = *encircle or surround them.*
- gbaa oleru** v [HH LHH] refuse to join conspiracy, or to collaborate with others.
- gbaa orikö** v [HH HHL] perform rites of reconciliation and peace between feuding parties, involving preparation of special meals consumed by all participants.
- gbaa oro** v [HH HH] compose and perform an "oro" song employing the name of the person(s) being satirised.
- gbaa oru** v [HH HL] enslave; be enslaved. var. **gbaa ohu.**
- gbaa ose** v [HH HL] rub in pepper, by way of punishment or torture - *gbua mmadü ose* = *rub pepper into someone's eyes, hence, torture or punish someone.*
- gbaa osi** v [HH HH] expose or reveal secret, usually a crime or other misconduct, to the disgrace of affected person; *Lit:* expose a theft. var. **gbaa ohi.**
- gbaa osisi** v [HH HHH] flog or whip (somebody) with a stick.
- gbaa öbara** v [HH HH] 'bleed; yield or lose blood; <sup>2</sup>be flesh-raw. var. **gbaa mmee.**
- gbaa ögwü** v [HH HL] give an injection; be injected with a drug as part of medical treatment - *gbaa ögwü* = *have an injection; gbaa ya ögwü* = *give her an injection.*
- gbaa ökpa** v [H'1 HH] kick somebody with the feet. var. **fia ökpa; gbaa ükwü.**
- gbaa ökpükü** v [HH HHH] treat fractures and other bone ailments.
- gbaa ökü** v [HH HH] set on fire; burn on a large scale; torch.
- gbaa ökwa** v [HH LL] (West Igbo) consort, or have sexual relations with a woman, or widow, still in her former husband's house.
- gbaa önya** v [HH HL] set a trap.
- gbaa örü** v [HH HH] have a defect; be defective.
- gbaa ösö** v [HH HH] 'run a race - *Ö na-agbata ösö* = *He is good at running races;* 'run away; abscond - *Öghara ösö* = *he ran away; he absconded, he took to his heels.*
- gbaa ösusö** v [HH HHH] sweat.
- gbaa ötö** v [HH HH] knead mud for use in house construction.
- gbaa ötö** v [HH LH] go naked; be nude.
- gbaa öyö** v [HH LL] crack fingers as mark of surprise or mild disapproval.
- gbaa ube** v [HH HL] stab person with spear.
- gbaa ucici** v [HH LLL] become dark; lack natural light. var. **gbaa itiri.**
- gbaa ume** v [HH HH] 'support; counsel; encourage; <sup>2</sup>give moral support and encouragement; foster.
- gbaa uri** v [HH HH] dance.
- gbaa utiri** v [HH LLL] become dark; lack natural light. var. **gbaa ucici; gbaa itiri.**
- gbaa üghala ahia** v [HH LLL HHH] engage in retail trade; trade in bought goods, rather than in goods produced by oneself.
- gbaa üka** v [HH HH] go sour; become rancid.
- gbaa ükwü** v [HH HH] kick; give a kick with the feet. var. **fia ökpa.**
- gbaa ülü** v [HH HH] 'recur; happen and again and again; <sup>2</sup>remain uncompleted.
- gbaa ütü** v [HH HH] be turned to flour/powder after being infested by beetles.
- gbaa üzö** v [HH LH] do something very early - *A ga m agba üzö tee* = *I will wake up very early.*
- gbabicie** v [HLHH] obstruct; impede; block.
- gbabie** v [HLH] 'break something into halves with the fingers - *gbabie öka* = *break the corn-cob in half;* <sup>2</sup>break or snap into distinct pieces - *Üwa ghabie!* = *Let the world snap in two!*
- gbabiga oke** v [HLH HL] run too far, *Lit:* beyond the boundary.
- gbaböö** v [HHH] vanish; disappear.
- gbaböö** v [HHH] faint or collapse into a coma.
- gbabudo ogige** v [HHH HL] string a fence round something; fence in.
- gbacie** v [HHH] lock; lock up; shut close; close

- *gbacie üzö, igbe = lock door, box. var. gbasie.*

**gbada** v [HL] shoot down - *gbada egbe = shoot down the kite.*

**gbada** v [HL] descend; move lower down.

**gbadoo** v [HLH] settle and become clear, e.g. polluted water; become purified - *mmiri ahü a gbadooala = that (body of) water has settle and become clear.*

**gbafee** v [HLH] overtake; run past.

**gbafuo** v [HLH] run away and (presumably) get lost; abscond.

**gbaga** v [HH] run to (usually for help or protection); seek safety or refuge - *gbaga ebe nne ya = ran to his mother's people.*

**gbagbuo** v [HHH] 'execute; shoot to death - *gbagbuo mmadiü = shoot somebody to death; be overrun or crushed by moving vehicle (bicycle, car, train) - ekwekwena moto ghaghua gi = don't allow yourself be crushed to death by a car. var. gbagbue.*

**gbaghaliü** v [HLH] 'forgive - *gbaghaliü m = forgive me; carelessly or purposefully abandon or forsake - gbaghaliü akpa laa = abandoned her bag, and left for home. var. gbaghara; gbagharü.*

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**gbagharia anya** v [HLHH] 'deceive; 'be confused by; cause general confusion. \*See "meghariä anya" = deceive.

**gbagharü** v [HLH] 'forgive - *gbagharü m = forgive me; carelessly or purposefully abandon or forsake - gbagharü akpa laa = abandoned her bag, and left for home. var. gbaghaliü; gbaghara.*

**gbaghee** v [HHH] unlock or unbolt; throw open - *gbaghee üzö = unlock and open the door. var. gbahee; gbapee.*

**gbagide ögba** v [HHH HL] string a fence round something; fence in.

**gbagöö** v [HLH] 'be crooked or twisted; be out of shape - *akara ya gbagörö aghagö = the paint mark is not straight; is crooked; bend.*

**gbagüö** v [HLH] be or become twisted and crooked.

**gbagwojuo** v [HLHH] be confusing; become confused. var. **gbagwujuo**.

**gbagwojuo anya** v [HLHH HH] confuse or be confused; baffle - *okwu a na-agbagwoju anya = this matter is very confusing; difficult to make sense of this matter. var. gbagwujuo anya.*

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**gbajie** v [LHH] 'break, usually of rigid objects - *ekwela aka oce ahü ghajie = don't let the arm of that chair break; bend something till it breaks; break by bending.*

**gbajuo** v [HHH] fill up; fill to the brim.

**gbakee** v [HHH] recover (from illness); get well, especially from serious illness; manage to recover; survive major illness.

**gbakege** v [HLH] run up a short distance - *gbakege, cere ha = run up a short distance ahead, and wait for them. var. gbakeje.*

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**gbakilie ana** v [HLL LL] (Önica) fuss about; run around and about; expend a lot of energy without direction or result - *Ö na-agbaki ana = he is expending a lot of energy without direction or result. var. gbakirie ala.*

**gbakirie ala** v [HLLH LL] fuss about; run around and about; expend a lot of energy without direction or result - *Ö na-agbaki ana = he is wasting time; Lit: running round and round on the same spot. var. gbakilie ana.*

**gbakirie ana** v [HLLH LL] fuss about; run around and about; *Lit: run round and round on the same spot. var. gbakilie ala.*

**gbakonye** v [LHH] add or append to; attach as an appendage; add as annex. var. **gbakunye**.

**gbaköö** v [HHH] dry; dry completely.

**gbaköö** v [HLL] seek protection by running to and holding on to another; claim refuge or protection - *ghaköö nwanne m = run to (and*

*hold on to) my brother/sister for protection.*

**gbaköö** *v* [HLL] come together; assemble or congregate - *ha gbakööla?* = *have they assembled?* - "ghaa" + "köö" = add, or combine.

**gbaköö** *v* [LHH] add; calculate; compute.

**gbakwunye** *v* [LHH] add or append to; attach as an appendage; add as annex var. **gbakonye**.

**gbalaa** *v* [HHH] run home; escape home - *gbalaa* = *run home*.

**gbalaga** *v* [HHH] run away; escape. var. **gbanaga**.

**gbalaha** *v* [HHH] 'outrun somebody - *gbalaha ya* = *run past him; overtake him; outrun him; escape by outrunning pursuer; escape from being caught - onye osi ahü ghalahara ha* = *that thief escaped them; escaped being caught by them; outran them*. var. **gbanari**.

**gbalie** *v* [HHH] 'rise; shoot or spring up; be elevated - *okwute gbaliri elu. gbaa yan'anya* = *the stone shot up and hit him in the eye; rise; be elevated - öbara ya gbalie elu özö, kpöra ya dibia* = *if her blood pressure rises again, call in the doctor; kick up; shoot up - gbalie 'ball' elu* = *kick the ball high; gbalie egbe elu* = *shoot the gun higher*.

**gbalie** *v* [HHH] be able to act or act upon, as indicated by the verb complement - *gbalie egbe* = *be able to shoot a gun; gbalie ösö* = *be able to run; gbalie mgba* = *be able to wrestle*.

**gbalia** *v* [HLH] attempt; try hard; make serious effort. var. **gbania**.

**gbaliö iru** *v* [HLH HH] 'frown; <sup>2</sup>have or have sour face; look disaffected or unhappy. var. **carüö iru; carüö ihu; gbarüö ihu**.

**gbam-gbam** *n* [HH-HH] 'tin or iron roofing sheet; metal roofing sheet; <sup>2</sup>deep plate or shallow bowl made from tin or similar metal; cheap crockery.

**gbamie** *v* [HLH] run deep into; run far into - *Ögbamigo* = *She has run a long way already*.

**gbanaga** *v* [HHH] run away; escape. var. **gbalaga**.

**gbanari** *v* [HHH] 'outrun somebody - *gbanari fa* = *run past him; overtake him; outrun him; escape by outrunning pursuer; escape from being caught - onye osi afü gbanari fa* = *that thief escaped them; escaped being*

*caught by them; outran them. var. gbalaha*.

**gbania** *v* [HLH] attempt; try hard; make serious effort. var. **gbalia**.

**gbanwee** *v* [HLH] 'alter, or be altered; change; transform - *Ö gbanwego* = *he is changed; üböci a gbanweele* = *times have changed; exchange; replace with another; swap - gbanwee mmadü* = *exchange personnel; replace someone with another; gbanwee igodo* = *change the lock; make change; exchange units of currency - gbanwee ego* = *make small change. var. gbanwo; gbanwoo*.

**gbanwoo** *v* [HLH] 'alter, or be altered; transform; <sup>2</sup>exchange; replace with another; swap; <sup>3</sup>make change; exchange units of currency. var. **gbanwo: gbanwee**. \*See "gbanwee" = alter; change.

**gbanye** *v* [HH] pour into.

**gbanyüö** *v* [HHH] switch or turn off (lights, appliance, or motor) - *ghanyüö ökü, radio* = *turn off the lights, switch off the radio*.

**gbapee** *v* [HHH] unlock or unbolt; throw open - *gbapee üzö* = *unlock and open the door. var. gbaghee; gbahee*.

**gbapü azii** *v* [HH LL] 'have first meal of the day; break fast - *a gbapübeghi m azii* = *I haven't yet broken the night fast; have had nothing to eat today; fend off ill-luck by having even a snack, it being a bad omen to enter a new day on a completely empty stomach*.

**gbapüta** *v* [HLH] save; redeem; help pull somebody out (of danger) - *onye mgbapüta* = *saviour*.

**gbara aka** *v* [HH HH] lack something - *Gbara aka nwa* = *be childless; gbara aka laa* = *go home empty-handed*.

**gbarie** *v* [HLH] 'break into bits; break into small sand-like pieces - *gbarie ya ma riwe* = *crush or pulverise it properly before eating; waste - gbarie ego* = *spend money in very wasteful manner; reduce wealth to dust*.

**gbaria** *v* [HLH] dissolve - *gbaria ögwü* = *dissolve medicine tablets; hapü ya ka ö gbaria* = *allow it to dissolve*.

**gbarüö** *v* [HLH] stir up dirt, e.g. in standing water or stream; make unpleasant or foul. var. **gbaliö**.

**gbarüö ihu** *v* [HLH HH] 'frown; <sup>2</sup>have or have sour face; look disaffected or unhappy. var.

**carüö iru; carüö ihu; gbalüö iru.**

**gbasa** *adv [HH]* about; regarding; concerning.

**gbasa** *v [HH]* <sup>1</sup>concern; be of concern to - <sup>2</sup>ö  
*gbasara m = it concerns me; <sup>2</sup>pertain to; touch on - ihe ahü gbasara ule = that matter touches on a test.*

**gbasaa** *v [HLH]* 'spread; spread out (e.g. cloth)  
 - *ghasaa akwa n' anwü = spread out cloth in the sun; <sup>2</sup>spread apart - gbasaa ükwü = spread legs apart; sit with legs stretched out and apart.*

**gbasaa** *v [HLL]* 'dismiss (e.g. a class) - *gbasaa üka = dismiss (Sunday) service; gbasaa akwükwo = dismiss school for the day; <sup>2</sup>disperse at end of event; scatter - ha agbasaala = they have dispersed.*

**gbasaa** *v [HLL]* publicise; spread information.

**gbasaa ihu** *v [HHH HH]* brighten up; cheer up. var. **gbasaa iru.**

**gbasaa iru** *v [HHH HH]* brighten up; cheer up. var. **gbasaa ihu.**

**gbasara** *adv [HHH]* concerning or pertaining to; touching on - *gbasara ya = concerning or pertaining to her; ihe gbasara ule = a matter pertaining to the test/examination.*

**gbasie** *v [HHH]* lock up or bolt - *gbasie üzö/ igbe = lock door/box.* var. **gbacie.**

**gbasie** *v [HLH]* 'deaden or make rigid; hence, embalm - *gbasie ozu = embalm corpse; <sup>2</sup>anaesthetise; de-sensitise.*

**gbasie ike** *v [HHH HH]* be strong or have strength - <sup>2</sup>ö *gbasiri ike = he is strong, or hardworking.*

**gbataa** *v [LHH]* (Ututu) try; test.

**gbatia** *v [HHH]* 'stretch; exercise; <sup>2</sup>prolong; drag on - *okwu ahü agbatia = the matter dragged on and on; be prolonged.*

**gbatuo** *v [LH]* 1shoot (something) down from its perch; shoot dead - *gbatuo nnünü = shoot the bird clean off its perch; <sup>2</sup>shoot dead, i.e. shoot something so that it falls off or down and dead - gbatuo nwoke mmadü = shot the poor man dead right there; i.e. he fell and died there.*

**gbawaa** *v [HHH]* 'split open; slit open (e.g. seed, football); have a crack - *efere ahü gbawara = the plate got cracked/broken; <sup>2</sup>break open - gbwaa ya = break it open.*

**gbazee** *v [HLH]* melt; dissolve.

**gbazie** *v [HHH]* <sup>1</sup>borrow - *gbaziri m ego = borrow money from me; <sup>2</sup>lend or loan - gbazinye ya ego = lend him money; give him money on loan.* var. **zie.**

**gbazie** *v [LHH]* correct; instruct; teach correct ways; give right instructions for making corrections - *gbaziere m nü = teach me the right way.*

**gbazinye** *v [HHH]* lend to somebody; give on loan. \*See "gbazie".

**gbaziri** *v [HHH]* borrow or take out a loan.  
 \*See "gbazie".

**gbee** *v [HH]* mix; prepare mixed food.

**gbee** *v [HH]* soften (and possibly disintegrate) from being soaked too long in water. var. **dee.**

**gbee** *v [HH]* 'crawl; crawl out; sneak out - *gbepüta = come sneaking out of a place; <sup>2</sup>loiter; hang around.*

**gbee** *v [HH]* 'tire; be tired; <sup>2</sup>wear out; be worn out.

**gbee** *v [LH]* (Öhafia) stop; stand in the way of; abate - *gbekwaa anyi ji ubi ezu = stop us stealing yams from the farm.* var. **gboo.**

**gbee egbere** *v [HH HHH]* crawl on all fours, as a baby does - *nwata na-egbe egbere = the baby is crawling.* var. **gbee igbere; gbee igbe.**

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**gbocie** *v [LHH]* prevent; avert.

**gboo** *adv [HH]* (Önica) <sup>1</sup>old or ancient - *ndi gboo = ancestors; <sup>2</sup>early - fa bülü gboo = they came early, ahead of, or on, time.*

**gboo** *v [LH]* mediate; intervene in; try to stem conflict.

**gboo** *v [LH]* prepare food (esp. "akamu" = maize pap) by mixing the paste thoroughly in hot water.

**gboo** *v [LH]* plant - *gboo osisi = plant tree.*

**gboo arü** *v [LH HH]* lose weight; be emaciated. var. **gbüö ahü.**

**gboo mkpa** *v [LH HL]* 'come handy in time of great present need - *were ego onye özö gboo mkpa = use somebody else's money to*

<i>meet dire present need; <sup>2</sup>give help to meet dire present need; mitigate disaster - gboo mkpa ya = (help someone) meet a present emergency.</i>	<i>gbujüö ya, nsogbu ga adi = if you fail (in your attempt) to kill it, there will be trouble. var. dajuö.</i>
<b>gboo ücü</b> v [HH HH] break [one's] fast; have first meal of the day. *See “gbaa ari” = break one's fast.	<b>gbukee</b> v [HHH] twinkle or sparkle; glitter.
<b>gböfuo</b> v [HLH] boil over; spill over while on boil.	<b>gbulie</b> v [HLH] cut up into small pieces. var. gburie.
<b>gböö</b> excl [HL] (Önica) 'a general exclamation, meaning "You, there!" - <i>Gböö, biäfü!</i> = <i>Hey! You there, come here!</i> ; <sup>2</sup> Isn't that so! - <i>Ö dörö mma, gböö?</i> = <i>Isn't it good? It is good, isn't it?</i> .	<b>gbumie</b> v [HLH] cut deep into.
<b>gböö</b> v [HH] boil over; foam.	<b>gbunyüö</b> v [HHH] render something (e.g. a knife) blunt through use or over-use.
<b>gböö</b> v [HH] 'cut off outright; chop off - <i>gböö nti</i> = <i>cut off ears</i> ; <sup>2</sup> harvest, by cutting off the pods (e.g. of oil beans) from branches.	<b>gbuo</b> v [HH] 'cut; hack - <i>gbuo mma</i> = <i>cut with a knife; suffer a knife cut</i> ; <sup>2</sup> carve; cut deep into - <i>gbuo ebugbugu</i> = <i>make scarification marks on face; cut wedge-steps on tree trunk to aid climbing</i> .
<b>gböö</b> v [HH] 'yell at or shout - <i>onye na-agbö?</i> = <i>who's shouting, yelling?</i> ; <sup>2</sup> bark, like a dog - <i>nkita na-agbö</i> = <i>the dog is barking</i> .	<b>gbuo</b> v [HH] kill - <i>gbuo mmadü</i> = <i>kill somebody; commit murder</i> .
<b>gböö</b> v [HH] simmer.	<b>gbuo</b> v [HH] intoxicate - <i>mmayi na-egbu ya</i> = <i>wine has intoxicated him; he is drunk (with wine)</i> .
<b>gböö</b> v [LH] vomit; throw up.	<b>gbuo</b> v [HH] hurt or cause pain - <i>gbuo mgbu</i> = <i>give or cause pain; hurt</i> .
<b>gböö öja</b> v [HH LL] blow “öja”; play the flute. var. füö öja.	<b>gbuo</b> v [HH] 'glitter; shine - <i>gbuo amüma</i> = <i>flash, like lightning</i> ; <sup>2</sup> sparkle - <i>gbuo maramara</i> = <i>sparkle; flash intermittently</i> .
<b>gböö üja</b> v [HH LL] !bark or roar; <sup>2</sup> growl, or make animal-like noises.	<b>gbuo</b> v [HH] blow; make huge sound with an instrument - <i>gbuo opi</i> = <i>blow a trumpet</i> .
<b>gböpü</b> v [HL] spit out; throw out or disgorge. var. gbüpü.	<b>gbuo</b> v [HH] happen or eventuate; occur - <i>gbuo ebenebe</i> = <i>bring about wonders and surprises; hence: wonders happened/occurred</i> . *Used with verb complements that make the nature of the event more specific.
<b>gbötee</b> v [HHH] (Öhafia) awaken; rouse somebody from sleep. var. kpötee.	<b>gbuo akü</b> v [HH HH] harvest palm-fruit. var. gbuo nkwü.
<b>gbötö</b> v [HL] 'drop carelessly; drop carelessly; <sup>2</sup> lie down in a bundle, like a lifeless lump - <i>i härü ka osi gbötörö?</i> = <i>do you see how he is sprawled out on the ground like a lifeless thing?</i> . var. tögbö.	<b>gbuo azü</b> v [HH HL] fish; catch fish.
<b>gbötü</b> v [LH] (Öhafia) summon. var. kutu.	<b>gbuo ikpele</b> v [HH HHH] kneel; go down on at least one knee, as token of respect; genuflect. var. gbuo ikpere.
<b>gbubie</b> v [HLH] 'cut into two; cut off - <i>gbubie ji</i> = <i>cut yam in two</i> ; <sup>2</sup> settle; give a determination on a matter; decide - <i>gbubie okwu</i> = <i>give final judgment on an suit; settle a matter; resolve a dispute</i> .	<b>gbuo ikpere</b> v [HH HHH] kneel; go down on at least one knee, as token of respect; genuflect. *See “sekpu” = go down on both knees.
<b>gbubiga</b> v [HLH] (Ngwa) massacre.	<b>gbuo mgbu</b> v [HH LH] hurt; give pain or be painful - <i>gbuo ya mgbu</i> = <i>cause him pain; hurt him</i> . *See “füö üfū”.
<b>gbue oge</b> v [HH HL] 'waste time; delay; Lit: kill time; <sup>2</sup> dally. var. gbuo oge.	<b>gbuo mmadü</b> v [HH HHH] 'kill - <i>gbuo mmadü</i> = <i>kill somebody; commit murder</i> ; <sup>2</sup> commit blunder; cause great amusement - <i>i gbuole mmadi!</i> = <i>what a blunder!</i> ; or, <i>you will make us die from laughter!</i> Lit: <i>you have killed somebody!</i> . var. gbuo mmüö.
<b>gbugbee</b> v [HHH] fry or process - <i>gbugbee gari</i> = <i>fry or process wet cassava starch into edible garri powder</i> .	
<b>gbujie</b> v [HHH] cut down; fell (e.g tree).	
<b>gbujüö</b> v [HHH] fail in attempt to kill - <i>gi</i>	

**gbuo mmüö** *v* [HH HHH] (Öhafia) kill people; commit murder. *var.* **gbuo mmadü**.

**gbuo nkwü** *v* [HH HH] harvest palm-fruit. *var.* **gbuo akü**.

**gbuo nzo** *v* [HH LL] take on a widow as concubine while allowing her freedom outside the home. \*Occurrence of the word outside of this usage has not been confirmed.

**gbuo oge** *v* [HH HL] 'waste time; delay; *Lit.* kill time; <sup>2</sup>dally. *var.* **gbue oge**.

**gbuo öcü** *v* [HH HH] kill somebody; commit manslaughter or murder. \*See "gbuo mmüö".

**gbuo udu** *v* [HH LL] prepare medicine with roots and herbs in a bottle of water or (more usually) palm wine.

**gbuo üzö** *v* [HH HH] cut a path; build a road.

**gbupuo** *v* [HHH] 'create an opening or clearing - *gbupuo üzö* = *build or open up a road; i.e. cut a road through bush or forest;* <sup>2</sup>*cut a hole - gbupuo aja = cut a hole through the wall.*

**gbüpü** *v* [HL] cut off; chop off.

**gburie** *v* [HLH] cut up into small pieces; cut up. *var.* **gbulie**.

**gburu gburu** *adv* [LL HL] around; round the perimeter. *var.* **buru-buru**.

**gbutuo** *v* [HLH] cut down or fell (e.g. tree).

**gbuwaa** *v* [HHH] cut open; hack open.

**gbügbüö** *v* [HLH] 'rinse or wash throat vigorously with water; <sup>2</sup>gargle.

**gbüö** *v* [HH] shed leaves or skin.

**gbüö** *v* [HH] cry; shed tears.

**gbüö** *v* [HH] be slippery; have a slippery surface - *ö na-agbü agbü* = *it is slippery.*

**gbüö agböö** *v* [LH HH] provoke or induce vomit; be disgusting enough to provoke sickness.

**gbüö ahü** *v* [HH HH] lose weight; be emaciated. *var.* **gboo arü; taa ahü**.

**gbüö arü** *v* [HH HH] lose weight; be emaciated. *var.* **gboo arü; taa ahü**.

**gbüö awölö** *v* [LH LLL] shed old skin, especially of reptiles. *var.* **nwoo awölö**.

**gbüö üfufü** *v* [HH LHH] froth; foam.

**gbüpü** *v* [HL] remove covering (or dress) from a person or object - *gbüpü afe ya* = *slide off her clothes; remove her dress.*

**gbüpü** *v* [HL] spit out; throw out or disgorge. *var.* **gböpü**.

## GH

**GH alph** [HH] '9th letter of the Igbo alphabet;

<sup>2</sup>voiced velar fricative; a consonant. \*Pronounced "ghii".

**ghaa** *v* [HH] sow (seed) by scattering; disperse seed; propagate seed; broadcast seed - *ghaa ose* = *sow pepper seeds in nursery.*

**ghaa<sup>1</sup>** *v* [HH] change; reverse; subvert.

**ghaa<sup>2</sup>** *v* [LH] abandon; omit; leave behind - *onye aghala nwanne ya* = *one should never abandon one's brother; leave one's brother behind.*

**ghaa** *v* [LH] overtake; pass; surpass.

**ghaa ala** *v* [HH HL] (Önica) become mad; be <sup>2</sup>mad or insane; go crazy. *var.* **gbaa ala; güö ala; gbaa ara**.

**ghabiri** *v* [HLH] leave off; ignore; take no further interest or action on a matter.

**ghafuo** *v* [HLH] throw away or discard grain or similar stuff.

**ghalü** *v* [LH] 'ignore; leave off - *ghalü ya* = *ignore him; don't bother about him;* <sup>2</sup>*leave behind; abandon - ghalü ya, laa* = *leave him behind and go home; ghalü ya* = *abandon (thing or object);* <sup>3</sup>*ghalü ölü* = *neglect assignment or task.* *var.* **ghara; ralü.**

**ghara** *v* [LH] 'ignore; leave off; <sup>2</sup>leave behind; abandon; <sup>3</sup>*ghara örü* = neglect assignment or task. *var.* **ghalü; ralü; yalü.**

**ghara-ghara** *n* [HH-HH] agility; nimbleness.

**ghasaa** *v* [HH] tie or hang loosely - *ghasaa akwa* = *throw or tie cloth loosely (over body).* *var.* **fio.**

**ghatuo** *v* [HLH] remove and discard - *ghatuo efe* = *discard cloth or dress.*

**ghee** *v* [HH] bake; fry; cook in hot oil - *ghee garü* = *fry or process wet cassava starch into edible garri powder.* *var.* **hee; yee.**

**ghee** *v* [HH] move about with extreme caution (like a cat); sneak about - *ghere eghere* = *move about sneakily; act with extreme caution.* *var.* **yee.**

**ghee** *v* [LH] fully cooked; done; ready to eat - *nri egheele* = *food is done; i.e. cooked and ready to eat.*

**ghee önü** v [HH HH] greet; salute; speak to; converse with; *Lit:* open the mouth (to say a word) - *ha adighii eghe önii = they are not on talking terms.* var. *yee önii*.

**ghee ughere** v [HH HHL] yawn; sneeze. var. *yee uyele*.

**ghelie** v [HLH] be over-cooked; be over-done. var. *gherie*.

**ghellie** v [LHH] sneak away, thief-like; scamper off.

**gherie** v [HLH] be over-cooked; be over-done. var. *ghelie*.

**ghetöö** v [HLH] be over-done; be over-cooked. \*See "ghelie" = be over cooked.

**ghögboø** v [HHH] deceive; dupe; cheat. var. *ghögbeø*.

**ghöö** v [HH] do something without intending to; be responsible for a mishap - *ö ghörö ya aghö = his action was not intentional; it happened accidentally.*

**ghöö** v [HH] 'pluck; pick; harvest, e.g. fruit - *ghöö tube = pluck; ghöö öka = harvest maize; catch - ghöta ball = catch the ball, e.g. in a soccer game.*

**ghöö** v [LH] become; transformed into; turn into.

**ghöö aghüghö** v [LH HLL] play tricks; play pranks; cheat or deceive; be cunning. var. *yöö ayiyöö*.

**ghöta** v [HH] understand - *A ghötala m = I now understand; nghöta = understanding.*

**ghuo** v [LH] (Owere) cook (generally); specifically, cook by boiling or steaming. var. *wuo; yee*.

**ghüö aghüghö** v [HH HLL] play pranks of tricks; deceive somebody through cunning.

**ghüö ahü** v [HH LH] bathe; have a bath; take a shower; wash one's body. var. *wüö arü*.

## GW

**GW alph** [HH] '10th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiced labialised velar plosive; a consonant. \*Pronounced as "gwif".

**gwa** v [H] inform; tell; speak to.

**gwaa** v [HH] mix; mix together.

**gwaa** v [HH] get even; take revenge - *igwara ihe = taking revenge for something done; getting over a matter.* \*See "megwara".

**gwas aka** v [HH HH] perform ritual to strengthen one's existing powers (or "hand") or to gain/acquire additional powers.

**gwaköö** v [LHH] mix together. \*Check for the kinds of "mixing" allowed by the verb "gwa".

**gwam-gwa gwam** n [HH-LH] the first words of a traditional formula introducing a riddling game; *Lit:* "Tell, tell me ...". var. **agwügwa**.

**gwee** v [HH] grind; pulverise; crush to powder - *gwee ose = grind pepper.*

**gwee** v [HH] step on; walk on; tread on - *gwee üküü = step on; place foot on.*

**gwee** v [HH] blend; mix; prepare certain foods by mixing with oil and potash or similar seasoning - *gwee üigba = prepare oil bean salad (with oil and potash).* var. **gwöö**.

**gwere** v [LH] <sup>1</sup>take - *gwere öjii = take (a piece of) kola nut; gwekeje = take aside; gwepü = remove; gwetuo = take down;* <sup>2</sup>assume - *gwere oce = have a seat; sit down.* var. **were; welü**.

**gwöli-gwöli** adj [LL-LL] used to describe objects that have become unduly soft or weak in texture; or of somebody lacking energy.

**gwöö** v [HH] 'blend; mix; prepare certain foods by mixing with oil and potash or similar seasoning - *gwöö öka = prepare maize salad (with oil and potash);* <sup>2</sup>concoct; prepare in an elaborate mix of ingredients, e.g. in a medicinal potion. var. **gwee**.

**gwöö** v [HH] bend to shape; curl round; shape - *gwöö ajü = form a head pad to a round shape.*

**gwöö** v [HH] have a deformity of the leg; be lame or crippled.

**gwöö** *v* [HH] cure; treat (an ailment); make charms - *gwöö ögwü* = *practice medicine; prepare medicines; prepare, or arrange to have charms prepared.*

**gwöö** *v* [LH] (Mbaanö) become too soft (e.g. to handle or eat) - *Nri a agwööla* = *the foofoo is too soft to eat.*

**gwuo** *v* [HH] 'dig; excavate; 'dig out or harvest (esp. tubers) - *gwuo ji* = *dig out, or harvest yam tubers.*

**gwuo** *v* [LH] swim - *gwuo mmiri* = *swim.*

**gwuo** *v* [LH] play - *gwuo egwu* = *engage in play.*

**gwuo egwu** *v* [LH HH] play; play act; engage in light-hearted act or performance; speak unseriously; exchange light banter - *ö na-egwu egwu* = *he is playing; he is joking, i.e., he is not serious.*

**gwupuo** *v* [LHH] dig open; bore a hole.

## H

- H alph** [HH] '11th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiced glottal fricative; a consonant. \*Pronounced "hii".
- ha prn** [H] they; theirs - *ha* = *they*; *nke ha* = *theirs*. var. *wa*; *fa*; *va*.
- haa v** [HH] take stock; check; co-ordinate; arrange. var. *raa*.
- haa v** [LH] 'leave; release; free - *haa m aka* = *release (or free) me*; *leave me alone*; <sup>2</sup>abandon; let go. var. *raa*; *yaa*.
- haaanya v** [HH HH] stare at with astonishment; look at with wonder.
- haa isi v** [HH HH] comb hair. var. *raa isi*.
- haa mmanü v** [HH HHH] ooze fat/oil; have fat/oil drip from outer skin or covering (usually of living organism); exude fat.
- haa önü v** [HH HL] make the first long creaking noise of a tree about to snap.
- haa önya v** [HH HL] set trap.
- hahaa v** [HHL] (Öhafia) share something; divide.
- halü v** [HH] (West Igbo) inherit; take as heir.
- hapü v** [HL] 'free; release - *hapü ndi ejii ejii* = *release or free the prisoners*; <sup>2</sup>abandon; leave behind - *hapü akpa ünü, laa* = *leave your bags behind and go home*; <sup>3</sup>give up - *hapü njö, mmayi* = *give up sin, alcohol*.
- hara v** [HH] kidnap - *hara madü* = *kidnap people*. var. *ralü*.
- hara v** [LH] be equal; be of the same size; weight, or height.
- hazie v** [LHH] 'arrange; organise; sort out; <sup>2</sup>schedule.
- hee v** [HH] hide; move stealthily.
- hee v** [HH] bake; fry; cook in hot oil. var. *ghee*; *yee*.
- hee v** [LH] fully cooked; done; ready to eat. var. *ghee*; *yee*.
- here v** [HH] hide; move stealthily. var. *hee*.
- hewe v** [HH] (Mbaise) get started; begin; start off - *ka anyi hewe ngwangwa* = *so we can set out quickly*.
- hicaa v** [HHH] 'wipe clean; wipe dry; rub off; erase - *hicaa ala ülö, ökü* = *wipe the floor*,

bowl clean and dry; <sup>2</sup>brush off; dust off - *hicaa elu oce; ugegbe* = *dust off the tabletop, mirror*.

- hicapü v** [HLH] wipe off; erase. var. *yicapü*.
- hie v** [LH] prop up or support stem of climbing plants and vegetables. var. *malie*; *manie*.
- hie v** [LH] clean by rubbing or wiping; erase - *hicaa* = *rub clean*; *erase*. var. *yie*.
- hie ehihi v** [HH HHH] grow or swell to form a pus-filled boil on the skin.
- hie mmiri v** [HH HHH] leak water; drip water. var. *lie mmili*; *rie mmiri*.
- hie nne v** [HH HH] (Owere) be many in number; multiply; increase; abound. var. *rie nne*; *zie nne*.
- hie uhere v** [LH HHH] yawn; sneeze.
- hie üra v** [HH HH] sleep; take a nap.
- hihie isi v** [HLH HH] 'shake head vigorously in disapproval; <sup>2</sup>object to.
- hüa v** [LH] wring or squeeze tightly.
- hicaa v** [LHH] squeeze or wring dry.
- hikörö v** [HHH] walk clumsily like one tied up in knots at the feet.
- hikwöö v** [LHH] coil up like a snake; curl up; tie, or be tied in knots.
- hoo v** [HH] dawn - *ci hoo, örü adaa* = *when day breaks, work begins in earnest*. var. *foo*.
- hoo v** [HH] remain alive; survive - *e hoona m?* = *have I survived*: *would I still be alive (then)*. var. *puo*. \*Probably abridged from "*e hoona m ci*" = *have I survived the night*.
- höda v** [HL] take (something) down, e.g. from hearth or stove - *höda ite* = *take the pot down*, i.e. *off the stand or stove*. var. *föda*.
- höö v** [LH] select from a pool; pick and choose; choose items to separate from others - *höö ndi ga-eso gbaa ösö* = *select (or pick) those to participate in the race*. var. *röö*.
- höpü v** [HL] take or move (e.g. pot) out of hearth or stove. var. *föpü*.
- höpüta v** [HLH] select; elect; choose; physically separate one's selection from the rest of the set.
- hörö v** [LH] choose; select.
- huda v** [HL] bend down; stoop.
- hue v** [LH] befall someone; be one's lot in life - *Akpata erigheri ehule m* = *May it not be my lot to acquire wealth, but never get to enjoy it*.
- hunata v** [LHH] bend down; stoop. var.

## runata.

**hunye** *v* [LH] pour or empty something from one container to another.

**huo** *v* [HH] boil; steam; cook by steaming.

**huo** *v* [HH] lean; lie or stand at an angle; not lie flat or erect.

**huo** *v* [LH] beg; sue; plead - *huo ekpe* = make a plea.

**huo afö** *v* [HH HH] have abdominal colic; be constipated. var. **ruo afö**.

**huo aka** *v* [LH HH] rub down or massage.

**huwe isi** *v* [LH HH] be obedient; have respect for. var. **ruwe isi**; **rube isi**.

**hü** *v* [H] 'see - *A härü m ego nna ya wetere* = *I saw the money brought by her father*; <sup>2</sup>meet; come across - *A härü m ya n'ahia* = *I met him at the market; I saw him at the market*.

**hü n'anya** *v* [H HH] love; like; be dear to somebody. var. **fü n'anya**.

**häuba ama** *v* [LH HH] mark; identify; make special note of - *häuba ebe a ama* = make a special note of this place; don't forget this place. var. **häwa ama**; **rüba ama**; **yiwe ama**.

**häja** *v* [HL] scare or startle.

**häjuo anya** *v* [HHH HH] have a very difficult time of it; suffer; go through hell; *Lit*: see an eyeful.

**häköö ahühü** *v* [HLH HHH] 'suffer together; *Lit*: see and go through suffering together; share grief; have compassion - *so ndi nö n'abü häköö ahühü* = you had compassion on the prisoners (*Heb. 10:34*); <sup>2</sup>share grief; have compassion.

**häö** *v* [HH] roast; cook by burning; barbecue - *häö anü* = roast meat in open fire.

**häö** *v* [LH] be impatient or over-anxious.

**häö** *v* [LH] shake, or be shaken; quake; shiver.

**häö önü** *v* [LH HH] propose selling price to purchaser at the start of bargaining.

**häö üzö** *v* [LH HL] see or perceive; have good perception or appreciation of situations; *Lit*: see the way or road.

**häta** *v* [HH] find or discover; secure - *häta örü ngo* = find (i.e. secure) a contract; be a finder. var. **föpü**.

**häwa ama** *v* [LH HH] note well; make special note of; mark - *häwa ebe a ama* = make a special note of this place; don't forget this place. var. **häba ama**; **yie ama**.

## I

**I alph** {H} '12th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>close unrounded front vowel. \*Pronounced as in "see".

**ibe** *n* [HH] 'part; branch; natural sub-division; one half of - *kee ibe ise* = divide into five parts; *ibe öjii* = one lobe of the kolanut; *ibe ukwu* = one buttock; <sup>2</sup>sub-division - *Ibe Afö*, *Ibe Nkwö* = two sub-divisions of a community; <sup>3</sup>remainder; what's left over; the rest.

**ibe** *n* [HH] (lhiala) 'surety; witness; <sup>2</sup>mortgage. var. **mbe**.

**ibe** *n* [HL] companion; neighbour; mate.

**ibe atü** *n* [HH HL] labium major, or outermost part of the female sexual organ; *Lit*: lobe or leaf of the vagina. var. **ibe ötü**.

**ibe ibe** *adv* [HL HL] (Bende) wherever. var. **ebe ebe**.

**ibe nna** *n* [LH HH] paternal cousin; cousins on the father's side of the family. \*cf. *Ijaw*: "ibe" = villages founded by descendants of a common ancestor.

**ibe nne** *n* [LH HH] maternal cousin; cousins on the mother's side of the family.

**ibe ötü** *n* [HH HL] labium major, or outermost part of the female sexual organ; *Lit*: lobe or leaf of the vagina. var. **ibe atü**.

**ibeghiri** *n* [HLHH] shard; empty shell.

**ibeji** *n* [LLL] type of fish with rather coarse scales.

**ibekere** *n* [HHHH] small or tiny piece; small part. var. **mpekere**.

**iberibe** *n* [LLHL] foolishness; stupidity; foolhardiness.

**iberibe** *n* [LLHL] fragments; pieces. var. **irighiri**.

**ibi** *n* [HL] hernia.

**ibi ala** *n* [HL HH] enlargement of the breast; *Lit*: hernia of the breast.

**ibi amu** *n* [HL HL] hernia.

**ibi nwanyi** *n* [HL HL] swelling of labia.

**ibilli** *n* [LLL] adult woman. var. **ibiri**; **ibiri aci**.

**ibiri** *n* [LLL] adult woman. var. **ibili**; **ibiri aci**.

- ibiri acī** *n* [LLL HH] (Ölü-Isu) multiparous woman; woman who has given birth to many issues. var. **ibili**; **ibiri**.
- ibite** *n* [LLH] left-aka ibite = left-hand; omena ibite = left-handed person; Lit: one who does/acts with the left hand.
- ibo** *n* [HL] 'plank; narrow flat piece of lumber; <sup>2</sup>shutter for door or window; the door or window itself. var. **mbo**.
- Ibo** *n* [HL] older and inaccurate form of "Igbo", referring to Igbo people and the Igbo language.
- ibom** *n* [HHH] (Arökukwu) square; settlement; field. var. **obom**.
- ibom** *n* [HHH] raft.
- ibom** *n* [HHH] white river sand.
- ibu** *n* [HH] 'load; burden - buo ibu = carry a burden or load; <sup>2</sup>weight; obesity. var. **ivu**.
- bube** *n* [LLL] flakes; flaky material.
- ibube** *n* [LLL] butterfly; kind of moth. var. **ubube**; **übuba**.
- ibube** *n* [LLL] 'ash or dust from burning grass; <sup>2</sup>shroud or halo. var. **ebube**.
- ibube efu** *n* [LLL HL] (West Igbo) ghost.
- ibube ntü** *n* [LLL HH] ash.
- ibubo** *n* [LHH] halo; awe; splendour.
- ibubo** *n* [LHH] cloud; mist.
- ibudu** *n* [LLL] 'clay pillars used as totem poles in connection with the worship of certain deities; <sup>2</sup>cone shaped clay figure given to women after childbirth as token of future fertility - *ibudu nwa* = *penis-shaped "igbudu"* used as fertility totem. var. **igbudu**.
- ice** *n* [HL] difference; distinctness. var. **ise**.
- ice ice** *adv* [HL HL] differently; variously; in assorted ways.
- ice-oko** *n* [LH-HL] 'parrot; <sup>2</sup>one who simply echoes the views of another; a talkative person. var. **ice-oku**; **icoku**. \*See "oko" = parrot.
- ice-oko** *n* [LH-HL] parrot; talkative person. var. **ice-oko**.
- iceku** *n* [LHH] charcoal; embers. var. **iceökü**.
- iceku** *n* [LHH] a leguminous tree; the velvet or black tamarind; used mainly as fallow crop to restore soil fertility; sometimes (mistakenly?) called "ahaba" or "öhambe" (*Dialium guineense*; *Tamarindus indica*).
- iceku ökü** *n* [LHH HH] coals of fire; red-hot coals.
- icele** *n* [LLL] kernel; shell. var. **icere**.
- iceökü** *n* [LHHH] charcoal; embers. var. **iceku**.
- icere** *n* [LLL] shell; kernel. var. **icele**.
- ici** *n* [HL] 'placenta; foetal membrane, including the placenta; afterbirth; <sup>2</sup>useless person - Öbü nwa ka öbü ici!?= Is this a child or just the afterbirth, or placenta?
- ici** *n* [LL] facial mark; tattoo; scarification.
- icici** *n* [LLL] night rat. var. **ncici**.
- Icie** *n* [LHL] term or title for senior elders; used also for departed ancestors, or the departed fathers of the community.
- icoku** *n* [LHL] 'parrot; tropical bird that imitates human speech; <sup>3</sup>talkative person.
- icu** *n* [LH] (Afikpo) a young person who has not performed the circumcision ritual; an uncircumcised person - *icu erighi ewu* = an uncircumcised person can not share in a goat (used for the festival).
- ide** *n* [HL] flood; deluge. var. **idee**; **idei**; **ide-iyi**.
- ide** *n* [HL] (West Igbo) termite; white ant.
- ide** *n* [HL] rattle worn around the ankles for a dance performance.
- ide** *n* [LL] pillar; post - *Idé mmili* = "Pillar of Water". var. **ede**. \*cf. Yor: "idi" = base, bottom. A version of the story of the "Pillars of Water" is given in Achebe's *Anthills*, Ch. 8.
- ide** *n* [LL] waterside.
- ide iyí** *n* [HL HH] river flood.
- idee** *n* [HL] flood. var. **ide**; **idei**; **ie-iyi**.
- idegbé** *n* [LLL] (Benin) 'a female child who remains to bear children for her father's lineage; or else "marries" another woman to take her place; sometimes called "male daughter"; <sup>2</sup>spinster; female child who does not marry or leave her father's home.
- idegbé ani** *n* [LHH LL] kind of dance organised and performed by both men and women.
- idegele** *n* filth; dirt; rubbish.
- idei** *n* [HLL] flood. var. **ide**; **idee**; **ide-iyi**.
- idele** *n* variety of fish.
- idide** *n* [HHL] earth-worm. var. **igide**; **ijide**.
- idim** *n* species of bird.
- idima** *n* burglar.
- ido** *n* [LL] a variety of white ant; termite.
- idu** *n* (West Igbo) crowd.
- idu** *n* bush.

**idu** *n* [HL] disease that attacks the leaves of yams.

**idum** *n* [LLL] elephant - *ökpa idum* = *elephantiasis*; *Lit: elephant feet*.

**iduma** *n* [LLL] cage; enclosure; trap.

**idumu** *n* (West Igbo) family.

**ife** *n* [HH] 'thing; something; <sup>2</sup>matter. var. *ihe*.

**ffe** *n* [LL] kind of folk-tale. var. *ifo*.

**ife** *n* [LL] light; brightness. var. *ihe*; *ive*.

**ife** *n* [LL] (Abiriba) strangers; non-indigenes; usually in the expression, "ndi ife".

**ife nkili** *n* [HH HHH] spectacle; show; display. var. *ihe nkiri*.

**ife nnene** *n* [HH HHH] spectacle; show. var. *ife nkili*; *ihe nkiri*; *ihe nlere*.

**Ifejioku** *n* [LLHHH] 'Yam god; <sup>2</sup>New Yam Festival; an annual harvest festival marking the formal harvest of the new yam, and paying tribute to the yam god. var. *Fejioku*; *Ahiajökü*.

**ifele** *n* [HHH] 'shame; disgrace - *ife ifele* = *a thing of disgrace*; <sup>2</sup>embarrassment. var. *ihere*; *ifere*.

**ifele** *n* [HHH] 'shame; disgrace - *ife ifele* = *an act that can (or does) bring shame and disgrace*; *ifele mee gi!* = *shame on you!*; <sup>2</sup>embarrassment - *menye fa ifele* = *embarrass them*; <sup>3</sup>shyness - *nwata nwanyi a ana-emeka ifele* = *this young woman is extremely shy*. var. *ifere*; *ihere*.

**ifere** *n* [HHH] (Öhafia) shame; embarrassment. var. *ihere*; *ifele*.

**ifi** *n* [HL] reason for; cause - *nifi* = *on account of, or because of (something)*.

**ifirife** *n* [HHHH] crumbs; chaff.

**ifo** *n* [HL] tale; folk-tale; tale; fairy-tale. <cf. Yor.: "irò" = "lie, fabrication">. var. *iro*.

**ifolo** *adj* [HLL] light.

**ifolo ütütü** *n* [HLL LLL] dawn; daybreak.

**ifu** *n* [HH] (Öhafia) face.

**ifu** *n* [HL] loss; miss.

**ifufe** *n* [LLL] 'breeze; wind; <sup>2</sup>air. var. *ifufu*.

**ifufu** *n* [LLL] breeze; wind. var. *ifufe*.

**ifufuu** *n* [LLHH] flying insect; variety of bug; sweat-fly.

**ifufuu** *n* [LLHH] nuisance.

**ifulu** *n* [HHH] fan-shaped fish. var. *ifuru*.

**ifulu** *n* [LHH] 'flower; flower with pollen; <sup>2</sup>pollen. var. *ifuru*.

**ifuru** *n* [HLL] myth; age-old stories about gods

and bygone heroes. var. *ivulu*; *ifulu*. \*See "azü ifuru".

**ifuru** *n* [LHH] 'flower; flower with pollen; <sup>2</sup>pollen. var. *ifulu*.

**igeri** *n* [LHH] ritual inquest and funeral ceremonies for important elders of Arökukwu and environs.

**ighu** *n* [LH] edible yellowish wild yam (*Dioscorea spp.*).

**igide** *n* [HLL] earth-worm. var. *idide*; *ijide*.

**igidi** *n* [HHH] footprint or footfall; the thump of the foot on the ground.

**igiri** *n* [LLL] 'trouble; nuisance - *mee igiri* = *cause commotion*. <sup>2</sup>(Owere) a boisterous dance for males - *zöö igiri* - perform the *igiri* dance.

**igirigi** *n* [HHHH] a bean-yielding plant, sometimes called "fiö-fiö" (*Cajanus cajan*).

**igirigi** *n* [HHHH] 'dew - *igirigi elu-igwe* = *dew of heaven* (Gen. 27:28); <sup>2</sup>drizzle or light rain - *igirigi mmiri* = *shower; drizzle*. var. *igirige*; *ijiriji*.

**igo** *n* [LHH] shin. var. *igödö*; *igölö*.

**igo** *n* [LL] shin. var. *igölö*.

**igodo** *n* [LHH] key; lock, or padlock. var. *ugodi*. \*The Living Bible" uses "igodo"; "Bible Nsö" uses "ugodi".

**igogoro** *n* [LHHH] (Bende) bitter-kola.

**igölö** *n* [HLL] shin. var. *igo*.

**igu** *n* [HH] lead-cap used to ignite the powder when gun is fired; ignition cap.

**igu** *n* [HH] stone for grinding - *igu öka* = *grinding stone for corn*; *igu uhie* = *grind-stone for camwood*.

**igu** *n* [HL] palm branch; palm frond.

**igube** *n* [LLL] locust, the winged destructive insect. var. *igwuribe*. \*See also "nwa igu".

**igulube** *n* [LLLL] ladder.

**igulube** *n* [LLLL] swarm of locusts; a variety of grasshopper. var. *igurube*; *igwurube*.

**igurube** *n* [LLLL] swarm of locusts; locust; a variety of grasshopper. var. *igwurube*; *igulube*.

**igbe** *n* [HH] crawl; baby crawl - *gbée igbe* = *crawl like a child*.

**igbe** *n* [LH] box; trunk; large container, often made of wood.

**igbe enu** *n* [LL HH] variety of fish, regarded as sacred in some communities.

**igbe ozu** *n* [LH HH] casket; box used in burying the dead; coffin.

**igbegulu** *n* [LLLL] 'stump of palm-frond closest to its base; <sup>2</sup>(metaphorically) lazy or indolent person. var. **igbeguru**. \*“The white ant chews igbegulu because it is lying on the ground; let him climb the palm tree and chew” - *Arrow of God*.

**igbeguru** *n* [LLLL] 'stump of palm-frond closest to its base - *i kpuhee igbeguru hü agwö, i kpucikwaa ya = if you turn the palm-frond stem and find a snake, you place it back again*; <sup>2</sup>indolent person - *ya gbötörö ka igbeguru = lies prone like a palm-frond stump*. var. **igbegulu**.

**igbenu** *n* [LLL] large, dark-coloured fish of the “asa” family.

**igbi** *n* [HL] gum of tooth; tooth-gum. var. **igibili**.

**igbi** *n* [HL] a small animal.

**igbili** *n* [LLL] tooth-gum. var. **igbi**. \*See “agbü” = gum of tooth.

**igbo** *n* [HH] 'upland; not-so-fertile farmland a long way from the waterside; <sup>2</sup>used derogatively by Önica and West Niger Igbo to refer to other Igbo people - *igbo na olu = all Igbo peoples outside Önica and areas across the Niger*. var. **ugbo**. \*See “agba enu” and “ani öca”.

**Igbo** *n* [LL] 'an ethnic people of Nigeria; a person of Igbo descent - *ndị Igbo = Igbo people*; <sup>2</sup>the language of the Igbo people - *süö Igbo = speak Igbo language*.

**igboro** *n* [LHH] (Öhafia) forest.

**igbudu** *n* [LLL] 'sacred idol of moulded clay; <sup>2</sup>treasure hoard; clay mound with labyrinth for storing various sacred objects.

**igbudu** *n* [LLL] hunters' trap.

**igbudu** *n* [LLL] a coffin of wicker-work which serves as substitute for actual coffin containing body of the deceased during second burial.

**igbudu** *n* [LLL] 'clay pillars used as totem poles in connection with the worship of certain deities; <sup>2</sup>cone shaped clay figure given to women after childbirth as token of future fertility - *igbudu nwa = penis-shaped “igbudu” used as fertility totem*. var. **ibudu**.

**igbugbo** *n* [LHH] a gong or small slit-drum, used to signal an important announcement,

or ritual.

**igwe** *n* [HH] sky; heavens.

**igwe** *n* [HH] name of the Sky God.

**igwe** *n* [HL] a title of honour.

**igwe** *n* [HL] 'machine; engine; <sup>2</sup>bicycle.

**igwe** *n* [HL] metal; iron.

**igwe** *n* [HL] bullet.

**igwe** *n* [LL] crowd; multitude.

**igwe aga** *n* [HL HH] pig-iron ore; light iron made from single process molten iron ore.

**igwe ehi** *n* [LL HH] herd of cows.

**igwu** *n* [HH] flea; louse.

**igwugwu** *n* [LHH] sand. var. **uzuzu**.

**igwurube** *n* [LLLL] swarm of locusts; a variety of the grasshopper. var. **igurube**; **igulube**; **igube**.

**ihe** *n* [HH] (Owere) 'something; thing; <sup>2</sup>matter. var. **ife**; **ive**.

**ihe** *n* [HH] reason - *ihe ojiri bia = the reason he came*.

**ihe** *n* [LL] (Owere) light. var. **ife**; **ive**.

**ihe afō** *n* [HH HH] entrails; intestines.

**ihe ebube** *n* [HLL] a thing of wonder; a miracle.

**ihe nkiri** *n* [HH HHH] spectacle; show; display. var. **ife nkili**.

**ihe nlere** *n* [HH HHH] spectacle; show. var. **ife-nkiri**; **ife-nkili**; **ife-nnene**.

**ihe nzuzu** *n* [HH LHH] .

**ihe öjöö** *n* [HH HHH] evil.

**ihe ökü** *n* [HH HH] lamp lantern.

**ihee** *n* [LHH] scales from scabies or other rashes. var. **ihii**.

**ihere** *n* [HHH] charcoal.

**ihere** *n* [HHH] 'shame; disgrace - *ihe ihere = an act that can (or does) bring shame and disgrace*; *ihere mee gi! = shame on you!*; <sup>2</sup>embarrassment - *menye ya ihere = embarrass her*; <sup>3</sup>shyness - *Ö na-eme ihere = she is shy*. var. **ifele**; **ifere**.

**ihí** *n* [HL] cause; reason - *n'ihí = because; for the reason that*. var. **ivi**.

**ihí** *n* [HL] sacred deeds.

**ihii** *n* [LL] heap.

**ihii** *n* [LHH] scales from scabies or other rashes. var. **ihee**. \**ndị ökö abüö dilaköta, ihii eju abö = when two people with scabies share a bed, there are enough scales to fill a trunk*.

**ihó** *n* [LL] light; illumination. var. **ihu**.

**ihu** *n* [HH] 'face; front; general appearance -

**ihu ülö** = frontage of house; <sup>2</sup>countenance.  
**var. iru.**

**ihu n** [LL] light; illumination. **var. iho.**

**ihu n** [LL] visit to pay homage or respect to elders or senior relations.

**ihu ahia n** [HH HHH] (Owere) first sale of the day, believed to set the tone for the day's business. **var. iru afia.**

**ihuriho n** [HLHH] foolishness; stupidity.

**ihuru n** [HHH] face; front - *ihuru m* = my face; *ihuru ülö* = front of house; frontage. **var. ehuru; ezuru.**

**ihuru n** [LLL] charm - *jiri ihuru ga egwu* = danced with much charm; *Lit:* took charms to the dance.

**ije n** [HL] 'journey; trip; <sup>2</sup>walk; gait.

**ijele n** [HHL] soldier-ant. **var. ijere.**

**ijele n** [LLL] kind of masquerade. **var. ijere.**

**ijere n** [HHL] soldier-ant. **var. ijele.**

**ijere n** [LLL] kind of masquerade. **var. ijele.**

**ijeri num** [LLH] a thousand millions (i.e. 1,000,000,000); several millions; billions. \*Actually, means "uncountable", but now used in technical and scientific texts as an exact number.

**iji n** [HH] fly. **var. ijiji.**

**iji n** [HL] flood caused by river overflowing its banks.

**ijide n** [HLL] earth-worm. **var. idide; igide.**

**ijiji n** [HHH] fly. **var. iji.**

**ijiji önyü-aka n** [HHH HH-HH] mangrove fly.

**ijiriji n** [HHHH] dew; mist or fog. **var. igirige; igirigi.**

**iju mmiri n** [LH HHH] deluge; monsoon. **var. udu mmiri.**

**ike n** [HH] 'ability; power; strength; force - *ike aka m* = the power of my hand; *jiri ike* = use force; <sup>2</sup>authority; capacity - *onye nyere gi ike* = who gave you the authority; *inwehi ike ime ya* = you do not have the authority/capacity to do it; <sup>3</sup>energy; endurance; perseverance - *jisie ike* = persevere; *Lit:* keep up your energy.

**ike n** [HL] anus; buttock - *ike mmanyia* = lees.

**ike n** [LL] a unit of whole fruit; whole piece of fruit or produce - *ike ükwa* = whole breadfruit.

**ike ara n** [LL HH] main body o the breast; breast lobe; huge or pendulous breast. **var.**

**mgba ala; mkpa ala; mkpa ara.**

**ike kwe adv** [HH H] perhaps; maybe; if possible.

**ike mmanyia n** [HL HHH] lees; dregs.

**ike ükwü n** [HL HH] shin; front of leg below the knee. \*See "egedege ükwü".

**ikenga n** [LHLL] carved ritual figure with upraised right arm; carved wooden figure representing achievement and uprightness; symbol of personal worth.

**ikere n** [HLL] tse-tse fly.

**ikere n** [LHH] root - *ikere eze* = molar (tooth). **var. ikikere.**

**ikere eze n** [LHH HH] molar tooth; back teeth used in grinding.

**ikere ükwü n** [LH HH] heel; *Lit:* root of the leg.

**ikerike n** [HHHH] scales. **var. ikirike; ikoriko.**

**ikike n** [HHH] 'authority; power - *onye nyere ünü ikike ikwatu ülö a* = who gave all of you the authority to pull down this building; <sup>2</sup>force. **var. ike.**

**ikikere n** [LHHH] root. **var. ikere.**

**ikili n** [HLL] heel. **var. ikili ükwü; ikili ökpa.**

**ikili n** [LLL] kind of rodent. **var. ikiri.**

**ikili aka n** [HLL HH] (Önica) elbow. **var. ikiri aka.**

**ikiri aka n** [HLL HH] elbow. **var. ikili aka.**

**ikili kpöm n** [LLL HH] a gnome from the spirit world. \*\*"a spirit capable of striking a victim with perpetual leprosy" (Ögbalü).

**ikili ökpa n** [HLL HL] heel. **var. ikiri ökpa.**

**ikili ükwü n** [HLL HH] heel. **var. ikiri ükwü.**

**ikiriko n** [HHHH] scales. **var. ikoriko; ikerike.**

**iko n** [HH] 'a friend, usually of the opposite sex, with whom one has a romantic relationship, usually outside marriage; mistress; concubine; <sup>2</sup>(in the Ngwa area) a person extending sexual privileges to a partner outside marriage; a man chosen by a spinster to father her children; a sex-mate.

**iko n** [HH] (Afikpo) festival or merriment;

- occasion for public jubilation - *iko udu mmiri* = rainy season festival.
- iko** *n* [LH] small gourd cup; water cup; goblet or chalice - *iko mmiri* = water cup; *iko mmanya* = wine cup; *iko öbara* = chalice of blood. var. **uko**.
- ikoli** *n* [HHH] prison.
- ikolo** *n* [HLL] (Önica) large slit-drum. var. **ikoro**.
- ikolo önwa** *n* [HLL HH] moon halo. var. **ikoro önwa**.
- ikom** *n* [HHL] adult men; women folk - *ndi ikom* = menfolk; (in Ngwa area) women folk.
- ikoriko** *n* [HHHH] scales. var. **ikiriko**; **ikerike**.
- ikoro** *n* [HLL] large slit drum, owned communally by a village or town, used to summon adults to important meetings, festivals or emergencies. var. **ikolo**.
- ikoro** *n* [HLL] young male; hunk. var. **ikolo**.
- ikoro** *n* [HLL] 'hollow; pit; <sup>2</sup>trench; gutter. var. **ukoro**; **nkörö**.
- ikoro** *n* [LHH] halo. var. **ikolo**; **ukoro**.
- iku** *n* [LH] fish-trap. var. **ikum**.
- iku** *n* [LL] shade.
- iku** *n* [LL] eyebrow; eye-lid - *iku anya* = eyelash.
- iku anya** *n* [LL HH] eye-lid. var. **agba anya**.
- iku ibe** *n* [LL HL] ant-nest; small anthill.
- ikuku** *n* [LLL] 'breeze; wind; <sup>2</sup>air.
- ikum** *n* [LHH] (loan) fish-trap. var. **iku**.
- ikpe** *n* [LH] court action; judgment; legal suit.
- ikpe azü** *n* [LH HH] end; very end.
- ikpe azü** *n* [LH LH] trial in absentia; secret trial; trial behind the accuser's back.
- ikpe omüma** *n* [LH LHH] guilty verdict; judgment.
- ikpeci** *n* [LLL] yaws. var. **ikpecu**.
- ikpeghe** *n* [LLL] (Bende) 'money; wealth; <sup>2</sup>manilla; horse-shoe shaped brass or copper coin introduced in Nigeria in the 1930's. var. **okpogho**.
- ikpeke** *n* [LHL] bridge made of ropes; rope bridge across bridge or gully.
- ikpele** *n* [HLL] knee. var. **ikpere**.
- ikpele** *n* [LLL] (Önica) edge; rim; river-bank - *ikpele n̄mili* = river bank. var. **ikpere**.
- ikpenta** *n* [LLHH] leprosy. var. **ekpenta**.
- ikpere** *n* [HLL] knee. var. **ikpele**.
- ikpere** *n* [LLL] edge; rim; river bank - *ikpere*
- mmiri* = river bank. var. **ikpele**.
- ikpere mmiri** *n* [LHH HHH] river bank; river's edge.
- ikpo** *n* [LH] bale; heap - *ikpo ahihia* = heap of dry grass.
- ikpo** *n* [LH] small gong or iron bells worn by hounds. var. **ikpō(?)**.
- ikpo** *n* [LH] traditional title associated with the (Bende) Ezeji New Yam festival.
- ikpo** *n* [LH] earthen bed, usually raised some five inches from the ground. \*See "mkpuru" = raised earthen bed.
- ikporo** *n* [LHH] giant-grass.
- ikporo** *n* [LHH] dog bell used in hunts; gong. var. **ikpo**.
- ikporo** *n* [LLH] maiden; young woman; virgin.
- ikporoto** *n* [LHHH] large reeded plant; elephant grass.
- ikpu** *n* [HL] vulva; woman's private parts.
- ikpukpe** *n* [LLL] surgical fiddle.
- ikpulu** *n* [LHH] kind of maggot. var. **ikpuru**.
- ikpuru** *n* [LHH] kind of maggot. var. **ikpulu**.
- ikputu** *n* [HLL] skin-disease.
- ikputu** *n* [LLL] brown snake.
- ikwe** *n* [HL] large mortar used for pounding.
- ikwi ikwii** *n* [LL LHH] owl. var. **ukwughu-ukwughu; uzu-uzu**.
- ikwu** *n* [HH] clan; kindred; lineage; matriclan - *ndi ikwu* = kinsmen.
- ikwu** *n* [HH] kind or sort of - *ikwu n̄madü a* = this kind of person.
- ikwu** *n* [LL] name-calling; abuse; insult - *kwuo ikwu* = call names; abuse.
- ikwu** *n* [LL] abuse, or insult; curse - *kwue m ikwu* = abuse me; call me names.
- ikwu nne** *n* [HH HH] relations on the mother's side; maternal relations.
- ikwube** *n* [LLL] anthills, or red-coloured termite mound, often up to seven feet high.
- ikwum** *n* [HHH] (Afikpo) festival of initiation.
- ile** *n* [HH] (Önica) tongue. var. **ire**.
- ile** *n* [LL] (Önica) efficacy and power, especially of medicinal remedies; potency; active power. var. **ire**.
- ile ökü** *n* [HH HH] flame; Lit: tongue-of-fire. var. **ire ökü**.
- ile öma** *n* [HH HH] (West Igbo) snail. var. **ire öma**.

ili *n* [HL] grave; tomb. *var.* ini; inyi.  
 ili *n* [LH] egg.  
 ili *n* [LH] ten. *var.* iri.  
 ililo *n* [HLH] species of grass.  
 illo *n* [LH] street; road; way; outdoors.  
 ilo *n* [LH] (Önica) compound; outside; yard.  
*var.* iro.  
 ilokolo übüba *n* [LLLL LHH] butterfly; kind  
 of moth. *var.* ukuru übüba; urukuru  
 übüba; ere mbübara.  
 ilu *n* [HH] bitterness; bitter taste.  
 ilu *n* [HH] proverb; wise saying; riddle.  
 ilulu *n* [HHH] proverb; wise-saying; riddle.  
*var.* ilu.  
 ime *n* [HH] pregnancy - türü ime = become  
 pregnant; díime = be pregnant; tüwa nwanyi  
 ime = make a woman pregnant; ime na-eme  
 ya = she is having labour pains.  
 ime *n* [HH] inside; interior.  
 ime mkpuke *n* [HH LLH] pre-marital preg-  
 nancy.  
 ime nne *n* [HH HH] oldest of the members of  
 a kindred born of the same mother.  
 ime öpüpü *n* [HH LLL] miscarriage.  
 imeji *n* [HHH] liver. *var.* imeju; umeji.  
 imeju *n* [HHH] liver. *var.* imeji; umeji.  
 imelime *n* [LLHL] numerous; many. *var.*  
 imerime.  
 imerime *n* [LLHL] numerous; many. *var.*  
 imeline.  
 imi *n* [HH] nose; nostril - imi mpia = flat nose.  
 imilikiti *n* [LLLHH] (Önica) numerous; many.  
*var.* imirikititi.  
 Imo *n* [HL] name of a river.  
 imo *n* [LL] 'morning dew; dew. *var.* imu.  
 imu *n* [HL] dew. *var.* imo.  
 ini *n* [HL] (Önica) grave; tomb. *var.* ili; inyi.  
 ini iyí *n* [LL HH] (Önica) tree with huge trunk  
 variously identified as sasswood or "red river  
 tree". *var.* inyi (*Erythrophleum guineense*).  
 inine *n* [HLL] banana. *var.* unune (*Musa  
 paradisica*).  
 inu *n* [HH] (Önica) proverb; wise saying. *var.*  
 ilu.  
 inu *n* [HH] bitter taste; bitterness. *var.* ilu.  
 inyeme *n* [LLL] (West Igbo) female person;  
 woman; wife - ndíinyeme = women, usually  
 wives. *var.* inyom; inyum.  
 inyi *n* [HL] grave. *var.* ini; ili.  
 inyi *n* [HL] dirt; filth; charcoal. *var.* unyi.

inyi *n* [LL] tree with huge trunk serving as  
 landmark for a settlement; sasswood - Ama  
 inyi = name of a town; marked by the pres-  
 ence of the "inyi" tree. *var.* ini iyí  
 (*Erythrophleum guineense*). \*Shortened  
 form of "ii iyí" or water tree.  
 inyi *n* [LL] kind of ant.  
 inyi *n* [LL] elephantiasis; boil; gross swelling  
 of the legs.  
 inyo *n* [LH] 'nonsense - Ö na-ekwu inyo = he  
 is talking nonsense; ^uselessness - onye inyo  
 = useless person.  
 inyogho *n* [HLH] 'shadow; reflection; ^trance.  
*var.* inyogo.  
 inyogo *n* [HLH] 'shadow; reflection; ^trance.  
*var.* inyunyo; enyunyo.  
 inyom *n* [HLL] wives; women; female per-  
 sons - ndíinyom = womenfolk. *var.* inyeme;  
 inyum.  
 inyum *n* [HLL] (Afikpo) wives; women;  
 female persons - nde inyum = womenfolk.  
*var.* inyeme; inyom.  
 inyunyo *n* [HLH] shadow. *var.* enyunyo;  
 inyogo.  
 ipere *n* [HHH] bat; a variety of small bat. *var.*  
 mpere.  
 ipeteri *n* [LLLL] (Isele-Uku) special cloth  
 worn by women in their first pregnancy.  
 \*Also called "agbale".  
 ire *n* [HH] tongue; flame or tongue of fire  
*var.* ile.  
 ire *n* [LL] (Owere) efficacy and power, espe-  
 cially of medicinal remedies; potency; active  
 power. *var.* ile.  
 ire eju *n* [HH HL] vulva; female private parts.  
 ire ökü *n* [HH HH] flame; Lit: tongue-of-fire.  
*var.* ile ökü.  
 ire öma *n* [HL HL] (West Igbo) snail.  
 ire ütö *n* [HH LH] flattery; smooth talk - nke  
 ahü bii ire ütö = that is nothing but flattery  
 (words of flattery); Lit: sweet tongue.  
 iri num *[LH]* ten; the number 10; tenth - ite iri  
 = ten pots. *var.* ili.  
 irighiri *n* [HHHH] fragments; tiny pieces or  
 varieties (of something). *var.* iberibe.  
 iriri *n* [HHH] crumbs; chaff.  
 iro *n* [HH] 'enmity; hatred; feud; ^enemy - onye  
 iro = enemy; foe.  
 iro *n* [LH] tale; folk-tale; fairy-tale. <Yor.:  
 "iro" = lie, fabrication>. *var.* oro; ifo.

- iro** *n* [LH] 'compound; outdoors area around house; <sup>2</sup>way; street; road - *iro moto* = *motor road; street.* var. **ilo**. \*Used as synonymous with "üzo" = road.
- irom** *n* [HHH] bottle; glass container. \*See "ekpem" and "akarama", both probably loan words from Efik and Ijaw, respectively.
- iru** *n* [HH] face; front; general appearance - *iru na azü* = *front and back; iru ya di'ka* = *its appearance is 'not quite right'.* var. **ihu**.
- iru** *n* [LL] two hundred.
- iru afia** *n* [HH HHH] (Önica) first sale of the day, believed to set the tone for the day's business. var. **iru afia**.
- irukpu** *n* [HLL] (Öka) cloud. var. **alukpu**.
- iruro** *n* [LLL] soldier-ant; driver-ant. var. **eruru; elulu**.
- iruru** *n* [LLL] soldier-ant; driver-ant. var. **eruru; elulu**.
- ise** *num* [LH] five; the number 5; fifth - *ite ise* = *five pots; nke ise* = *fifth item.*
- Ise!** *ext!* [LH] Amen!; So be it! Response, by way of assent, by the congregation to prayer, or in invocation by officiating priest. \*See "Eha" = Amen.
- isi** *n* [HH] 'human head; skull; brains; intelligence - *isi ukwu* = *large head/skull; isi ree* = *a head-hunt is on!* (*chant to scare people during funeral for a dignitary*); *isi akwükwo* = *brains; head for books;* <sup>2</sup>source or origin; stronghold or epicentre - *isi mmiri* = *source of a river; up-stream; isi agbara* = *entrance to shrine; the heart of a shrine;* <sup>3</sup>topic; subject matter; issue or conclusion - *isi okwu* = *issue at stake or subject matter; o nwhee isi* = *if it materialises.* var. **ishi**.
- isi** *n* [HH] 'end - *ruo n'isi* = *reach the end;* <sup>2</sup>goal or purpose - *A maghüm isi ndü han'ebi* = *I don't know the goal or purpose to their kind of life-style.* var. **ishi**.
- isi** *n* [HH] chapter or sub-section of a book. var. **ishi**.
- isi** *n* [HH] top. \*cf. "ala" = bottom.
- isi** *n* [HL] smell; odour.
- isi** *n* [LL] blindness - *onye isi* = *blind person.* var. **ishi**.
- isi aka** *n* [HH HH] (Önica) thumb. var. **ishi aka**.
- isi akpü** *n* [HH HH] glue-like bait used to trap birds. \*See "esu"; "eso" = bait.
- isi akwara** *n* [HH HH] obstinacy - *ö na-ekweka* *isi akwara* = *he is usually very obstinate.*
- isi ala** *n* [HH LL] act of submission; gesture of touching the ground with one's head as act of humility and penitence - *isi n'ala, ikpere n'ala* = *head to the floor, knees to the ground, as gestures of total submission.*
- isi awö** *n* [HH HL] gray hairs.
- isi ego** *n* [HH HH] unit of six cowries; a set of six cowries, or "mkpürü ego".
- isi ekpe** *n* [HH HL] widowhood; widow; widower.
- isi ekwe** *n* [HH HL] a head ornament, in the form of a pigtail, said to make the wearer immortal, and removed after completing designated task.
- isi ike** *n* [HH HH] stubbornness; obstinacy.
- isi iyí** *n* [HH HL] well; wellspring.
- isi mbido** *n* [HH HHH] beginning; start.
- isi mgbaka** *n* [HH LLL] hysteria; madness; psychosis; mental illness in general.
- isi ndü** *n* [HH HL] 'baby-hair; <sup>2</sup>model of baby made from clay.
- isi ngö** *n* [HH HL] crook; curved end of pole.
- isi njedebe** *n* [HH HHHH] end; very end.
- isi nkwöca** *n* [HH HHH] baldness.
- isi okwu** *n* [HH HH] subject; subject matter; issue.
- isi ögü** *n* [HH HL] hoe blade; the triangular-shaped blade of a hoe.
- isi öka** *n* [HH HL] corn cob. var. **oko öka**.
- isi öwüwa** *n* [HH HHH] headache.
- isi ügbö** *n* [HH HH] ship's stern; rear of a ship.
- isi ütütü** *n* [HH LHL] dawn; early morning; first light.
- Isi-ji** *n* [HH-H] Yam festival; masked male dance associated with the yam festival, the occasion (in Afikpo) for a series of manhood initiation rituals.
- isii** *num* [LHH] 'six; sixth - *mmadü isii* = *six men;* <sup>2</sup>sixth - *nke isii* = *sixth day.* var. **ishii**.
- isisi** *n* [HLL] smell; odour. var. **isi**.
- isisi nkü** *n* [HLL LL] large tree stump used as firewood, serving as the heart of the fire, and hardly ever going out.
- ishi** *n* [HH] 'head; subject matter; issue; topic; source or origin; <sup>3</sup>conclusion or result; outcome. var. **isi**. \*See "isi" = head.
- ishi** *n* [LL] blindness. var. **isi**.
- ishii** *n* [LHH] six. var. **isii**.

**ishishi ugwu** *n* [HHL HH] clitoris; clitoris; small upper end of a woman's genitalia; *Lit:* stump (of) circumcision.

**ite** *n* [LH] story; proverb; folklore; folk-tale.

**ite** *n* [LL] pot; pitcher.

**ite igwe** *n* [LL HL] iron pot.

**ite mfü** *n* [LL LL] rat trap.

**ite mgbe** *n* [LL LL] kind of clay pot with thick body and wide brim.

**ite mmiri** *n* [LL HHH] water pot; pitcher.

**ite oko** *n* [LL HH] kind of pot.

**ite otu** *n* [LL HH] keg of palm wine (usually about 2-gallons) - *ite otu mmanya = keg of palm wine.*

**ite ökü** *n* [LL HH] 'lamp; lantern; <sup>2</sup>brazier; large pan holding cooking coals - *tüba ya n'ökü dí* *n* 'ite ökü = threw them into the fire in the brazier (Jer 36:23); *ite ökü ukwu = oven.*

**itenani** *num* [LLHH] nine; the number 9; ninth.

**iti** *n* [HL] 'low grade palm wine; <sup>2</sup>blockhead.

**itikpa** *n* [LLH] lamp; lantern. *var.* **utukpe**.

**itiri** *n* [LLL] darkness; gloom. *var.* **utiri**.

**itolu** *num* [LHH] nine; the number 9; ninth - *akwükwo itolu = nine books; nke itolu = ninth item. var. tolu.*

**tona** *n* [HLL] bullet.

**ituru** *n* [LLL] maggot.

**itutu** *n* [HLL] large animal.

**ive** *n* [HH] (Agüleri) 'thing; something; <sup>2</sup>Kedü ive na-agá? = what's going on; what is the matter?. *var.* **ihe**; **ife**.

**ive** *n* [LL] light; brightness.

**Ivejioko** *n* [LLHHH] Yam god. *var.* **Fejioku**; **Ahiajökü**.

**ivejioko** *n* [LLHHH] species of ant.

**ivejiökü** *n* [LLHHH] whirlwind.

**ivi** *n* [HL] cause; reason. *var.* **ifi**; **ibi**.

**ivu** *adj* [HL] heavy; stout. *var.* **ibu**.

**ivu** *n* [HH] load; burden; weight - *vuo ivu = carry a burden or load. var. ibu.*

**ivulu** *n* [LHH] flower. *var.* **ifulu**; **ifuru**.

**iwe** *n* [HH] anger; wrath.

**iwele** *n* [LHH] medicinal plant used often as poison to harvest fish; fish-poison. *var.* **iwere** (*Tephrosia toxicana*).

**iwere** *n* [LHH] medicinal plant used often as poison to harvest fish. *var.* **iwele** (*Tephrosia toxicana*).

**iwi** *n* [HL] waste; loss. *var.* **iyi**.

**iwu** *n* [LH] law; edit; decree; edict; command-

ment; order; rule; regulation; statute - *maa iwu = enact a law; daa iwu = break the law; Lit: fail the law; debe iwu = keep the law; obey the law.*

**iyee** *excl* [LHH] Yes!. *var.* **eyee**.

**iyegbe** *n* [LLL] chain; tough two-ply thread. *var.* **iyagba**.

**iyeli** *n* [LH] earring. <Eng: "earring">. *var.* **iyeri**.

**iyere** *n* [LHH] valley.

**iyeri** *n* [LH] earring - Eng: "ear-ring". *var.* **iyeli**.

**iyi** *n* [HH] flood; river; stream.

**iyi** *n* [HL] small pebbles.

**iyi** *n* [HL] waste; loss.

**iyi mpi** *n* [HH LL] owl.

**iyi üwa** *n* [HH LL] special stones or pebbles that bind the "ögbanje" with the spirit world, which objects have to be unearthed for the child to be "saved" and its designs frustrated.  
\*See "iyi" = pebbles.

**ize** *n* [LL] child under five years. *var.* **izile**.

**izi** *n* [HH] housefly.

**izi** *n* [LL] (Ahöada) husband.

**izile** *n* [LLL] infant baby; child under five years. *var.* **ize**.

**izize** *n* [HLL] goose bumps; offensive sight; disgust.

**izizi** *n* [LLL] numbness or mild paralysis of limbs; tingling sensation.

**izizi** *n* [LLL] (Önica) beginning; outset - *n'izizi = at the beginning; from the outset.*

**izu** *n* [HL] 'week of four days (Eke, Orie, Afö, and Nkwö); <sup>2</sup>week (of seven days) - *izu üka = seven-day week (beginning with Sunday).*  
\*The 8-day week is "izu ukwu" = big week.

**izu** *n* [HL] beginning of pregnancy.

**izu** *n* [LL] 'private or confidential discussion outside of main meeting or conference; private confidential consultation; <sup>2</sup>summons to a meeting - *zaa izu = answer to a summons to a council meeting.*

**izu nta** *n* [LL HL] four-day week.

**izu ögü** *n* [LH LL] war strategy.

**izu öjöö** *n* [LL HHH] evil plot or conspiracy.

**izuga** *n* boor; buffoon.

**izugbe** *prn* [LLH] all; everyone of.

**izuzu** *n* [LLL] discretion; judgment (good); consultation - *izuzu ga na-ece gi nce = discretion will protect you (Prov. 2:11).*

## II

- i** *alph* [H] '13th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>half-close unrounded front vowel. \*The vowel has no equivalent in the European languages. It is close, however, to IPA Cardinal Vowel No. 2.
- i prn** [H] you; your. \*second person pronoun. \*a shortened form of **gi** = you; your.
- iba** *n* [LH] men's underpants, woven from cotton, grass and tree bark; also called "agadagba". *var.* **igba**.
- iba** *n* [HL] 'jaundice, or jaundice-like fever; high fever associated with malaria; fever in general; <sup>2</sup> red eye associated with fever.
- iba** *n* [LL] small family house (not the "obi") which holds the communal shrine; *var.* **ibara**.
- ibara** *n* [HLL] short slivers of bamboo branch used as hangers; outer layer of dry raffia or palm frond used as rafters.
- ibara** *n* [HLL] kind of bird; the whydah. *var.* **igbara**.
- ibara** *n* [HLL] rascality; light bragging; playful boasting; high-spirited boastfulness - *mee ibara* = play the rascal, or braggart.
- ibara** *n* [HLL] small family house (not the "obi") which holds the communal shrine. *var.* **iba**.
- ibari** *n* [HHH] small meeting place or hall. *var.* **iba**.
- ibari** *n* [HLL] third child of the family.
- iböbö** *n* [LHH] cold shiver; great shock - *ibobo wee mwia m n'ahü* = I was in shock; Lit: a cold shiver died/rested in my body.
- ibuba** *n* [HLL] sandfly; mosquito; fly.
- icafü** *n* [LLL] scarf; headscarf. <English: "scarf">.
- icaka** *n* [LLL] a musical instrument of the rattle family.
- icakara** *n* [LHHH] kind of tree.
- ida mmiri** *n* [HL HHH] first rains of the wet season.
- ifölö** *n* [LHH] drizzle; very light showers of rain.
- ifülifü** *n* [LLLL] bean-pod.

- ifünanya** *n* [HLHH] (Önica) affection; love. *var.* **ihünanya**. \*The tone pattern (HLHH) is different from that of the verbal (ifü na anya [hh h hh]) from which this word is formed.
- iga** *n* [HH] 'fetters; shackles; handcuffs; 'chain; lock. \*See "ötösi" = stocks.
- iga** *n* [LL] 'barrenness; 'barren woman - *nwanyi aga* = barren mother.
- iga agü** *n* [LL HH] large prawn.
- igödö** *n* [LHH] shin. *var.* **igo**; **igöldö**.
- igölö** *n* [LHH] shin. *var.* **igo**; **igödö**.
- igba** *n* [HH] (Öhaözara) men's underpants, woven from cotton, grass and tree bark; also called "agadagba". *var.* **iba**.
- igba** *n* [LL] mid-sized hide or membrane drum.
- igbaga** *n* [LLL] kind of dance.
- igbara** *n* [LHL] kind of bird; the whydah. *var.* **ibara**.
- igbirigba** *n* [LHLH] chain.
- igbö** *n* [LH] fishing net; fishing gear.
- igwü** *n* [HL] raffia-palm; the wine from this variety of palm. *var.* **ngwö** (*Raphia vinifera*).
- ihö** *n* [LL] bias; choice or preference made out of bias or prejudice - *gbaa ihö* = be choosy; have strong preference or antipathies; have definite prejudices in favour of or against particular persons or objects. <"höö" = select from a set>. *var.* **nhö**.
- ihünanya** *n* [HLHH] affection; love. *var.* **ifünanya**. \*The tone pattern (HLHH) is different from that of the verbal (ihü na anya [hh h hh]) from which this word is formed.
- ija** *n* [HL] leg beads; anklet.
- ijaja** *n* [LLL] epilepsy.
- ijakpa** *n* [LLH] (loan (?)) fly-whisk made from cow-tail.
- ikö** *n* [LH] miser.
- ikpa** *n* [HH] wasteland; uninhabited land.
- ikpa** *n* [LH] 'worthless person; ne'er-do-well; person who wastes his life with petty pranks; <sup>2</sup>rascal; one who creates a nuisance; hence, also a nuisance - *mee ikpa* = cause quite a nuisance.
- ikpakpa** *n* [LHH] a kind of small bird.
- ikpakpa** *n* [LHH] (Öhafia) corn; maize. *var.* **akpökpa**.
- ikpö** *n* [LH] 'dried corn; ground corn wrapped in leaves, cooked with a cocktail of vegetables, and served with oil and pepper; 'flour from cocoyam. *var.* **ipö**; **ikpökiri**; **mkpökiri**.

**ikpö** *n* [LH] small gong worn by hounds; dog-bell. *var.* **ikpo**.

**ikpöküri** *n* [LH] 'dried corn; ground corn wrapped in leaves, cooked with a cocktail of vegetables, and served with oil and pepper; <sup>2</sup>flour from cocoyam. *var.* **ipö**; **ikpö**; **mkpöküri**.

**ikpöküri** *n* [LHHH] female lizard.

**ikpürükü** *n* [LHLH] entrails; intestines of slaughtered animal.

**ilö** *excl* [HL] (West Igbo) Welcome!; Welcome back!; Happy return home! *Lit:* you are back!. *var.* **Alüa**.

**inö** *num* [LH] four; the number 4; fourth.

**inyanga** *n* [LLH] pride; ostentation.

**inyari** *n* [LLL] millet; also known as "azizi".

**inyinya** *n* [LLL] donkey; horse.

**inyinya ibu** *n* [LLL HH] ass; beast of burden.

**ipanti** *n* [LLH] (loan) underpants. <Engl: "pants" = underwear>.

**ipö** *n* [LH] pottage made from corn; ground corn wrapped in leaves, cooked with a cocktail of vegetables, and served with oil and pepper - *ipö bü ercaa ecezöö üwa* = after a meal of "ipö" you forget about [the problems off the world; *Lit:* "ipö" is (such that), after eating it, you forgot the world. *var.* **ikpö**.

**ira** *n* [LL] 'the citizenry; the people - *ka eze nwe ira, ka ira nwe eze* = just as the king owns the people, so do the people own the king; <sup>2</sup>the masses; the public. *var.* **öra**.

**ira nca** *n* [LL LH] everybody; all the people. *var.* **isa nca**.

**isa** *n* [LH] periwinkle; a species of crayfish or crawfish. *var.* **isam**; **isha**.

**isa ifi** *n* [HL HL] woman's confession before one's husband's relatives regarding her fidelity following long absence; in some areas, a confession made as a final act of the marriage ceremony.

**isa nca** *n* [LL LH] everybody; all the people. *var.* **ira nca**.

**isaa** *num* [LHH] (Önica) seven; the number 7; seventh.

**isam** *n* [HHH] periwinkle: a species of crayfish or crawfish. *var.* **isa**; **isha**.

**isama agha** *n* [LHH HH] (Ösömari) war general or commander. \*The word "isama" is probably a loan word from Edo.

**isatö** *num* [LHH] (Önica) eight; the number 8; eighth.

**isha** *n* [HH] periwinkle; a species of crayfish or crawfish. *var.* **isa**; **isam**.

**ita** *n* [LH] he-goat; castrated male goat. *var.* **itaña**.

**ita** *n* [LH] (West Igbo) kind of folktale approaching the seriousness of myth and legend, distinguished from light tales such as "akükö iro" or "akükö ifo".

**ita** *n* [LH] <sup>1</sup>lot; bet; wager - *maa ita* = make a bet; <sup>2</sup>procedure for determining guilt by use of lots. \*See "fee nza" = cast lots.

**itali** *n* [LLL] <sup>1</sup>cane; whip - *pia itali* = flog; whip; <sup>2</sup>scourge. *var.* **üitali**.

**itaña** *n* [LLL] he-goat. *var.* **ita**.

**itañi** *n* [LLL] kind of bell. *var.* **ataní**; **atanü**.

**itarí** *n* [LLL] cane; whip - *pia itari* = whip; flog. *var.* **itäli**.

**ítö** *num* [LH] three; the number 3; third.

**iwa** *n* [LH] variety of cassava.

**iwa** *n* [LH] (West Igbo) beans. <Yor: "iwa" = beans>.

**iyaa** *excl* [LHH] yes!.

**iyaa** *n* [LHH] aunt; term of deference for elder cousin who was also one's nanny. \*See Yoruba "iya" = mother.

**iyagba** *n* [LLL] chain; tough two-ply thread. *var.* **iyegbe**.

**iyagha** *n* [LLL] variety of yellow yam.

## J

- J alph** [HH] '14th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiced palato-alveolar affricative; a consonant.
- jaa** v [HH] commend, extol, or praise, usually in the presence of the person praised -*jaa ya mma* = *extol him well; praise him highly.* \*See "too" = praise.
- jedebe** v [LHH] (Önica) go only so far; stop walking; stop going.
- jee** v [HH] imitate; mimic.
- jee** v [HH] (Önica) go; walk; travel. var. **gaa**.
- jee mgbalu** v [HH HHH] pay formal condolence visit on the relatives of a deceased person. var. **gaa mgbaru; gbaa mgbaru**.
- jee ökü** v [HH HL] (Öka) fish; go fishing. <"ökü" from "küö" as in "küö azü" = go fishing>. var. **yee ökü**.
- jesuo** v [HLH] stray and get lost.
- jerue** v [LHH] get there; arrive there; reach a further point. var. **jeruo**. \*Contrast with "biaalue" = arrive here from somewhere else.
- jere** v [HH] 'wear as adornment (e.g. bead); <sup>2</sup>have a narrow strip of clothing around the waist -*jere akwa* = *wear strip of cloth loosely.* \*See "turu" and "yie".
- jeruo** v [LHH] arrive there; reach a further point, as opposed to "biaürüo" = arrive here from somewhere else. var. **jerue**.
- ji** aux [L] used as an auxiliary to indicate current continuous action - *Efere m ji-eri nri* = *the plate I use in eating; my food plate.*
- ji** n [H] yam; yam plant or tuber. var. **ndi**.
- ji abia** n [H HLL] species of yam with white tubers and small round flowers; small aerial tubers are sometimes present (*D. prae-hensilis*). \*See "ji ntüma" and "ji abia" = white yam.
- ji aga** n [H HH] high yielding variety of white yam, usually grown in refuse or compost sites in residential areas.
- ji akpü** n [H HH] cassava plant or tuber, from which many foods are produced; often referred to as the "women's yam". var. **akpü**.
- ji akpü ojii** n [H HH HHH] high-yielding

variety of cassava.

- ji akpü öca** n [H HH HH] variety of (white) low-yielding cassava.
- ji akpü uhie** n [H HH HHH] variety of red cassava reputed for poor yield.
- ji ara** n [H HH] (Bende) plantain.
- ji asöri** n [H LLL] species of yam.
- ji efiri** n [H HHH] roasted plantain. var. **ji elele**.
- ji elele** n [H HHH] roasted plantain. var. **ji efiri**.
- ji igwe** n [H HH] variety of yam.
- ji ita** n [H LH] a variety of yam, light yellow, with a thick bark; also called "abi". var. **abii** (*D. rotunda*).
- ji inkara** n [H LHH] variety of live plant used in establishing fences and hedges (*Tetraphena*).
- ji intüma** n [H LLL] species of yam with white tubers and small round flowers; small aerial tubers are sometimes present (*D. prae-hensilis*). \*See "ji ntüma" and "ji abia" = white yam.
- ji nwafikara** n [H HLHH] variety of yam.
- ji odu** n [H HL] children's game with roasted seed yam as bait and prize to see who can eat a whole yam without any piece falling to the ground.
- ji oko** n [H HH] 'species of yam; <sup>2</sup>plantain; <sup>3</sup>egg-yolk.
- ji ome-ire** n [H HH-LL] variety of yam.
- ji öca** n [H HH] prized variety of yam, sometimes called "compound yam" because grown around the yard rather than in the farm.
- ji ökü** n [H HH] broth prepared from boiled yam with fish and various seasonings.
- jibie** v [HLH] cut up (esp. yams and similar tubers) in portions.
- jibie** v [HLH] 'withhold or hold back; <sup>2</sup>seize; confiscate.
- jicie** v [HHH] confiscate; seize.
- jida** v [HL] hold down; be held down.
- jide** v [LH] 'hold; hold on to; keep; retain possession of; <sup>2</sup>catch; apprehend; capture; arrest - *jide onye osi* = *catch a thief.*
- jide öfö** v [LH HH] be innocent, be guiltless; claim innocence "before god and man"; Lit: hold up the "öfö," symbol of justice and divine vengeance.
- jide ügwö** v [LH HH] owe; be in debt.
- jie** v [HH] 'to become dark; to darken - *jie* =

- darken; *ji-we* = begin to darken; *ji-mie* = fully darkened; <sup>2</sup>be black or dark - *jie oji* = be black.**
- jie* v [HH] 'hold; have; possess - *eji m ya n'aka* = I have it in hand; *o ji ahü* = he possesses body (i.e. is in good health); <sup>2</sup>owe - *jie ügwö* = owe; Lit: hold a debt; <sup>3</sup>as an auxiliary verb indicating "use as", "use in", etc - *jiri ükwü jee* = go on foot; *ihe ejii nwanyi eme* = what a woman is meant for; the act of procreation.**
- jie* v [HH] restrain; hold in check - *jie mmiri* = prevent rain from falling; hold an imminent or threatening rainstorm from falling.**
- jie* v [HH] break on its own - *mgbé ojiri* = when it breaks; *hapü ya ojie* = leave it to break.**
- jie* v [LH] ripen, in respect of fruits that darken as they ripen (e.g. "ube").**
- jigida* n [LLH] (loan) multi-coloured beaded strings worn as ornament around the waist by women. \*See "asi" = beads.**
- jihi oyi* v [HH HL] 'cool down; become cold; <sup>2</sup>be at peace; become quiet. var. *jüö oyi*.**
- jii* adv [LL] calmly; without motion. var. *jüü*.**
- jikere* v [LHH] prepare; get ready. var. *jikwara*.**
- jiköö* v [LHH] 'bind; collect; hold together; <sup>2</sup>join; unite; incorporate. var. *jiköta*.**
- jiköta* v [LHH] 'bind; collect; hold together; <sup>2</sup>join; unite; incorporate. var. *jiköö*.**
- jikwaa* v [LHH] prepare something or somebody; get somebody or something ready; set it up right - *jikwaa ya* = get it ready.**
- jisie ike* v [LHH HH] strive hard or persevere - *jisi ike* = persevere; don't give up; keep trying.**
- jiwaa* v [HHH] break into two by putting pressure on a wedge, i.e. without cutting or snapping.**
- jöö* v [HH] be ugly; be bad - *jöö njö* = be bad or ugly.**
- jöwanye* v [HHH] (Önica) get more ugly; get worse. var. *jü-wanye njö*.**
- ju* v [H] be full; be filled up.**
- ju afö* v [H HH] '(of food) be full; be satisfied - *riju afö* = eat a bellyful; <sup>2</sup>(metaphorically) be satisfied, e.g. with explanation or performance - *Agwa ya juru m afö*; I am satisfied with his conduct; *okwu ya juru afö* = his words were re-assuring.**
- jupüta* v [HLH] filled to the brim; be full to overflowing.**
- jü* v [H] 'reject; disown - *Obi ajü nwa*" = the heart never rejects its child.; <sup>2</sup>refuse - *Öjürü ime ya* = he refused to do it; <sup>3</sup>say "No"; refuse flatly - *Ö jürü* = He said "No".**
- jüa* v [LH] ask; interrogate; question. var. *jüö*.**
- jüa asia* v [HH LLL] (Öka) make general inquiries; seek information; ask questions. var. *jüö ese*; *jüa ese*.**
- jüa ese* v [HH LL] 'make general inquiries; seek information; ask questions; <sup>2</sup>consult an oracle. var. *jüö ese*; *jüö asia*.**
- jügbuo* v [LHH] kill ritually; kill by waving a religious wand over a person, directly or symbolically; invoke the power of a deity to kill a [presumably guilty] person. \*Usually of a sacrificial bird..**
- jülüü* adv [LLL] calmly; serenely.**
- jüö* v [HH] reject; refuse - *jüö nzu* = reject [an offer of] white chalk of hospitality; *Öjürü ajü* = he flatly refused.**
- jüö* v [HH HH] eat or chew hot and fibrous fruit, e.g. palm-nut roasted in hot ash - *jüö akwü* = eat or chew [roasted] palm-nut.**
- jüö* v [LH] ask; interrogate; question; inquire. var. *jüa*.**
- jüö* v [LH] reduce in intensity; calm down; lessen in pain - *ihe ajütüla* = things have calmed down a bit.**
- jüö ajüjü* v [HH HHH] 'ask questions; interrogate; <sup>2</sup>consult - *jüö ajüjü ma kwube* = ask (discrete) questions before talking (i.e. before giving your own views).**
- jüö ese* v [HH LL] 'make general inquiries; seek information; ask questions - *Öjürö ese* = he asked no questions; didn't bother to ask questions; <sup>2</sup>consult an oracle. var. *jüa ese*; *jüö asia*.**
- jüö oyi* v [LH HH] feel cold to the touch; cool down; feel chill (literally or metaphorically).**
- jüö ökü* v [LH HH] misfire, or jam; fail to fire, usually of a gun.**
- jüö üjö* v [HH HH] have fear; be timid.**
- jupüta* v [HLH] 'find out through enquiry; discover; <sup>2</sup>ascertain.**
- jüü* adv [LL] calmly; without motion. var. *duu*; *jii*.**

## K

**K alph** [HH] <sup>1</sup>15th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiceless velar plosive; a consonant. \*Pronounced as “kii”.

**ka aux** [L] used as an auxiliary to indicate current action - *Anyi kabia rutere* = we have just arrived.

**ka conj** [L] so that; that - *Mee ka ödiri anyi mma* = *Act so that things may be well for us.*

**ka conj** [L] when; while - *ka ha ruru* = when they got there. \*See “mgbe”.

**ka prep** [L] as; as if; like - *ka nna ya* = *like his father*; *ka ö ga abia* = *as if he will come*.

**ka mgbe conj** [H LL] (emphatic) ever since; since. var. **ke mgbe**.

**Kaa excl** [HL] ‘general-purpose greeting, especially in the Bende-Öhafia-Abiriba region, applicable to most situations: hence, “How are you!” “How do you do!” “Good day,” “Hello,” “Thanks”, etc; <sup>2</sup>Please! Pardon! - *Kaa, egbula m* = *Pardon! don’t kill me i.e. Please, forgive me.* \*See also “Da-alü” and “Da eme”.

**kaa v** [HH] <sup>1</sup>be advanced in age; be old; been around or in use for a long time - *nwanyi ahü akatana ahü* = *that woman has many years on her back; she is not at all young*; *kaa anya* = *be really old*; <sup>2</sup>(used of fruits, etc) be fully mature or fully grown, just ready to begin to ripen - *öka ahü akaala* = *that maize is ready to harvest*; *züta ökükö kara aka* = *buy a mature, fully-grown chicken*.

**kaa v** [HH] be torn; become ragged - *uwe a akaala* = *this dress is torn*.

**kaa v** [LH] <sup>1</sup>make a mark; draw lines , etc.; <sup>2</sup>etch; make deep mark into wood or similar object - *kaa ya mma* = *make deep marks on his body with a knife*; Lit: *mark him with a knife*.

**kaa v** [LH] tell; narrate; say; speak - *kaa ihe inürü* = *say what you heard*; *kaa otu omere* = *tell [us] or narrate how it all happened*; *onye kara?* = *who said?*.

**kaa anya v** [HH HH] be over-bold and over-assertive.

**kaa arü v** [HH LH] attempt; try hard; make serious effort.

**kaa iwu v** [HH LH] profess or interprete the law - *öka iwu* = *lawyer; solicitor*.

**kaa nzu v** [HH HH] accept the white chalk of hospitality, and make one’s marks on the floor or shrine with it; sign on with white chalk. var. **tüönzu**, \*Often restricted to “özö” title-holders.

**kaa obi v** [HH HL] <sup>1</sup>have heart; show courage; <sup>2</sup>be hard-hearted.

**kacie obi v** [HHH HL] be obstinate, obdurate, or heartless.

**kafü n** [HL] scarf; headscarf. <English: “scarf”>.

**kagbuo v** [LHH] cancel; annul; cross out - *kagbuo ihe o dere* = *cross out or cancel what he wrote*; *kagbuo ule* = *cancel a test*.

**kalama n** [HHH] ‘bottle or flask; flagon; <sup>2</sup>special flask in use in the Niger Delta in the early years with Europe. <Ijaw: “akarama” = glass bottle>. var. **akarama**:

**kalia v** [HHH] exceed; be greater in number, size or power than - *kalia ya ike/ibu* = *be more powerful or more bulky than her*. var. **karia**.

**kama conj** [HL] else; otherwise; instead of. var. **ntama; tama**.

**karia adv** [HHH] except; except for; nothing but; only.

**karia v** [HHH] exceed; be greater in number, size or power than - *karia ya ike/ibu* = *be more powerful or more bulky than her*. var. **kalia**.

**karüö v** [LHH] slander; defame; speak ill of somebody. <“kaa” = tell or speak + “rüö” = ruin>.

**kasie v** [HLH] comfort or console somebody in time of difficulty or grievous loss - *kasie ya obi* = *comfort her; console*. <“kaa” = speak + “sie” = become painless; harden>.

**katöö v** [HHH] abuse; defame; libel.

**ke mgbe conj** [H LL] (emphatic) ever since; since. var. **ka mgbe**.

**kebie v** [HLH] divide into portions; partition - *kebie ala* = *divide land into portions in final settlement*.

**kecie v** [HHH] ‘wrap or cover with cloth, paper, leaves or similar soft material; <sup>2</sup>tie up with rope; seal up.

**kee v** [HH] tie; bind; fasten - *kee ji* = *tie up*

- yam tubers for storage.*
- kee** v [LH] 'divide; distribute; partition - *kee oke* = divide; share out; <sup>2</sup>create - *Na mbü Cineke kere elu-igwe na üwa* = In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1). \*See "Eke" = fate.
- kee di** v [HH L] give a woman away in marriage; perform the formal ceremony of engagement; be betrothed to a prospective husband.
- kee ekpe** v [LH HH] make desperate plea; utter last wishes.
- kee ime** v [HH HL] abort; procure abortion.
- kee isi** v [HH HH] (Mbaanö) prepare a charm (usually hidden in the rafters) to ensure a long life; *Lit:* secure [*"tie up"*] one's head.
- kee nke** v [HH HH] (West Igbo) suspect someone.
- kee öbü** v [HH HH] tie; bind - *kee öbü* = tie up with rope.
- kee ukwu** v [HH HL] avert miscarriage by performing a ritual involving the wearing of a waist girdle and the insertion of medicines into a woman's body; *Lit:* tie the stomach or womb. \*See "tee afö"; "tedo afö".
- keghaa** v [HHH] 'unwrap; uncover; <sup>2</sup>untie; unseal.
- kelee** v [LHH] 'greet or salute someone - *kelee m* = say hello to me; greet me; <sup>2</sup>thank; show gratitude - *kelekwa ya* = please thank him; make sure you thank him. var. **kenee**.
- kelie** v [HHH] become erect; step out for a purpose and a will; arise - *ya kelie gawa* = he strode out on his way; *ha ya ekelie* = he had an erection; *Lit:* his thing became erect.
- kelie** v [HHH] tie up (e.g. in barn) for storage; bind - *kelie ji* = tie up yam tubers [for storage] in a barn.
- kenee** v [LHH] 'greet or salute someone - *kenee m* = say hello to me; greet me; <sup>2</sup>thank; show gratitude - *kenekwa ya* = please thank him; make sure you thank him. var. **kelee**.
- kenye** v [LH] assign to someone; allot; apportion.
- kere** v [HH] 'kidnap; abduct a person; <sup>2</sup>steal a tethered animal (i.e. steal the animal AND the rope with which it was tethered).
- keta** v [LH] share in; have a share of or in.
- ketikpa** n [HHH] small pox. \*See "kpötömkpö" = small pox.
- kewaa** v [LHH] divide up; demarcate.
- kewapüta** v [HLHL] take out a portion after cutting the whole into parts.
- kikere** n [HHH] (Öka) star. \*See "kpakpando".
- kilie** v [HHH] (Önica) watch; observe; observe with delight; gaze at pleasurable - *ife nkili* = a spectacle; something to watch for pleasure; a display. var. **kirie**.
- kirie** v [HHH] watch; observe; observe with delight; gaze at pleasurable - *ife nkiri* = spectacle or show; something to watch for pleasure. var. **kilie**.
- kitaa** adv [HLL] (Önica) now; right now; immediately. \*See "ugbu a"; "udu a".
- koloko** n [HHH] mosquito-like insect.
- koo** v [HH] 'leaven or ferment - *ekoghi eko* = unfermented, unleavened; <sup>2</sup>bloat. var. **köö**.
- koo** v [LH] suspend or hang from post or neck; wear around neck.
- koo** v [LH] 'quarrel - *koo okwu/koo isi* = quarrel; exchange harsh words; *ha ekoole* = they have fallen out; have quarrelled; <sup>2</sup>say or state one's case in a cause - *i kokariala* = you argue too much; you are for ever telling your side of a case. \*See "see".
- koo isi** v [LH HH] have extended serious conflict; quarrel. var. **koo üka**.
- koo okwu** v [HH HH] 'quarrel; have conflict; fall out; <sup>2</sup>exchange angry words. var. see **okwu**.
- koo üka** v [LH HL] have extended serious conflict; quarrel. var. **koo isi**.
- koo üla** v [HH HH] sleep; take a nap.
- koso** n [LH] board game played with spinning shell casings.
- köböö** v [HHH] tell a story or provide an account to defame someone, or expose them to disgrace.
- kögheri** v [HLH] talk round and round a subject; talk in circles; prevaricate; give an incoherent account of something. var. **kögeli**.
- köö** v [HH] 'lack; be deficient in; <sup>2</sup>be scarce.
- köö** v [HH] tell; narrate; recount.
- köö** v [HH] 'leaven or ferment; <sup>2</sup>bloat. var. **koo**.
- köö** v [HH] guess.
- köö** v [LH] 'plant; farm; cultivate; raise a crop - *kööji* = plant yams; <sup>2</sup>plough; till the ground; raise a mound - *köö ölü* = prepare the ground for planting by tilling the ground or raising

- a mound.*
- köö azu** *v* [HH HL] fish; collect, gather, or harvest fish; engage in (professional) fishing.  
*var.* döö azü.
- köö mmanü** *v* [HH HHH] purchase oil; trade in oil.
- köö önü** *v* [HH HH] exchange abusive words; trade insults.
- kötöö** *v* [HLH] abuse; malign; deride.
- kowaa** *v* [HHH] account for; explain.
- kubie** *v* [HLH] 'take last breath; breathe one's last - *kue ume* = *take last breath*; <sup>2</sup>die.
- kucie** *v* [LHH] take a woman as wife, in the so-called levirate tradition, on death of her husband, especially if he is a direct relation; have a [married] woman as concubine.
- kue** *v* [LH] (Öka) call; call upon - *Nne ya ekue di ya* = *her mother calls on her husband*.
- kulie** *v* [LHH] arise; get up. *var.* **kunie**.
- kunie** *v* [LHH] arise; get up. *var.* **kulie**.
- kuo** *v* [LH] hire; secure services of - *kuo ndü örü* = *hire workers*.
- kuo** *v* [LH] (Öhafia) assemble; call together - *kuru nde ya biri* = *assembled the neighbours*.
- kuo** *v* [LH] fan.
- kuo** *v* [LH] 'nurse a child to age; nurture; <sup>2</sup>be a baby-sitter for a child.
- kuo** *v* [LH] fetch or collect (e.g. water).
- kuo nwa** *v* [LH HH] nurse a baby for a period, usually from one to three years.
- kuo oku** *v* [LH LL] (Öhafia) call a meeting; convene a meeting.
- kuo ume** *v* [LH HH] breathe.
- kuo üla** *v* [LH HH] (Afikpo) sleep. *var.* **larü üla; raha üra**.
- kupüö** *v* [LHH] (Öhafia) name; be named.
- küja** *v* [HL] startle someone; scare; frighten - *Ya aküja* = *He was startled; He stood scared*.
- küjie** *v* [LHH] break.
- kükasiä** *v* [LHHH] dismantle or tear up a structure; *Lit:* knock down to pieces.
- küö** *v* [HH] <sup>1</sup>tap, usually palm wine - *küö mmanya* = *tap palm-wine*; <sup>2</sup>serve wine from bottle or jug to glass or cup. \*cf. "gbanye mmanya" = pour wine into an individual's cup.
- küö** *v* [HH] plant; sow (certain specific) seeds - *küö öka* = *sew maize seeds*. \*Note: the word is, however, not used for all manner of seeds.
- Küö** *v* [LH] (Mbaanö) 'Sorry!'; Take heart! Bear with me!: 'all-purpose consolation greeting addressed to a distraught person; someone who has been hurt, even if not by us. *var.* **Kaa**.
- küö** *v* [LH] <sup>1</sup>ring; sound a bell; make a jingling noise - *küö mgbürigha* = *ring a bell*; <sup>2</sup>beat or play a large musical instrument - *küö ekwe* = *summon an assembly*; *Lit:* beat the "ekwe" drum; *küö egwu* = *make music*; *play the band*.
- küö** *v* [LH] beat; strike; punish by whipping - *küö ya ihe* = *beat him (with something)*; *slap him*; *whip him*; *Lit:* *punish him by whipping*.
- küö ahia** *v* [LH HHH] sustain loss in business deal; run a loss.
- küö aka** *v* [LH HH] <sup>1</sup>knock - *küö aka n'üzö* = *knock at the door*; <sup>2</sup>clap; applaud; praise - *küöra ha aka* = *clap for them*; *give them a hand*.
- küö anya** *v* [HH HH] blink.
- küö nsi** *v* [LH HH] poison; prepare (and deliver) poison.
- küö ogboli** *v* [HH HHH] <sup>1</sup>exchange blows with the knuckles (as in boxing); throw punches with clenched fist; come to blows; engage in a fist-fight; box; <sup>2</sup>engage in boxing as a sport; box.
- küö ögwü** *v* [LH HL] bewitch somebody by invoking the ritual power of a charm; use spiritual powers to secure control over a person; *Lit:* hit [somebody] with a charm or medicine.
- küö ökpö** *v* [LH LH] <sup>1</sup>fight by throwing punches with clenched fist; come to blows; <sup>2</sup>box; engage in boxing as sport. *var.* **küö ogboli**.
- küpuo** *v* [LHH] <sup>1</sup>knock or strike a hole through an object; punch a hole through; <sup>2</sup>break open - *küpuo ya* = *break it open*.
- kütuo** *v* [HLH] knock or kick something from its stand; knock down, especially from a pedestal.
- kütü** *v* [LH] (Öhafia) call up, invite or summon - *kütü ha* = *summon them*, e.g. to a meeting.
- küwaa** *v* [HHH] break, usually pottery, glassware, containers, and similar "breakable" objects, by hitting at them, or letting them

drop.

**küzie** *v* [HHH] teach; instruct.

**küzie** *v* [LHH] knock into shape; straighten out.

## KP

**KP alph** [H] <sup>1</sup>16th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiceless velarised bilabial implosive; a consonant.

**kpa** *adv* [H] (Owere) how; the manner in which - *Kpa ahü ö ri mma?* = *that manner, is it right?* ö *wü kpa o jiri mee* = *that's how it happened.*

**kpaa** *v* [HH] gather; collect - *kpaa akwükwo nri* = *collect/gather (vegetable) leaves*; *kpaa ügwö* = *collect/recover debts*.

**kpaa** *v* [HH] <sup>1</sup>raise; breed - *kpaa eghu* = *raise goats*; <sup>2</sup>(figuratively) breed - *kpaa ego* = *make money (Lit: breed cash)*; *kpaa akü* = *amass wealth*.

**kpaa** *v* [HH] trade in - *kpaa mmanü* = *trade in oil*.

**kpaa** *v* [HH] converse; chat - *kpaa nkata* = *converse; chat*. var. *kpaï*.

**kpaa** *v* [HH] be narrow; be tight - *kpaa akpa* = *be very tight; be tight-fitting*.

**kpaa** *v* [LH] <sup>1</sup>knit; weave - *kpaa ute* = *make (weave) a mat*; <sup>2</sup>plait - *kpaa isi* = *plait (women's) hair*.

**kpaa** *v* [LH] <sup>1</sup>cut; trim - *kpaa isi* = *have a haircut*; <sup>2</sup>constrict; hem in.

**kpaa agwa** *v* [HH LL] behave; act in a particular manner; conduct oneself.

**kpaa akü** *v* [HH LL] amass wealth.

**kpaa amü** *v* [HH HH] (Önica) be humorous; provoke laughter; amuse or be amusing - *ife na-akpa amü* = *something that provokes laughter; also, something ridiculous*.

**kpaa ego** *v* [HH HH] make money; *Lit:* gather together or collect money or wealth.

**kpaa isi** *v* [HH HH] <sup>1</sup>cut (a man's) hair; <sup>2</sup>plait (a woman's) hair.

**kpaa mkpa** *v* [LH HL] be needed; be urgent - ö *dí mkpa* = *it is important; it is urgent*; ö *dí m mkpa* = *I need it urgently*.

**kpaa mkpa** *v* [LH LL] kidnap.

**kpaa ngala** *v* [HH HLH] act in a prideful or arrogant manner, or be haughty in expectation of one's goodwill being sought or wooed. \*See "kpaa ngala" = act haughtily.

**kpaa nganga** *v* [HH LLL] boast; act arrogantly.

**kpaa omimi** *v* [HH LLL] dive or swoop down (as a kite does).

**kpaa oyi** *v* [HH HH] be repulsive to sight or touch; give one cold shudders.

**kpaa ütü** *v* [HH HH] collect taxes, esp. from defaulters.

**kpacalüanya** *v* [LHH HH] act on purpose; act deliberately; be careful. var. **kpacaraanya**.

**kpacaraanya** *v* [LHH HH] act on purpose; act deliberately; be careful. var. **kpacalüanya**.

**kpagbuo** *v* [LHH] choke to death; strangle or clamp to death.

**kpagido** *v* [LHH] squeeze tight, and not allow any room.

**kpaï** *v* [HH] (Öhafia) tell; narrate; converse with. \*compare Önica: *kpaa nkata*.

**kpakakpaka** *adv* [HHHH] move in a manner similar to the flapping of wings - see *kpakakpaka* = *fly with much flapping of wings*.

**kpakpando** *n* [HLLL] star.

**kpalakwükü** *n* [LLHH] pigeon - *nwa*

*kpalakwukwu* = *a young pigeon (Gen. 15:9)*.

**kpalia** *v* [HLH] walk up and down aimlessly; loiter.

**kparia** *v* [HHH] disgrace or humiliate somebody in public; insult.

**kpasaa** *v* [HHH] scatter; disperse - Ö *kpasala ebo* = *"scatterer of kindred."*

**kpasuo** *v* [HHH] provoke; incite; cause vexation - *kpasuo iwe* = *provoke one to rage; infuriate*; *kpasuo ögü* = *provoke, incite a fight or conflict*.

**kpatuuo** *v* [HLH] remove from a distance with a stick or tong.

**kpayere** *v* [HHH] (Öhafia/Bende) converse with; talk with - *Moses na Eleeza ... wee kpayere ha üka* = *Moses and Eleazar ... spoke with them (Num. 26:3)*.

**kpebie** *v* [HLH] 'decide or determine a case or suit; give judgment; <sup>2</sup>make final settlement

- of a matter or case.
- kpée** *v* [HH] steer - *kpée ügbö* = *steer canoe*.  
var. **nyaa**.
- kpée** *v* [HH] peel.
- kpée** *v* [HH] make a plea.
- kpée azü** *v* [HH LH] come last; trail behind.  
var. **pee azü**.
- kpée ikpe** *v* [HH LH] 'hear or try a case; give verdict in a case; <sup>2</sup>judge; adjudicate. var. **bie ikpe**.
- kpée ire** *v* [HH HH] beg, esp. for forgiveness; plead for mercy.
- kpée ökü** *v* [LH HH] 'be hot; be hot to the touch; be warm; <sup>2</sup>radiate heat; be heated up.  
var. **kpoo ökü**.
- kpegide** *v* [HHH] give evidence or judgment (often unjustly) against someone.
- kperekpä** *v* [HLH] peel away; peel off.
- kpere kpere** *adj* [HH HH] slippery - *ugwu kpere-kpere na-atü nwata ada* = *slippery hill that constantly trips the child*.
- kpere önü** *v* [HH HL] defend oneself; put across one's own case.
- kpia** *v* [LH] act like a miser; be stingy; be parsimonious; - *ö na-akpiaka* = *he is extremely stingy*.
- kpikpia** *v* [HLH] be over-scrupulous in scrutinising and (invariably) stopping any expenditure of resources; be tight-fisted or extremely thrifty; economise; be miserly - *nkpiikpi* = *the habit of miserliness*.
- kpoo** *v* [LH] gather; collect.
- kpocaa** *v* [HHH] clear; remove completely - *kpocaa mbumbu* = *remove garbage*; *kpocapü njö* = *remove (the garbage of) sin completely*.
- kpofue** *v* [HLH] throw away; discard, esp. of refuse or garbage. var. **kpofuo**.
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- kpoköö** *v* [HLH] assemble people or things; gather; collect.
- kpoo ökü** *v* [LH HH] 'be hot; be hot to the touch; be warm; <sup>2</sup>radiate heat; be heated up.  
var. **kpée ökü**.
- kporue** *v* [HLH] sit down; sit awhile. var. **nörue**.
- kposa** *v* [LH] heap; dump - *kposa ya ebe a* = *dump it here*.
- kposaa** *v* [HLH] scatter; disperse; usually
- entities already in a heap or mass; *Lit:* un-do a heap - *kposaa aja* = *spread out a heap of sand*.
- kpöbata** *v* [HLL] bring in or into - *kpöbata ya* = *bring her in*.
- kpöcighaa** *v* [HLHH] recall; return - *kpöcighaa ndi egwu* = *call back the musicians; recall them*. var. **kpoghaci**.
- kpöcuo** *v* [LHH] wish (a person) ill luck.
- kpöde** *v* [LH] nail down - *kpöde ya n'obe* = *nailed him to the plank*.
- kpödebe** *v* [HLH] bring close to self.
- kpögbue** *v* [LHH] nail to death; crucify.  
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- kpöködo** *v* [HLH] assemble; gather people.
- kpökuo** *v* [HLH] call upon somebody for help; appeal to - *kpökuo ci m* = *call upon my God (for help)*.
- kpölaa** *v* [LHH] send somebody home, usually with an escort - *kpölaa nwata* = *send house-girl back to her parental home, usually with an escort*.
- kpölia** *v* [HLH] despise; show disrespect - *ö na-akpölika mmadü* = *she is wont to show disrespect to people*.
- kpöluo** *v* [HLH] abuse; defame; speak ill words against somebody.
- kpölü** *v* [LH] 'take somebody along - *kpölü nwa nne gi* = *take your brother/sister along with you*; <sup>2</sup>adopt - *kpölü ka nwa* = *adopt; Lit: take as [one's] child*. var. **kpörö**.
- kpöm kwem** *adv* [HH LL] exactly; precisely - *o nwetera ya kpöm kwem* = *he got it absolutely right*.
- kpönkpö** *n* [HHH] wooden clappers, a musical instrument. \*See "aja" = wooden clappers.
- kpönwüö** *v* [HHH] wither; become dry and shrivelled - *osiki kpönwüö, egudaya* = *when a tree withers, it is cut down*.
- kpöö** *n* [HH] make music; play stringed musical instrument - *kpöö übö* = *play a harp*.
- kpöö** *v* [HH] call; name; invoke - *a kpöla m* =

<i>don't call my name; don't invoke me; kpöö ya aha = name him; give him a name.</i>	this plant is dominant feature ( <i>Bandeiraea simplicifolia</i> ).
<b>kpöö</b> <i>v</i> [HH] spread out; display items, especially for sale.	<b>kpörö</b> <i>v</i> [HH] take into custody; arrest.
<b>kpöö</b> <i>v</i> [HH] knock something into; nail. <i>var. kpüö.</i>	<b>kpörö</b> <i>v</i> [LH] 'take somebody along - <i>kpörö nwa nne gi</i> = <i>take your brother/sister along with you</i> ; <sup>2</sup> <i>adopt - kpörö ka nwa = adopt</i> ; <i>Lit: take as [one's] child</i> . *See "were ka nwa" = regard as one's child; adopt.
<b>kpöö</b> <i>v</i> [HH] <sup>1</sup> dry up; dry; <sup>2</sup> heal, e.g. open wound.	<b>kpösiri</b> <i>v</i> [HLH] act stupidly; <i>Lit: stumble along without direction, like a blind fool.</i>
<b>kpöö ajö aha</b> <i>v</i> [HH HH HL] 'call somebody a bad name; associate someone's name with wrong or improper event; <sup>2</sup> malign or slander.	<b>kpöta</b> <i>v</i> [LH] bring; bring along.
<b>kpöö aka</b> <i>v</i> [HH HH] supplement; add a bonus - <i>kpöö aka = add extra portion(s) to purchased items as bonus</i> . *See "mezie" = supplement.	<b>kpötee</b> <i>v</i> [HHH] awaken; wake or rouse somebody from sleep. <i>var. gbötee.</i>
<b>kpöö asii</b> <i>v</i> [HH HL] (Önica) hate; abhor; detest; dislike intensely.	<b>kpötömkpö</b> <i>n</i> [HHHH] small pox. *See "ketikpa" = small pox.
<b>kpöö ihu</b> <i>v</i> [HH HH] meet somebody first thing in the day, bringing either good or ill luck. <i>var. kpöö iru.</i>	<b>kpötüwa</b> <i>v</i> [HHH] create commotion; make continuous noise.
<b>kpöö iru</b> <i>v</i> [HH HH] meet somebody first thing in the day, bringing either good or ill luck. <i>var. kpöö ihu.</i>	<b>kpöwa</b> <i>v</i> [HH] begin calling; continue calling.
<b>kpöö iyi</b> <i>v</i> [HH HL] curse; rain abuses on someone; abuse.	<b>kpöwaa</b> <i>v</i> [HHH] split; split across; splice - <i>kpöwaaa osisi = split wood.</i>
<b>kpöö mkpu</b> <i>v</i> [HH LH] raise alarm; lament.	<b>kpucie</b> <i>v</i> [LHH] 'cover completely; cover over - <i>kpucie nri = cover the food</i> ; <i>kpucie iru m = cover my face</i> ; <sup>2</sup> <i>close - kpucie akwükwo = close the book.</i>
<b>kpöö n'ubu</b> <i>v</i> [HH LHH] shrug; show indifference by short upward movement of shoulders.	<b>kpughee</b> <i>v</i> [LHH] open; uncover; expose to view. <i>var. kpuhee.</i>
<b>kpöö nkü</b> <i>v</i> [HH HH] be tinder dry; dry up completely; become as dry as firewood.	<b>kpugide</b> <i>v</i> [LHH] 'provide cover; hide - <i>ghugide ya aka = cover it with [your] hand</i> ; <i>hide it</i> ; <sup>2</sup> <i>incubate - ökükö ghugidere akwa ya = the hen is sitting on her eggs to hatch them.</i>
<b>kpöö oku</b> <i>v</i> [HH LL] 'call someone; invite somebody - <i>a kpölü fa oku? = I invited them</i> ; <i>Onye kpörö oku = who called?</i> <i>zaa oku =</i> ; <sup>2</sup> <i>hold a party or reception; entertain a gathering - kpöö fa oku, kenee fa = invite them to a party, and thank them.</i>	<b>kpuhee</b> <i>v</i> [LHH] open; uncover; expose to view; reveal. <i>var. kpughee.</i>
<b>kpöö ökü</b> <i>v</i> [HH HH] set on fire; burn; incinerate.	<b>kpuo</b> <i>v</i> [HH] crawl into; go to bed.
<b>kpöö ügwö</b> <i>v</i> [HH HH] hate; dislike intensely.	<b>kpuo</b> <i>v</i> [HH] trade in a particular line of merchandise - <i>kpuo ole = trade in precious metals, or rings.</i>
<b>kpööpüta</b> <i>v</i> [HLH] 'pronounce; announce or declare; <sup>2</sup> <i>bring out; arrange public appearance of chosen person or persons; put (person) on public display; expose to public scrutiny - <i>i gana ikpööpüta m? = Are you about to expose me to public view and disgrace?</i></i>	<b>kpuo</b> <i>v</i> [LH] cover; cap - <i>kpuo okpu = wear a hat or cap</i> ; <i>kpuo mgba aja = cap or cover the top of boundary wall.</i>
<b>kpörikpö</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] (Üzüköli) plant whose stem is used for making baskets; it is such a distinctive plant that its name is used as a landmark. e.g. "ugwu kpörikpö" = hill where	<b>kpuo</b> <i>v</i> [LH] capsized; overturn.
	<b>kpuo anya</b> <i>v</i> [LH HH] make faces at somebody by lowering the forehead and eyebrows.
	<b>kpuo arü</b> <i>v</i> [HH LH] cleanse; perform rite to clear an abomination or similar blemish.
	<b>kpuo isi</b> <i>v</i> [LH HH] turn upside down - <i>kpuo ya isi n'ala = turn it upside down.</i>
	<b>kpuo isi</b> <i>v</i> [LH LL] be or become blind.
	<b>kpuo mgba aja</b> <i>v</i> [LH HH HH] cover or cap the (exposed) top of a perimeter mud-wall.

**kpuo mmöö** *v* [HH LHH] masquerade; dress as masquerade; be eligible to wear a masquerade.

**kpuo obu** *v* [LH HL] come early; be prompt.

**kpuo oro** *v* [LH HH] play the “oro”, a game of “hide and seek” within the village square. <“oro” = courtyard; compound>.

**kpuüpü** *v* [HL] uncover; remove cover or cap; undress - *kpuüpü okpu* = remove hat; *kpuüpü uwe* = undress, remove clothes; *kpuüpü akwa* = remove the sheet of cloth.

**kpuru** *v* [LH] 'wear a cover, e.g. cap; have a covering - *kpuru okpu* = wear a cap; *kpuru sandal* = wear sandals; <sup>2</sup>(in some zones) put on (e.g. dress); wear - *jee kpuru uwe* = go and put on a dress.

**kpüdebe** *v* [HLH] move or come closer to someone - *kpüdebe ya nso* = move (even) closer to the child.

**kpükpa** *v* [HLL] 'rake; gather cuttings; <sup>2</sup>groom somebody else - *küpükpa ya aka n'azü* = groom somebody's back with one's hands.

**kpüküpü** *v* [HLH] massage or rub down - *kpüküpü maka n'azü* = rub (or massage) my back.

**kpüö** *v* [HH] 'knead, mould or shape malleable material (e.g. clay); <sup>2</sup>sculpt; carve figure from wood or stone - *kpüö mmadü* = carve a human figure; <sup>3</sup>knock into shape - *kpüö igodo* = fabricate a key-lock. var. **kpöö**.

**kpüö** *v* [LH] drag; pull along - *kpürü aka osisi ahü bia* = drag that tree branch along as you come.

**kpüö** *v* [LH] shave - *kpüö asa önu* = shave beard; *kpüö isi* = shave head clean.

**kpüö ala** *v* [HH LL] perform rite to cleanse the land of an abomination, usually involving murder or incest.

**kpüö öbia** *v* [LH HLL] entertain large body of guests; provide a generous feast for many guests, usually not close relations; hence “öbia”, “stranger”.

**kpüö üzü** *v* [LH HH] work iron or metal; work as a smith.

**kpütü** *v* [LH] sip; take a small sip - *kpütü mmanya önu* = take a sip of the wine.

## KW

**KW alph** [HH] '17th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiceless labialised velar plosive; a consonant. \*Pronounced “kwi”.

**kwa** *adv* [L HL] every; at regular intervals or periods; every.

**kwa afö** *adv* [L HL] annually; yearly. var. **kwa (arö)**.

**kwa arö** *adv* [L HL] annually; yearly. var. **kwa (afö)**.

**kwaa** *adv* [HH] also; too.

**kwaa** *v* [HH] mourn; perform a wake - *kwaa nna unu* = perform the proper wake, or second burial ceremonies for your father.

**kwaa** *v* [HH] snap; break off - *o jiri aka ya kwa* = it broke off (snapped) on its own.

**kwaa** *v* [HH] sew; stitch - *kwaa akwa* = sew clothes.

**kwaa** *v* [HH] (Önica) cry; lament - *kpee, kwaa* = cry and plead (Lit: plead and cry); cry desperately.

**kwaa** *v* [HH] push; shove - *kwaa m nkwa* = push me; *kwaba* = push into; *kwada* = push down.

**kwaa** *v* [LH] 'add to; supplement; top up; <sup>2</sup>improve upon.

**kwaa akwa** *v* [HH HH] cry; lament; weep; shed tears.

**kwaa akwa** *v* [HH HL] sew; make a dress; stitch cloth. var. **düö akwa; gbaa akwa**.

**kwaa ala** *v* [HH LL] perform rites to appease an offended earth.

**kwaa ekwolo** *v* [HH LLL] be envious ; be jealous. var. **kwaa ekworo**.

**kwaa ekworo** *v* [HH LLL] be envious ; be jealous. var. **kwaa ekwolo**.

**kwaa emo** *v* [HH HL] 'reproach; rebuke; <sup>2</sup>ridicule. var. **kwaa emu**.

**kwaa emu** *v* [HH HL] 'reproach; rebuke; <sup>2</sup>ridicule. var. **kwaa emo**.

**kwaa ikiri** *v* [HH LLL] clear the throat with a dry cough; make a dry cough.

**kwaa iko** *n* [HH HH] commit adultery; fornicate.

**kwaa iyí** *v* [HH HH] curse; pronounce a curse.

**kwaa mgbö** *v* [HH HH] do battle by having a firefight, usually with guns (preferably automatic or semi-automatic); join battle; *Lit:* shell bullets - *E soro m kwaa mgbö n'oge agha = I was an active soldier during the war; I joined in the fighting as an infantryman during the war.*

**kwaa ngwa** *v* [HH H̄H] (Öhafia) seize property; confiscate property.

**kwaa ozu** *v* [HH HH] perform required final rites for a deceased person, usually those associated with the so-called “second burial” or memorial celebration - *jee akwa Okorie = attend the final funeral rites for Okorie.*

**kwaa ükwala** *v* [HH HHL] cough. *var.* **kwaa ükwara**.

**kwaa ükwara** *v* [HH HHL] cough. *var.* **kwaa ükwala**.

**kwaba** *v* [HL] push into.

**kwacie** *v* [HHH] stitch up or mend (e.g. torn cloth or clothes); fill in opening in thatch fence.

**kwada** *v* [HL] push down.

**kwadebe** *v* [LHH] prepare; get ready. *var.* **kwado**.

**kwado** *v* [HH] prepare; get ready. *var.* **kwadebe**.

**kwado** *v* [LH] <sup>1</sup>support - *kwado okwu ya = support his statement;* <sup>2</sup>agree with - *a kwadolu m ya = I agree with him.*

**kwafuo** *v* [HLH] <sup>1</sup>spill; pour away - *mmanyia kwafuru = the wine spilled;* <sup>2</sup>throw away - *kwafuo mmiri = throw the water away.*

**kwagharia** *v* [LHHH] shake; turn over.

**kwagide** *v* [LHH] <sup>1</sup>support; <sup>2</sup>press to a wall.

**kwaköö** *v* [LHH] pack together; combine.

**kwalite** *v* [LHH] lift; raise; push up.

**kwapü** *v* [HL] cough out; spit; expectorate.

**kwe** *v* [H] have faith in; believe - *E kwelu m na Cukwu = I believe in God.*

**kwe** *v* [H] <sup>1</sup>make a pledge; promise - *kwe ego = pledge money (e.g. as donation);* <sup>2</sup>promise - *kwe nkwa = make a promise;* <sup>3</sup>accept condition; agree to something; give assent - *kwe ime ya = agree to do it; Ö ga-ekwe? Will he agree?*

**kwee** *v* [HH] sing.

**kwee** *v* [HH] last; extend over a period; go on for a while - *Üra kwere izu bù önwü = sleep that lasts a whole week is (nothing but) death.*

**kwee** *v* [HH] <sup>1</sup>weave, or manufacture, esp. cloth - *kwee akwa = weave/manufacture cloth;* <sup>2</sup>make patterns with twine or yarn; <sup>3</sup>concoct elaborate tale - *ya kwee, ya na-atö = he tells his tall tales, and everyone is (for the moment) charmed by them.*

**kwee** *v* [HH] <sup>1</sup>conspire; plot in secret to do something together - *kwee nzukö = conspire to rig proceedings at a meeting;* <sup>2</sup>set - *kwee önya = set a trap.*

**kwee abiüö** *v* [LH HHH] sing along but not in unison; sing discordantly.

**kwee agba** *v* [HH LL] enter into a contract, or covenant; make a solemn pledge.

**kwee ime** *v* [HH HL] have a miscarriage; abort a foetus - *o kwere ime = she lost a baby through miscarriage.*

**kwee isi ala** *v* [HH HH LL] submit; humble oneself.

**kwee nkwa** *v* [HH HL] promise; give undertaking.

**kwee önü** *v* [HH H̄H] propose buying price to seller during a bargain transaction.

**kwee ukwe** *v* [HH LH] sing or chant; *Lit:* sing a song.

**kwenye** *v* [LH] agree to; give full assent to.

**kwere** *v* [HH] <sup>1</sup>agree; assent to; <sup>2</sup>suit; be suited to - *o kwere ya = that suits him; serves him right;* <sup>3</sup>admit - *O kwerela na ya lürü ögüü = He now admits to fighting.*

**kwesi** *v* [HH] suit; be appropriate; be suitable.

**kwoo** *v* [HH] provide support for climbing plants - *kwoo ekwo = stake climbing plants.*

**kwoo** *v* [LH] <sup>1</sup>remove; break off; prune - *kwoo ügba = prune the branches off an “ügba” tree;* <sup>2</sup>pluck off - *kwoo (azi) ökükö = pluck off chicken feathers.*

**kwoo ekwo** *v* [HH LLL] be jealous; be envious.

**kwoo önwü** *v* [HH HH] be in agony; be in the throes of death; *Lit:* breathe heavily as if in a death throe.

**kwoo üra** *v* [HH HH] <sup>1</sup>snore; <sup>2</sup>sleep. \*Usage varies; “snore” is the more standard meaning, though “sleep” is general in Afikpo and neighbouring areas.

**kworo** *v* [HH] acting on account of; do in view of - *kworo agwa ya daa iwü = break the law because of his conduct.*

**kwosa ödü** *v* [LH HH] <sup>1</sup>sit down; <sup>2</sup>Forget it!

Enough! - *Gini ga-eme? Kwoṣü ödü = So what will happen? Forget it! Enough!* Lit: Sit down!.

**kwöcaa** *v* [HHH] <sup>1</sup>(of hard or metallic material) wear out through scraping and rubbing - *ego akwöcaala = the coin is worn out*; <sup>2</sup>(of the head) get bald; become bald - *kwöcaa isi = have a bald head*.

**kwönyüö** *v* [HHH] quench (fire) by sprinkling or spraying water on it.

**kwöö** *v* [HH] <sup>1</sup>grind; pulverise - *kwöö ose = grind pepper*; <sup>2</sup>saw - *jee kwöö osisi = go and saw the tree*.

**kwöö** *v* [LH] <sup>1</sup>carry (e.g. a child) on one's back; carry piggy-back; <sup>2</sup>give somebody a ride (e.g. in one's car) - *kwörö m n'ügbö ala = give me a ride in a motor car*.

**kwöö** *v* [LH] steer; drive (e.g. a vehicle); operate a vehicle - *ökwo ügbö = driver*.

**kwöö** *v* [LH] wash - *kwöö aka = wash hands*.

**kwöpü** *v* [HL] <sup>1</sup>bail out water; <sup>2</sup>give somebody a ride part of the way to home - *kwöpü ya n'üzö = take him some distance on his way*.

**kwöyi aja** *v* [HH HL] (Öhafia) cover with earth. var. **kwö-nye (aja)**.

**kwubie** *v* [HLH] <sup>1</sup>come to an agreement - *kwubie öbü = reach an agreement on price or cost*; <sup>2</sup>end discussion; settle - *kwubie okwu = conclude the matter*.

**kwubiri** *v* [HLH] stop talking for a while; hold one's tongue.

**kwue ikwu** *v* [LH LL] rain abuses or insults on someone; call names; curse - *kwue m ikwu = abuse me; call me names*. var. **kwuo ikwu**.

**kwuo** *v* [HH] say; speak; talk.

**kwuo** *v* [LH] be celebrated; become famous; be in vogue. var. **wuo**.

**kwuo ikwu** *v* [LH LL] rain abuses or insults on someone; call names; curse - *kwuo m ikwu = abuse me; call me names*. var. **kwue ikwu**.

**kwuo ume** *v* [LH HH] breathe hoarsely.

**kwupüta** *v* [HLH] <sup>1</sup>speak out; tell - *kwupüta ihe mere gi = tell exactly what happened to you*; <sup>2</sup>confess; admit to doing something - *kwupüta njö = confess sins*.

**kwusaa** *v* [HLH] spread the word; broadcast a message.

**kwutere** *v* [LHH] speak on somebody's behalf; be somebody's advocate or spokesman; represent somebody - *kwutere onwe gi! =*

*speak for yourself!*

**kwutöö** *v* [HLH] slander; criticise; defame; speak ill of somebody. <“*kwuo*” = speak + “*töö*” = lay low>.

**kwuze öbü** *v* [HL HH] misspeak; speak in error - *kwuze öbü = misspeak*; *nkwuze öbü = slip of tongue*.

**kwügbuo** *v* [LHH] hang to death; execute by hanging. <“*kwüö*” = tie up, entwine + “*gbuo*” kill, put to death>.

**kwüö** *v* [HH] tie up; entwine - *kwüö elili, kwüö üdö = hang oneself (with a rope); commit suicide by hanging*; <sup>2</sup>hang.

**kwüö** *v* [LH] wash - *kwüö aka = wash hands*. var. **kwöö**.

**kwüö anwürü** *v* [HH HLL] produce or emit a lot of smoke; give off much smoke.

**kwüö elili** *v* [LH HHH] commit suicide; hang oneself. var. **kwüö üdö**.

**kwüö oci** *v* [HH HL] boo; mock with laughter - *ha akwüö ya oci = they booed him; they mock him publicly with laughter*.

**kwüö ötö** *v* [LH HH] <sup>1</sup>stand up; remain erect; <sup>2</sup>be honest. var. **kwöö ötö**.

**kwüö ukwu** *v* [HH LL] boo; raise general uproar (of resentment or protest) - *Ndi'obodo kwürü ya ukwu = the people booed him*.

**kwüö üdö** *v* [LH LL] commit suicide by hanging; hang oneself (with a rope). var. **kwüö (elili)**.

**kwüö ügwö** *v* [LH HH] <sup>1</sup>pay debt or penalty - *kwüö ügwö m ji = pay my debt/ what I owe*; *kwüö ügwö = pay penalty accruing*; <sup>2</sup>pay; pay up - *kwüö ügwö = pay (e.g. for goods purchased)*; <sup>3</sup>pay salaries or wages - *a kwüöla ha ügwö önwa = they have been paid their monthly salaries/wages*.

**kwüpüta** *v* [HLH] unscrew and bring something; pull something from its groove - *kwüta 'bulb' = unscrew (and bring) the light bulb*.

**kwürü** *v* [HH] stand; stand firm.

**kwürü** *v* [HH] 'accompany - *Ya na ha kwü = he accompanied them*; <sup>2</sup>be party to; be associated with; have a hand in - *aka m kwü na ya = I am a party to it; I have a hand in it*; <sup>3</sup>include; be included - *Uwe ö kwü na ya? = Is the dress included?*

**kwüsü** *v* [HH] stop; end - *kwüsü ebe a = stop here*; *üzö kwüsüri ebe a = the road ends here*; *mmiri akwüsüla = rain has stopped*.

## L

**L alph** [HH] <sup>1</sup>18th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiced alveolar lateral; a consonant. \*Pronounced as “lī”.

**laa** v [HH] (Önica) sleep. \*The verb is rarely used in this simple form; more commonly it takes a suffix, as in **laba**; **larü**; or **lamie**. var. **raa**.

**laa** v [HH] (Önica) have sex; have intercourse - *laa nwanyi* = *have sex with a woman*. var. **raa**.

**laa** v [HH] (Önica) suck; eat fruit; sip. var. **raa**.

**laa** v [HH] (Önica) <sup>1</sup>drink - *laa mmiri* = *drink water*; *laa mmanya* = *drink wine*. <sup>2</sup>lick; (of an animal) lap - *nkità na-alaca mmili* = *the god is lapping the water*.

**laa** v [LH] mislead; lead on with intent to deceive; entice - *lafuo nwata* = *lead a child (or young person) astray*; *lafuo nwoke* = *seduce a man..* var. **naa**.

**laa** v [LH] depart for home; go home; return. var. **naa**.

**laa** v [LH] shave; cut or trim hair.

**laa anya** v [LH HH] <sup>1</sup>make a kind of face as a sign of disapproval; give a dirty look; make hostile or vicious gaze, sometimes with a touch of jealous envy - *ö na-ala m anya* = *she kept an evil gaze on me*; <sup>2</sup>rebuke someone by casting a certain awkward glance; remonstrate. var. **raa anya**; **röö anya**.

**laa azü** v [LH LH] lag behind; fall back; go back. var. **naa azü**.

**laa di** v [HH H] get married; formally move to husband's home. var. **naa di**.

**laa isi** v [HH HH] have hair-cut; shave hair on the head.

**laa n'iyi** v [LH HL] waste; squander; lavish; go to waste. var. **naa n'iyi**.

**laba** v [HL] go to bed; retire for the night; go to sleep. var. **naba**. \*See “**kpuo**” and “**lakpuo**”.

**laca** v [HHH] lick; pass tongue over a surface. var. **raca**.

**lafuo** v [HLH] mislead. var. **rahuo**; **rafuo**.

**lakasìa** v [LHHH] (Öhafia) rout; dismantle. var. **nakasìa**.

**lakpuo** v [LHH] 'go home - *lakpuo nü!* = *go home, all of you!*'; <sup>2</sup>retire for the night; go to bed - *ö lakpuola* = *he has gone to bed; retired for the night*. \*See “**laba**”

**lamie üla** v [LH H HH] be in deep sleep; be sound asleep. var. **ramie üra**. <“*laa*”=sleep + “*mie*” = sink deep>.

**larü** adv [LLL] smooth.

**laruo** v [LHH] get home; arrive home; get back home.

**larü** v [HH] (of oil) congeal; turn into thick paste. var. **raha**.

**larü üla** v [HH HH] sleep; take a nap. var. **kuo üra; raha ura**.

**lebe** v [HH] (Önica) sell to (somebody). var. **resi**.

**leda anya** v [HL HH] have contempt for; despise; not have respect for someone. var. **neda anya**.

**lee** v [HH] burn; catch fire; set on fire; brand. var. **ree**.

**lee** v [HH] (Önica) sell; trade in. var. **ree**.

**lee** v [HH] rot; go bad. var. **ree**.

**lee** v [LH] <sup>1</sup>look; look at - *lee anya*; *ike agwüla ya* = *look, he is tired*; <sup>2</sup>look after; attend to - *lee ya öbìa* = *attend to him as a guest; offer him hospitality*. var. **nee**.

**lee** v [LH] <sup>1</sup>have magical or medicinal efficacy <sup>2</sup>have the promised effect, or as expected - *o lelü gi* = *may it (i.e., your wishes) not work out as planned; may your charms fail*. var. **ree**.

**lee** v [LH] <sup>1</sup>look closely at - *lee ma ö di mma* = *see if it is okay*; <sup>2</sup>test; examine - *lee ule* = *take a test or an examination*; *lee ma züwa* = *test it before buying*.

**lee anya** v [HH HH] expect; hope for - *a na-ele anya ya* = *we are expecting it; we hope for it*. var. **nee anya**.

**lee elele** v [HH LLL] be efficacious; have potency - *ögwü afü lelu elele* = *that medicine has potency; was very efficacious; it worked*. var. **ree erere**.

**lee ile** v [LH LL] be efficacious; have potency - *ögwü ahü lere ile* = *that medicine has potency; was very efficacious; it worked*. var. **ree ire**.

**lee ökü** v [HH HH] set on fire; burn - *lee ya*

ökü = set it on fire; burn it; ö ga ele ökü = it will burn; it is flammable. var. **ree ökü**.

**lee ömögwo** *v* [HH HHL] provide for and perform the Outing ceremony for a woman with a new-born baby; cater specially for mother and child.

**lee-ele** *excl* [HH-HH] (Owere) Look!; Oh, no!. var. **ne-dü**.

**legide** *v* [LHH] supervise; watch over diligently.

**lelele** *v* [LHH] <sup>1</sup>investigate; scrutinise; examine closely; <sup>2</sup>examine or test. var. **nenee**.

**lelia** *v* [HLH] neglect; disregard; despise; have no regard for. var. **nenia**.

**lepü anya** *v* [HL HH] <sup>1</sup>have a look out on; <sup>2</sup>have oversight over; <sup>3</sup>keep an eye on something. var. **nepü anya**.

**lezie** *v* [LHH] <sup>1</sup>look after; take good care of - lezie ülö = *take good care of home; look after home matters well*; <sup>2</sup>be extra careful - lezie anya = *be extra careful*.

**lie** *v* [HH] (Owere) <sup>1</sup>eat; feed on; consume - mmiri ga eli ya = *he will drown in the river*; Lit: *the water will consume him*; <sup>2</sup>accommodate; be accommodated in - ite a ama lite mmanü asü = *his pot will not (be large enough to) hold the oil*; <sup>3</sup>overwhelm; hold speechless - lie m önü = *leave me speechless*; Lit: *consume my mouth*. var. **rie; luwe**.

**lie** *v* [LH] bury somebody or something.

**lie** *v* [LH] tether sheep, goat or cow, and take it out to pasture - lipü atürü = *take a tethered sheep out to graze*; liwe eghu = *have the goat tethered*. var. **maa**.

**lie** *v* [LH] assign part-ownership of a female animal to another, often a young person, who is expected to care for it and, in return, to share its litter with the donor. var. **nube**.

**lie arü** *v* [HH LH] be difficult; be impossible. var. **raa ahü**.

**lie ekpe** *v* [HH HH] share inheritance; receive bequest. var. **rie ekpe**.

**lie ene** *v* [HH HH] plead or claim innocence; be innocent.

**lie eze** *v* [HH HL] recognise a chief or chief-priest; confirm title to kingship. var. **ruo eze**.

**lie mmili** *v* [HH LHH] leak water; drip water. var. **hie mmiri**.

**liri** *v* [HH] line up or file out; depart in a queue - ha eliri = *they filed out on their way*. \*Of-

ten used of lines of people (or ants), since (traditionally) people travelled in single files.

**lite** *v* [HH] (Önica) give birth to a live baby - kedu ife olitelu? = *what sex of baby did she have? Did she have a baby boy or girl?*. var. **rite**.

**lia** *v* [LH] <sup>1</sup>deride; slight - ö na-ali di ya nke nnukwu = *she derides or slights her husband a lot*; <sup>2</sup>ignore - lia okwü ahü = *put that matter out of your mind; ignore it*. var. **nia**.

**lia** *v* [LH] (Önica) climb; mount. var. **ria**.

**lia agbö** *v* [LH HH] provoke vomit - nnifa na-ali m agbö = *their food makes me want to throw up*. var. **rüö agbö**.

**lida** *v* [HL] climb down; descend. var. **rida**.

**ligolu** *v* [HHH] walk up to; climb up to; ascend. var. **rigoro**.

**ilihia** *v* [HLH] be through much labour or struggle; be exhausted or tired out with exertion - anyi aliliala ya = *we have given it a good try; ö lilia = it has been quite a struggle*.

**logharia** *v* [LHHH] repent.

**loo** *v* [LH] (Önica) <sup>1</sup>think; consider - kedu ife ilolu? = *what do you think?*; <sup>2</sup>consider; think something over - jee loo ya = *go and think it over*; <sup>3</sup>form a (wrong) impression; suppose; imagine - elolu m na öga anwü = *I thought she was going to die; I imagined (or supposed) she would die*. var. **roo**.

**loo** *v* [LH] swallow or gulp down. var. **noo**. \*See "ñüö" = swallow.

**loo elo** *v* [LH HL] think carefully; give deep thought to. var. **roo ero**.

**loo ilo** *v* [LH HH] (Önica) <sup>1</sup>be hurtful or painful; <sup>2</sup>cause much thought or anguish.

**lozö** *v* [LHH] forget; leave something behind - lozö akpa n'ahia = *forget or leave my bag behind at the market*.

**lö** *v* [L] return; come home.

**löögö löögö** *adj* [LL LL] twisted and crooked, but not rigid.

**löö** *v* [HH] used of food (esp. foofoo) that has been kneaded or pounded so soft that it draws.

**löö** *v* [HH] <sup>1</sup>marry; wed - löö di = *get married (for a woman)*; löö nwanyi = *get married (for a man)*; <sup>2</sup>secure a wife for somebody - löörö nwa ya nwanyi = *secure (and/or pay all the bills to secure) a wife for his son; assume all the costs associated with son's marriage*. var. **lüö; niüö**.

**lōō** v [HH] 'knead; work mud with one's feet until it achieves a strong, dough-like consistency; <sup>2</sup>twist; bend. \*See "zōō" = knead.

**lōō nlō** v [HH HH] dream. var. rōō nrō.

**lōō oku** v [HH LL] (Öhafia) call out to somebody for help, etc.; holler.

**lōō üwa** v [HH LL] reincarnate; make a return to the world after death, in keeping with the traditional belief that a dead person may return to the world of the living in a newborn. \*See "agü" = namesake.

**lōolō** n [HHL] 'name by which a head-wife was often known; now restricted to the head-wife of a chief or other man of high title, including an özö title holder; <sup>2</sup>personal name. \*See "añasi" = head-wife.

**lōpū** v [HL] deny access; refuse.

**luo** v [LH] roast in hot ash, or beside open fire. var. ruo.

**luo** v [LH] arrive at; reach. var. ruo.

**luo** v [LH] throw or cast down; fling.

**luo ilu** v [HH] be bitter; have bitter taste. var. nuo inu.

**luo unyi** v [HH HL] become dirty of soiled. var. ruo unyi.

**lute** v [LH] arrive at; get to; reach. var. rute.

**lúa iwu** v [HH LL] (Önica) break the law. var. daa iwu.

**lúcie** v [HHH] wall off; close off area with fence. var. rúcie.

**lükökö** v [HHH] intermarry; be within bounds that allow intermarriage - *ha na alükö nwanyi* = they intermarry; they a within customary bounds that permit intermarriage. var. nükökö.

**lüö** v [HH] (Önica) build; construct; erect - *lüö ülö* = build a house. var. rüö.

**lüö** v [HH] 'marry; wed - *lüö di* = get married (for a woman); *lüö nwanyi* = get married (for

a man); <sup>2</sup>secure a wife for somebody - *lüölü nwa ya nwunye* = secure (and/or pay all the bills to secure) a wife for his son; assume all the costs associated with son's marriage; <sup>3</sup>be master of; dominate - *nwanyi na-alü di ya* = a woman who runs her husband's life. var. lōö; nüö.

**lüö** v [LH] 'lose efficacy or potency (e.g. of medicine or charm); fail to perform as expected, often through action of higher powers; <sup>2</sup>neutralise. \*See "arü" = abomination. var. rüö.

**lüö** v [LH] fight. var. nüö.

**lüö** v [LH] restrain; refrain from- *lüö arü okwu* = restrain self from argument or conflict; *lüö arü üka* = refrain from involvement in a conflict.

**lüö** v [LH] (Önica) work; labour; var. rüö.

**lüö afö** v [LH HH] be constipated; have abdominal colic. var. rüö afö.

**lüö aka** v [LH HH] (Önica) point (an accusing) finger at; accuse or indict. var. rüö aka

**lüö anî** v [HH LL] 'commit abomination; sin gravely; Lit: ruin the efficacy or potency of Earth; <sup>2</sup>play wicked pranks. var. rüö ala.

**lüö di** v [HH H] (for a woman) get married.

**lüö nwanyi** v [HH HL] (for a man) take a wife; get married.

**lüö ögü** v [LH LL] fight; do battle; fight a war. var. nüö ögü.

**lüö üka** v [LH HL] dispute a statement; question a statement or position; contest or debate a proposition. var. rüö üka.

**lüpü** v [HL] relocate dwelling site of the family or kindred; move to a new site for the family or kindred.

**lüsö ögü** v [HL] attack; take war to an enemy; wage war against - *lüso anyi ögü* = wage war against us; attack us.

## M

- M** *alph* [HH] <sup>1</sup>19th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiced bilabial nasal; a consonant. \*Pronounced “mii”.
- ma** *adv* [L] not even; not at all - *ma otu* = not even one; *gaghi-abü onye ncü aja ma-öli* = would not be a priest at all.
- ma** *aux* [L] (Önica) used as an auxiliary to indicate negative future action - *Fa ma-abüa* = They will not come; *Ö ma-eme* = It will not happen. \*The Önica form for “gaghi”, the negative auxiliary.
- ma** *conj* [L] or; either.
- ma** *conj* [L] but. var. **mana**.
- ma öbü** *adv* [L LL] whether ...or.
- maa** *v* [HH] know; understand; recognise.
- maa** *v* [HH] be drenched with rain; be rain-soaked.
- maa** *v* [HH] pierce with stake; dig a hole.
- maa** *v* [HH] rinse out or wash, e.g. sliced tuber or vegetable.
- maa** *v* [HH] tether sheep, goat or cow, and take it out to pasture - *mapü atürü* = take a tethered sheep out to graze. var. **lie**.
- maa** *v* [HH HL] be caught or trapped in, e.g. a trap - *maa n'onya* = be caught in a trap.
- maa** *v* [LH] <sup>1</sup>measure or buy (e.g. grain) by cupful, etc - *mata iko öka anö* = buy four cups of maize; Lit: measure out [and buy] four cups of maize; <sup>2</sup>measure by foot-lengths - *maa ükwü* = use feet to measure length.
- maa abüba** *v* [HH LLL] become or grow fatty.  
\*Used in a non-complimentary sense.
- maa agwa** *v* [HH LL] miss someone; experience deep sense of loss at absence of someone.
- maa aka** *v* [LH HH] throw challenge; make a wager; make a bet to upstage another; compete. var. **tüö aka**.
- maa akpü** *v* [HH HH] make a knot; tie a knot.
- maa akpü** *v* [HH HH] plant; propagate by planting the stem (e.g. cassava).
- maa akwa** *v* [HH HL] tie a cloth; wear a loin cloth.
- maa amüma** *v* [HH HHH] prophesy. var. **gbaa**

**amüma.****maa atü** *v* [HH LL] compare; give as example.**maa ebu** *v* [HH LL] grow mould; become mouldy; be mildewed.**maa ebube** *v* [HH LLL] tremble; shake with fear.**maa ifulu** *v* [HH LHH] blossom; flower; bud.**maa ikpe** *v* [HH LH] <sup>1</sup>condemn; find guilty - *maa [mmaadü] ikpe* = find [a person] guilty (Lev. 2.4); <sup>2</sup>damn.**maa iwu** *v* [HH LH] pass a law or issue an order; enact law; make a proclamation; legislate.**maa ita** *v* [HH HH] bet; cast lots; make a wager.**maa ji** *v* [HH H] stake up yam.**maa mma** *v* [HH HL] look good; look beautiful. \*Compare with “dî mma”.**maa nzu** *v* [HH LL] be clever or street-wise; have common sense. var. **nwee nzu**.**maa oyi** *v* [HH HH] have or cause fever; be feverish.**maa ökwa** *v* [HH HL] announce a bye-law; issue a warning; warn.**maa öla** *v* [HH HH] slap; give a slap on the face. var. **maq üla**; **maa üra**.**maa ösö** *v* [HH HL] snicker; show disgust; hiss; make sharp sound of disapproval. var.**maa ösü**. \*“After seeing this type of woman, one hisses when one sees one's wife.” - Nwapa; “Efuru”.**maa ösü** *v* [HH HL] snicker; show disgust; hiss; make sharp sound of disapproval. var.**maa ösö**. \*“After seeing this type of woman, one hisses when one sees one's wife.” - Nwapa Efuru.**maa upo** *v* [HH LH] become pregnant before or outside marriage; have pre-marital pregnancy.**maa üla** *v* [HH HH] slap; give a slap on the face. var. **maa öla**; **maa üra**.**maa üma** *v* [HH HL] act wilfully; do wilfully.**maa üra** *v* [HH HH] slap; give a slap on the face. var. **maa öla**; **maa üla**.**maa üzö** *v* [HH LH] be early or punctual.**Maazi** *n* [HLH] (loan) <sup>1</sup>title for head of settlement among the Arö; used (originally) to refer only to distinguished free-born adult men, equivalent to “Lord” or “Sir” in European usage; <sup>2</sup>general title of deference for

men of any substance; used in place of the generic term "Mr". <French: "Monsieur" = Mister>.

**maburu** *v* [HHH] lift and carry person up (e.g. on shoulder).

**macibido** *v* [HLHH] proscribe; prohibit; enact law against the doing of particular acts.

**mai-mai** *n* [HH-HH] (loan) ground-bean food; a delicacy made from ground beans to which water and various spices and other condiments are added; originally leaf-wrapped, and cooked to a fine consistency.

**maja** *v* [HL] startle or frighten; scare; intimidate.

**maka** *adv* [LL] 'about; regarding; concerning; <sup>2</sup>because of, <sup>3</sup>in the name of; for the sake of - *maka Cukwu* = (*an oath*) in God's name.

**makpuo** *v* [HLH] lie prone or face down.

**malie** *v* [HHH] rise in haste; jump up (from seat) in a hurry. *var. canie*.

**malie** *v* [LH] prop up or support stem of climbing plants and vegetables. *var. hie; manie*.

**malite** *v* [LHH] begin; commence; start.

**malü arü** *v* [HH LH] become accustomed to; be used to; form the habit of doing something; be part of one's character - *ö marala ya ahü* = *it has become second nature to him; he has become used to doing that*. *var. mara ahü*.

**mana** *adv* [LL] but. *var. ma*.

**manie** *v* [LH] prop up or support stem of climbing plants and vegetables. *var. hie; malie*.

**manye** *v* [HH] 'force or compel somebody to do something - *manye ya rie nri* = *compel him to eat*; <sup>2</sup>dip into by force - *manye aka n'ose* = *forcibly dip hand into soup* (e.g. *uninvited, or without permission*).

**mara ahü** *v* [HH LH] become accustomed to; be used to; form the habit of doing something; be part of one's character - *ö marala ya ahü* = *it has become second nature to him; he has become used to doing that*. *var. malü arü*.

**marie ala** *v* [HLH LL] till the earth; plough; cultivate.

**masi** *v* [HH] like or be liked; be dear to.

**mata** *v* [LH] know; recognise.

**mba** *adv* [HL] No!.

**mba** *n* [HL] 'country; town - *ojee mba* = *traveller (one who travels to other towns or countries)*; *Mbaitolu* = *9-town county*; <sup>2</sup>people; race; nation - *ögü eri mba* = *a race/nation is*

*never consumed by war; mba sili ike* = *a difficult race to deal with; Lit: strong race*; <sup>3</sup>first part of name of male person; a shortened form of a longer statement, e.g. "Mbazuluiké", "Mbanefo", "Mbacü".

**mba** *n* [LH] rebuke; remonstrance; reprimand; admonition.

**mba** *n* [LL] <sup>1</sup>weariness or fatigue; extreme tiredness; <sup>2</sup>laziness; tardiness; lack of initiative - *daa mba* = *lack will or guts*.

**mba** *n* [LL] rape; sexual assault - *baa mba* = *assault and rape a woman*.

**mbacapü** *n* [HHLH] peeling off; the act or process of peeling off the skin of tuber or fruit.

**mbada** *n* [HHL] overthrow; the act of throwing or wrestling something of somebody down.

**mbadamba** *adj* [HHHH] flat; wide.

**mbagbu** *n* [HLH] sudden (usually magical) attack leading to death; bewitching.

**mbagide** *n* [HLHH] act of pinning or holding somebody down.

**mbala** *n* [HLH] edible frog with long hind-legs. *var. mbara*.

**mbala ji** *n* [LHH H] species of water yam.

**mbalari** *n* [HLHL] (loan) umbrella. <English: "umbrella">.

**mbam** *n* [LHH] (Öhafia) canoe.

**mbam mmüö** *n* [LLL LHH] stroke; heart attack; *Lit: sudden disabling attack (or body-grip) by spirits*.

**mbara** *n* [HLH] (Ihiala) edible frog with long hind-legs. *var. mbala*.

**mbara** *n* [LHH] 'firmament; open skies - *mbara di n'agbata mmiri ahü* = *firmament in the midst of the waters (Gen. 1:6)*; <sup>2</sup>farm-land; open uninhabited and uncultivated field.

**mbari** *n* [LHH] 'a shrine of votive sculptures, etc. built to appease or honor Amadiöha or other specific gods; <sup>2</sup>idol moulded from clay; <sup>3</sup>a kind of "igbudu".

**mbata** *n* [HLH] manner of entry; entrance; the act of entering - *mbata öbatara nyere aka* = *the very fact of his entry helped a lot; his coming was was very helpful*.

**mbaza** *n* [LHH] small flat hoe used for digging out yams. *var. mbazü*.

**mbazü** *n* [LHH] small flat hoe used for dig-

- ging out yarns. var. **mbaza**.
- mbe** *n* [HH] ladder; any scaffolding; rafter post or plank used in house construction, and other trades. var. **mbube**; **ubube**; **mbibi**; **ndubu**; **obube**. \*See “obe” = cross.
- mbe** *n* [HH] ‘surety; money placed in trust as warranty; person who stands as guarantor; <sup>2</sup>mortgage. var. **ibe**.
- mbe** *n* [HL] ‘soup spoon; ladle; <sup>2</sup>salt dispenser made from gourd. \*See “obe” = ladle.
- mbe** *n* [HL] tortoise. var. **nnabe**; **mbeku**; **mbekwu**.
- mbe** *n* [HL] very small species of rat.
- mbeku** *n* [HLH] tortoise. var. **mbe**; **nnabe**; **mbekwu**.
- mbekwu** *n* [HLH] tortoise. var. **mbe**; **nnabe**; **mbeku**.
- mbelata** *n* [HLHH] reduction; lessening or abridging; abatement. var. **mbenata**.
- mbele** *n* [HHH] snail.
- mbele** *n* [LLL] (Owere) calabash; gourd; keg. var. **mbene**.
- mbem** *n* [LLL] chant; recitative.
- mbenata** *n* [HLHH] reduction; lessening or abridging; abatement. var. **mbelata**.
- mbene** *n* [LLL] calabash; gourd; keg. var. **mbele**.
- mbepü** *n* [HHL] excision; cutting off - *mbepü isi* = decapitation; Lit: the cutting off of the head.
- mberede** *n* [LLLH] accident; mishap.
- mbi** *n* [LH] token used in draughts or similar games; dice - *tinye mbi* = play or move (the token).
- mbibi** *n* [HHH] the ruin or destruction of something; spoiling of (e.g. food). var. **mmebi**.
- mbibi** *n* [LLH] ladder; any scaffolding; rafter post or plank used in house construction, and other trades. var. **mbe**; **mbube**; **ndubu**; **ubube**.
- mbibi** *n* [LLL] face-marks; patterns cut on cheeks or forehead as lineage identification mark. \*See “mgbirici”.
- mbibi** *n* [LLL] borrowing or lending; taking or giving of a loan - *Ö gara mbibi ego* = he has gone a-borrowing (money).
- mbici** *n* [HHH] permanent settlement of another’s homestead or residence; occupation; colonisation - *i hia woro mbici?* = so you came to settle (or occupy)? i.e. is your stay no longer temporary?.
- mbido** *n* [HHH] start; beginning.
- mbihime** *n* [HLH HH] <sup>1</sup>last pregnancy before menopause; Lit: the pregnancy that closes out the womb; <sup>2</sup>last child born to a woman before she goes into menopause. \*See also “ödünwà” = last child before menopause.
- mbikö** *n* [HHL] co-habitation; the act of living close together, or living in the same neighbourhood - *ha na ha bikörö önù* = they are close neighbours; Lit: they and they live close together.
- mbili** *n* [HLH] start; departure; the act of standing up - *mbili ösö* = start of the race; *mbili ötö anaghii ekwe ya* = he is ever reluctant to stand up or get up. var. **mbini**.
- mbilite** *n* [HLHH] <sup>1</sup>the act of emerging or arising from hiding, slumber or similar condition - *mbilite n'önwü* = arising from death; hence, resurrection; *mbilite n'üra* = awakening from sleep; <sup>2</sup>process of starting (again) - *mbilite örü* = commencement of work. var. **mbilite**.
- mbimbi** *n* [LLLL] (Ümüähia) pawpaw; papaya; edible plant with milky sap and juicy fruit shaped like a giant okra (*Carica papaya*).
- mbini** *n* [HLH] start; departure; the act of standing up - *mbini ösö* = start of the race; *mbini ötö* = standing or getting up. var. **mbili**.
- mbinite** *n* [HLHH] <sup>1</sup>the act of emerging or arising from hiding, slumber or similar condition - *mbinite n'önwü* = arising from death; hence, resurrection; *mbinite n'üla* = awakening from sleep; <sup>2</sup>process of starting (again) - *mbinite ölü* = commencement of work. var. **mbilite**.
- mbi** *n* [HL] orphan - *nwa mbii* = orphan. var. **mgbi**. \*See “ogbenye”.
- mbisi** *n* [LHH] cricket; chirping insect of the grasshopper family; grasshopper. var. **abösö**; **avüzü**; **mbösö**; **avüyü**; **mbisi**.
- mbo** *n* [HL] shutter for door or window; the door and windows themselves.. var. **ibo**.
- mbo** *n* [LH] small gourd used by fortune tellers to collect ashes from burnt offerings.
- mbö** *n* [HH] squirrel.
- mbö** *n* [HL] ‘grudge; revenge; animosity; <sup>2</sup>resentment. var. **öbö**; **übö**.

- mbö** *n* [HL] effort; attempt - *gbaa mbö* = *make serious attempt or effort*. var. **mgbö**.
- mbö** *n* [LH] 'finger-nail; claw; <sup>2</sup>scratch from finger-nails - *yoo/yee mbö* = *scratch with finger-nails*. var. **mvö**.
- mbö** *n* [LH] comb for straightening hair. var. **mvö**.
- mbö** *n* [LH] male hunchback.
- mbö** *n* [LH] small pot.
- mbö** *n* [LH] first; first-time; once. var. **mbü**.
- mbölü** *n* [HLH] revenge - *mee mbölü* = *take revenge*.
- mböm üzö** *n* [LLL HH] ritual road clearing; ceremony associated with the annual road-clearing festival.
- mbösö** *n* [LHH] cricket; chirping insect of the grasshopper family; grasshopper. var. **abösö**; **avüzü**; **mbisi**.
- mbube** *n* [LLH] ladder; any scaffolding; rafter post or plank used in house construction, and other trades. var. **mbe**; **mbibi**; **mbibi**; **ndubu**; **obube**. \*See "obe" = cross.
- mbube** *n* [LLL] kind of butterfly or moth. var. **ibube**; **ubube**; **übuba**.
- mbubo** *n* [HLH] the act of accusing another or of making allegations against someone - *mbubo ka o ji eri* = *he thrives by making allegations; he lives off false accusations against others*. <"boo" = accuse falsely>. var. **ebubo**; **ubo**.
- mbudu** *n* [HLL] 'decorative marks usually long rows of coloured dots, 3 to 5 across, stretching from just below the collar bone to even under the umbilicus; on a girl usually just before marriage; <sup>2</sup>formal outing ceremony, before marriage, for a rich man's daughter.
- mbudu** *n* [LLL] fathom; i.e. six feet of ocean - *oru mbudu* = *twenty fathoms or 120 feet* (*Acts 27:28*).
- mbuli** *n* [HHH] the act of carrying something up; elevation - *mbuli ya n'obe ya* = *his being lifted onto his cross*.
- mbumbu** *n* [HHHH] garbage; trash; grass/leaf waste; refuse. <Efik: "ebumbu" = refuse>. var. **ebumbu**.
- mbumbu mmiri** *n* [HHH HHH] semen.
- mbü** *n* [LH] first; first-time; once. var. **mbö**.
- mbübö** *n* [HHH] garden; back-garden. var. **öbübü**. \*See "ingbala"; "nkwuru".

- mbübö** *n* [LHL] (Owere) bark; hard skin. var. **mgbügbö**; **agbügbö**.
- mbüzü** *n* [HHL] grasshopper. var. **mbisi**; **mbösö**.
- mebie** *v* [HLH] 'spoil or get spoiled or damaged; rot; <sup>2</sup>go bad, including morally; be ruined; <sup>3</sup>waste. var. **bibie**.
- mebie aha** *v* [HLH HH] defame; libel; slander.
- mebie ime** *v* [HLH HH] procure abortion; terminate pregnancy.
- meböö** *v* [LHH] disgrace; ridicule publicly.
- meböö** *v* [LHH] defile; adulterate.
- mecie** *v* [LHH] close; shut down.
- mecie önu** *v* [LHH HH] shut up; *Lit:* shut your mouth.
- mecuo ihm** *v* [HHH HH] disgrace; humiliate; bring shame to somebody; *Lit:* tarnish [somebody's] face. var. **mecuo iru**.
- mecuo iru** *v* [HHH HH] disgrace; humiliate; bring shame to somebody; *Lit:* tarnish [somebody's] face. var. **mecuo ihm**.
- mee** *v* [LH] do; make; cause.
- mee ihere** *v* [HH HHH] 'embarrass; cause to be ashamed; <sup>2</sup>disgrace or shame; <sup>3</sup>be shy, or coy in public. var. **menye ihere**.
- mee ikpa** *v* [HH LH] create havoc; cause mayhem.
- mee jüü** *v* [HH LL] calm down; be calm; settle down.
- mee mbölü** *v* [HH HLH] take revenge.
- mee mgbagö** *v* [HH LLL] be crooked, or ill-shaped. var. **mee mgbagwö**.
- mee mgbagwö** *v* [HH LLL] be crooked, or ill-shaped. var. **mee mgbagö**.
- mee nganga** *v* [HH LLL] act arrogantly or boastfully, though not in an offensive or distasteful degree; engage in rather harmless kind ego tripping.
- mee ngara** *v* [HH LLL] flirt; act flirtatiously; put on airs.
- mee njö** *v* [HH LH] sin; commit sin.
- mee ögö** *v* [HH LL] show kindness; be merciful.
- mefue** *v* [HLH] 'spend; expend; <sup>2</sup>waste; squander.
- megbuo** *v* [LHH] cheat; swindle somebody - *onye emeghule ibe va* = *no one should cheat the other*.
- meghariä** *v* [LHHH] 'modify,' alter or change

- something; <sup>2</sup>do something again; repeat - *mehgaria ya* = do it again; do it a second time (especially if it was not done right the first time).
- megharia anya** *v* [HLHH] 'deceive; <sup>2</sup>be confused by; cause general confusion. \*See "gbagharia anya" = deceive.
- meghee** *v* [LHH] open; throw open; declare open - *meghee efere* = open the plate; *meghee nzukö* = declare the meeting open. var. **meyee; mepee.**
- megherie** *v* [HLHH] fool around; pretend to be acting otherwise than is the case; play the fool. var. **mezerie.**
- megide** *v* [LHH] injure; hurt; act unjustly against another.
- megwara** *v* [LHH] get even; take revenge; avenge; retaliate - *ime m, m megwara* = if you do that to me, I will revenge, i.e. do the same to you; get even with you. \*See "megwara".
- mejöö** *v* [LHH] offend; displease somebody through action.
- melaa** *v* [LHH] eradicate; annihilate; do something to ensure something does not survive; make extinct - *ihe öma mee, nke öjöö emelaa* = when good happens, evil is annihilated.
- melie** *v* [HHH] conquer; defeat; be victorious. var. **merie.**
- melie** *v* [HHH] be able to do something; have the ability to.
- melöö obi** *v* [HLH HL] appease; mollify; pacify. var. **meroo obi.**
- melue** *v* [HLH] displease somebody.
- melüö arü** *v* [LHH LH] inflict or sustain bodily injury. var. **merüö ahü.**
- menye ihere** *v* [LH HHL] 'embarrass; cause to be ashamed; <sup>2</sup>disgrace or shame. var. **mee ihere.**
- menye üjö** *v* [HH HH] startle or frighten; scare; intimidate.
- menyüö** *v* [LHH] put out or blow out (fire or flame); extinguish.
- mepee** *v* [LHH] open; throw open; declare open - *mepee efere* = open the plate; *mepee nzukö* = declare the meeting open. var. **meghee; meyee.**
- merie** *v* [HHH] conquer; defeat; be victorious. var. **melie.**
- meruo** *v* [LHH] mature; grow to old age - *müö*, *meruo* = may you be blessed with children,
- may you live to ripe old age.*
- meruo obi** *v* [HLH HL] appease; mollify; pacify. var. **melöö obi.**
- merüö** *v* [LHH] defile; adulterate.
- merüö ahü** *v* [LHH LH] inflict or sustain bodily injury. var. **melüö arü.**
- mesaa ihu** *v* [HLL HH] cheer up; look cheerful. var. **mesaa iru.**
- mesaa iru** *v* [HLL HH] cheer up; look cheerful. var. **mesaa ihu.**
- metöö** *v* [HLH] 'soil; make dirty; <sup>2</sup>ridicule; abuse somebody.
- metüta** *v* [LHH] affect; touch on; be of concern to.
- meyee** *v* [LHH] open; throw open; declare open - *meyee efele* = open the plate; *meyee nzukö* = declare the meeting open. var. **meghee; mepee.**
- mezerie** *v* [HLHH] fool around; pretend to be acting otherwise than is the case; play the fool. var. **megherie.**
- mezie** *v* [LHH] repair, mend or fix.
- mezie** *v* [LHH] supplement; add as bonus - *mezie ahia* = add extra portion(s) to purchased items as bonus. \*See "kpöö aka" = add extra portion.
- mezue** *v* [HLH] fulfill.
- mfe** *adj* [LH] easy; light; with relative ease.
- mfe** *n* [LH] lightness of weight; relative ease.
- mfiköö** *n* [HHHL] constriction.
- mfufe** *n* [LHH] fan. var. **nkufele.**
- mfü** *n* [LH] small stinging ant.
- mgba** *n* [LH] wrestling; the sport of wrestling, requiring much strength, and even more cunning and adroitness - *mgba okpuru* = conspiracy and betrayal; Lit: underhand (and unethical) wrestling; <sup>3</sup>name of a festival in Afikpo.
- mgba** *n* [LH] wax, gum.
- mgba** *n* [LH] kind of bird; black-bird.
- mgba** *n* [LH] 'yam-stack; tiered stacks used in storing yams; <sup>2</sup>barn, for storage of harvest, especially yams. var. **mkpa.**
- mgba** *n* [LL] point of juncture; junction point; juncture.
- mgba** *n* [LL] 'weariness or fatigue; extreme tiredness; <sup>2</sup>laziness; tardiness; lack of initiative - *daa mba* = lack will or guts. var. **mba.**
- mgba aja** *n* [HL HH] perimeter wall; perimeter fence made from mud; mud fence. var.

ögbä,aja.		
<b>mgba aka</b> <i>n</i> [HH HH] bracelet; rings worn around the forearm.	<b>mgbala</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] back-garden; fence; yard. *See "mbübō"; "nkwuru"; "öbübü".	
<b>mgba ala</b> <i>n</i> [HH LL] foundation for a house. <i>var.</i> <b>mgba anī</b> .	<b>mgbalí</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] 'effort; attempt; striving; ambition.'	
<b>mgba anī</b> <i>n</i> [HH LL] foundation for a house. <i>var.</i> <b>mgba ala</b> .	<b>mgbalí.n</b> [HHL] endeavour; serious effort or attempt. <i>var.</i> <b>mgbaní</b> .	
<b>mgba ara</b> <i>n</i> [LL HH] main body of the breast; breast lobe; huge or pendulous breast. <i>var.</i> <b>ike ara</b> ; <b>mkpa ala</b> ; <b>mkpa ara</b> .	<b>mgbalu</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] formal condolence visit to bereaved person. <i>var.</i> <b>mgbara</b> ; <b>mgbaru</b> .	
<b>mgba asī</b> <i>n</i> [HL LH] nwanyi mgba asī = sorceress (Ex. 22:18); <i>Lit:</i> woman who foretell lies. <"gbaa" = divine + "asī" = lie, falsehood>.	<b>mgbam ejije</b> <i>n</i> [LHH HLL] reverberation; echo.	
<b>mgba ci</b> <i>n</i> [HL H] high noon; time of day split evenly between day and night when, as at midnight, spirits are out and about; the quietest time of day.	<b>mgbanaka</b> <i>n</i> [LHHH] charm or amulet, worn on the arm.	
<b>mgba okpuru</b> <i>n</i> [HH HHL] secret or underhand act of betrayal or sabotage; conspiracy to subvert - <i>mgba okpuru</i> = <i>conspiracy and betrayal</i> ; <i>Lit:</i> <i>underhand (and unethical) wrestling</i> .	<b>mgbaní</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] (Önica) endeavour; serious effort or attempt. <i>var.</i> <b>mgbalí</b> .	
<b>mgba ükwü</b> <i>n</i> [HH HH] anklet; metal or ivory rings worn around the ankles.	<b>mgbanwe</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] 'change; alteration; transformation; 'exchange; make change; exchange units of currency. <i>var.</i> <b>mgbanwo</b> .	
<b>mgbabe</b> <i>n</i> [HLL] tiny stinging ant.	<b>mgbanwo</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] 'change; alteration; transformation; 'exchange; make change; exchange units of currency. <i>var.</i> <b>mgbanwe</b> .	
<b>mgbada</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] 'below; farther down; ^down under; south.	<b>mgapūta</b> <i>n</i> [HHLH] the act of paying a ransom to get someone out of danger or captivity; redemption, or (less accurately) salvation.	
<b>mgbada</b> <i>n</i> [LLH] a small wooden chair used mostly in the kitchen; short form of "oce mgbada". *See "oce mgbada".	<b>mgbara</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] formal condolence visit to bereaved person. <i>var.</i> <b>mgbalu</b> ; <b>mgbaru</b> .	
<b>mgbada</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] 'a large animal of the duiker family, close to "akpara", and larger than "ekpeke" from which it is slightly different in colour; ^antelope. *See "akpara" and "ekpeke".	<b>mgbaru</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] formal condolence visit to bereaved person. <i>var.</i> <b>mgbalu</b> ; <b>mgbara</b> .	
<b>mgbadöga</b> <i>n</i> [HHLH] flat frying pot. <i>var.</i> <b>agbada</b> .	<b>mgbasa</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] dispersal; dispersion; scattering.	
<b>mgbaghalü</b> <i>n</i> [HHLH] forgiveness; mercy; pardon. <i>var.</i> <b>mgbaghara</b> .	<b>mgbata akü</b> <i>n</i> [LHH LL] name for centipede; <i>Lit:</i> bringer of wealth (good fortune).	
<b>mgbagharü</b> <i>n</i> [HHHH] forgiveness; mercy. <i>var.</i> <b>mgbaghalü</b> .	<b>mgbati</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] amulet; charm worn on the body - <i>the mgbati</i> = <i>special charm or amulet</i> . *See "önünü"; "mgbanaka"; "titi" = amulet.	
<b>mgbagö</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] crookedness. <i>var.</i> <b>mgbagwö</b> .	<b>mgbe</b> <i>adv</i> [LL] when.	
<b>mgbagwö</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] crookedness. <i>var.</i> <b>mgbagö</b> .	<b>mgbe</b> <i>n</i> [LL] cloister; sacred watchplace.	
<b>mgbaji</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] waist-bead.	<b>mgbe</b> <i>n</i> [LL] sitting/living room; parlour.	
<b>mgbakö</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] addition; adding up.	<b>Mgbe</b> <i>n</i> [LL] prefix to generic women's names based on market days; in use these names are no longer complimentary - <i>Mgbe-afö</i> ; <i>Mgbe-eké</i> ; <i>Mgbe-kwö</i> ; <i>Mgbe-orie</i> . <i>var.</i> <b>Mgbo</b> . *See "Oke-". the counterpart for male generic names.	
<b>mgbakwunye</b> <i>n</i> [HLHH] an attachment; appendage or annexure.	<b>mgbe afü</b> <i>adv</i> [LL HL] at that time; then; in time past. <i>var.</i> <b>mgbe öri</b> ; <b>mgbe ahü</b> .	
	<b>mgbe ahü</b> <i>adv</i> [LL HL] at that time; then; in time past. <i>var.</i> <b>mgbe öri</b> ; <b>mgbe afü</b> .	
	<b>mgbe öri</b> <i>adv</i> [LL HL] (Öhafia) at that time;	

then; in times past. var. <b>mgbe ahü</b> ; <b>mgbe afü</b> .	<b>mgbö</b> <i>n</i> [HH] bullet; slug. var. <b>mkpö</b> .
<b>mgbede</b> <i>n</i> [HLL] early evening.	<b>mgbö</b> <i>n</i> [HH] <sup>1</sup> gate; wooden shutter for large entrance door; <sup>2</sup> wooden board serving as lintel board. var. <b>mgbo</b> .
<b>mgbede</b> <i>n</i> [LHH] rites undergone by young women in preparation for marriage - <i>ruo mgbede</i> = go through pre-marriage rituals.	<b>mgbö</b> <i>n</i> [HL] effort; attempt. var. <b>mbö</b> .
<b>mgbele</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] retail trade; small scale buying and selling at the lowest level of distribution; petty trading. var. <b>mgbere</b> .	<b>mgbökö</b> <i>n</i> [LHH] <sup>1</sup> wetlands, or land constantly under flood; flood plain; riverine land; <sup>2</sup> flood plain. *See “anü olu” = wetlands.
<b>mgbemgbe</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] verandah; porch; portico.	<b>mgbörögwü</b> <i>n</i> [LLLL] root; tap-root; root of major tree. var. <b>-mkpörögwü</b> .
<b>mgbere</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] retail trade; small scale buying and selling at the lowest level of distribution; petty trading. var. <b>mgbele</b> .	<b>mgbötö</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] spinster. var. <b>mkpötö</b> . *See “agbögnö öbü” = young adult woman.
<b>mgbidi</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] mud-wall; hollowed out earthen mound inside a residence, usually under the wicker-work shelving suspended from the roof.	<b>mgbu</b> <i>n</i> [LH] pain; suffering; hurt.
<b>mgbiri afö</b> <i>n</i> [HHH HH] intestines; bowels.	<b>mgbuga</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] venereal disease.
<b>mgbirici</b> <i>n</i> [LHHH] face-marks; patterns cut on cheeks or forehead as lineage identification mark. *See “mbibi”.	<b>mgbügba</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] conspiracy; sabotage.
<b>mgbiridi</b> <i>n</i> [LLLL] (Bende) pawpaw; papaya; edible plant with milky sap and juicy fruit shaped like a giant okra ( <i>Carica papaya</i> ).	<b>mgbügba</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] fence around backyard garden: improvised fence made from rows of stakes tied to slit palm branches, and stuffed with assorted twigs. *See “ögba” = fence.
<b>mgbi</b> <i>n</i> [HL] orphan - <i>nwa mgbi</i> = orphan. var. <b>mbi</b> . *See “ogbenye”.	<b>mgbügbö</b> <i>n</i> [LHL] (Önica) <sup>1</sup> bark; hard skin; husks; <sup>2</sup> hard outer skin of seed or fruit. var. <b>mbübö; agbügbö</b> .
<b>mgbilimgba</b> <i>n</i> [HHHH] bell; bell used as a musical instrument. var. <b>mgbirümgba</b> .	<b>mgbügha</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] half-digested fodder; cud - <i>anümanü ... na-ata mgbügha</i> = animals ... that eat cud (Lev. 11:3); *The example is from the draft new Catholic translation (1995).
<b>mgbirügba afö</b> <i>n</i> [HHHH HH] intestines; bowels.	<b>mie</b> <i>n</i> [HL] (Öhafia) wife, woman. var. <b>nwunye</b> .
<b>mgbirümgba</b> <i>n</i> [HHHH] bell; bell used as a musical instrument. var. <b>mgbilimgba</b> .	<b>mie</b> <i>v</i> [LH] sink; sink deep.
<b>mgbo</b> <i>n</i> [HH] <sup>1</sup> gate; wooden shutter for large entrance door; wooden board serving as lintel board. var. <b>mgbö</b> .	<b>mie önu</b> <i>v</i> [LH HH] pout; move lips to show displeasure or contempt.
<b>Mgbo</b> <i>n</i> [LH] (Udi) <sup>1</sup> young woman, or maiden used to refer to a person with whom one is familiar - <i>nwa mgbo</i> = my little girl; <sup>2</sup> prefix to generic women's names based on market days; in use these names are no longer complimentary - <i>Mgbo-afö</i> ( <i>Mgbafö</i> ) : <i>Mgbo-oke</i> ( <i>Mgbeke</i> ); <i>Mgbo-orie</i> ( <i>Mgborie</i> ). var. <b>Mgbe</b> . *See “Oke-”, the counterpart for male generic names.	<b>mia</b> <i>v</i> [HH] <sup>1</sup> pull out (e.g a string); slide past; <sup>2</sup> withdraw; sneak out.
<b>mgbogbo</b> <i>n</i> [LHH] (Isikwuatö) <sup>1</sup> uncle; a male relation of one's father's age - <i>mgbogbo m</i> = mu uncle; <sup>2</sup> term of deference for senior male relation.	<b>mia</b> <i>v</i> [HH] have throbbing pain, especially of bone or marrow.
<b>mgbolo</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] (Ösömarí) number of times; times. var. <b>ugbolu; ugolo</b> .	<b>mia</b> <i>v</i> [HH] be slippery; have a slippery surface - <i>ö na-amii amii</i> = it is slippery.
<b>mgboro</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] compound; settlement.	<b>mia</b> <i>v</i> [LH] suck through pipe; suck.
	<b>mia</b> <i>v</i> [LH] bear fruit - <i>mia mkpüri</i> = bear fruit.
	<b>mkpa</b> <i>n</i> [HL] <sup>1</sup> importance; urgency - <i>di mkpa</i> = is of importance; <i>ö di'm mkpa</i> = the matter is urgent; <sup>2</sup> problem; need; difficulty.
	<b>mkpa</b> <i>n</i> [LL] sciccors; pincers - <i>mma mkpa</i> = scissors. var. <b>mma mkpa</b> .
	<b>mkpa</b> <i>n</i> [LL] <sup>1</sup> long pole (up to ten feet) on which up to 48 yams (and sometimes, cocoyams) are tied in tiers for storage; <sup>2</sup> barn

- for storage of harvest, especially yams. var. **mgba**. \*See also "anya ji".
- mkpa** *n* [LL] kidnapping.
- mkpa aka** *n* [LL HH] main muscle of the hand; biceps.
- mkpa ala** *n* [LL HH] main body of the breast; breast lobe; huge or pendulous breast. var. *ike ara*; **mgba ala**; **mgba ara**.
- mkpa ara** *n* [LL HH] main body of the breast; breast lobe; huge or pendulous breast var. *ike ara*; **mgba ara**; **mkpa ala**.
- mkpa ökü** *n* [LH HH] matches; match-stick.
- mkpakana** *n* [HHHH] hunter's trap for large animals. \* See "akpa agü" = hunter's trap.
- mkpakara** *n* [HLLL] trap for rodent.
- mkpakö oci** *n* [HHH LL] narrow gourd used to collect blood from patient undergoing treatment by blood-letting.
- mkpakörö** *n* [LLHH] coffin made from plaited fronds.
- mkpakü** *n* [LHL] species of tree.
- mkpala** *n* [LHH] walking stick; stick var. **mkpara**; **mkpörö**.
- mkpanaka** *n* [LHHH] staff. walking stick with pointed end; handpike or rod - *tiüda mkpanaka ya n'ala* = *threw down his rod* (Ex. 7:10).
- mkpanaka** *n* [LLHH] wooden rod; walking stick - *Mkpa-na-aka nke osisi poplar dí ndü* = *fresh rods of poplar* (Gen. 30:37) - "mkpa" < "kpaa" = hold + "aka" = hand.
- mkpara** *n* [LHH] walking stick; stick. var. **mkpörö**; **mkpala**.
- mkpara** *n* [LLL] mat.
- mkpari** *n* [HHH] abuse; insolence; insult; disrespect.
- mkpe** *n* [HH] mourning; mourning for spouse, usually husband.
- mkpebi** *n* [HHL] decision or verdict; judgment.
- mkpekere** *n* [HHHH] shard; broken bits of plate; scrap.
- mkpekere azü** *n* [HHHH HL] 'fish scales'; bark of a tree.
- mkpesa** *n* [HHH] complaint; report of grievance.
- mkpi** *n* [LH] 'he-goat'; 'womaniser; a man who is forever chasing after women. var. **mpi**.
- mkpilili aka** *n* [HLL HH] (Önica) elbow.
- mkpirisi** *n* [HLLL] little bits

- mkpikpia** *n* [HHLL] the habit of miserliness; the scrutinising and (invariably) reducing of any expenditure of resources.
- mkpisü** *n* [LHH] whip; thin dry stick.
- mkpisü aka** *n* [LHH HH] finger.
- mkpisü ükwü** *n* [LHH HH] toe. var. **mkpisüri ükwü**.
- mkpisüri ükwü** *n* [LHHH HH] toe. var. **mkpisü ükwü**.
- mkpo** *n* [LH] (Öhafia) food basket or dish. \*See "ekete nri".
- mkpoko** *n* [LLH] old-style earthen bed; mud-bed. var. **obogho**; **mkpokpo**.
- mkpokpo** *n* [LLH] old-style earthen bed; mud-bed. var. **obogho**; **mkpoko**.
- mkpö** *n* [HH] bullet; slug. var. **mgbö**.
- mkpö** *n* [HL] packet or container - *mkpö ögwü* = *packet of medicine*.
- mkpö** *n* [LH] walking stick. var. **mkpara**; **mkpérö**.
- mkpö** *n* [LH] peg; wedge. var. **mkpörö**.
- mkpö** *n* [H] small spoon made by slicing long-arined gourdi in two across its length.
- mkpö anwürü** *n* [LH HLL] snuff-box; tin container for storing ground tobacco.
- mkpökiri** *n* [LHHH] hard dry corn. var. **ikpökiri**.
- mkpökörö** *adj* [HHHH] broken; useless; worthless.
- mkpökörö** *n* [HHHH] species of beans.
- mkpölö** *n* [LHH] 'handcuffs. originally made of cotton reels - *mkpölö aka* = *cotton reels used as handcuff*; 'prison; place of detention - *ülö mkpölö* = *prison*. var. **mkpörö**.
- mkpölö ekwe** *n* [LHH HH] drummer's stick. var. **mkpörö-igba**; **mkpölö igba**; **mkpörö ekwe**.
- mkpölö igba** *n* [LHH LL] drummer's stick. var. **mkpörö-ekwe**; **mkpölö ekwe**; **mkpörö igba**.
- mkpörö** *n* [LHH] 'handcuffs. originally made of cotton reels - *mkpörö aka* = *cotton reels used as handcuff*; 'pegs; stockade; hence, prison; place of detention - *ülö mkpörö* = *prison*.
- mkpörö** *n* [LHH] peg; wedge. var. **mkpö**.
- mkpörö** *n* [LHH] belongings; personal effects.
- mkpörö** *n* [LHH] walking stick; stick. var. **mkpala**; **mkpara**.
- mkpörö ekwe** *n* [LHH HH] drummer's stick.

<i>var.</i> m kpörö-īgba; m kpölö īgba; m kpölö ekwe.	hook, needle and dyes. *contains blade (aguba, alila), fiddle (ikpukpe), hook (nko), needle (aga, anaga), and antiseptic dyes (uhie, odo).
<b>m kpörö īgba</b> <i>n</i> [LHH LL] drummer's stick. <i>var.</i> m kpörö-ekwe; m kpölö ekwe; m kpölö īgba.	<b>m kpü mmiri</b> <i>n</i> [LH HHH] hail; frozen rain. <i>var.</i> m kpü-mmili.
<b>m kpötö</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] 'spinster; woman well past marrying age; <sup>2</sup> maiden or damsel. <i>var.</i> m kpötö.	<b>m kpükö</b> <i>n</i> [LHL] small cricket.
<b>m kpötörö</b> <i>n</i> [HHHH] blankness; emptiness; zero value. *See "nkiti" = emptiness.	<b>m kpülu amü</b> <i>n</i> [HHH HL] testicle; testis; balls. <i>var.</i> m kpürü amü.
<b>m kpötü</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] <del>noise</del> ; commotion - ümü aka na-eme m kpötü = <i>the children are making a lot of noise.</i>	<b>m kpümkpü adj</b> [HHHH] short and stout - ödi m kpümkpü na-eme ire = stout, short person of great prowess.
<b>m kpu</b> <i>n</i> [HH] termite; anthill, i.e. high mounds of red earth constructed by termites. <i>var.</i> m pu.	<b>m kpümkpü adj</b> [HHHH] short-statured; stout; dwarfish - m kpümkpü mmadü = dwarfish man.
<b>m kpu</b> <i>n</i> [LH] alarm; shout; wailing; hue and cry.	<b>m kpümkpü ube</b> <i>n</i> [HHHH HL] short spear, very much like the javelin.
<b>m kpu</b> <i>n</i> [LH] fire-place; hearth.	<b>m kpürü</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] kernel; fruit; seed. <i>var.</i> akpürü.
<b>m kpu</b> <i>n</i> [LL] 'ceremony, requiring confinement from 4 to 9 months, for girls about to get married, usually at about age 14; <sup>2</sup> puberty rite for girls; ceremony for a girl's coming of age.	<b>m kpürü n</b> [HHH] unit; piece - m kpürü ole? = how many units/pieces?.
<b>m kpući</b> <i>n</i> [HLH] closure or covering up - m kpući mmechie = atonement; <i>Lit: closing the lid on sin</i> (Ex. 29:33).	<b>m kpürü amü</b> <i>n</i> [HHH HL] testicle; testis; balls. <i>var.</i> m kpülu amü.
<b>m kpughe</b> <i>n</i> [HLH] exposure; revelation; opening up. <i>var.</i> m kpuhe.	<b>m kpürü ego</b> <i>n</i> [HHH HL] one cowry piece; coin. *See "ayölö" = cowries.
<b>m kpughuru</b> <i>n</i> [HHHH] (Öhafia) headless body.	<b>m kpürü obi</b> <i>n</i> [HHH HL] 'heart as an organ - m kpürü obi anü = the heart of the animal; soul, as essence - m kpürü obi mmadü = the human soul.
<b>m kpuhe</b> <i>n</i> [HLH] exposure; revelation; opening up. <i>var.</i> m kpughe.	<b>m kpürü okwe</b> <i>n</i> [HHH LL] dice; token used in playing "okwe" game.
<b>m kpuke</b> <i>n</i> [LLH] woman's house; woman's personal quarters.	<b>m kpürü öka</b> <i>n</i> [HHH HL] cereal; grain.
<b>m kpulu</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] cloth, made of raffia, used during özö initiation ceremonies.	<b>m kpürümkpü</b> <i>n</i> [LLHL] intestinal worm. <i>var.</i> m kpürümkpü.
<b>m kpume</b> <i>n</i> [LHL] (Önica) stone. <i>var.</i> nkwume; nkume.	<b>m kpürüsü</b> <i>n</i> [LLLH] cake made from melon seeds.
<b>m kpumkpu</b> <i>n</i> [HHHH] trash; garbage; refuse dump.	<b>mma</b> <i>n</i> [HH] beauty; goodness; virtue.
<b>m kpumkpu</b> <i>n</i> [HHHH] hunchback; hump-back; hump.	<b>mma</b> <i>n</i> [HL] field knife; knife; matchet.
<b>m kpuru</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] earthen bed, usually raised some five inches from the ground. *See "ikpo" = earthen bed.	<b>mma agha</b> <i>n</i> [HL HH] sword; <i>Lit:</i> war knife.
<b>m kpuruma</b> <i>n</i> [LHLH] small leather-bag for carrying surgical instruments: blade, fiddle,	<b>mma akpa</b> <i>n</i> [HL LL] flat iron bar with sharp sides used for cutting bales; bale cutter.
	<b>mma akwa</b> <i>n</i> [HL HL] razor; shaving knife.
	<b>mma ekwu</b> <i>n</i> [HL HH] kitchen knife; pairing knife. *The kitchen knife is sacred to Nguma, a figure found in Mbari shrines. Her oaths are sworn on this knife. .
	<b>mma mili</b> <i>n</i> [HH HH] urine. <i>var.</i> nwa mili;
	<b>mma miri</b> .

- mma mürü** *n* [HH HH] urine. var. **mma mili**; **nwa mürü**.
- mma mkpa** *n* [HL LL] sciccors - *mma mkpa* = scissors. var. **mkpa**.
- mma nkwö** *n* [HL HH] saw; knife with toothed blade using for cutting timber.
- mma nkwü** *n* [HL HH] tapper's knife; short pointed knife used for tapping palm wine.
- mma oge** *n* [HL LL] cutlass; long matchet. \*See "ogbu adani".
- mmapü obi** *n* [HHL HL] panic attack; mild heart attack; *Lit:* the leaping out of the heart - *egbe ahü daa, obi mapü m* = when I heard that gunshot, I panicked; my heart missed a beat; *obi mmapü gburu ya* = she died from a heart attack.
- mmadü** *n* [HHH] person; human being - *üdi nimadijü Jesus bii* = the type of person Jesus is. var. **mmanü**.
- mmaï** *n* [HHH] palm-wine; wine; alcoholic drink. var. **mmanya**.
- mmaji** *n* [HHH] share; portion. \*cf. Yoruba: "meji".
- mmalite** *n* [HLHH] beginning; inception; start.
- mmamma** *n* [HH-HH] 'thanks; blessings - *kpeere ya mmamma* = thank him; bless him in thanks; <sup>2</sup>(in the Bende area) a general greeting, equivalent to "Hello!".
- mmanü** *n* [HHH] 'oil; palm-oil; <sup>2</sup>grease. \*See "übara" and "ofe igbo" = palm oil.
- mmanü** *n* [HHL] (Owere) person; human being. var. **mmadü**.
- mmanü anwü** *n* [HHH HH] honey. var. **mmanü aňü**.
- mmanü aňü** *n* [HHH HH] honey. var. **mmanü anwü**.
- mmanü igwe** *n* [HHH HL] engine oil; grease.
- mmanwü** *n* [LHH] masquerade; masked dancer; masked spirit. var. **mmöö**.
- mmanya** *n* [HHH] palm-wine; wine; alcoholic drink - *mmanya elu* = up-wine; choice wine from older (and taller) palm trees; *mmanya ökü* = spirits. var. **mmaï**.
- mmanya gbara üka** *n* [HHH HH HL] vinegar; *Lit:* wine that has gone sour.
- mmanye** *n* [HHH] compulsion; coercion.
- mmari ala** *n* [HHL LL] tilling; preparing the ground for planting.
- mme** *n* [HH] (Önica) blood. var. **mmee**.
- mmebi** *n* [HHL] spoilage; ruin or destruction; damage. var. **mbibi**.
- mmee** *n* [HHH] (Önica) blood. var. **mme**.
- mmegbu** *n* [HHH] cheating; having an unfair advantage over another.
- mmegwa** *n* [HHH] retaliation; revenge.
- mmehie** *n* [HHLL] 'wrongful act; misdemeanour; <sup>2</sup>sin, or grievous transgression; fault (esp. in Christian usage); evil act.
- mmekpa ahü** *n* [HHL] troubles; minor problems or difficulties; serious inconveniences.
- mmemme** *n* [LLLH] celebration; festival; festivity. var. **emume**.
- mmili** *n* [HHH] 'river; stream - *i ga agafe mmili* = you will have to cross a river; <sup>2</sup>water; rain; rain water - *agüü mmili* = thirst for water; *mmili malü m* = I was beaten by the rain; <sup>3</sup>juice; sap; liquid from any source - *mmili anü* = meat-broth; *mmili ala* = breast milk. var. **mmini; mmiri**.
- mmili ala** *n* [HHH HH] breast milk. var. **mmiri ara**.
- mmili Cukwu** *n* [HHH HH] Baptism; *Lit:* God's water. var. **mmiri Cukwu**. \*\*Baptism is no antidote against possession by Agwü"- Achebe, *Anthills of the Savannah*, p. 105.
- mmini** *n* [HHH] 'river; stream, as in the place name, "Azumini"; <sup>2</sup>water; rain; rain water; <sup>3</sup>juice; sap; liquid from any source. var. **mmili; mmiri**
- mmiri** *n* [HHH] 'river; stream - *i ga agafe mmiri* = you will have to cross a river; <sup>2</sup>water; rain; rain water - *mmiri n'agü m* = I thirst for water; *mmiri mara m* = I was beaten by the rain; <sup>3</sup>juice; sap; liquid from any source - *mmiri anü* = meat broth; *mmiri ara* = breast milk. var. **mmili; mmini**.
- mmiri ara** *n* [HHH HH] breast milk. var. **mmili ala**.
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- mmiri mmiri** *adj* [HHH HHH] watery.
- mmimi** *n* [HLL] a peppery fruit eaten alone or with kolanut; the tree that bears this fruit (*Dennettia tripetala*).
- mmöö** *n* [LHH] 'belonging to other than the human world - *ala mmöö* = spirit world; spirit; non-human agency - *mmöö na-akwa ya* = he is being egged on by spirits (not

- humans); Cineke bù mmöö = God is a spirit (i.e., is not human); <sup>3</sup>spirits - mmöö öjöö = evil spirits; mmöö ozi = angel; messenger-spirit; mmöö öma = good angel or spirit. var. mmüö.*
- mmöö** *n* [LHH] masquerade; masked dancer; masked spirit var. **mmawü**.
- mmöö ozi** *n* [LHH HH] angel; *Lit:* messenger-spirit. var. **mmüö ozi**.
- mmöö öjöö** *n* [LHH HHH] 'demon; <sup>3</sup>madness; *Lit:* [possessed by] evil spirits.
- mmümü önwa** *n* [LLL HH] stars; starlight.
- mmümü öwa** *n* [LLL HH] worm with fluorescent skin; glow-worm.
- mmüö** *n* [LHH] (Öhafia) people.
- mmüö** *n* [LHH] 'belonging to other than the human world - *ala mmüö = spirit world;* <sup>3</sup>spirit; non-human agency - *mmüö na-akwa ya = he is being egged on by spirits (not humans); Cineke bù mmüö = God is a spirit (i.e., is not human); <sup>3</sup>spirits - mmöö öjöö = evil spirits; mmöö ozi = angel; messenger-spirit; mmöö öma = good angel or spirit. var. mmöö.*
- mmüö ozi** *n* [LHH HH] angel; *Lit:* messenger-spirit. var. **mmöö ozi**.
- mmüö öjöö** *n* [LHH HHH] madness; *Lit:* [possessed by] evil spirits.
- mmüta** *n* [HLH] learning; education.
- moo anyü** *v* [LH HH] attach the axe-head.
- mpaghara** *n* [HHHH] 'area; side; portion; <sup>3</sup>section; region; province; zone.
- mpaka önù** *n* [HHL HH] (Ngwa) boasting; bragging.
- mpama** *n* [LLL] (Afikpo) mid-sized knife used in bush-clearing.
- mpanaka** *n* [LHHH] lamp; lantern; hurricane lamp. <"paa" = carry + "aka" = hand>
- mpara ökü** *n* [LLL HH] oil lamp.
- mpata** *n* [LHH] stool; low chair without back- or arm-rest.
- mpata** *n* [LLL] 'fern that grows on marshy land; area of marsh covered with ferns; <sup>3</sup>river swamp.
- mpata aka** *n* [LLH HH] cassava; dried cassava flakes.
- mpe** *n* [LH] 'smallness; <sup>2</sup>(adjectival after "di") little; small; unimportant; <sup>3</sup>(adverbial after a main verb) little; briefly - *guzo mpe = stand up a little, or a while.*
- mpe mpe** *adj* [HH HH] little; tiny; small.
- mpekele** *n* [HHHH] 'bits and pieces of broken pottery, etc; broken fragments; shard; <sup>3</sup>sliver. var. **mpekere**.
- mpekere** *n* [HHHH] 'bits and pieces of broken pottery, etc; broken fragment; shard; <sup>3</sup>sliver. var. **mpekele**.
- mpere** *n* [LHH] bat; a small variety of bat. var. **ipere**.
- mpi** *n* [LH] he-goat. var. **mkpi**.
- mpi** *n* [LL] 'horn (of animal); antler; <sup>3</sup>wine cup; wine horn made (often) from animal horn.
- mpi okpu** *n* [LH LL] horn of the animal, "okpu", used as libation cup, and for ritual washing at morning prayers and before breaking the day's first kolanut.
- mpiko** *n* [LLH] 'gourd; cup made from calabash; <sup>3</sup>gourd used as vagina-substitute - *dinye mpiko = masturbate; Lit: sleep with "mpiko".*
- mpio** *n* [LHH] drainage hole through wall.
- mpipi** *n* [LLL] castrated he-goat. var. **apipi**; **apiri** **api**.
- mpo** *n* [LH] household garbage or waste matter, whether solid and liquid - *önü mpo = hole in wall for discharging or removing kitchen waste.*
- mpu** *n* [HH] termite; anthill, i.e. high mounds of red earth constructed by termites - *akü mpu = flying termite. var. mkpu*.
- mpu** *n* [LL] 'horn (of animal); antler; <sup>3</sup>wine cup; wine horn made (often) from animal horn. var. **mpi**.
- mpü** *n* [LH] evil conduct; serious unbecoming conduct.
- muo emu** *v* [LH HL] blackmail.
- mü** *prn* [H] I; me.
- mücieanya** *v* [LHH HH] shut eyes; close eyes. var. **nyicieanya**.
- mükee** *v* [LHH] twinkle; sparkle.
- müö** *v* [HH] earn interest.
- müö** *v* [HH] sharpen (e.g. knife or axe).
- müö** *v* [LH] 'give birth; deliver - *ö mürü nwa taa = she gave birth today; <sup>3</sup>bear offspring - ö mürü ümü ise = he has five children.*
- müö** *v* [LH] learn; study.
- müö** *v* [LH] laugh; smile.
- müö amü** *v* [LH HH] laugh; smile.
- müö nwa** *v* [LH HH] earn interest.
- müta** *v* [HH] give birth; have offspring - *müta*

- ilmü atö = gave birth to three children; have three children as offspring.*
- mütä** *v [LH]* learn successfully; succeed in learning.
- mvö** *n [LH]* <sup>1</sup>finger-nail; claw; <sup>2</sup>scratch from finger-nails - *yoo/yee mbö = scratch with finger-nails. var. mbö.*
- mvö** *n [LH]* comb. var. **mbö**.
- mwebü** *n [HHH]* subtraction; removal.

**N**

- N alph** *[HH]* <sup>1</sup>20th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiced alveolar nasal; a consonant. \*Pronounced as "nii".
- n'agüga** *prep [HLL]* beside; next to; side of; adjacent to. var. **agüga**.
- n'atü** *adv [LL]* as planned; to the purpose.
- n'azü** *adv [LHH]* in secret; off-record; sub rosa.
- n'elu** *adv [HL]* above; up. var. **n'enü**.
- n'enü** *adv [HL]* above; up. var. **n'elu**.
- n'eziokwu** *adv [HHH HL]* in truth; truthfully. var. **n'ezie**.
- n'ezie** *adv [HHLH]* in truth; truthfully. var. **n'eziokwu**.
- n'ifi** *adv [HH]* <sup>1</sup>about; regarding; concerning; <sup>2</sup>because of; in the interest of. var. **n'ihi**.
- n'ihi** *adv [HH]* <sup>1</sup>about; regarding; concerning; <sup>2</sup>because of; in the interest of. var. **n'ifi**.
- nile** *adj [HL]* all; very many - *mmadü nile = everybody*.
- n'okpuru** *adv [LLHL]* <sup>1</sup>below; under and out of view; <sup>2</sup>in secret; off-record; sub rosa.
- na aux** *[L]* used as an auxiliary to indicate continuing action in the present - *Dubem na-abia = Dubem is coming; Ö bü ihe na-eme eme = That happens; Lit: This is what does happen.*
- na conj** *[H]* without (when used with negative "-ghi" verb forms) - *n'amaghi ama = without knowing; inadvertently.*
- na conj** *[L]* and.
- na conj** *[L]* that - *Onye kwuru na mmadü bü Cukwu? = Who says that Man is God?*.
- na prep** *[L]* at; in; on; within.

- na prep** *[L]* <sup>1</sup>at; on; on top of; on the outside of - *n'ülö = at home; n'oce = on the table;;* <sup>2</sup>in; within; inside of - *n'obodo = in or within the town. n'ite = inside the pot; 'in (used idiomatically with "efu" and "nkiti") - n'efu ; na nkiti = in vain. \*See also "na" as con-junction.*
- naa prn** *[L]* (Öhafia) their. var. **ha; fa**.
- naaa** *v [HH]* depart (for home); go home; return; leave. var. **laa**.
- naaa v** *[HL]* keep doing something; when followed by an action verb, a formula for a general greeting - *naa alü = keep working; naa eme = go on doing or acting in this wise; hence, "Good work! Well done!. var. daa.*
- naaa v** *[LH]* demand; ask for.
- naaa aka v** *[HH HH]* commend publicly; congratulate someone; Lit: invite someone to accept a handshake - *naa m aka = accept my congratulations; a nara m ya aka = I congratulated him.*
- naaa azü v** *[LH LH]* lag behind; fall back; go back. var. **daa azü; laa azü**.
- naaa di v** *[HH H]* ge married; formally move to husband's home. var. **laa di**.
- naa n'aka v** *[HH HH]* buy on credit - *nara ngwa ahia n'aka = buy merchandise on credit.*
- naa n'iyi v** *[HH HL]* waste; spoil; go to waste; squander. var. **laa n'iyi**.
- naanü adj** *[HHL]* only - *naanü ya = she alone; naanü ji = yam only; just yam. var. yaanü.*
- naba v** *[HL]* go to bed; retire for the night; go to sleep. var. **laba**.
- nabata v** *[HLH]* admit; accept; welcome.
- nabie v** *[HLH]* prevent from happening; forestall - *mmiri nabiri ya ibia = rain prevented him from coming; ö gaghi anabi ihe ö büla = it wont prevent anything. <"naa" = to take/receive + "bie" = end/terminate>*
- nahapü v** *[HLH]* relieve someone of a burden or an encumbrance; take something away from someone - *nahapü m örü a = relieve me of this assignment.*
- nakasüa v** *[LHHH]* rout; dismantle. var. **nakasüa**.
- nalü v** *[LH]* take; accept. var. **nara**.
- nama n** *[HL]* (loan) cattle. <"Llama" = a breed of Peruvian cattle>.
- napü v** *[HL]* take away; take away from - *napü*

- m ihe a** = take this thing from me. \*A less polite form of “nahapü” = relieve me of.
- nara** *v* [LH] take; accept; receive - *nara m ihe a* = take this thing from me; accept this from me. var. **nalü**.
- nari** *num* [LL] one hundred (100).
- nca** *adv* [LH] (Önica) 'at all; hardly; not at all - Ö lürö ölü nca = *He did not work at all*; <sup>2</sup>in entirety; without exception - *iра nca* = *the entire people, without exception*; *fanca* = *all of them without exception*.
- nca** *n* [HL] soap; detergent.
- nca** *n* [LH] havoc; widespread damage - *mee fa nca* = *caused them a lot of damage*; *did havoc to them*.
- ncase** *n* [HHL] the act of overtaking or passing, e.g. a runner or a vehicle.
- ncakirikpö** *n* [LHHHH] musical instrument. \*“Then they had an instrument used in playing which the people call nchakirikpo.” Efuru, p. 17..
- ncara** *n* [HHH] 'rust - *tüö ncara* = *become rusty*; <sup>2</sup>red earth - *ugwu ncara* = *red-earth hill*. var. **ajara**.
- ncasi** *n* [LHH] tree with slippery reddish scales on its bark.
- nce** *n* [HH] 'guard; sentry; watch; guard duty; patrol - *ha gara nce* = *they went on guard duty*; <sup>2</sup>persons assigned to watch over the town when people are off to the farms, and especially during market days - *ndü nce* = *patrolmen*. var. **uce**.
- nce anwü** *n* [HH HH] umbrella (used in the sun); *Lit*: thing that wards off the sun.
- nce ülö** *n* [LH HL] lizard.
- ncebi** *n* [HHL] ambush; surprise attack.
- ncedo** *n* [HHH] providing protection; keeping guard over; safeguarding.
- ncefu** *n* [HHL] forgetfulness; a forgetting; amnesia.
- ncikara** *adj* [HHHH] ragged; tattered - *ncikara akwa* = *tattered cloth*; *Lit*: *loose scraps of cloth*. var. **ncikara**
- nceke** *n* [LHH] gecko; wall-gecko; lizard.
- ncekwa** *n* [HHH] the act of preserving or safeguarding something; taking extra care in preserving something.
- ncekwube** *n* [HLHH] hope; trust; expectation.
- nceta** *n* [HLH] remembrance; recall of memory; remembering.
- nci** *n* [LL] kindred; clan - *me nci ise* = *five core kindred*.
- nci** *n* [LL] nook and corner; corner.
- nci** *n* [LL] grass-cutter.
- ncici** *n* [LLL] night rat. var. **icici**.
- ncili** *n* [HHH] stowing or storing away; storage.
- nciri** *n* [LLL] boil or swelling in the armpit.
- nciea** *n* [LHH] (West Igbo) sponge made from palm fronds and used to wash plates.
- ncikara** *adj* [HHHH] ragged; tattered - *ncikara akwa* = *tattered cloth*; *Lit*: *loose scraps of cloth*. var. **ncikara**.
- ncöpüta** *n* [HHLH] discovery; a finding.
- ncu** *n* [LH] calabash.
- neu** *n* [LH] stain or blemish; loss of lustre.
- ncü aja** *n* [LH LL] priest: one who offers sacrifice.
- ncü anwü** *n* [HH HH] a plant that has insect repellent properties.
- ncüpü** *n* [HHL] expulsion; banishment; exile.
- ncusa** *n* [HHL] dispersal; the act of forcing (e.g. people, or animals) to be scatter over a wide area.
- nda** *n* [LL] dew.
- nda** *n* [LL] chamber or cavity; echo chamber; resonator.
- Nda alü excl** [LH LH] general greeting of encouragement to someone at work; short form of “Nda alü ölü” - *Nda alü ölü* = *Keep up the work*. var. **Da alü**.
- Nda eje excl** [LH LH] 'general greeting to people (passers-by or guests) setting out on a journey; <sup>2</sup>Goodbye!; <sup>3</sup>Farewell!. var. **Da eje**; **De eje**.
- nda eli** *n* [LL HL] dead of night; midnight; the pitch darkness of night. var. **nda eri**.
- nda eri** *n* [LL HL] dead of night; midnight; the pitch darkness of night. var. **nda eli**.
- Nda-ewo excl** [LL-LH] 'Thanks!; <sup>2</sup>Hello!.
- Ndaa** *n* [LHH] term of deference to one's grandmother; grandmother; <sup>3</sup>(Owere), a generic term of deference to both male and female elders.
- ndagbu** *n* [LLH] kite.
- ndagwuru ugwu** *n* [LLHH HH] valley or gorge; *Lit*: the low end of a hill or mountain.
- ndanda** *n* [HHH] grasshopper.
- ndasi** *n* [HLL] (Önica) glass.
- nde** *num* [LL] million (i.e. 1.000.000). var.

**ndende.**

**nde eli** *n* [LL HL] dead of night; midnight; the pitch darkness of night. var. **nde eri**.

**Nde eme excl** [LH HH] 'Well done!'; <sup>2</sup>'Keep it up!'; <sup>3</sup>general greeting for many occasions. var. **De eme**; **Da eme**.

**nde eri** *n* [LL HL] dead of night; midnight; the pitch darkness of night. var. **nde eri**.

**nde nde** *n* [LH LL] fame or reputation.

**nde-nde** *n* [LL LL] million millions (i.e. 1,000,000,000,000). var. **nde**. \*no longer in general usage.

**ndidi** *n* [LLL] patience; endurance - *ndidi ka mma* = *patience is best*.

**ndi** *n* [HH] (Item) yam tuber; yam. var. **ji**.

**ndi prn** [HH] 'those of; those who - *ndi oshi* = *thieves, robbers*; *ndi bu ite* = *those carrying pots*; <sup>2</sup>others (used to form plurals of other nouns) - *ndi mmadi* = *people*; <sup>3</sup>people of; used instead of "ümü" in place-names among the Arö (whose settlements were invariably made of people not related by blood) - *Ndī Izuögü* = *Izuögü's people; whence, Ndīzuögü = name of a town*.

**ndi agha** *n* [HH HH] soldiers; troops; warriors.

**ndi egwu** *n* [HH HH] musicians, dancers, or singers.

**ndi ici** *n* [HHLL] cicatriser; one who performs surgery to remove scars and adhesions, or to carve ridged marks on face, etc.

**ndi icie** *n* [HH-LHL] elders; ancestors; the community of living and dead ancestors of a lineage.

**ndi ife** *n* [HH LL] (Öhafia/Bende) people, generally; humanity. var. **ndi mmadü**.

**ndi mgbe** *n* [HH LL] people serving at a shrine; specifically, men and women chosen to work on the building of an Mbari or shrine. \*See "mgbe" = shrine.

**ndi ngo** *n* [HH HH] bribe-takers; those who take bribes.

**ndi obodo** *n* [HH LLL] 'locals, indigenes; rural folk; <sup>3</sup>townspeople; Lit: people of the community.

**ndi ogo** *n* [HH HH] villagers; Lit: people of the kindred. \*See "ogo" = community; lineage.

**ndi olu** *n* [HH HH] riverine people; people of the marshes. var. **ndi oru**.

**ndi omi** *n* [HH LL] adult females; women-

folk; women.

**ndi oru** *n* [HH HH] riverine people; people of the marshes. var. **ndi oru**.

**ndi ozi** *n* [HH HH] apostles; Lit: designated messengers. \*Translates the Greek word "Apostolos" = "he that is sent" (Lk. 6: 13).

**ndi öcicü** *n* [HH LHH] those in power; rulers; leaders in government.

**ndida** *n* [LLL] 'low-lying land or area; large slope or depression; <sup>2</sup>(used adverbially) lower level; way down or under; at some distance behind or below - *Ö dī na ndida* = *it is some distance below (or down the road)*.

**Ndo excl** [LH] 'Sorry!'; an exclamation expressing sympathy, and sometimes regret; <sup>2</sup>'What a pity! Take heart! Have patience! - *A nūrū m ihe merenü. Ndo!* = *I heard the sad news (lit: what happened). Take heart (or What a pity!)*.

**ndo** *n* [HL] pigeon; wild dove. var. **nduri**; **nduru**. \*Also called "nnünü ezi" = Lit: bird of the outdoors.

**ndo** *n* [LL] shade; shelter.

**ndokwa** *n* [HHH] perfect peace or restfulness, usually of the afterlife - *zuo ike na ndokwa* = *rest in (perfect) peace*. \*Found almost exclusively in Christian usage.

**ndō ndō** *n* [LL LH] disagreement; argument; contest. var. **ndörö-ndörö**.

**ndöli** *n* [HHL] effort; exertion; struggle; hard or difficult struggle towards an uncertain goal; particularly strenuous exertion with little effect - *Üwa bii ndöli* = *Life (the world) is a struggle (i.e. always a struggle without guaranteed success)*.

**ndörö ndörö** *n* [LLL LH] disagreement; argument; contest - *ndörö ndörö okwu* = *debate; acrimonious debate; controversy*. var. **ndö-ndö**.

**ndu** *n* [LH] 'probe; instrument used to feel out or explore an opening - *onye ndu* = *leader; escort*; <sup>3</sup>leader; escort; guide - *onye ndu* = *leader; one who guides others*.

**ndu** *n* [LL] maggot; larva stage of fly or bug.

**ndubu** *n* [LLH] ladder; any scaffolding; rafter post or plank used in house construction, and other trades. var. **mbe**; **mbube**; **mbibì**; **ubube**; **obube**.

**ndudu** *n* [HHH] electric eel; snake-like fish that shocks when touched. \*Also called

- "elighili" or "elili".
- ndudu** *n* [LLL] kind of bean seed used in certain board games; yam-beans. var. **odudu**.
- ndudu** *n* [LLL] coward.
- nduku** *n* [HLH] (West Igbo) potato; sweet potato. var. **ndükwü**. \*Short for "okoko nduku".
- nduri** *n* [HLH] pigeon; dove; turtle-dove. var. **ndo**; **nduru**. \*Also called "nnünü ezi" = bird of the outdoors.
- nduru** *n* [HLH] pigeon; wild dove, or turtle-dove. var. **ndo**; **nduri**. \*Also called "nnünü ezi" = bird of the outdoors.
- ndü** *adv* [HH] near; close by; adjacent to.
- ndü** *n* [HL] life; existence; condition of being  
- *ndü na-atö ütö* = life is sweet; *ndü siri ike* = life is tough; *ndü ogbenye* = the life of a pauper; *ndü nkita* = a dog's life.
- ndü** *n* [LH] needle or pin; a pointed instrument used to prick another object. var. **ndüdü**.
- ndüdü** *n* [LHH] <sup>1</sup>fork; needle; pin; pincers; a pointed instrument used to pick up another object; <sup>2</sup>goad or prod - *ndüdü icü ehi* = cattle prod; *instrument used to drive cattle*; <sup>3</sup>ploughshare - *ndüdü ölü ubi* = plough (*I Sam 13:21*). var. **ndü**.
- ndüdugandü** *n* [HLLHHL] generation after generation; generations; ages; *Lit*: one life time to another life time.
- ndükwü** *n* [HHH] sweet potato. var. **nduku**. \*Short for "okoko nduku"; See also "nje-kalam afö" = sweet potato.
- ndümödü** *n* [LLHL] advice; counsel; admonition.
- neda anya** *v* [HL HH] despise; have contempt for; not have respect for someone. var. **leda anya**.
- nedü excl** [LH] (Önicá) Look!; See! Oh, no!; exclamation of surprise and disappointment.
- nee** *v* [LH] <sup>1</sup>look; look at; pay attention - *nee anya, ike agwüla ya* = look, he is tired; <sup>2</sup>look after; attend to - *nee ya öbia* = attend to him as a guest; offer him hospitality; <sup>3</sup>examine. var. **lee**.
- nee anya** *v* [HH HH] expect; hope for - *a nene anya ya* = we are expecting it; we hope for it. var. **lee anya**.
- nenee** *v* [LHH] <sup>1</sup>investigate; scrutinise; examine closely; <sup>2</sup>examine or test. var. **lelee**.
- nenia** *v* [HLH] neglect; disregard; despise; have no regard for. var. **lelia**.
- nepü anya** *v* [HL HH] <sup>1</sup>have a look out on; <sup>2</sup>have oversight over; <sup>3</sup>keep an eye on something. var. **lepü anya**.
- nezie** *v* [LHH] <sup>1</sup>look after; take good care of - *nezie ünö* = *take good care of home; look after home matters well*; <sup>2</sup>be extra careful - *nezie anya* = *be extra careful*.
- nga** *n* [LH] prison; detention centre.
- nga** *n* [LL] place; place where - *ole nga?* = where?; *Aga eke ya nga ole?* = *Into how many places will it be divided?*
- nga nga** *adj* [HH-HH] tiny or minuscule.
- ngaa** *adv* [LHL] here; this place.
- ngada** *n* [LLL] space between legs when spread out; measure of a foot; one metre.
- ngaji** *n* [LLL] small spoon made from a gourd, now of metal or plastic, used in eating. var. **ngazi**.
- ngala** *n* [LH] pride; haughtiness; arrogance - *mee/kpaa ngala* = *act in a prideful or arrogant manner, sometimes in expectation of one's goodwill being sought or wooed*. var. **nganga**.
- ngalaba** *n* [HLL] <sup>1</sup>tree branch; forked branch of trees; <sup>2</sup>division or branch of institution or organisation. var. **agalaba**.
- nganga** *adj* [HHHH] thin; long and spindly - *nganga ükwü* = *spindly feet* var. **ngwengwe**.
- nganga** *n* [LLL] <sup>1</sup>arrogance and boastfulness of a rather harmless kind; ego tripping; haughtiness - *mee nganga* = *act boastfully and arrogantly*; <sup>2</sup>pride. var. **ngala**.
- ngazi** *n* [LLL] small spoon. var. **ngaji**.
- nge** *n* [HH] one; single.
- nge** *n* [HH] a particular style or move in traditional wrestling, by digging one heel behind the opponent so as to pitch him backward, a move usually difficult to evade - *tüö nge* = *make this particular wrestling move*. var. **ege**.
- ngedegwu** *n* [LHHL] traditional pot xylophone used in the "atilögwu" dance.
- ngengwe** *adj* [HHHH] (Udi) thin; long and spindly - *nganga ükwü* = *spindly feet*. var. **nganga**.
- ngerere** *n* [HHHH] (Afikpo) toddler; nursing baby.
- ngi** *n* [HH] you (singular).

**ngidi** *n* [LLL] chest; rib.

**ngiga** *n* [HHH] <sup>1</sup>wicker basket for food preservation (meat, fish, salt, and such smaller items); <sup>2</sup>cage holding birds or animals; <sup>3</sup>stockade, or enclosure made of wires or wooden bars used to hold war prisoners.

**ngiga** *n* [HHH] spear used in fishing.

**ngili** *n* [LLL] chest; rib. *var.* **ngiri**; **ngidi**.

**ngili afō** *n* [HHH HH] intestines, especially the small intestines.

**ngiri** *n* [LLL] chest; rib. *var.* **ngidi**; **ngili**.

**ngo** *n* [HH] bet; test; wager.

**ngo** *n* [HH] lye; a strong alkaline substance.

**ngongo** *n* [HHHH] bridge, e.g. of nose.

**ngō** *n* [HH] crook; hook; long-hooked pole used in harvesting or plucking fruit. *var.* **ngü**; **nguru**.

**ngō** *n* [HL] bride price - *tuo ngō* = determine or reckon bride price.

**ngōdō** *n* [LLL] loin cloth or waist cloth; short wrapper cloth, also used as headgear. *var.* **ögōdō**; **ögōdū**.

**ngōlī** *n* [LH] cher; merriment; pleasure. *var.* **nñōrī**; **nñōlī**.

**ngōngō** *n* [HHH] meandering; zig-zag; maze.

**ngōō** *adj* [LHH] marvellous; splendid.

**ngōō** *adv* [LHH] here; there. *var.* **ngaa**.

**ngōzi** *n* [HHH] blessing.

**ngu** *n* [HH] kind of tree.

**ngu** *n* [HH] crook; hook; long-hooked pole used in harvesting or plucking fruit. *var.* **ngü**; **nguru**.

**ngugu** *n* [HLL] packet; parcel; bundle. *var.* **ngwugwu**.

**ngugu ego** *n* [HLL HH] bundle of money. amounting to 2,160 cowries; equivalent at a time to one English shilling. *var.* **ngwugwu ego**.

**nguru** *n* [HLL] crook; hook; long-hooked pole used in harvesting or plucking fruit. *var.* **ngü**; **ngu**; **ngwuru**.

**nguru** *n* [LHH] <sup>1</sup>residential (walled) compound; central area of settlement (as distinct from the periphery or "ama"); commonly used as a place name; <sup>2</sup>kindred or family circle - *cüpü ya na nguru anyi* = drive her out of our family circle. *var.* **ngwuru**.

**ngü** *n* [HH] crook; hook; long-hooked pole used in harvesting or plucking fruit. *var.* **ngō**; **nguru**.

**ngü** *n* [HL] bribe; gratification.

**ngü** *n* [HL] preparation with oil and potash/ ash used in oil-bean ("ügbä") salad and other cold dishes.

**ngü** *n* [LL] chest; lung; rib. *var.* **ngügü**.

**ngü ilo** *n* [LL LH] lung disease; chest inflammation; pleurisy.

**ngü na-abö** *n* [LL H-HH] mid-rib.

**ngügü** *n* [LLL] chest; lung; rib. *var.* **ngü**.

**ngülü** *n* [LLL] short cord of twine worn around the ankle by men who take the "özö" title.

**Nguma** *n* [LLL] name of a goddess; figure of a goddess, dressed as a guard at the entrance to an Mbari shrine. Her symbol is the kitchen knife ("imma ekwu"). *var.* **Nguma**.

**nghō atü** *n* [HH HL] labium minor; inner lobe of the vulva or vagina. *var.* **nghō ötü**.

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**nghöta** *n* [HHH] understanding.

**nghötahie** *n* [HHLHH] mis-understanding.

**ngwa** *adv* [HH] briskly; speedily; quickly. *var.* **ngwa-ngwa**.

**ngwa** *excl* [HH] exclamation, indicating readiness, desire or encouragement to proceed. *var.* **ngwa**.

**ngwa** *n* [HH] property; odds and ends; assorted items - *ngwa örü* = *assorted implements, appliances or work tools*. *kwua ngwa* = seize or confiscate (someone's) property.

**ngwa ahia** *n* [HH HHH] merchandise; wares.

**ngwa ngwa** *adv* [HH HH] briskly; speedily; quickly. *var.* **ngwa**.

**ngwe** *n* [HL] species of insect.

**ngwe** *n* [HL] pestle: pounder. \*See "aka ngwe".

**ngwele** *n* [LLL] (Önica) lizard. *var.* **ngwere**.

**ngwere** *n* [LLL] (Owere) common lizard. *var.* **ngwele**; **ngwesi**.

**ngwesi** *n* [LLL] common lizard. *var.* **ngwele**; **ngwere**.

**ngwö** *n* [HL] eczema; disease of the skin; ring worm. *var.* **agwa**; **ügwa**.

**ngwö** *n* [HL] raffia-palm: the wine from this variety of palm. *var.* **agwö** (*Raphia vinifera*).

**ngwölö** *n* [LHH] <sup>1</sup>gross congenital deformity or near total paralysis of legs (or, sometimes, of hands); <sup>2</sup>cripple - *onye ngwörö* = lame and crippled person. *var.* **ngwörö**; **ngwörü**.

**ngwöngwö** *n* [LLHH] a rich dish of choice

meats and/or fish prepared in a soup of hot spices; often served as an appetiser.

**ngwörö** *n* [LHH] 'gross congenital deformity or near total paralysis of legs (or, sometimes, of hands); lameness; <sup>2</sup>cripple - *onye ngwörö lame and crippled person*. var. **ngwölö**; **ngwörü**.

**ngwu** *n* [LH] 'digger; tool used for digging; <sup>2</sup>staff of office - *ngwu özö = staff of office of an "özö" title holder*; <sup>3</sup>dagger. \*See "alö özö" = özö staff of office.

**ngwu** *n* [LL] large prominent hardwood tree that serves as an ancestral landmark.

**ngwu** *n* [LL] kind of edible leaf.

**ngwugwu** *n* [HLL] packet; parcel. var. **ngugu**.

**ngwugwu ego** *n* [HLL HH] bundle of money, amounting to 2,160 cowries. var. **ngugu ego**.

**ngwuru** *n* [HLL] crook; hook; long-hooked pole used in harvesting or plucking fruit. var. **ngü**; **ngu**; **nguru**.

**ngwuru** *n* [LHH] kindred or family circle; walled compound; central area of settlement (as distinct from the periphery of the settlement or "ama"). var. **nguru**.

**ngwäca** *n* [HHH] end or termination of event or occasion; conclusion.

**nha** *n* [HH] 'tribute; tax; levy; <sup>2</sup>fine; penalty; expiation; act to be performed as a condition for reinstatement to community. var. **nhu**; **nra**.

**nhazi** *n* [HLH] planning or arrangement; the act of organising or planning.

**nhe** *n* [LL] stealth; manner of action involving secret conduct - *Ó na-ehe nhe = he acts stealthily, or appears always to be hiding from something or other*.

**nhikö** *n* [HHL] act of twisting or squeezing.

**nhikö** *n* [LHH] crab. var. **nshikö**; **nsikö**. \*See "adakada".

**nhö** *n* [LL] bias; choice or preference made out of bias or prejudice; have definite prejudices in favour or against particular persons or objects. var. **ihö**.

**nhöpüta** *n* [HHLH] selection; election. var. **nröpüta**.

**nhu, n** [LL] 'tribute; tax or levy; <sup>2</sup>fine; penalty; expiation; act to be performed as a condition for reinstatement to community. var. **nha**; **nra**.

**ni** *v* [H] (Öhafia) give; grant. var. **nye**.

**nía** *v* [LH] 'deride; slight - *ó na-aní di ya nke nnukwu = she derides or slight her husband a lot*; ignore - *nía okwu ahü = put that matter out of your mind; ignore it*. var. **lia**.

**nja** *n* [LL] piece print cloth. usually worn around the waist; hence, wrapper.

**nja** *n* [LL] brass anklet or other metal leg-ring worn especially by titled men and women, but not by women after marriage - *gbaa nja = wear (and show off) coiled brass leg-bands or anklets*.

**nja** *n* [LL] (Atikpo) small clay pot used in sacrifice.

**njafu** *n* [HHL] deception; mis-direction.

**njagha** *n* [LLH] rattle-bead, formed from dried seed shells, worn around the legs or the waist during dances to produce additional musical effects. var. **njaka**.

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**njakalam afö** *n* [LHHHH HH] species of yam; sweet potato. var. **njakalam afö**. \*See also "nduku" and "ndükwü" = sweet potato.

**njakirí** *n* [LLLL] badinage.

**njata** *n* [LLL] anklet worn by titled men.

**nje** *n* [LH] 'worm; fluke; any parasitic worm infecting skin; pimple, or similar conditions caused by skin worm.

**njedebe** *n* [HHH] (Önica) end or termination of event or occasion; conclusion.

**njekalam afö** *n* [LHHHH HH] sweet potato; species of yam. var. **njakalam afö**. \*See also "nduku" and "ndükwü" = sweet potato.

**njem** *n* [LL] journey; travel; trip.

**njenje** *n* [LLLL] (Öka) name for gin.

**njibi** *n* [HHL] seizure or confiscation; withholding the return of an object to owner on any grounds.

**njikere** *n* [HHHH] preparation; the process of getting ready for something.

**njina** *n* [HLL] snail. var. **ejuna**; **eju**; **eji**.

**njö** *n* [LH] sin; wrong-doing; transgression.

**Njökü** *n* [LHH] Yam God; person (or son of a person) dedicated to the yam god; hence also personal name. var. **Ahiøjökü**; **Fejioku**; **Ivejioko**. \*See "Ahiajökü"; "Fejioku" = Yam God; Yam Festival.

**njuna** *n* [HLL] (Ndizögü) snail. var. **ejuna**;

**eju; njina.**

**nka** *n* [HH] old age; age.

**nka** *n* [LL] 'metal tong used by blacksmith for holding hot iron; 'smithing and iron-mongering, or the specific skill involved in blacksmithing - *anyü nka* = hammer or axe used in black-smithing; finishing or smoothing hammer; 'skill; natural talent; innate creativity - *ome nka* = artist; one who creates works of art.

**nkakwü** *n* [LHH] 'a long-snouted (actually long-nosed), foul-smelling species of rat; 'skunk. var. **nkapi**.

**nkam** *n* [LH] (Aröcukwu) tail (of animal) - *nkam enyi* = elephant tail.

**nkapi** *n* [LHH] 'a long-snouted (actually long-nosed), foul-smelling species of rat; 'skunk. var. **nkakwü**.

**nkarü** *n* [HLH] slander; defamation.

**nkasi obi** *n* [HHL HL] comfort or consolation.

**nkata** *n* [HLH] (Önica) conversation; chat; discussion - *kpaa nkata* = have a discussion or chat; talk.

**nkata** *n* [LLL] large (often oblong) basket. var. **ekete**. \*See "mkpo".

**nkatö** *n* [HLH] slander; defamation.

**nke prn** *[LL]* of; of which; whose.

**nke ka nke** *adv* [LH H LL] especially; most of all; Lit: that which is greatest.

**nke ökü** *n* [LH HH] glow-worm.

**nkebi** *n* [HHL] the act of partitioning or apportioning; division.

**nkeji** *n* [HHH] measure; unit; unit of folding - *nkeji ise* = five folds, five units.

**nkeli** *n* [HHH] erection, almost invariably of the male sexual organ - *amü nkeli* = erection of the penis.

**nkeli** *n* [HHH] tying up and stowing away something, usually in small bundles.

**nkelu** *n* [HHH] kingfisher; a kind of bird. var. **nkenu**.

**nkeni** *n* [HHH] erection, almost invariably of the male sexual organ. var. **nkeli**.

**nkenke** *adv* [HHH] in small pieces; briefly; in short order - *bee ya nkenke* = cut it into tiny bits or pieces; *bee ya nkenke* = be brief; get to the point of your speech; Lit: cut your speech short.

**nkenu** *n* [LHH] kingfisher bird. var. **nkelu**.

**nkepili** *adj* [HHHH] very small or tiny; little; insignificant - *nkepili anü* = a tiny (piece of) meat.

**nkere** *n* [HHH] abduction; kidnapping; taking a person away in chains - *Ö bü nkere ka ha keere gi?* = Were you abducted; i.e. taken away with hands and feet tied? (Could you have done anything to save the situation?).

**nketa** *n* [HLH] 'allotment; share; 'the acquiring of a portion or share.

**nkilike** *n* [HHHH] snail's shell. var. **nkilikü**.

**nkiri** *n* [LLL] 'decorative body work executed with fine needlepoint; 'a series of raised marks made with a pinching instrument.

**nkisi** *n* [LHH] silk.

**nkilikü** *n* [HHHH] ragged; torn up - **nkilikü akwa** = ragged cloth, rags; **nkilikü mmadü** = irresponsible person. var. **nkirika**.

**nkirika** *n* [HHHH] ragged; torn up - **nkirika akwa** = ragged cloth, rags; **nkirika mmadü** = irresponsible person. var. **nkilikü**.

**nkita** *n* [HHH] dog.

**nkita öhia** *n* [HHH HHH] 'hyaena; 'hunting dog.

**nkiti** *n* [HHH] 'null or zero value; emptiness - *gbötörö nkiti* = lie idly by; *na nkiti* = in vain;

*gbaa nkiti* = say nothing; ignore; make no response; 'minimum value - *ekele nkiti* = a mere 'Thank you!'; *Onyeghi m mmiri nkiti* = She did not offer me even water.

**nkiti** *n* [LHL] patience or forbearance; withholding of action or words - *gbaa nkiti* = have patience; refrain from immediate response by word of action.

**nkö** *adj* [HH] 'sharp - *mma ya dī nkö* = his knife is sharp; 'very clever; unusually sharp - *anya dī nwata ahü nkö* = that is a particularly clever child; Lit: that child's eyes are very sharp.

**nkö** *n*, [HH] angle; corner.

**nköli** *n* [HLH] cheer; merriment; pleasure. var. **nñöri; nnöli**.

**nkölö** *n* [LHH] cavity behind nose and mouth; pharynx.

**nkölö** *n* [LLL] carp, a kind of freshwater fish; roundish flatfish with prominent fins and large, broad tail.

**nkölöpü** *n* [HHLL] (Önica) despair; despondency; hopelessness. var. **nkolopu(?)**.

<b>nkörö</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] trench; deep gutter. var. <b>ukori</b> ; <b>ukoro</b> .	"mbubo" and "mgbala".
<b>nkötö</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] abuse or insult; insolence - <i>slander</i> .	<b>nkwtö</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] slander; defamation.
<b>nköwa</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] explanation; coherent account.	<b>nkwü</b> <i>n</i> [HH] palm; palm-nut; palm-tree; oil palm. var. <b>akwü</b> ( <i>Elaeis guineensis</i> ).
<b>nku</b> <i>n</i> [LL] wing; wing of bird.	<b>nkwü aba</b> <i>n</i> [HH HL] (Önica) pineapple. var. <b>nkwü olu</b> ( <i>Ananas comosus</i> ).
<b>nku aka</b> <i>n</i> [LL HH] shoulder.	<b>nkwü ala</b> <i>n</i> [HH LL] species of palm tree at the root of which a child's first shorn hair is usually buried, thereby giving the child ownership of the tree; <i>Lit:</i> palm of the earth.
<b>nku nfele</b> <i>n</i> [LH HHL] (Önica) fan; <i>Lit:</i> blower of breeze. var. <b>mfufe</b> .	<b>nkwü alö</b> <i>n</i> [HH HL] tree by whose roots a child's umbilical cord is buried; hence belonging to the child; <i>Lit:</i> palm of the umbilicus.
<b>nkume</b> <i>n</i> [LHL] stone. var. <b>nkwume</b> ; <b>nkpume</b> .	<b>nkwü ölü</b> <i>n</i> [HH HL] (Öka) pineapple. var. <b>nkwü aba</b> ; <b>nkwü ortu</b> ; ( <i>Ananas comosus</i> ).
<b>nkü</b> <i>n</i> [HH] firewood; wood.	<b>nkwü örü</b> <i>n</i> [HH HL] (Önica) pineapple. var. <b>nkwü aba</b> ; <b>nkwü ölü</b> ; <b>nkwü ügbö</b> ( <i>Ananas comosus</i> ).
<b>nkükö</b> <i>n</i> [HLL] curved hoeing knife. var. <b>akükö</b> .	<b>nküsü</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] end or termination of event or occasion; conclusion.
<b>nkwa</b> <i>n</i> [HL] pledge; promise; covenant.	<b>nla</b> <i>n</i> [LH] moth - <i>nla ga-ericapü ha dika uwe</i> = the moth will eat them up like a garment (Is. 51:8).
<b>nkwa</b> <i>n</i> [HL] dance; drum - <i>küö nkwa</i> = play the drum; <i>anyi ga agba nkwa</i> = we will dance.	<b>nlauf</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] deception. var. <b>nrafu</b> .
<b>nkwa</b> <i>n</i> [LL] stair.	<b>nanye</b> <i>n</i> [HLH] (Önica) temptation; trial; seduction.
<b>nkwa</b> <i>n</i> [LL] push or shove.	<b>nleda</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] contempt or disrespect; <i>Lit:</i> a looking down on [somebody]. var. <b>nneda</b> .
<b>nkwado</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] preparation; preliminary arrangements.	<b>nlee</b> <i>adv</i> [LHH] (Mbaanö) there; that place.
<b>nkwado</b> <i>n</i> [HLH] support; backing.	<b>nleli</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] 'neglect - <i>elelikwana mkpa anyi</i> = neglect not our needs (from "The Lord's Prayer"); <sup>2</sup> disregard for; act of despising - <i>Onweghi ihe ka ewute kariia nleli</i> = Nothing hurts as much as being disregarded. var. <b>nnene</b> ; <b>nneni</b> .
<b>nkwekö</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] <sup>1</sup> agreement; <sup>2</sup> consensus - <i>nkweköriä</i> = general agreement; consensus.	<b>nli</b> <i>n</i> [HH] (Önica) food; meal. var. <b>nni</b> ; <b>nri</b> .
<b>nkweköriä</b> <i>n</i> [HH:HH] general agreement; consensus.	<b>nli öla</b> <i>n</i> [HH HL] food left over from a previous (usually night-time) meal and served (warmed up) in the morning; stale food. var. <b>nri öra</b> ; <b>nri üra</b> .
<b>Nkwö</b> <i>n</i> [LH] <sup>1</sup> fourth day of the 4-day Igbo week; <sup>2</sup> market that holds on Nkwö day; <sup>3</sup> personal name. *Nkwö ukwu = main Nkwö market/day; Nkwö nta = minor Nkwö market/day.	<b>nli ölö</b> <i>n</i> [HH HL] (Öka) food left over from a previous (usually night-time) meal and served (warmed up) in the morning; stale food. var. <b>nri üra</b> ; <b>nli öla</b> ; <b>nri öra</b> .
<b>nkwoča isi</b> <i>n</i> [HHH HH] baldness.	<b>nli öli</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] effort; struggle; dint of hard work.
<b>nkwönkwo öküwü</b> <i>n</i> [HHH HH] ankle.	<b>nlogha</b> <i>n</i> [HLH] repentance; re-thinking of one's position.
<b>nkwu</b> <i>n</i> [LL] fish-trap, made of wicker-work. *Short form of "nkwu azü".	<b>nlö</b> <i>n</i> [HH] dream - <i>löö nlö</i> = have a dream; <i>Ö bü nlö ka i na-alö?</i> = Are you out of your
<b>nkwu azü</b> <i>n</i> [LL HL] a longish, cone-shaped fish-trap, made of wicker-work.	
<b>nkwukwu</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] stool made from light bark and surrounded with palm fronds.	
<b>nkwukwu</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] 'kit-bag used by "eze-dibiba" or expert medicine man to hold his herbs and other medicines; <sup>2</sup> small parcel; tiny box or package.	
<b>nkwukwu aka</b> <i>n</i> [LLL HH] (Önica) clenched hand; fist.	
<b>nkwume</b> <i>n</i> [LHL] stone; rock. var. <b>nkpume</b> ; <b>nkume</b> .	
<b>nkwuputa</b> <i>n</i> [HHLH] confession.	
<b>nkwuru</b> <i>n</i> [LHH] garden; back-garden. *See	

*mind? Lit: Are you dreaming?*? var. **nrö**.

**nlö** *n* [LL] softness, especially of pounded food so soft it draws.

**nna** *n* [HL] father; patriarch. var. **nni**.

**nna di** *n* [HH H] father-in-law.

**nna nna** *n* [HL HL] grandfather.

**nna ocie** *n* [HH HHH] 'ancestor; fore-father; ^male members of one's maternal lineage.

**nna ukwu** *n* [HH HH] master; boss.

**nna üzü** *n* [HL HH] master smith; journeyman smith; smith who is no longer apprenticed to another.

**nnaa** *n* [HHH] one only; single. \*related to "naani" (=only).

**nnabe** *n* [HHL] tortoise. var. **mbe**; **mbeku**; **mbekwu**.

**nnadi** *n* [HHL] blood-relation; person to whom one is related on the father's side; half-brother, half-sister, or cousins on the father's side - *Nnadi mere m = It's the doing of my relative [close enough to be a more deadly and tireless enemy]*. \*In polygamous families, feuding is common between children of different mothers, or among relations on the father's side.

**nne** *adj* [HH] 'female - *nne eghu = female goat*; *Lit: mother-goat*; ^main - *nne egwu = main (featured) dance*. \*The masculine equivalent to "nne" (= female) is "oke".

**nne** *n* [HH] mother - *nne m = my mother*.

**nne di** *n* [HH H] mother-in-law.

**nne ele** *n* [HH HH] hind; female deer.

**nne mgbada** *n* [HH LLL] gazelle; female antelope.

**nne nne** *n* [HH HH] name or title of deference for an elderly woman.

**nne ocie** *n* [HH HLL] grandmother, mostly the maternal grandmother.

**nneda** *n* [HHL] {Önica} contempt or disrespect; *Lit: a looking down on [somebody]*. var. **nleda**.

**nnene** *n* [HHL] disrespect; neglect; disregard for; act of despising. var. **nleli**; **nneni**.

**nneni** *n* [HHL] disrespect; neglect; disregard for; act of despising. var. **nleli**; **nnene**.

**nni** *n* [HH] {Önica} food; meal; foofoo - *nni öka = foofoo made from corn starch*. var. **nli**; **nri**.

**nni** *n* [HL] {Öhafia} father. var. **nna**

**nni ezi** *n* [HH HL] pawpaw; papaya; edible

plant with milky sap and juicy fruit shaped like a giant okra; *Lit. pig food* (*Carica papaya*).

**nni öka** *n* [HH HL] corn meal; meal from ground and sieved corn seed which is then boiled and turned into foofoo. var. **nri öka**.

**nni** *n* [HL] {Öhafia} 'four hundred: the number 400; ^thousands; very large number. var. **nnü**.

\*In the modernised numeral system, "nni/nnü" is replaced by "nari anö" = four hundreds.

**nnina** *n* [HHL] {Öhafia} trouble; troublesome-ness; annoyance.

**Nnöa** *excl* [LLL] {Önica} Welcome!; a general greeting of welcome. var. **Nnöö**.

**nnöciri** *n* [LLLL] 'substitute; replacement; ^given name for a child born soon after the death of an immediate elder sibling. var. **önocili**.

**nnökö** *n* [HLH] gathering or assembly; get-together.

**nnöö** *adv* [LHH] really - *mgbe anwü na-aca nnöö n ike = when the sun was shining really with great power* (Gen. 18:1).

**Nnöö** *excl* [LHH] {Önica} Welcome!; general greeting of welcome. var. **Nnöa**.

**nnu** *n* [HH] salt.

**nnukwu** *adj* [HHH] 'big; large; huge; ^many: numerous; plenty of; ^important - *nnukwu mmadü = an important person; a VIP*.

**nnupü isi** *n* [HHL H' H] disobedience: revolt.

**nnü** *n* [HL] 'four hundred; the number 400; ^thousands; very large number. var. **nni**. \*In the modernised numeral system, "nnü/nni" is replaced by "nari anö" = four hundreds.

**nnünü** *n* [HLL] bird, usually the smaller species.

**nnünü ezi** *n* [HLL HH] pigeon. \*See also "ndüri" or "nduri" (= pigeon).

**nnünü oke osimiri** *n* [HLL HH LLLL] seagull; white "bird of the high seas".

**nnyo** *n* [LL] {Bende} mirror; looking-glass. var. **enyo**. \*See "ugegbe" = mirror.

**nnomi** *n* [HLH] 'imitation; ^act of imitating or copying somebody.

**nnöli** *n* [HLH] cheer; merriment; pleasure. var. **nñörí**; **ngöli**.

**nnöri** *n* [HLH] cheer; merriment; pleasure. var. **nnöli**; **ngöli**.

**nñüñü** *n* [LLL] borrowing.

**noo** *v* [LH] swallow or gulp down. *var.* **loo**.  
**nöcie** *v* [LHH] block; blockade; obstruct.  
**nöcie anya** *v* [LHH HH] replace; stand for substitute for.  
**nödü** *v* [LH] 'sit (at or on something) - *nödü aní* = sit down; *nödü n'oce* = sit [down] on the chair; <sup>2</sup>remain; stay behind - *ha ga anödü üböci ole ma ole* = they will stay behind for a few days.  
**nögide** *v* [LHH] 'remain with; pester with one's presence - *nögide ya* = remain with him; don't let him out of your sight; *nogide ya* = don't leave him; pester him; <sup>2</sup>stay on; remain - *Ugo nogidere ebe ahü ci ejie* = Ugo stayed there till nightfall.  
**nököö** *v* [LHH] meet; assemble; gather.  
**nönye** *v* [LH] be with; keep company of - *nönyelü m* = stay with me; abide with me.  
**nöö** *v* [LH] are; be - *ebe i nö* = where you are.  
**nöö mgbe** *v* [HH LL] perform a ritual in which young girls wait out for specified periods in a secluded place outside their homes. \*See "mgbe".  
**nöörue** *v* [HLHH] sit down; sit awhile. *var.* **döörue**.  
**nöri nnö** *v* [HH HH] (Öhafia) be at bush-toilet; use the bush as toilet.  
**nörö** *v* [HH] stay; remain.  
**nörue** *v* [LHH] sit down; sit awhile. *var.* **kporue**.  
**nötee** *v* [HLH] last; extend over a period; go on for a while - *akwa ya anöteele aka* = her dress has lasted; *anyi ntere aka* = we stayed (there) for a long period.  
**nra** *n* [LL] 'tribute; tax or levy; <sup>2</sup>fine; penalty; expiation; act to be performed as a condition for reinstatement to good standing in community. *var.* **nhu**; **nza**.  
**nrafu** *n* [HHL] deception. *var.* **nlafu**.  
**nranye** *n* [HLH] temptation; trial; seduction.  
**nri** *n* [HH] (Owere) 'food; meal; <sup>2</sup>yam or cassava foofoo - *nriji* = yam foofoo; *nri akpü* = cassava foofoo. *var.* **nli**; **nni**. \*See "ütara"  
**nri abalí** *n* [HH LLL] dinner. *var.* **aži anyasi**; **nri anyasi**.  
**nri anü** *n* [HH HH] animal feed; provender.  
**nri anyasi** *n* [HH LHL] dinner. *var.* **aži anyasi**; **nri abalí**.  
**nri öka** *n* [HH HL] corn meal; meal from ground and sieved corn seed; boiled and

turned into a soft paste. *var.* **nni öka**.  
**nri öra** *n* [HH HL] food left over from a previous (usually night-time) meal and served (warmed up) in the morning; stale food. *var.* **nri üra**; **nli öla**; **nli ölö**.  
**nrisa** *n* [HHL] traditional wedding feast; celebration marking the formalisation of a traditional marriage.  
**nrianria** *n* [LLLLL] constantly relapsing illness or sickness; general ill-health - *na-agwö nnianria nile dì ice ice* = curing every infirmity (Mt. 4:23).  
**nro** *adj* [HL] 'malleable; smooth - *Okwute dì nro dikwa oca* = "alabaster, soft white stone"; <sup>2</sup>soft to the touch; mushy - *nri nrö* = left-over food that has gone soft.  
**nrö** *n* [HH] dream; dreaming - *röö nrö* = have a dream; *o mere nra nrö* = happened in a dream; *dì ka nrö* = like a dream or vision. *var.* **alö**; **arö**.  
**nröpüta** *n* [HHLH] selection; election. *var.* **nhöpüta**.  
**nru** *n* [LL] a lineage rite, performed when a man loses his father, requiring him to give designated parts of a sacrificed animal to elders.  
**nrürö** *n* [LHH] 'play; make-believe; <sup>2</sup>acting; play-acting.  
**nsala** *n* [HLL] 'kind of fresh fish; soup made from fresh "nsala" fish; <sup>2</sup>soup made from fresh "nsala" fish.  
**nsalü** *n* [HHL] water-snake.  
**nsa nsä** *adj* [HH HH] (Önica) shallow - *ökü nsä nsä* = shallow pot.  
**nsem okwu** *n* [LLL HH] controversy; discord.  
**nshi** *n* [HH] poison. *var.* **nsi**.  
**nshii** *n* [HH] 'excrement; faeces; <sup>2</sup>dung - *nshii ökükö* = bird/chicken dung. *var.* **nsii**. \*See also "akpara".  
**nhikö** *n* [LHH] crab. *var.* **nhikö**; **nsikö**. \*See "adakada".  
**nsi** *n* [HH] poison. *var.* **nshi**.  
**nsi egbe** *n* [HH HL] ammunition; explosives; gun-powder.  
**nsi nwanyi** *n* [HH HL] gonorrhea, or other sexually-transmitted disease.  
**nsibidi** *n* [HHHH] (Aröcukwu) 'script for the cult language of the priests of Ibin ükpabii; <sup>2</sup>Arö cult language. *var.* **nsibiri**.  
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cult language of the priests of Ibin Ükpabü;  
<sup>2</sup>Arō cult language. var. **nsibidi**.

**nsisa** *n* [HHH] thin dried wafers cut from boiled cassava tubers; eaten either dry or after soaking in water.

**nsi** *n* [HH] <sup>1</sup>excrement; faeces; <sup>2</sup>dung - *nsi öükö* = bird/chicken dung. var. **nshī**. \*See also "akpara".

**nsi anü** *n* [HH HH] dung; muck; animal waste.

**nsikö** *n* [LHH] crab. var. **nshikö**; **nhikö**.

**nso** *adv* [LH] <sup>1</sup>close to; nearby; <sup>2</sup>soon; at hand.

**nsogbu** *n* [HLH] <sup>1</sup>disturbance; harrassment; trouble; <sup>2</sup>scourge or affliction.

**nsokwu** *n* [HHL] foolishness; stupidity. var. **nzuzu**.

**nsö** *adj* [HH] holy; sacred - *ihe dī nsö* = something holy. var. **asö**.

**nsö n** [HH] stammer; stammering; stutter. var. **nsü**.

**nsö n** [HH] <sup>1</sup>holiness; sacred awe; sanctity; <sup>2</sup>abomination; prohibited act; taboo. var. **asö**.

**nsöpülu** *n* [HHLH] respect; honour. var. **nsöpürü**.

**nsöpürü n** [HHLH] respect; honour. var. **nsöpülu**.

**nsure ökü n** [HLH HH] holocaust; completely burnt out object - *aja nsure ökü* = burnt-out sacrifice Ex. 29: 42.

**nsü n** [HH] stammer; stammering; stutter. var. **nsö**.

**nsü enwe n** [LH LL] squirrel.

**nsüla n** [LH] corner; recessed area.

**nta** *adj* [HL] few; little; small.

**nta** *conj* [HL] <sup>1</sup>rather; instead - *nta anyi ahapü* ' = we'd rather leave off; <sup>2</sup>instead - *nta gi agaa* = You go instead!. var. **ntam**.

**nta n** [LH] marksmanship; hunting.

**nta n** [LH] cruelty; harshness; meanness - *mee nta* = commit act(s) of cruelty.

**nta n'imo n** [LL HLH] everything without exception; from the smallest to the largest; all and all; full spectrum.

**nta-nta n** [HH-HH] a chewable treat; baby-talk for meat - *nwata na-akpö anü 'nta-nta'* = a child calls a piece of meat by its fond name, "chewable treat"

**ntabianya n** [LH HHH] blink of an eye.

**ntaci obi n** [HHH HL]

**ntajianya n** [HHH HH] jealousy; envy.

**ntaka n** [HHL] gossip; whispered conversa-

tion or talk; mutterings - *takaa ntaka* = gossip; engage in whisperings and mutterings. var. **ntakü**.

**ntaküri** *adj* [HLHH] very small; tiny; little; minor - *ihe ntaküri/ntaküri ihe* = small thing. small matter; minor thing.

**ntakü n** [HHL] gossip; whispered conversation or talk; mutterings - *takaa ntakü* = gossip; engage in whisperings and mutterings. var. **ntaka**.

**ntakü nni n** [HHH HH] food left over from the previous day. \*See "akpükü nni"

**ntakwu n** [HHH] muttering (to oneself); soliloquy; murmuring.

**ntam** *conj* [LLL] else; instead; rather. var. **nta**.

**ntama** *conj* [HHL] else; otherwise. var. **kama**; **tama**.

**ntamu n** [HHL] grumbling; murmured complaints; words of disaffection; murmuring.

**ntanta n** [LL-HH] sandfly; any flying biting insect, esp. mosquito.

**ntasi obi n** [HHL HL] consolation; comfort.

**nte n** [LH] cricket.

**nti n** [LL] cheek.

**ntigbu n** [LLH] viral infection in poultry causing diarrhoea and sudden death; epidemic.

**nti n** [HL] ear; ear lobe.

**nti ike n** [HL HH] <sup>1</sup>hardness of hearing - *nwee ntii ike* = has hardness of hearing; <sup>2</sup>stubbornness - *onye ntii ike* = stubborn person.

**ntii adj** [HHH] smallish; tiny; little. var. **nwantii**.

**ntinti adv** [HHHH] a little; a bit; little by little - *ngarute ntinti* = come a little or a bit closer.

**ntinti n** [HHHH] some; a little of - *ntinti ihe na-akpasu ya iwe* = a little thing sets off his anger.

**ntiririi n** [HHHH] whooping cough.

**ntö aja n** [LH LL] sacrifice - *ebe ntö aja* = altar of sacrifice. \*See "okwute ntö aja" = altar of sacrifice.

**ntö ala n** [LH LL] foundation; base - *töö ntö ala* = lay the foundation (Heb. 1:10). var. **ntü ala**; **ntö anî**.

**ntö anî n** [LH LL] foundation; base - *töö ntö anî* = lay the foundation. var. **ntö ala**; **ntü ala**.

**Ntöö excl** [HLH] Serves you right! Told you so!; mild rebuke for someone who ignores advice and has to face unpleasant results.

- ntu** *n* [LH] any sharp object capable of piercing hard surface; metal spike - *ntu igwe* = metal nail; *ntu akpi* = stinging tic.
- ntu azü** *n* [LH HL] fish-bone; thorn-like part of a fish.
- ntu ume** *n* [HH HH] kind of horn or trumpet.
- ntukwu** *n* [HHL] squat; squatting.
- ntutu** *n* [HLL] hair, esp. of the head; lock of hair - *ntutu isi* = hair of the head.
- ntü** *n* [HH] 'ash; cold-ash; dust; chalkstones; chalk.
- ntü** *n* [LH] falsehood; lie.
- ntü ala** *n* [LH LL] foundations; base. var. **ntö aní**; **ntü ala**.
- ntü aní** *n* [LH LL] foundations; base. var. **ntö ala**.
- ntü egbe** *n* [HH HL] gun-powder. var. **nsi egbe**.
- ntü n'aní** *n* [HH LL] 'short steel pipes primed with powder, set in the earth, and set off like cannon to mark an occasion; home-made cannon fire; cannon.
- ntü ntü** *adj* [HH HH] dusty; ashy.
- ntüghari** *n* [HHHH] reversal; change; conversion.
- ntükwasí obi** *n* [HHLH HL] trust or confidence in another person.
- ntüle** *n* [HHH] assessment or evaluation; review and reconsideration. \*See "nwalee" = test; scrutinise.
- ntümadí** *n* [HHLH] suddenness; surprise.
- ntüpö** *n* [HLH] spot or fault; blemish.
- ntüpö ojii** *n* [HHH HHH] dark mark or spot on body; birthmark.
- ntüpu** *n* [LLH] jigger.
- ntütü** *adv* [HHH] (Öhafia) in numbers - *ha di ntütü* = there are lots of them.
- ntütü** *n* [HHH] needle; pin.
- ntütü** *n* [LLL] a burrowing insect - *ntütü ntöala* = a kind of burrowing insect.
- ntütü ülö** *n* [LLL LL] vertical rafters made of unspliced bamboo stems; used in house construction.
- nube** *v* [LH] assign part-ownership of a female animal to another, often a young person, who is expected to care for it and, in return, to share its litter with the donor. var. lie.
- nuo** *v* [LH] boil; steam; cook food, generally. var. **ghuo**.

- nuo** *v* [LH] push; shove.
- nuo agbö** *v* [LH HH] be nauseating; cause nausea; induce vomiting; make one sick. var. **ruo agbö**.
- nuo inu** *v* [HH] be bitter; have bitter taste. var. **luo ilu**.
- nupü isi** *v* [HL HH] rebel; revolt; disobey.
- nükökö** *v* [HHH] intermarry; be within bounds that allow intermarriage - *ha na-anükö nwanyi* = they intermarry; they a within customary bounds that permit intermarriage. var. **lüköö**.
- nüö** *v* [HH] 'marry; wed - *nüö di* = get married (for a woman); *nüö nwanyi* = get married (for a man); 'secure a wife for somebody - *nüörö nwa ya nwanyi* = secure (and/or pay all the bills to secure) a wife for his son. var. **lüö; lüö**.
- nüö** *v* [LH] fight; do battle; fight a war. var. **lüö**.
- nüö agha** *v* [LH LL] fight; do battle; make war. var. **lüö ögü; nüö ögü**.
- nüö iyi** *v* [LH HL] swear; take an oath. var. **nüö iyi**. \*Oaths were often sworn by drinking from a sacred stream or river.
- nüö ögü** *v* [LH LL] fight; do battle; make war. var. **lüö ögü; nüö agha**.
- nza** *n* [HH] the little bird that ate, drank, and challenged his personal god to single combat; identified variously as sparrow; sunbird; wren; wax-bill, even crow-bird.
- nza** *n* [HH] maize pollen.
- nza** *n* [HL] cow's tail. var. **nkam**.
- nza** *n* [LH] token used in games of chance; lot or dice.
- nza** *n* [LL] strainer; filter.
- nza nza** *n* [HH HH] insect pest that destroys stored grain.
- nza ülö** *n* [HH HL] building prop.
- nzala** *n* [HLL] young cock.
- nze** *n* [LL] titled man; title of nobility; status immediately below that of "eze".
- nzere** *n* [HLH] 'title; rank; 'deference; respect; discretion in action appropriate to one's station, rank or title; 'protocol; privilege.
- nzolo** *n* [HLL] (Önicha) sleep talk.
- nzö** *n* [HH] plant (kind of).
- nzö ükwü** *n* [LH HH] footprint; track-mark left by animal; path.
- nzöpüta** *n* [HHLH] the act of rescuing (i.e.

- pulling or extracting) someone from danger or captivity; salvation, or (less accurately), redemption; deliverance.
- nzu** *n* [H] chalk or white clay used as a symbol of purity and gladness of heart, either in receiving strangers, or in welcoming news of childbirth.
- nzu** *n* [LL] common sense; discretion; good practical judgment; wits - *nwee nzu/maa nzu* = *have or show common sense and good practical judgment.*
- nzukö** *n* [HLH] 'meeting; council or congregation - *nzukö Israel* = *congregation of Israel* (*Ex. 12:17*); <sup>2</sup>assembly or gathering.
- nzuzo** *n* [LHH] secrecy; privacy - *n'nzuzo* = secretly; in private. var. **nzuzu**.
- nzuzu** *n* [HHL] foolishness; stupidity; idiocy; folly.
- nzuzu** *n* [LHH] 'secrecy; privacy - *n'nzuzu* = secretly; in private; <sup>2</sup>magic - *the nzuzu* = magic (*Ex. 7:11*); *Lit: secretive or devious actions.* var. **nzuzo**.

## NW

**NW alph** [HH] <sup>1</sup>21st letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiced labialised velar nasal; a consonant. \*Pronounced "nwi"

**nwa** *n* [H] 'child; offspring - *nwa m* = my child; *nwa Ngwa* = a (true) son/daughter of Ngwaland; *nwa atürü* = lamb; <sup>2</sup>the young [of a species], not necessarily an offspring - *nwa mmiöö* = spirit; *nwa mmadü* = human being; *nwa nwanyi* = woman; female person; *nwa bekee* = whiteman; <sup>3</sup>a diminutive (as in English "let", e.g. "book-let"). attached to nouns when the meaning, "son of", or "child of" is not really intended - *nwa aka* = dwarf; *nwa ajijü* = a little question. \*The plural form is "ümü".

**nwa ada** *n* [H LH] 'young woman born into the kindred; <sup>2</sup>young (usually unmarried) woman; <sup>3</sup>term of compliment, which may be resented in inappropriate circumstances - *nwa ada* = miss.

**nwa aghasa** *n* [H HHL] a species of cassava

- with several branch roots producing large harvests.
- nwa aka** *n* [H HH] dwarf. \*See "aka" = dwarf, especially those serving the Eze Nri.
- nwa akom** *n* [H HHL] (loan(?)) cat.
- nwa amii** *n* [H LL] (Öhafia) female child; baby girl; woman. var. **nwanyi**.
- nwa aneta** *n* [H HHH] 'child born to a daughter of the family before marriage and claimed by her family; <sup>2</sup>bastard; child of unmarried woman; child born out of wedlock; *Lit:* child of the verandah. var. **nwa enete**. \*See "enete" = verandah.
- nwa ani** *n* [H LL] (Ögwü) cult slave. \*See "ohu", "oruma".
- nwa atürü** *n* [H HHH] 'lamb; ewe; <sup>2</sup>stupid person; person who acts sheepishly.
- nwa di-anii** *n* [H H-LL] child born to a daughter of the kindred, wherever the father may come from; the name for a grandchild (at any age) among maternal relations.
- nwa ehi** *n* [H HH] calf.
- nwa enete** *n* [H HHH] 'child born to a daughter of the family before marriage and claimed by her family; <sup>2</sup>bastard; child of unmarried woman; child born out of wedlock; *Lit:* child of the verandah. var. **nwa aneta**. \*See "enete" = verandah.
- nwa igu** *n* [H LH] locust; caterpillar that feeds on local vegetation. var. **igu**.
- nwa iko** *n* [HL HH] bastard; child born out of wedlock; love child - *nwa iko agaghii aba nime mkpököta Jehovah* = no bastard shall enter into the assembly of the Lord (*Deut. 23:2*). \*See "nwa enete"; "nwa ilo" = bastard.
- nwa ilo** *n* [HL LH] bastard; child born out of wedlock; *Lit:* child of the street.
- nwa igba** *n* [H HH] (Öhaözara) men's underpants, woven from cotton, grass and tree bark; also called "agadagba". var. **iba**; **igba**.
- nwa mba** *n* [H LH] cat.
- nwa mbi** *n* [H HL] orphan; child orphaned at birth.
- nwa mili** *n* [H HH] urine. var. **mma mili**; **mma miri**.
- nwa miri** *n* [H HHH] urine. var. **mma mili**; **mma miri**.
- nwa mkpi** *n* [HLH] he-goat.
- nwa nnadi** *n* [H HHH] blood relation with

- nwa nne** whom is in constant jealous conflict - *ösö nwa nnadi* = *symbolic flight to escape the grudge of relations killed in war.*
- nwa nne** *n* [H HH] 'brother or sister; sibling; <sup>2</sup>a blood relation.
- nwa nne afō** *n* [H HH HH] brother by same mother.
- nwa nne eci** *n* [H HH HH] day after tomorrow.
- nwa nru** *n* [H HH] melon seed. \*See "agbara atii".
- nwa nta** *n* [H HL] 'child; baby; infant; <sup>2</sup>young person - *Ö bü nwa nta* = *he is (still) a baby (young person).* var. **nwata**.
- nwa ntakirī** *n* [H HLHH] baby; child; infant. var. **nwata-kirī**.
- nwa nwoke** *n* [H HH] male person; man; son.
- nwa nzō** *n* [H HH] small duiker-like animal; hare. var. **nwa nzü**.
- nwa nzü** *n* [H HH] small duiker-like animal; hare. var. **nwa nzō**.
- nwa odum** *n* [H LLH] lion's cub.
- nwa ogbei** *n* [H HLL] orphan. var. **nwa ogbenye**.
- nwa ogbenye** *n* [H HLL] orphan. var. **nwa ogbel**.
- nwa olu** *n* [H HL] only son or child. var. **nwa onu**.
- nwa onu** *n* [H HL] only son or child. var. **nwa olu**.
- nwa öri** *n* [H LH] tapeworm; string-like intestinal worm.
- nwa siisiñ** *n* [H HHHH] chick.
- nwa uhie** *n* [H HHH] child born to unmarried parents working on an Mbäri shrine, so-called because of the "uhie" or ritual camwood paints marking the parents.
- nwa üwa** *n* [H LL] (Önica) women - *Eze Önica a ma bü onye a ma na-awa nwa üwa*" = *The Chief of Önica must not be a person known to chase after women.*
- nwaa** *v* [LH] 'attempt; try; dare to - *a nwana anwa* = *don't dare; don't even try it;* <sup>2</sup>tempt - *nwa önwünwa* = *tempt; Lit: tempt with temptation.*
- nwaa** *v* [LH] (Önica) commend; give praise as form of encouragement to more effort - *nwa ölü* = *Good work! Keep it up!*
- nwaa oko** *v* [HH LL] attempt; try hard; make serious effort.
- nwalee** *v* [LHH] 'test; probe; <sup>2</sup>assess; evaluate; scrutinise. var. **nwanee**.
- nwanee** *v* [LHH] test; probe. var. **nwalee**.
- nwantü** adj [HHHH] smallish; tiny; little. var. **ntü**.
- nwanyi** *n* [HL] 'woman; female person; adult female - *nwoke na nwanyi* = *man and woman; male and female; ezigbo nwanyi* = *good woman; nwanyi bü nwa* = *a female child is [also] a child; <sup>2</sup>wife - Abazie nwere nwanyi* = *Abazie is married; has a wife; <sup>3</sup>promiscuous woman, harlot - nwanyi ökpara* = *harlot.* \*"*Anyi*" (var. "*ami*") as contrasted with "*oke*" (= male) is no longer in separate use; more usually "*nne*" = female.
- nwanyi ekpe** *n* [HL HH] widow; woman who has lost her husband.
- nwanyi eri** [HL HH] species of yam; *Lit: forbidden to be eaten by women.*
- nwanyi ökpara** *n* [HL HHH] promiscuous woman; harlot.
- nwata** *n* [HL] 'child; baby; infant; <sup>2</sup>young person - *Ö bü nwata* = *he is (still) a baby (young person).* var. **nwa nta**.
- nwata nwanyi** *n* [HL HL] girl.
- nwayö** adj [HLL] gentle; slow; mild-mannered - *Jesu di nwayö* = *Jesus who is gentle.*
- nwayöö** adv [HL] slowly; gently.
- nwee** *v* [HH] 'own; possess; have - *nwee ego* = *have or own money;* <sup>2</sup>have - *nwee ike* = *have ability; be able; possess authority;* *nwee uce* = *have common sense; be wise.*
- nwee** *v* [LH] 'shed old skin; <sup>2</sup>change or transform. var. **woo; nwuo; nwoo**.
- nwee di** *v* [HH H] have a husband. \*See "*lüö di*" = (of a woman) be married.
- nwee nwanyi** *v* [HH HL] have a wife. \*See "*lüö nwanyi*" = marry a wife.
- nwee nzu** *v* [HH LL] be clever or street-wise; have common sense. var. **maa nzu**.
- nwiwa** *n* [HL] red cassava; red species of cassava with high yield.
- nwoke** *n* [HL] male person; man - *ömürü nwoke* = *she gave birth to a boy (a male child); ndí akporö oku bu ümü nwoke söösö* = *only male adults were invited.*
- nwoo** *v* [HH] 'catch fire; flame up; <sup>2</sup>burn; flare up. var. **nwue**.
- nwoo** *v* [LH] 'shed old skin - *nwoo awölö* = *shed old reptile skin;* <sup>2</sup>change or transform.

*var. woo; nwuo; nwee.*

**nwoo aba** *v* [HH HH] exorcise [spirits]; cast off [the skin] of a masked spirit. *var. nwoo nsi.* \*See “aba” = masked spirit.

**nwoo awölö** *v* shed old skin, especially of reptiles. *var. gboo awölö; woo awölö.*

**nwoo nsi** *v* [HH HH] exorcise [spirits]; *Lit:* cast off medicine. *var. nwoo aba.*

**nwubie** *v* [HLH] cut or divide into smaller pieces or units.

**nwue** *v* [HH] 'catch fire; flame up; <sup>2</sup>burn; flare up. *var. nwoo.*

**nwue ökü** *v* [HH HH] be hot; have fever; have temperature; catch fever; ignite. *var. nwuo ökü.*

**nwugo** *n* [HL] red cassava; species of cassava with poor yield; short for “ede nwa-ugo”.

**nwunye** *n* [HL] wife.

**nwuo** *v* [LH] 'shed old skin; <sup>2</sup>change or transform. *var. woo; nwoo; nwee.*

**nwuo ökü** *v* [HH HH] be hot; have fever; have temperature; catch fever; ignite. *var. nwue ökü.*

**nwute** *n* [HHH] sorrow; anguish; sadness.

**nwünyöanya** *v* [HHHH] be extinguished; die; die completely.

**nwüö** *v* [HH] die.

**nwüwa** *n* [HL] (Önica) woman; female person. \*See “nwa üwa”.

**nyaa isi** *v* [LH HH] be obstinate, adamant, or stubborn.

**nyaa isi** *v* [LH HH] boast; brag.

**nyaa ökü** *v* [HH HH] warm self by fire; sit by warm fireplace.

**nyabie** *v* [HLH] break certain materials (e.g. bar of soap) through pressure from both thumbs.

**nyacie** *v* [LHH] stuff up; close with filler.

**nyado** *v* [HH] paste unto; glue unto.

**nyafee** *v* [HHH] drive across; pass.

**nyaji** *n* [LL] a very slow style of walking or general behaviour suggestive of a show of class or affectedness, possible coquettishness. \*See also “ure” = style.

**nyakafü** *v* [HLH] break off a branch; dismember. *var. nyakapü.*

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**nyapara** *v* [HHH] stick to or adhere to another body; be glued to.

**nyapüta** *v* [HLH] take off something (e.g. chain) from neck.

**nyapüta** *v* [HLH] drive (e.g. a vehicle) out from a place or situation.

**nyara** *v* [LH] wear (on neck/arm); sling on.

**nye** *v* [L] give; present; grant; allot. *var. ni.*

**nye aka** *v* [LHH] help; assist; give a (helpful hand).

**nye ala** *v* [L HH] breast feed; nurse. *var. nye ara.*

**nye ara** *v* [LHH] breast feed; nurse. *var. nye ala.*

**nye efe** *v* [H HL] give way; yield; allow. *var. nye ohere.*

**nye ohere** *v* [H LHH] allow; give way; yield; make room. *var. nye efe.*

**nyefee** *v* [HHH] transfer; give over to another; bestow.

**nyie** *v* [HH] (Afikpo) wear or put on dress. *var. yie.*

**nyie** *v* [HH] 'climb; mount - *nyie elu* = climb up; <sup>2</sup>tap or extract juice from tree - *nyie nkwiü* = climb up a palm tree.

**nyia** *v* [LH] be beyond one's power.

**nyia arü** *v* [LH HH] be weighty; be heavy.

**nyicie anya** *v* [LHHHH] shut eyes; close eyes. *var. mücie anya.*

**nyocaa** *v* [LHH] inspect; examine closely; investigate.

## NY

**NY** alph [HH] '22nd letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiced palatal nasal; a consonant. \*Pronounced “nwi”.

**nyaa** *v* [LH] drive; steer; row.

**nyaa** *v* [LH] survive - *nyaa öya* = survive a serious illness.

**nyaa** *v* [LH] roll and rock; sway; be unsteady - *nyaa anyaa* = roll and sway unsteadily.

**nyaa** *v* [LH] wear (e.g. a chain) around the neck; hang around the neck. \*See “koo” = hang.

**nyaa anwü** *v* [HH HH] warm oneself in sun; bask in sun.

**nyaa anyaa** *v* [LHHHH] be sticky or gummy.

**nyoo** *v* [HH] peep.

**nyoo** *v* [LH] peer into; peep; look.

**nyüö** *v* [HH] defecate; excrete - *nyüö ahürü*  
= *fart*.

**nyüö** *v* [HH] (of fire) die out; be extinguished;  
go out; quench.

**nyüö ńhia** *v* [LH HHH] sustain trading loss.

**nyüö ahühü** *v* [LH HLL] pass gas; fart.

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**nyüö mmamiri** *v* [LH HHLL] urinate; pass  
urine.

*pay any heed to him. var. gee ntí.*

**ńnee** *v* [HH] step over person (which is regarded  
as courtesy) or object - *ińere nwata ükwii?*  
= *did you step over the child?*

**ńfefe** *v* [HHH] avoid contact with or bypass  
an object by stepping over or past it - *ńfefe*  
*ya = step over it and go on.*

**ńgü** *n* [HH] potash or potassium salt, used in  
food preparation.

**ńkō** *adj* [HH] sharp; clever; quick-handed.

**ńkō** *n* [LL] hook; hooked attachment to an in-  
strument.

**ńnomie** *v* [LHH] imitate; mimic.

**ńuba** *v* [LH] give or lend in trust; entrust to.

**ńüö** *v* [HH] 'drink; swallow something with  
water; 'inhale; smoke - *ńüö ökpökö = smoke*  
*a pipe. var. raa.*

**ńüö** *v* [LH] 'rejoice; be glad; 'rejoice in view  
of another's misfortune; laugh at - *ńüö m öńü*  
= *mock me by rejoicing at my misfortune;*  
*laugh at me.*

**ńüö** *v* [LH] borrow; take on loan.

**ńüö iyí** *v* [HH HL] swear on oath; take an oath;

*Lit:* drink [from] the river. *var. ńüö iyí.*  
\*Oaths were often sworn by drinking from a  
sacred stream or river.

**ńüría** *v* [LHH] rejoice; be glad.

**ńütü** *v* [HH] have a sip or taste of water or  
other liquid.

## N

**Ń alph** [HH] '23rd letter of the Igbo alphabet;  
'voiced velar nasal; a consonant. \*Pro-  
nounced as "ńń".

**ńnaa** *v* [LH] fade; change colour; become dis-  
coloured - *akwa ńnaqara = (the colours of) the*  
*cloth faded. var. yaa*

**ńnaa isi** *v* [HH HH] be boastful or arrogant on  
account of another person, event or circum-  
stance.

**ńnaa ntí** *v* [HH LL] 'listen to; notice; 'pay heed  
- *ańana ya ntí = don't mind him; Lit: don't*

## O

- O alph** [H] '24th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>1</sup>half-close rounded back vowel.
- o part** [H] a particle (suffix) tagged to the end of a statement or request, with the general meaning, "please." *Bia nü o!* = *Do come all in; come in, please.*
- o prn** [H] he; it; she; third person personal pronoun in the subject position before a verb with an harmonising first vowel ("e", "i", "o" or "u") - *o mere ebere* = *she was merciful*; *o koro isi* = *she quarrelled*. var. ö. \*cf. ö dī mma = it is good; ö cīrī öcī = she laughed.
- O-o excl** [LH] What! an exclamation of surprise and concern. var. A-a.
- obe n** [HH] 'ladder; any scaffolding; rafter post or plank used in house construction, and other trades; scaffolding; <sup>1</sup>climbing rope; <sup>2</sup>cross; crucifix - *kögide ya n'obe* = *nailed him to the post, or cross.*
- obe ele n** [LH LL] kind of bird.
- obejì n** [HHH] 'digger; spear-like digger used in staking; <sup>2</sup>very sharp machet of average length used in cutting and trimming branches. var. *obejili*.
- obejili n** [LLLL] (Arö) a two-edged straight sword (approx. 12" to 18" long) used in battle. var. *obeji*.
- obeke n** [HLL] species of yam.
- obele adj** [HHH] (Önica) small; tiny; little; minor - *ise obele/obele ife* = *small thing*; *nsogbu-obele/obele nsogbu* = *minor trouble*. var. *obere*; *ogbede*.
- obele nwa n** [HHHHH] (Önica) infant; young child. var. *obere nwa*; *ogbede nwa*.
- obere adj** [HHH] small; tiny; little - *the obere/obere ihe* = *small thing*; *nsogbu obere/obere nsogbu* = *minor trouble*. var. *obele*; *ogbede*.
- obere nwa n** [HHH HH] (Owere) infant; young child. var. *obele nwa*; *ogbede nwa*.
- obi n** [HL] 'chest; upper half of the body above the rib-cage; part of carcass - *maa ya ükwü n'obi* = *struck him on the chest with his foot*; *kenye ha obi anü* = *give them the torso of the animal as their share*; <sup>2</sup>heart (both literally

and metaphorically) - *mgbawa obi* = *heart-break*, Lit: *breaking of the heart*; *obi igwe* = *the engine*; *obi injin* = *engine core*; <sup>3</sup>soul; spirit; heart - *obi öma* = *kind soul, kindness*; *obi ebere* = *compassion*; *obi mapürü m* = *I was startled*.

**obi n** [HL] temper or disposition - *obi ökü* = *quick or hot temper*.

**obi n** [HL] fathom; unit of measurement for cloth; usually about two feet, or the width of the adult chest - *zutara mne ya obi akwa ise* = *bought five lengths of cloth for her mother*.

**obi n** [LH] family house; main hall - *obi eze* = *palace; grand hall*; *obi ogo* = *community hall (Afikpo)*.

**Obi n** [LH] (Önica) king; chief.

**obi aböö n** [HL LHH] doubt; indecision; Lit: [of] two minds. var. *uce aböö*; *uce n'abö*.

**obi akpíri n** [HL LHH] larynx; Lit: heart of the throat.

**obi ama n** [LH HH] communal village hall. var. *obu ama*.

**obi ashí n** [LH HH] (West Igbo) species of red yam.

**obi ebele n** [HL LHL] (Önica) mercy; gentleness of heart. var. *obi ebere*.

**obi ebere n** [HL LHL] mercy; gentleness of heart. var. *obi ebele*.

**obi etiri n** [HL LLL] hardness of heart.

**obi idegele n** [LH LLLL] (West Igbo) pigeon.

**obi ike n** [HL HH] hard-heartedness.

**obi mgbawa n** [HL HHH] heart-break.

**obi öma n** [HL HH] kindness. \*See "ögö"; "afö öma".

**obi sie ike n** [HL HH HH] courage; bravery.

**obi ütö n** [HL LH] delight; pleasure.

**obibi n** [LHH] residence; dwelling; the act of settling in or dwelling in a place - *ülö obibi* = *dwelling house; house intended to be lived in*.

**obibi n** [LLH] the act of touching or imprinting; the making of an impression - *obibi akwükwo* = *the printing of a book*.

**obibi n** [LLL] ending or termination of; final phase of something - *obibi ögü* = *the last phases of the war*; *obibi okwu* = *the termination (or settlement) of an issue*.

**obibi üwa n** [LLL LL] birthmark.

**obo n** [HL] kind of gourd used as a container for small objects.

- obo** *n* [LH] species of fish.
- obo** *n* [LL] a large bird. *var.* **obu**; **ovu**. \*See “obo ögwü” = duck. Welmers identifies it as the “coucal, a large bird with chestnut back”
- obo ögwü** *n* [HL HH] duck. \*See “obo” = large bird.
- obodo** *n* [LLL] ‘country; nation; town, or largest autonomous community with which one is identified; hence, clan - *obodo anyi* = *our country or nation*; *ölü obodo* = *civil (or public service)*; *nzukö obodo* = *clan union or assembly*; <sup>2</sup>a person’s rural and ancestral (as opposed to urban) home - *Ojere obodo* = *he went home (i.e. to his ancestral village home)*; <sup>1</sup>village - *ndi obodo* = *villagers; country folk*.
- obodo ezi** *n* [LLL LH] open space in the village used for assembly and other public events. \*See “ama ukwu” = village central square.
- obodobo** *adj* [HHHH] wide; broad.
- obogho** *n* [LLH] old-style earthen bed; mud-bed. *var.* **mkpokpo**; **mkpoko**.
- obom** *n* [HHH] (Mbaanö) ‘village square, arena for village or community gathering; <sup>2</sup>settlement. *var.* **ibom**.
- obu** *n* [LH] (Öhafia) <sup>1</sup>entrance hall to main house; guest room; <sup>2</sup>inner chamber or bedroom. *var.* **obi**.
- obu** *n* [LL] a large bird. *var.* **obo**; **ovu**. \*Welmers identifies it as the “coucal, a large bird with chestnut back”.
- obu ama** *n* [LH HH] main village hall or meeting place; communal hall used by the extended family. *var.* **obi ama**.
- obu ama** *n* [LL HH] sacred idol, moulded from clay, belonging to a kindred or lineage. *var.* **obi ama**. \*See “igbudu”.
- obu mpüta üwa** *n* [LL HHH LL] birthmark; other mark or trait present at birth.
- obube** *n* [LHH] moaning; the act of crying.
- obube** *n* [LLH] (Afikpo) ladder; any scaffolding; rafter post or plank used in house construction, and other trades. *var.* **mbe**; **mbibi**; **mbibi**; **mbube**; **ndubu**; **obe**.
- obulu** *n* [LHH] (loan) thread from which cloth is woven; sewing thread; cotton wool. <cf. Yor: “owu” = cotton wool; Bini: “oru” = cotton wool>. *var.* **owu**; **owulu**.
- oce** *n* [HH] chair; table; stool.
- oce eze** *n* [HH HL] chief’s stool; throne.
- oce mgbadia** *n* [HH HHH] small wooden chair; low stool used mostly in the kitchen.
- oce nkwago** *n* [HH HHH] table or shelf.
- oci** *n* [LH] tapper; one who taps, e.g. palm-wine - *oci ngwö* = *one who taps wine from the raffia palm*.
- oci** *n* [LL] <sup>1</sup>the procedure whereby blood is drawn from a sick person - *cie oci/gbuo oci* = *suck or extract blood as part of treatment*; <sup>2</sup>the site of the extraction, and the instrument used.
- ocice** *n* [LLL] presentation of food to the public at a formal gathering.
- ocici** *n* [HHH] closure; termination or conclusion; the process of bringing to a close - *ie na-ebute ama ocici* = *what leads to the termination of a family line*.
- ocici** *n* [LHH] <sup>1</sup>installation or initiation of a person to a title or office; coronation of a chief or “eze”; <sup>2</sup>the act of ordination or initiation into an order.
- ocie** *adj* [HHL] ‘old; aged; ancient - *oce ocie* = *old chair*; *üzö ocie* = *former way or road*; <sup>2</sup>experienced - *aka ocie* = *old hand; experienced person*.
- ociri** *n* [LLL] <sup>1</sup>castrated he-goat; <sup>2</sup>eunuch; castrated man. *var.* **okili**; **okiri**.
- ode akwükwo** *n* [LH HHH] clerk; scribe; secretary; one whose responsibility is to keep records - *ndi ode akwükwo* = *the scribes (Mk. 7:5)*; *ode akwükwo öcici obodo* = *secretary to the government*.
- odi** *n* [LL] kind of dance.
- odibo** *n* [LLL] (Önica) ‘associate or henchman; <sup>2</sup>trusted servant; disciple; agent. *var.* **edibo**.
- odigiri** *n* [LLL] lagoon.
- odo** *n* [HH] hospitality.
- odo** *n* [HH] mortar.
- odo** *n* [HH] ‘yellowish dye made from ground dried bark of “odo” tree; <sup>2</sup>tree that yields yellow ochre dye.
- odo** *n* [HH] ‘a harvest festival, held every 3- or 4-years, to mark the return of some ancestors and spirits; <sup>2</sup>masked spirit dancer, or popular masquerade, associated with the Odo festival.
- odo odo** *n* [HH HH] deep-red colour; purple or wine colour - *akwa odo-odo* = *deep-red cloth (Rev. 18:12)*.

<b>ododo atü</b> <i>n</i> [LLL HL] vulva. var. <b>ododo ötü</b> .	<b>ofere</b> <i>adj</i> [HHH] easy; light. var. <b>ofele; ofe</b> .
<b>odogwu</b> <i>n</i> [LHH] (Önica) brave man; champion; hero; lord.	<b>ofesi</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] foreign country.
<b>odogwu özala</b> <i>n</i> [LHH LLL] (Önica) scorpion; Lit: lord of the wilderness.	<b>ofi</b> <i>n</i> [HH] yaws.
<b>odu</b> <i>n</i> [LH] giant rat; large rat usually found in the garden yard.	<b>ofo</b> <i>n</i> [HH] leisure.
<b>odudu</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] (Bende) large and soft-shelled variety of beans, usually in one of three colours (white, brown and spotted-brown), sometimes called "yam beans". var. <b>ndudu</b> ; <b>ukpo odudu</b> .	<b>ofo ogeri</b> <i>n</i> [HH LLL] care-free person. <"ofo" = leisure>. *See variants of "ogerri", e.g. "ogoli", "ogerri" = ne'er do well.
<b>odudu</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] tsetse-fly - <i>jüö ka odudu</i> = <i>scamper off hastily as if in fear like the tsetsefly (which usually flies off before it can ever be hit)</i> .	<b>ofu</b> <i>adj</i> [LH] (Önica) same. var. <b>otu</b> .
<b>odum</b> <i>n</i> [LHH] lion - <i>odum na-egbu agü</i> = <i>lion that can kill the tiger</i> . var. <b>odumodu</b> ; <b>ödüm</b> .	<b>ofu</b> <i>dem</i> [LH] (Önica) a; a certain; one. var. <b>otu</b> .
<b>odumodu</b> <i>n</i> [LLHL] lion; used as a personal name - <i>Ije Odumodu Jere</i> = <i>Odumodu's Travels</i> , the title of an Igbo classic. var. <b>odum</b> ; <b>ödüm</b> .	<b>ofu num</b> [LH] (Önica) one. var. <b>otu</b> .
<b>ofe</b> <i>adj</i> [LH] easy; light. var. <b>mfe; ofele; ofere</b> .	<b>ofuse ci</b> <i>n</i> [LLH H] worship of a deity; religion.
<b>ofe</b> <i>n</i> [HH] 'soup prepared with vegetables, meat and seasoning, used in eating "nri," "ütara" or other mashed tubers; <sup>2</sup> (loosely) stew, broth, or similar liquid meal. var. <b>ohe</b> .	<b>oge</b> <i>adv</i> [HL] when.
<b>ofe</b> <i>n</i> [HH] 'a leafy vegetable used in preparing various foods; the plant produces the "afüfa" fruit, a rather small version of the garden egg; <sup>2</sup> fruit of "añara" vegetable; sometimes called "mkpürü ofe". var. <b>ahihia ofe</b> .	<b>oge</b> <i>n</i> [HL] occasion; period; time.
<b>ofe</b> <i>n</i> [LL] corner; area; the place beyond - <i>ofe ülö</i> = <i>backyard</i> ; <i>bia ofe a</i> = <i>come over here, to this side</i> . *See "agboghö ofe" = maidens of the inner chamber.	<b>oge</b> <i>n</i> [LL] grassed yard; yard; garden or enclosed field - <i>mma oge</i> = <i>matchet for cutting yard grass; cutlass</i> . var. <b>ogige</b> .
<b>ofe agbada</b> <i>n</i> [HH LLH] soup prepared without salt.	<b>ogede</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] (loan) plantain. <Bini/Yor.(?)> "ogede" = plantain> ( <i>Musa paradisica</i> ).
<b>ofe akwükwo</b> <i>n</i> [HH HHH] vegetable soup; soup made of leafy vegetables.	<b>ogele</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] metal gong used as musical instrument var. <b>ogene</b> .
<b>ofe igbo</b> <i>n</i> [HH LL] (Oguta) palm oil; oil.	<b>ogene</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] metal gong used as a musical instrument. var. <b>ogele</b> .
<b>ofe nsala</b> <i>n</i> [HH HHH] soup made from fresh "nsala" fish.	<b>ogi</b> <i>n</i> [LL] maize pap; semi-liquid meal made from maize flour. *See "akamu"
<b>ofe ntüruba</b> <i>n</i> [HH HLHH] kind of soup.	<b>ogidi</b> <i>n</i> [HLL] 'mound; pillar or monument - <i>ogidi mnu</i> = <i>pillar of salt</i> (Gen. 19:26); <i>ogidi ökü</i> = <i>pillar of fire</i> (Deut. 1:33); <sup>2</sup> a raised road, usually an extended mound or embankment, presumably used as defence structures in war-time.
<b>ofe keke</b> <i>n</i> [LHL] 'a deaf, one-legged spirit; <sup>2</sup> shiftless person; a ne'er-do-well; <sup>3</sup> fool; simpleton.	<b>ogidi</b> <i>n</i> [HLL] (heap of) money; wealth - <i>ogidi dacie wa önü</i> = <i>wealth shuts them up</i> ; Lit: <i>wealth falls and blocks their mouths</i> . *Perhaps short form of "ogidi ego" = heap of money.
<b>ofele</b> <i>adj</i> [LHL] easy; light. var. <b>ofere; ofe</b> .	<b>ogidi ala</b> <i>n</i> [HLL LL] widow.
	<b>ogidi ala</b> <i>n</i> [HLL LL] a highway or road; name for the new built-up road leading directly to the Mission or Government station. var. <b>ogigi ala</b> .
	<b>ogige</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] grassed yard; yard; garden; enclosed field - <i>ogige nke aha ya bü</i> <i>Getsemani</i> = <i>garden the name of which is Gethsemane</i> (Mk. 14:32). var. <b>oge</b> .
	<b>ogigi ala</b> <i>n</i> [HLH LL] 'a highway or road; name for the new built-up road leading directly to the Mission or Government station; <sup>2</sup> raised mound or road of traditional design. var.

**ogidi ala.**

**ogili** *n* [LLL] (Önica) castor seed; castor oil; spice made from castor seed; fermented oil-bean seeds. var. **ogiri** (*Parkia clappertonia*).

**ogili** *n* [LLL] variety of rat with zebra-like stripes. var. **ogini**; **okiri**.

**ogili isi** *n* [LLL HH] hair.

**ogili ügba** *n* [LLL HH] (Önica) type of castor plant (*Ricinus communis* Linn.). var. **ogiri ügba**.

**ogiri ügba** *n* [LLL HH] (Önica) type of castor plant (*Ricinus communis* Linn.). var. **ogili ügba**.

**ogilisi** *n* [HHLL] a dolichandron tree, regarded as sacred, and put to many religious uses, especially at shrines and other places of sacrifice; it is the plant of choice in marking land boundaries. var. **ogirisí** (*Neubouldia laevis*).

**ogini** *n* [LLL] (Udi) variety of rat with zebra-like stripes. var. **ogili**; **okiri**.

**ogiri** *n* [LLL] castor seed; castor oil; spice made from castor seed; fermented oil-bean seeds. var. **ogili** (*Parkia clappertonia*).

**ogiri akwü** *n* [LLL HH] (Owere) low-grade palm-oil; palm oil washed out from spent palm-nut fibre - *Nwata ghafuo ogiri akwü, a kilö ya ihe!* = If a child spills worthless oil, it gets whipped!. var. **ögülü akwü**; **ogori akwü**.

**ogirisí** *n* [HHLL] a dolichandron tree, regarded as sacred, and put to many religious uses; it is the plant of choice in marking land boundaries. var. **ogilisi** (*Neubouldia laevis*).

**ogo** *n* [HH] size; stature.

**ogo** *n* [HH] 'kindred unit; ward unit; village - *Eze Ogo = leader of the kindred or community; mamma ogo = mother of the kindred; a woman acclaimed "mother" of her community; community; association; village square - ogo ümü nna = assembly of children of a community; obi ogo = communal hall (Afikpo); place; location; often, farmland - jee ogo we = go to their place or location (Öhafia). \*The meaning "ward, lineage" is well established in Arö usage; it appears regularly in Afikpo titles and rituals.*

**ogo** *n* [HH] kind of creeping plant with wide leaves, its mid-rib being used for making ropes and mats.

**ogoli** *n* [HLL] 'dim-witted person; a foolish

ne'er-do-well; <sup>2</sup>derogatory word for a common housewife - *di bù mma ogoli = the beauty of a wife is her husband; ogoli riwaa önü, o kwuwaa önü = when a housewife eats too much, she talks too much. var. ogori; ogholi; oholi.* \*short form of "ogoli nwanyi".

**ogoli** *n* [HLL] lowest quality palm oil flushed out from wasted palm chaff; almost valueless oil. var. **ogori**.

**ogologo** *adj* [HHHH] long; tall; high. var. **ogonogo**.

**ogonogo** *n* [HHHH] length; height. var. **ogologo**.

**ogori** *n* [HLL] 'dim-witted person; a foolish, ne'er-do-well; <sup>2</sup>a derogatory word for a common housewife - *ie awirü ogori, azüta n'ahia = what is denied a housewife at home, she can buy from the market; di bù mma ogori = the beauty of a wife is her husband. var. ogoli; ogholi; oholi.* \*"[Men] are a necessary evil for us. You know our people's saying 'Di bu mma ogori', so you can understand." - "Efuru".

**ogori** *n* [LLL] lowest quality palm oil flushed out from wasted palm chaff; almost valueless oil. var. **ogoli**. \*Shortened form of "ogori akwü".

**ogori akwü** *n* [LLL HH] inferior quality palm oil flushed from exhausted chaff of palm-fruit. var. **ogiri akwü**; **ögülü akwü**.

**ogorowu** *n* [HHHH] (Ututu) afternoon.

**ogu** *n* [HL] 'innocence; guiltlessness - *e ji m ogu = I am guiltless; Lit: I have or hold [the wand off] innocence in my hand; spike or wand (of wood or metal) symbolising innocence and guiltlessness, and is a piercing arrow for the guilty - ogu amala m = may the spike of innocence never pierce [my leg]; may my innocence be always vindicated.* \*The spike of innocence hurts only the guilty; "ogu" is thus the supreme emblem of guiltlessness.

**ogu** *n* [HL] wide stump or end of palm branch or palm frond; thick end of palm branch attached to tree trunk; mid-rib of palm branch with the fronds removed. var. **ogugu**.

**ogugu** *n* [HLL] crook; hook.

**ogugu** *n* [HLL] rheumatism.

**ogugu** *n* [HLL] thick end of palm branch attached to tree trunk; mid-rib of palm branch

- with the fronds removed; wide stump or end of palm branch or palm frond. var. **ogu**.
- ogugu** *n* [HLLL] 'rainbow; halo; <sup>2</sup>sacred python, with its head in the sky and its tail in the sea, as recounted in myth and folktale. var. **egurugu**; **egwugwu**; **egwurugwu**.
- ogumabiri** *n* [LLLHH] (Ijaw(?)) daily local market; unscheduled market; daily market which holds in an urban area. <Ijaw: "oguambiri" = market>. var. **ogwumabiri**.
- ogbe** *n* [HL] piece; whole piece; head of; bunch - *ogbe ji* = *whole piece of yam*.
- ogbe** *n* [HL] market.
- ogbe** *n* [LH] kind of bird.
- ogbe** *n* [LL] compound; kindred; small village.
- ogbede** *adj* [HHH] small; tiny; little - *nwata ogbede* = *little child*. var. **obele**; **obere**.
- ogbede nwa** *n* [HHH HH] (Owere) infant; young child. var. **obele nwa**; **obere nwa**.
- ogbenye** *n* [HLL] 'very poor or indigent person; hence, sometimes, a beggar; <sup>2</sup>orphan; one who lacks family - *nwa ogbenye* = *person without immediate blood relations*; <sup>3</sup>indigence; poverty - *ogbenye ju ya önü* = *may he be poor till death*; Lit: *may poverty (indigence) fill his mouth*. \*See "mbu"; "mgbí".
- ogbere** *n* [HLL] a "dance of shame" which a thief is forced to perform round the market place with a replacement of the stolen item. \*This dance is found mostly among the Igbo people living by the Cross River.
- ogbi** *n* [HL] 'deaf and dumbness; the condition of not being able to speak or hear - *daa ogbi* = *become deaf and dumb*; *i dara ogbi?* = *are you dumb and deaf? Can't you hear, and why won't you talk?*; <sup>2</sup>a deaf and dumb person. var. **ogbu**. \*The lengthened second vowel found in some areas suggests a possible older form, "ogbiyi".
- ogbii** *n* [HLL] deaf and dumb person; mute. \*See "ogbi" = deaf-mute.
- ogbo** *n* [LH] sponge from fibrous rope or from "öba", a gourd-like fruit.
- ogbo** *n* [LL] (Isikwatuò) 'namesake - *ogbo m* = *my namesake*; <sup>2</sup>comrade; friend and associate, usually of the same age grade; a term of endearment between friends and companions. \*See "mgbogbo" = Uncle.
- ogbodo** *n* [LLL] (Ihiala) 'person not yet ini-

- tiated into a masquerade or similar secret cult; <sup>2</sup>tiro or novice.
- ogboli** *n* [HHH] 'body-blow with the knuckles (as in boxing); punch - *küö ogboli/tie ogboli* = *give a blow with the knuckles; punch*; <sup>2</sup>boxing; fist-fight.
- ogbolo** *n* [LLL] heifer; young female cow.
- ogbolodo** *n* [LLLL] (Öka) maternal unit (i.e. a mother and her children) in a polygamous family.
- ogbu** *n* [HL] deaf and dumbness; mute-ness; the condition of not being able to speak or hear - *daa ogbu* = *become deaf and dumb*. var. **ogbi**. \*See also "ogbiyi" = deaf-mute.
- ogbu** *n* [LH] 'a large sacred tree with a mesh of exposed roots that serves as a village landmark and site of communal meetings; <sup>2</sup>a species of wild fig, associated with the sacred "ogbu" tree on which it grows as a parasite (*Ficus vogeliana*; *Ficus comptoncure*).
- ogbu adani** *n* [LHLLL] kind of long matchet. \*Same as "mma oge".
- Ogbu agü** *n* [HH HH] 'a title; <sup>2</sup>a man on whom such a title has been conferred; Lit: killer of tiger/leopards.
- ogbu n'orie** *n* [HH LHLL] 'name of a powerful and deadly deity, because the illness it visits on its victim every fourth day; <sup>2</sup>poisoning from salmonella; hence, also name for salmonella, the deadly food poisoning bacterium. <"gbuo" = kill + "n'orie" = on Orie days; i.e. every fourth day or weekly>.
- ogbu njiji** *n* [HH HHH] (Önica) decorative hedge plant (*Thumbergia vogeliana*).
- ogbu öyaï** *n* [LH HLL] (Öhafia) head-hunter.
- ogbulo** *n* [HHH] (Afikpo) mid-day.
- oghele** *n* [LHH] 'opening or gap; hole - *oghele na mgba aja* = *an opening or gap in the boundary or perimeter wall*; <sup>2</sup>interval; in-between time; opening in a schedule - *welü oghele a mee ife* = *use this interval to get something done*. var. **oghore**; **ohere**; **oyele**.
- oghore** *n* [LHH] opportunity; opening, chance. var. **oyele**; **ohere**; **oghele**.
- oghore** *n* [LHH] 'opening or gap; hole - *oghore na mgba aja* = *an opening or gap in the boundary or perimeter wall*; <sup>2</sup>interval; in-between time; opening in a schedule - *were oghere a mee ihe* = *use this interval to get something done*. var. **oghore**; **ohere**; **oyele**.

- ogho** *n* [HH] cotton; cotton tree; cotton wool '(*Gossypium spp.*). \*See also "owu" = cotton wool.
- ogholi** *n* [HLL] 'dim-witted person; a foolish ne'er-do-well; <sup>2</sup>derogatory word for common housewife. var. **ogoli**; **ogori**; **oholi**.
- oghuru** *n* [HLL] very large species of bat.
- ogwe** *n* [HL] 'trunk; tree trunk; plank; <sup>2</sup>outdoor latrine; tree trunk in the bush on which people squat for the purpose. \*See "ogwudu" = outdoor latrine.
- ogwe aka** *n* [HL HH] arm; *Lit:* trunk of the hand.
- ogwe ükwü** *n* [HL HH] foot; leg; *Lit:* trunk of the foot.
- ogwo ogidi** *n* [HL HLL] species of yam with white tubers and small round flowers; small aerial tubers are sometimes present (*D. praedensilis*). \*See "ji ntüma" and "ji abia" = white yam.
- ogwu** *n* [HH] thorn; thorny plant; any sharp-pointed non-metallic object - *ogwu ahü ... kpabue ha = the thorns ... choked them (to death)*. *Lk. 8:7*.
- ogwudu** *n* [HLL] long tree trunk on which people squat to ease themselves; hence, open public latrine. \*See "ogwe" = latrine.
- Ogwugwu** *n* [HHH] (West Igbo) goddess of fertility; in some areas, god of fire and iron. \*cf. Yoruba "Ogun" = god of iron.
- ogwugwu** *n* [HLL] trench; ditch; pit; sometimes, pond. var. **olu**; **olulu**. \*See "egbo" = trench; ditch; and "ehiri" = pond.
- ogwulugwu** *n* [HLLL] 'rainbow; halo; <sup>2</sup>sacred python, with its head in the sky and its tail in the sea, as recounted in myth and folktale. var. **egurugu**; **egwulugwu**; **egwurugwu**.
- ogwumabiri** *n* [LLLHH] (Ijaw(?)) daily local market; unscheduled market; daily market which holds in an urban area. <Ijaw: "oguambiri" = market>. var. **ogumabiri**.
- ogwumagada** *n* [HLHLL] chameleon; species of lizard that changes colour to match background. var. **ogwumagala**; **ogwumaga-**  
**gana**.
- ogwumagala** *n* [HLHLL] chameleon; species of lizard that changes colour to match background. var. **ogwumagada**; **ogwumagana**.
- ogwumagana** *n* [HLHLL] chameleon; species of lizard that changes colour to match background. var. **ogwumagada**; **ogwumagana**.
- background. var. **ogwumagada**; **ogwumaga-**  
**gala**.
- ogwurugwu** *n* [HLLL] the stump of a tree; but sometimes also the lower trunk just below the first branches. var. **ögwü**; **ögwü-**  
**tügwü**.
- ohé** *n* [HH] soup prepared with vegetables, meat and seasoning, used in eating "nri," "ütara" or other mashed tubers. var. **ofe**.
- ohere** *n* [LLL] 'space; room; opportunity; gap; vacancy - *ohere ö di?* = *is there room?* *nye anyi ohere* = *give us the opportunity*; <sup>2</sup>time slot; time interval - *ohere püta* = *if a time slot materialises; if there is time*. \*The tone pattern (LHH) is also widely used.
- ohi** *n* [HH] stealing; theft - *ohi ji* = *theft involving yam*; *ohi ehie* = *daylight robbery*. var. **ori**; **osi**; **oshi**.
- oholi** *n* [HLL] 'dim-witted person; a foolish ne'er-do-well; <sup>2</sup>derogatory word for common housewife. var. **ogoli**; **ogori**; **ogholi**.
- ohu** *n* [HL] (Owere) 'cult slave; domestic slave; indentured servant; <sup>2</sup>hostage; person captured in war. \*See "ugwule," "akankolo" = slave.
- ohu** *num* [HH] twenty; the number 20. var. **ögü**; **oru**. \*In the modernised numeral system, "ohu" is replaced by "iri abüö" = two tens.
- ohuda** *n* [HHL] evening; late afternoon - *bia na ohuda* = *come in the evening*. \*The full phrase is "ohuda anyasi" (*Lit:* the bending down of night) = the beginning of nightfall.
- ohoho** *n* [LHH] dawning; the breaking out of day - *ci ohoho* = *the breaking out of day*.
- ohuru ci** *n* [LHH H] evening; sun-down; sunset. var. **orulu ci**; **uhuru ci**; **ururu ci**.
- oje ozi** *n* [LH HH] messenger; errand-boy; one who runs errands for others - *ndi ozi* = *apostles*.
- oji** *n* [HH] staff.
- ojii** *adj* [HHH] black; dark - *eghu ojii* = *black (or dark-coloured) goat*; *uwe ojii* = *black dress*. var. **ojiji**.
- ojiji** *adj* [LHH] (Ösönari) black. var. **ojii**.
- oke** *adj* [HH] male; masculine. var. **oko**. \*The feminine equivalent of "oke" (= male) is "nne".
- oke** *adj* [HH] grave; large; super - *oke üjö* =

- too much fear; oke mmadü = a very important person; a hero.*
- oke** *n* [HL] boundary - *oke ala* = boundary of plot.
- oke** *n* [LH] house-rat; mouse; rat.
- oke** *n* [LL] portion; share; allotment.
- oke ala** *n* [HH LL] single-born animal (?).
- oke ala** *n* [HL LL] boundary; border.
- oke azü** *n* [HH LH] forked tree branch used as post to support house framework at corners and centre; main pillar(s) for a house. var. *okede eze*.
- oke azüü** *n* [HH LLL] influenza; flu; infectious kind of catarrh.
- oke bekee** *n* [LH LLL] rabbit - *oke bekee* = rabbit; Lit: whiteman's rat.
- oke ehi** *n* [HH HH] bull. var. *oke-enunu*.
- oke ekpe** *n* [HH HH] widower; man who has lost his wife.
- oke ifuse** *n* [HH LLL] hurricane, or high wind; whirlwind.
- oke ikuku** *n* [HH LLL] hurricane or high wind; whirlwind.
- oke iyi** *n* [HH HL] he-goat.
- oke okporo** *n* [HH HLL] bachelor; unmarried adult male; male virgin.
- oke okwe** *n* [HH] highly valued species of white yam. var. *ji oke*; *oko*. \*See "oko" = white yam.
- oke okwe** *n* [HH LL] variety of large rat (*Epimys rattus*).
- oke oyi** *n* [HH HL] high fever.
- oke öcicö** *n* [HH LHH] greed.
- oke öhia** *n* [HH HHH] thick forest; jungle.
- oke ökpa** *n* [HH LL] cock; cockerel. var. *ökpa*; di *ökpa* (*Gallus gallus*).
- oke önü** adj [HH HH] high-priced; dear; expensive.
- okeagü iyi** *n* [HHHL HL] crocodile; leviathan, the crocodile-monster - *iji nko azü dörö okeagü iyi* = draw out Leviathan with a fishhook (Job 1:1).
- okede eze** *n* [LHH HH] main pillar(s) for a house. var. *oke azü*.
- okele** *n* [HHH] male child born to unmarried daughter of the lineage. var. *okene*.
- okene** *n* [HHH] daughter's child; male child born to unmarried daughter of the lineage. var. *okele*.
- okenye** *n* [HLL] 'adult; elder; oldest man in a

- kindred - *Abraham bü okenye nke ülö ya = Abraham was the eldest of his house (Gen. 24:2)*; <sup>2</sup>a title (especially in Owere and environs) for the eldest member of the kindred or compound. var. *okii*.
- okike** *n* [HHH] kind of talisman worn by children to ward off disease or evil spirits. var. *ekike*.
- okike** *n* [LLL] creation; the act of making from nothing; art.
- okike** *n* [LLL] large ivory horn, up to five feet long.
- okili** *n* [LLL] a talkative bird *okiri*. var. *okiri*.
- okili** *n* [LLL] 'castrated he-goat; <sup>2</sup>castrated man; eunuch. var. *ociri*; *okiri*.
- okiri** *n* [LLL] bird; a rather talkative bird. var. *okili*.
- okiri** *n* [LLL] 'castrated he-goat; <sup>2</sup>castrated man; eunuch. var. *ociri*; *okili*.
- okiri** *n* [LLL] variety of rat with zebra-like stripes. var. *ogilli*; *ogini*.
- okirkiri** *adv* [HHH-HH] round and round; in circles.
- okiyi** *n* [HHL] he-goat. \*Contracted form of "oke iyi" = he-goat.
- oko** *n* [HH] <sup>1</sup>species of tree; <sup>2</sup>vegetable used in preparing soup (*P. Terocarpus* or *Canna indica L.*). \*Same as "üha".
- oko** *n* [HH] highly valued species of white yam - *jiri aga becie öba ka ewu ghara ili oko* = ring the barn with wires to keep goats from eating the "oko" yams. \*See "oke okwe"; "ji oко" = white yam.
- oko** *n* [HH] parrot. \*See "ice-oko", "ice-oko" = parrot.
- oko** *n* [HH] head pad made from bamboo leaves.
- oko** *n* [HH] <sup>1</sup>male youth; <sup>2</sup>prefix to generic men's names based on market days - *Oko-orie* = *Okorie*; *Oko-afö* = *Okafö*; *Oko-Nkwö* = *Okonkwo*; *Oko-Eke* = *Okeke*. var. *okolo*. \*See "Mgbé" and "Mgbo", the female prefixes to generic women's names.
- oko** *n* [LH] wooden pegs for drying fish nets.
- oko** *n* [LH] ability; power. var. *ike*.
- oko acica** *n* [HH LLL] leaven; material causing dough to ferment.
- oko beke** *n* [HH HH] chicken pox.
- oko ngwu** *n* [HH LL] hook.
- oko nne** *n* [HH HH] maternal uncle.

- oke okwe** *n* [LH LL] species of white yam.
- oko öka** *n* [LH HL] corn cob. var. *isi öka*.
- okoko nduku** *n* [HHH HLH] (West Igbo) potato; sweet potato. \*See "nduku".
- okolo** *n* [LHH] gun shield.
- okolo** *n* [LHH] youngman; male youth. var. *okoro öbia; okoro*.
- okom** *n* [HHH] kind of men's dance.
- okom** *n* [LHH] a kind of yam.
- okom** *n* [LHH] kind of fowl.
- okongwu** *n* [LHL] term of deference for an old and distinguished male person; a very important person. <"oko" = distinguished + "ngwu" = large ancestral tree>.
- okooke osisi** *n* [LHLH HHH] flower - *Leemii okoko osisi* = Consider the flowers [lilies of the field] (Mt. 6:28). \*See "urodi" and "ulodi" = lily.
- okoro** *n* [LHH] youngman; male youth. var. *okoro-öbia; okolo*.
- okoro öbia** *n* [LHH HLL] youngman; male youth. var. *-okolo-öbia*.
- okoti** *n* [HLL] lizard.
- oku** *n* [LL] a call (e.g. by name); notice or invitation to attend function or meeting; summons or order to be at meeting - *kpoō oku* = notice of a meeting; *kpoō ya oku* = call somebody by name; *yie oku* = fix date for meeting.
- oku** *n* [LL] money bundle amounting to 60 cowries - *oku ito* = 3 sets of 60-cowry units. \*See "ayölö" = cowries.
- okuku** *n* [LHH] large cup made from calabash; gourd cup.
- okukuu** *n* [LHH] owl.
- okuma** *n* [LLL] yaws; a kind of contagious disease that causes large swellings on the skin. var. *okwuma*.
- okpere agbüri** *n* [HLL LLL] (Bende) orange.
- okpete** *n* [HLL] sugar-cane (*Cestus afer*).
- okpili** *n* [HLL] stick; dry twig used as a whip. var. *okpiri*.
- okpiri** *n* [HLL] stick; dry twig used as a whip. var. *okpili*.
- okpo** *n* [HH] he-goat.
- okpo** *n* [LH] (Önica) intestinal worm.
- okpo** *n* [LH] 'soft palate; roof of mouth; <sup>2</sup>fish gill; organ used by fish in breathing. var. *akpo*.
- okpo** *n* [LH] catfish; or (more likely) tiger-fish. var. *ökpö*.
- okpo** *n* [LH] shrine; place of worship. var. *okwo*.
- okpogho** *n* [LLL] (Bende) 'money; wealth; <sup>2</sup>manilla; horse-shoe shaped brass or copper coin introduced in Nigeria in the 1930's. var. *ikpege*.
- okpoko** *n* [LHH] a noisy lumbering bird - *iikpara okpoko buuru* = an insect carried off by "okpoko". \*Only a deaf and lazy insect would not hear the bird's approach, or escape, if pursued.
- okpoko** *n* [LH] 'a variety of yam; <sup>2</sup>morsel of food, esp. foofoo. var. *opoko; ökpü*.
- okpokoro** *n* [HHHH] 'shell; empty container; <sup>2</sup>a person without substance.
- okpoloko** *n* [HLHH] stockfish; dried cod fish. var. *okporoko*.
- okpome** *n* [LHH] (Öhafia) farming knife.
- okporo** *n* [HLL] stem; trunk of tree; bar; length of wood or metal.
- okporo** *n* [LLH] maiden; virgin; woman of marriageable age or in prime of youth - *ngozii n'etiti okporo nine* = blessed among all maidens.
- okporo egbe** *n* [HLL HL] gun-barrel; muzzle of a gun.
- okporo öka** *n* [HHH HL] corn stalk; straw.
- okporo üzö** *n* [HLL HH] highway; main road.
- okporoko** *n* [HLHH] stockfish; dried cod. var. *okpoloko*.
- okpoto** *n* [HHH] herbaceous plant with very hardy roots; the stem, placed across a path, indicates that the village is innocent of any abomination.
- okpu** *n* [HH] (Afikpo) local group or club; an association.
- okpu** *n* [LH] cap; hat; crown; any covering for the head.
- okpu** *n* [LH] tiger-fish, or catfish. var. *okpo*.
- okpu** *n* [LL] 'a kind of animal whose horn is used as everyday libation cup; libation horn; <sup>2</sup>family shrine.
- okpu ata** *n* [HL HH] straw hat with modestly broad rim.
- okpu eze** *n* [LH HH] crown; king's headpiece.
- okpukpe** *n* [LLH] 'religion or religious practice - *okpukpe ndi agba ocie* = religion of the ancients; <sup>2</sup>religious denomination. \*See

- "ofufe ci".
- okpuru** *n* [HLL] white or reddish-brown wild tuber eaten in a food preparation of cocoyam and breadfruit called "umeghuru". \*See "umeghuru".
- okpuru** *n* [LHL] underside; underneath of - *okpuru oce* = *underneath the chair or table*; *mgba okpuru* = *betrayal; subversion*; *n'okpuru* = *secretly*.
- okpuru ülö** *n* [LHH HH] ceiling; *Lit:* underside of the house.
- okwe** *n* [LL] 'dice-board, with two rows of five bowls, and the 11th and 12th bowls at the far ends, played by two people with the seed of the fruit of the "okwe" tree as dice; <sup>2</sup>the "okwe" board game.
- okwe** *n* [LL] large quick-growing tree whose dull white to brownish softwood is used for carving, and for paper pulp, the seed of its hard-shelled fruit serving as the tokens in the "okwe" game (*Ricinodendron africanum*).
- okwelagha** *n* [LHHH] road block or stop sign formed from crossed bamboo sticks.
- okwerike** *n* [LLLHH] (Öhaözara) woman's skirt, woven from a mix of cotton, grass and tree bark; *Lit:* the one who refuses to yield.
- okwo** *n* [HH] shrine, or altar - *okwo ogidi* = *shrine and forest home of the Ogidi deity*.
- okwu** *n* [HH] 'cover or lid - *okwu ite* = *cover or lid of pot*; <sup>2</sup>one pair or suite; a set - *otu okwu ahü* = *the same set*; *cöta okwu ya* = *find its matching set*.
- okwu** *n* [HH] speech; talk; word; utterance - *okwu önü* = *word of mouth, speech*; *okwu azü* = *slander*.
- okwu** *n* [HH] 'issue; matter; quarrel); <sup>2</sup>legal suit.
- okwu azü** *n* [HH LH] slander; back-biting; *Lit:* words spoken behind somebody's back.
- okwu bekee** *n* [HH LHH] English language; *Lit:* whiteman's language. \*See "bekee" = Englishman, after the explorer, Dr. William Baikie.
- okwu cukwu** *n* [HH HH] sermon; homily.
- okwu na üka** *n* [HH L HL] dissension; trouble.
- okwu ügha** *n* [HH LH] lie; untruth; falsehood.
- okwukwe** *n* [LLH] faith; belief; religion. *var.* *okpukpe*.
- okwukwu** *n* [LLHH] owl. \*"*okwukwu nta*" = owl; "*okwukwu ukwu*" = ibis.
- okwukwu mpi** *n* [LLHH LL] water-hen; kind of owl - *okwukwu nwere mpi* = *water-hen* (*Lev. 11:18*).
- okwukwu ukwu** *n* [LLHH HH] ibis, a species of the owl; long-necked wading bird with hooked beak. \*"*okwukwu nta*" = owl.
- okwuma** *n* [LLH] a medicinal plant, used in the production of balm ointment (*Butyrospermum paradoxum parkii*).
- okwuma** *n* [LLL] yaws; a kind of contagious disease that causes large swellings on the skin. *var.* **okuma**.
- okwute** *n* [LHH] (Önica) stone; rock. \*Compare with Yoruba "okuta" = rock, and Nubian "kuti" = stone.
- okwute icü aja** *n* [LHL HL LL] altar; stone of sacrifice.
- okwute ntö aja** *n* [LHL LH LL] altar of sacrifice. \*See "ntö aja" = altar of sacrifice.
- ole** *n* [HL] (Bende) ring; precious metal. *var.* **öla**.
- ole** *n* [LH] number; few in number; some. *var.* **ole na ole**; **one na one**; **one**.
- ole na ole** *n* [LH L LH] few in number. *var.* **ole**; **one**; **one na one**.
- olee** *adv* [LHH] how?; who?; when?.
- olili** *n* [HHH] feast; feasting; communion. *var.* **oriri**.
- Olisa** *n* [LLL] God; Supreme Deity, equivalent to Cukwu. <Yor: "orisa">; *var.* **orisa**.
- olo excl** [HL] no!; an exclamation.
- Olo** *n* [HH] annual Afikpo women's festival named after the Olo River from whose waters the votaries drink.
- ologbo** *n* [HHH] (loan(?)) cat.
- ololo** *n* [HHH] bottle; glass container; jar; jug - *nwanyi bu ololo* = *"lady carrying a flask," a common painted figure on medium-sized water jugs*. \*The words "ekpem" and "irom" (=bottle) are almost certainly borrowed from Efik; "Akarama" is probably Ijaw.
- olu** *n* [HH] (Önica) 'marshy land; <sup>2</sup>faraway land; foreign land. *var.* **oru**.
- olu** *n* [HH] (Owere) <sup>1</sup>neck; collar - *olu eghu* = *a goat's neck*; *onu uwe* = *collar of a dress*; <sup>2</sup>voice; throat; tone of voice - *olu elu* = *loud or high-pitched tone*; *oke olu* = *greed*; *Lit:* *long throat*. *var.* **onu**.
- olu** *n* [HL] hole; trench; pit; pond; ditch. *var.* **olulu**; **onunu**; **ogwugwu**.

- olu ukwu** *n* [HH HH] deep tone; base. var. **onu ukwu**.
- olugbō** *n* [LHL] bitter-leaf; vegetable that is washed to remove its extreme bitterness, and then sometimes dried, before being used to prepare soup. var. **olugbu; olugbō; onugbu**.
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- olugbulu** *n* [HHLL] bright-hued lizard.
- olukwu** *n* [HLH] naive person; a person so naive as to be virtually a fool or idiot. var. **onuku**. \*Igala traders who were thought of as easy dupes, called Onitsha traders “onuku,” the Igala word for “my friend” <Igala: “onuku” = “my friend”>.
- olulu** *n* [HHH] jar, jug; bottle; medium-sized container without handles. var. **ololo**.
- olulu** *n* [HLL] ditch; pit; hole. var. **olu; onunu**.
- olulu mmiri** *n* [HLL HHH] well; cistern. var. **onunu mmiri**.
- ome** *n* [HH] sprout, or young bud from which new plant grows; sapling; tender shoot of plant - *ome ji* = *yam sprout*. var. **ume**.
- ome ji** *n* [HH H] yam sprout; the tender light green bud of yam. var. **ume ji**.
- ome nka** *n* [HH LL] artist, usually in the arts of painting and sculpture; hence carver; painter, or sculptor; even surgeon. var. **onye nka**. \*See “nka” = artistry; smithing.
- ome-ka-ome** *n* [LL-H-L] habitual criminal; scoundrel; one who commits every kind of crime; general term for criminals - *ndi ome-ka-ome* = *criminal gangsters*.
- omena ibite** *n* [LHL LLH] (Öhafia/Nsüka) left handed person; southpaw. \*See “aka ekpe”; “aka ikpa”.
- omenala** *n* [LHLL] custom; tradition; culture.
- omenka** *n* [LHLL] circumciser; one who performs circumcision.
- omi** *n* [LL] adult females; womenfolk. var. **ndi omi**.
- omimi** *n* [LLL] mystery.
- omimi öbüna prn** *[LHH LLL]* (Öhafia) everybody.
- Omú** *n* [HL] (Önica) “queen” of the women, or leader of women folk; <sup>2</sup>queen mother.
- omume** *n* [LLH] ‘behaviour; character; con-
- duct; <sup>2</sup>action; deeds.
- one** *n* [LH] number; few in number. var. **ole na ole; one na one; ole**.
- one na one** *n* [LH] few in number. var. **ole na ole; ole; one**.
- onee** *adv* [LHH] how?; who?; when?. var. **olee**.
- onike** *n* [HLH] axe. var. **onyike; anyike**.
- onu** *n* [HH] (Önica) ‘neck; collar - *onu eghu* = *a goat's neck*; *onu afe* = *collar of a dress*; <sup>2</sup>voice; throat; tone of voice - *onu elu* = *loud or high-pitched tone*; *onu ukwu* = *greed*; *Lit: long throat*. var. **olu**.
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- onunu** *n* [HLL] ditch; hole; pit. var. **olu; olulu**.
- onunu mmili** *n* [HLL HHH] well; cistern. var. **olulu mmiri**.
- onwo** *n* [HL] barter; exchange - *onwo örü* = *labour exchange; working in turns at each others' farm*.
- onye** *n* [HH] one who; person of [a particular characteristic] - *onye oshi* = *thief*; *onye öbia* = *visitor; guest*; *onye ala* = *mad person*.
- onye amüma** *n* [HH HHH] prophet; seer.
- onye así** *n* [HH LH] liar.
- onye ekpenta** *n* [HH LLH] leper.
- onye igiri** *n* [HH LLL] trouble-maker.
- onye ikpe** *n* [HH LH] judge; magistrate; one properly appointed to determine a suit.
- onye iro** *n* [HH HL] enemy; adversary.
- onye mba** *n* [HHH] foreigner; person from another country; stranger.
- onye ngwörö** *n* [HH HHH] cripple; one who is permanently lame.
- onye nka** *n* [HH LL] artist, usually in the arts of painting, smithing and sculpture; hence carver; painter, sculptor, or surgeon. <“nka” = artistry; talent>. var. **ome nka**.
- onye nküzi** *n* [HH HHH] teacher.
- onye nwanyi** *n* [HH LL] menstruation.
- onye ohi** *n* [HH HH] thief; burglar; robber.

<i>var.</i> <b>onye ori</b> .	
<b>onye oke</b> <i>n</i> [HH HH] (Öhafia) man; person. <i>var.</i> <b>nwoke</b> .	
<b>onye oke</b> <i>n</i> [HH HH] male youth; hero; warrior.	
<b>onye ori</b> <i>n</i> [HH HH] (Önica) thief; burglar; robber. <i>var.</i> <b>onye ohi</b> .	
<b>onye ozi</b> <i>n</i> [HH HH] evangelist; preacher.	
<b>onye ozizi</b> <i>n</i> [HH HHH] teacher.	
<b>onye öca</b> <i>n</i> [HH HH] European; white man.	
<b>onye ufe</b> <i>n</i> [HH LH] liar.	
<b>onye ügwö</b> <i>n</i> [HH HL] enemy. <i>var.</i> <b>onye-iro</b> .	
<b>onye üwa</b> <i>n</i> [HH LL] indigent person; pauper - <i>iliri onye üwa nne ya</i> = i.e. Christians who took over responsibility for the cost of and other arrangements for burying a member's mother.	
<b>onyike</b> <i>n</i> [HLH] axe. <i>var.</i> <b>anyike; ayike</b> .	
<b>onyinye</b> <i>n</i> [LLH] gift; present.	
<b>onyunyo</b> <i>n</i> [LH] shadow. <i>var.</i> <b>enyunyo; inyogo; inyunyo</b> .	
<b>Oo-lo</b> <i>excl</i> [LH L] (Owere) no!.	
<b>opete</b> <i>n</i> [HLL] tall willow-like plant, with rhizome. <i>var.</i> <b>opoo</b> .	
<b>opi</b> <i>n</i> [L] 'flute; horn; trumpet - <i>opi ike</i> = trumpet; <sup>2</sup> pipe - <i>opi mmiri</i> = water pipe.	
<b>opi ede</b> <i>n</i> [LL HL] A yellowish pollen-filled flower from the cocoyam plant.	
<b>opi ele-mmiri</b> <i>n</i> [LL HH-HHH] tusk of the river antelope; used extensively in high rituals of Amadiöha, and in funerals.	
<b>opi ike</b> <i>n</i> [LL HH] trumpet.	
<b>opio</b> <i>n</i> [LHH] (Arö) brass cutlass about 30" long, associated with Arö warfare.	
<b>opo</b> <i>n</i> [LH] leprosy.	
<b>opo n'isi</b> <i>n</i> [LH HH] centre of the head, or skull.	
<b>opoko</b> <i>n</i> [LLH] 'a variety of yam; <sup>2</sup> morsel of food, esp. foofoo. <i>var.</i> <b>okpoko; ökpü</b> .	
<b>opoo</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] kind of willow-like plant, with rhizome. <i>var.</i> <b>opete</b> .	
<b>oporo</b> <i>n</i> [LLH] shrimp; large variety of crayfish.	
<b>opu</b> <i>n</i> [LH] kind of flute made from a variety of long thin gourd. *See "akpüri" = gourd flute.	
<b>opu</b> <i>n</i> [LL] lead - <i>pen igwe na opu</i> = iron pen and lead (Job 19:21).	
<b>ori</b> <i>n</i> [HH] (Önica) theft; stealing. <i>var.</i> <b>ohi; oshi</b> .	
<b>ori</b> <i>n</i> [HL] lump of oily medicine used for rubbing.	
<b>ori öna</b> <i>n</i> [HH HL] kind of bush lamp; lamp light.	
<b>Orie</b> <i>n</i> [HLL] 'second day of the 4-day Igbo week; <sup>2</sup> market that holds on Orie day; <sup>3</sup> personal name. <i>var.</i> <b>Oye.</b> *Orie ukwu = main Orie market/day; Orie nta = minor Orie market/day.	
<b>origoro</b> <i>n</i> [HHHH] smoke. *See "anwülü" = smoke.	
<b>oriike</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] (Mbaanö) axe. <i>var.</i> <b>onyike</b> .	
<b>orikö</b> <i>n</i> [HHL] peace feast; kind of meal from assorted condiments with white chalk added, varying with occasion, and eaten in reconciliation rituals. <i>var.</i> <b>orikörö</b> .	
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<b>orimili</b> <i>n</i> [LLLL] big river; ocean; sea; any large body of water. <i>var.</i> <b>osimili; oshimirri</b> .	
<b>oriri</b> <i>n</i> [HHH] feast; feasting; communion - <i>oriri na öñüñü</i> = eating and drinking; feast-ing. <i>var.</i> <b>olili</b> .	
<b>oriri akü</b> <i>n</i> [LHH LL] 'flat assorted shapes of gods arranged in pairs and representing male and female symbols, with lines for first-born sons and daughters; <sup>2</sup> deity of the kindred. *See "önü üzö".	
<b>Orisa</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] God. <Yor.: "Orisa" = God>. <i>var.</i> <b>Olisa</b> .	
<b>oro</b> <i>n</i> [HH] 'refrain; ululation - <i>kwüöra nü m oro</i> = join in with refrain; <sup>2</sup> women's song which freely uses the name of the person to be satirised.	
<b>oro</b> <i>n</i> [LH] compound; enclosed courtyard; yard.	
<b>oro</b> <i>n</i> [LH] (Isikwuatö) falsehood; lie; fib - <i>O bugħi m oro</i> = I am not telling a lie; this is not a fib. *cf. Yor.: "irö" = lie.	
<b>orogho</b> <i>n</i> [LLL] sound produced by a combination of lips and fingers, made to express relief (e.g. when a person miraculously escapes death or mishap). <i>var.</i> <b>oroħo</b> .	
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<b>oru</b> <i>n</i> [HL] 'marshy land; <sup>2</sup> faraway land; for-	

- eign land. var. **olu**.
- oru** *n* [HL] (Önica) slave; domestic slave; indentured servant. var. **osu**; **ume**. \*See “nwa-aní” = free born.
- oru num** [HH] (Önica) twenty; the number 20. var. **ohu**; **ögü**. \*In the modernised numeral system, “oru” is replaced by “iri abúa” = two tens.
- oru ama** *n* [HL HH] (Nsüka) cult slave; indentured servant. var. **osu**; **ume**; **nwa-aní**.
- oru nwanyí** *n* [HL HL] slave woman; servant woman.
- orulu ci** *n* [LHH H] evening; sun-down; sunset. var. **ohuru ci**; **uhuru ci**; **ururu ci**.
- oruma** *n* [HLL] (Nsüka) cult slave; indentured servant. var. **osu**; **ume**. \*See “oru ama” = slave.
- oruru** *n* [LLL] period of ritual preparation for marriage.
- ose** *n* [HL] pepper.
- Ose** *n* [LH] God; short for “Olisa” - *Osebuluüwa* = *Olisa bulu üwa* = *Olisa who carries the world*.
- ose** *n* [LL] epilepsy; illness involving seizures and convulsions, usually in adults. \*See “di mgba” = epilepsy.
- ose** *n* [LL] waterfront; beach.
- ose öji** *n* [HL HH] alligator pepper, sometimes also called wild ginger, eaten with kola nut (*Afromomum malegueta*). \*\*“Alligator” is a corruption of Portuguese “malegueta”.
- Osebuluwa** *n* [LHLHL] 'God; <sup>2</sup>a sculpted object of worship especially among West Niger Igbo representing a God who carries the world on his shoulder. \*\*“Ose” is short for “Olisa”.
- oseke** *n* [LHL] shovel.
- osi** *n* [HH] theft; stealing. var. **ohi**; **ori**; **oshi**.
- osi** *n* [HL] genitals - *osi edi* = the genitals of a rabbit.
- osi ama** *n* [HHH] anvil; iron stand used by smiths. \*See “akpaka” = anvil.
- osikapa** *n* [LLHH] (loan) rice. <Hausa: “shinkafa” = rice; also Isoko: “osikapa” = rice> (*Oryza sativa*).
- osimili** *n* [LLLL] sea; ocean; big river; any large body of water - *osimili Jodan* = river Jordan. var. **osimirí**; **oshimirí**.
- osimirí** *n* [LLLL] big river; sea; ocean; any large body of water. var. **osimili**; **oshimirí**.
- osisi** *n* [HHH] 'tree; plant; <sup>2</sup>wood; stick; log of wood. var. **oshishi**.
- osisi akpü** *n* [HHH HH] (Bende) cassava.
- osisi ama** *n* [HHH HH] wooden post (nearly a foot long) its v-shaped end fixed deep in the ground and holding the blacksmith’s anvil in place.
- osiwe** *n* [HLH] mortar; small wooden vessel used for pounding or grinding. \*See “ikwe”.
- oso** *n* [HL] pepper - *gbaa ose* = rub pepper into somebody’s eye, or other very sensitive organ, by way of punishment. var. **ose**.
- osoni** *n* [LLL] (Bende) semen.
- osu** *n* [LH] person (usually a man) consecrated to a shrine or à deity, and hence belonging to a caste; a descendant (male or female) of a person so consecrated; a cult slave.
- osu agha** *n* [HL HL] a crisis; a succession of unforeseen and problematic events.
- oshi** *n* [HH] theft; stealing. var. **ohi**; **ori**; **osi**.
- oshimirí** *n* [LLLL] big river; sea; ocean; any large body of water. var. **osimili**; **orimirí**.
- oshishi** *n* [HHH] 'tree; plant; <sup>2</sup>wood; stick (cut or dried tree product); log of wood. var. **osisi**.
- oteke** *n* [LHL] bowl used to measure grain; a half-bushel.
- otele** *n* [LLL] buttock; anus; rear. var. **otile**; **otula**; **otule**.
- oti mkpu** *n* [LH HH] 'herald or town-crier; one who raises a general alarm; <sup>2</sup>siren used on fire, police or other escort vehicles.
- oti nku eghe önù** *n* [LH LL HH HH] young adult cock that has not yet crowed; one who flaps its wings without crowing. \*See “asala” - cock yet to crow.
- otigbu mgbada** *n* [LHH LLL] eagle or hawk; Lit: killer of duikers or deer.
- otile** *n* [LLL] buttock; anus; rear. var. **otele**; **otula**; **otule**.
- otiri** *n* [LLL] kind of tree.
- otite** *n* [LHH] (Öka) festival marking the annual return of Öka men from abroad for a re-union with those at home.
- otito** *n* [LLH] praise - *otito diili ya* = praise be unto him. var. **otuto**.
- otobo** *n* [LLL] (Önica) navel. var. **otume**; **otuwe**.
- otolo** *n* [LLL] cholera; severe diarrhoea. var. **utolo**; **otoro**.
- otoóto** *n* [LHLH] 'grove; fresh luxuriant

growth; bush - *ototo öjöö* = bad bush, as distinct from bad forest ("öhia"); <sup>2</sup>the flowering plant of plants; a bouquet.

**otoro** *n* [LLL] cholera; severe diarrhoea.

**otu** *adj* [HL] same. *var.* **etu**.

**otu** *conj* [LL] as; like; just as. *var.* **etu**. \*The word sometimes has an alternative [HH] tone pattern.

**otu** *n* [HH] <sup>1</sup>waterside; river bank; riverside - *Otu Önica* = Onitsha waterside; <sup>2</sup>beach - *önü mmiri nwere otu* = a bay with a beach (*Acts 27:39*).

**otu** *n* [HH] way or procedure; manner. *var.* **etu**.

**otu** *n* [HL] one only; single.

**otu** *n* [LL] <sup>1</sup>group; sect; gang; <sup>2</sup>association or guild - *Otu Nne* = Mothers' Guild; <sup>3</sup>sect - *otu üka* = religious sect. *var.* **okpu**.

**otu** *n* [LL] jug or wine pot - *ite otu* = wine jar.

**otu** *num* [HL] one; the number one. *var.* **ofu**.

**otu** *prn* [HL] a; a certain; one. *var.* **ofu**.

**otu egwu** *n* [LL HH] musical group; singing/dancing group; band.

**otu ije** *n* [LL HL] convoy; caravan; a troop of traders.

**otu obi** *n* [HL HL] accord or unity; concord; *Lit:* [with] one heart

**otubo** *n* [HLL] navel; place on the stomach at which the umbilical chord was originally attached to the body. *var.* **otuwe; otume; akpa otuwe; akpa otobo; akpa otume; otobo**.

**otula** *n* [HLL] anus; buttock; ass-hole - *otula akörö* = dry shrivelled buttocks. *var.* **otule; otele; otile**.

**otule** *n* [LLL] buttock; anus; ass-hole; rear. *var.* **otile; otele; otula**.

**otumasighi** *adv* [LLHHH] nevertheless; notwithstanding.

**otume** *n* [HLL] (West Igbo) navel. *var.* **otobo; otuwe; otubo**.

**otuto** *n* [LLH] praise. *var.* **otito**.

**otutu** *n* [HLL] blister.

**otutu** *n* [HLL] hammer or anvil, up to 10 pounds in weight and about 15 inches long, used by blacksmiths.

**otutu** *n* [LHH] hiccup; spasm of the diaphragm. *var.* **etutuu**.

**otutuu** *n* [LLHH] hiccup; hiccough; spasm of diaphragm. \*See "otutu".

**otuwe** *n* [HLL] navel. *var.* **otobo; otume**.

**ovu** *n* [LL] a large bird. *var.* **obu; obo**.

**ovulu** *n* [LLL] (Öka) cotton cord knotted with copper.

**owele** *n* [LLL] <sup>1</sup>farm land, usually in the interior of a settlement; forested area of a settlement; hinterland; <sup>2</sup>cultivated land just outside residential area; backyard. *var.* **owere**. \*See "owere".

**owere** *n* [LLL] <sup>1</sup>farm land, usually in the interior of a settlement; forested area of a settlement; <sup>2</sup>backyard. *var.* **owele**. \*See "owerri".

**owerri** *n* [LLL] farmland usually in the hinterland of settlement. *var.* **owele**. \*Spelt "owere" in this Dictionary.

**owu** *n* [HH] name of festival. \*cf. Yor: "Owu" = name of a festival.

**owu** *n* [HH] evening: sun-down.

**owu** *n* [LH] (loan) thread from which cloth is woven; sewing thread; cotton wool. <Yor: "owu" = cotton wool; Bini: "oru" = cotton wool>. *var.* **owulu; obulu**.

**owu** *n* [LL] quietness; dead silence.

**owu prn** [HL] (Öhafia) they; those. *var.* **öhü**.

**owulu** *n* [LHH] (loan) thread from which cloth is woven; sewing thread; cotton wool. <Yor: "owu" = cotton wool; Bini: "oru" = cotton wool>. *var.* **obulu; owu**.

**owulu idu** *n* [LHH LH] fig-nut plant; a hedge plant whose seed yields an extract used as purgative medicine (*Jatropha curcas*).

**owumagana** *n* [HLHLL] chameleon; lizard-like animal that can change colours to suit its location. *var.* **ogwumagala**.

**Oye** *n* [HLL] <sup>1</sup>second day of the 4-day Igbo week; <sup>2</sup>market that holds on Oye day; <sup>3</sup>personal name. *var.* **Orie**. \*Nne Oye = main Oye market/day; Obele Oye = minor Oye market/day.

**oyele** *n* [LHH] <sup>1</sup>opening or gap; hole - *oyele na mgba aja* = an opening or gap in the boundary or perimeter wall; <sup>2</sup>interval; in-between time; opening in a schedule - *welü oyele a mee ive* = use this interval to get something done. *var.* **oghele; oghere; ohere**.

**oyi** *n* [HH] cold; fever - *tüö oyi* = be cold to the touch; be chilly; *maa oyi* = cause fever; cause fever.

**oyi** *n* [LL] appointment

- oyibo** *n* [LLH] (loan) white person; European.  
 <Yor. "oyinbo" = "white person">.
- oyiyi** *n* [HHH] likeness; image - *oyiyi nke ihe anò di ndù* = *the likeness of our living things* (Ezek. 1:5).
- oyiyi** *n* [LLL] appointment. var. **oyi**.
- oyo oyo** *adj* [LL HL] beautiful; fine.
- oyoyo** *n* [LHH] shadow.
- oze** *n* [HH] (Udi) kind of nut, roasted and eaten with palm kernel.
- oze** *n* [LL] brass; bronze.
- ozi** *n* [HH] errand; message; news - *jee ozi* = *go on an errand*; *zie ozi* = *send a message*; *ozi öma* = *good news, gospel*.
- ozi oko** *n* [HH HL] traditional priest; third cadre of traditional Nsüka priests, after "Onyishi" and "Ata ama".
- Ozi öma** *n* [HH HH] Gospel; the New Testament.
- ozigbo** *conj* [LLH] immediately after; as soon after as - *Ozigbo a na-ejide ya* = *immediately after he was apprehended*. var. **ozugbo**.
- ozigbo** *prn* [LLH] all; everyone of. var. **izugbe**; **ozugbo**.
- ozu** *n* [HH] 'cadaver; corpse; body of dead person; '(metaphorically) imbecile; person lacking fire or spirit - *ozu nwürü anwü* = *total imbecile; dead corpse*.
- ozugbo** *conj* [LLH] immediately after, as soon after as - *Ozugbo a na-ejide ya* = *as soon as he was apprehended*. var. **ozigbo**.
- ozugbo** *prn* [LLH] all; everyone. var. **izugbe**.
- ozuru** *n* [LLL] clay formed from anthill, used in construction of Mbari sculptures.

## Ö

- Ö alph** [H] '25th letter of the Igbo alphabet; 'open rounded back vowel. \*Pronounced as in English "pot".
- ö prn** [H] he; it; she; third person personal pronoun in the subject position before a verb with an harmonising first vowel ("a", "i", "ö" or "ü") - *ö di nma* = *it is good*; *ö ciri öci* = *she laughed*. var. **o**. \*cf. **o** mere ebere = she was merciful; **o koro isi** = she quarrelled.
- öba** *n* [HH] barn; stacks for storing farm products, especially where yams are stored in tiers on vertical poles.
- öba** *n* [HH] bowl-like calabash with wide brim used in distributing palm wine; palm wine bowl. var. **ögba**; **ügbä**.
- öba** *n* [LL] 'crocodile; 'used as personal name, and as name of towns and streams.
- öba** *n* [LL] menstruation.
- öbala** *n* [LLL] (Önica) 'blood; 'lineage; blood-line; bond arising from kinship. var. **öbara**.
- öbara** *n* [LLL] 'blood - *gbaa öbara* = *bleed*; 'lineage; blood-line; bond arising from kinship - *o si n öbara* = *it comes from the blood; it runs through the blood; runs in the family*. var. **öbala**.
- öbasara** *adj* [HHHH] broad; wide.
- Öbasí** *i* [LLL] God, or the supreme god.  
 <Efik: "Abasi" = Almighty God>.
- öbia** *n* [HHL] 'visitor; guest - *onye öbia* = visitor; guest [*from outside the community*]; 'foreigner; stranger; alien.
- öbia** *n* [HLH] large tree whose timber is used in building construction.
- öbia** *n* [HLL] kind of wax.
- öbia ngwu** *n* [HHH LL] vulture; ugly bald-headed carrion-eating bird of prey, sacred to some spirits. \*See "udene" = vulture.
- öbibia** *n* [LHHH] arrival; advent.
- öbö** *n* [HH] scabbard; sheath; cover for a sword.
- öbö** *n* [HH] fillet of fish.
- öbö** *n* [HL] grudge; animosity; deep resentment - *ibu öbö* = *to bear (Lit: carry) a grudge*. var. **öböö**; **übö**.

**öbō** *n* [HL] indolence; laziness.

**öbō** *n* [HL] 'cup; bowl; trench - *öbō aka* = cup of the palm; <sup>2</sup>heart or centre of something; epicentre.

**öbō** *n* [LH] kind of freshwater fish.

**öbō** *n* [LH] bundle; heap. var. *ögbo*.

**öbō aka** *n* [HL HH] palm; inner surface of the hand. var. **öbü aka**.

**öbō ükwü** *n* [HL HH] sole; sole of foot. var. **öbü ükwü**.

**öbōdō** *n* [LL] spear.

**öbōgwü** *n* [HHL] duck.

**öbōku** *n* [HLL] diminutive species of he-goat.

**öbōö** *n* [HL] (Oru) grudge; resentment. var. **öbö**; **übō**.

**öbü** *n* [HH] rope; twine. var. *agbü*.

**öbü** *n* [HH] shade tree whose leaves are used for fodder; its figs are edible, but the latex from its bark is said to be of poor quality. var. *ögbü* (*Ficus vogelii*).

**öbü aka** *n* [HL HH] palm; inner surface of the hand. var. **öbō aka**.

**öbü ükwü** *n* [HL HH] sole; sole of foot. var. **öbō ükwü**.

**öbüba** *n* [LLL] <sup>1</sup>grabbing a body; attack; engaging [of another] in a hand-to-hand combat - *öbüba nwanyi* = grabbing a woman; seizing her bodily; <sup>2</sup>bewitching.

**öbübō** *n* [HHH] garden; back-garden. var. *mbübō*. \*See "mgbala"; "nkwuru".

**öbübō** *n* [LLH] dissection; the cutting up or sharing of a carcass or similar object.

**öbübü** *n* [LHH] species of caterpillar that causes painful skin irritation. var. **övüvü**; **öbübü**.

**öbübü mmiri** *n* [LHH HHH] drizzle; light rain.

**öbübü** *n* [LHH] species of caterpillar that causes painful skin irritation. var. **övüvü**; **öbübü**.

**öbüla** *prn* [HHL] whatsoever - *mee ihe öbüla okwuru* = do whatever he says. var. **öbüna**.

**öbüna** *prn* [HHL] whatsoever - *mgbe öbüna okwuru okwu* = whenever he says something; Lit: any time whatsoever he speaks. var. **öbüla**.

**öca** *adj* [LH] clean; pure; white. var. *üca*.

**öci** *n* [HL] (Owere) smile; cheer; laughter - *öci awü mma* = a smile is not [proof of] goodwill.

**öci** *n* [LH] aris; constipation.

**öcica** *n* [LHL] cockroach. var. *ücica*.

**öcici** *n* [LHH] darkness. var. *öcicirü*.

**öcici** *n* [LHH] rule; governance - *ndörö ndörö* *öcici* = contest for (control) of civil government, especially electioneering; *ndi öcici* = rulers; those in power.

**öcici obodo** *n* [LHH LLL] government, especially local government; Lit: the governance of a community.

**öcicirü** *n* [LHLL] darkness - *üzö nile nke öcicirü* = all the ways of darkness (Prov. 2: 13). var. *öcici*.

**öcicö** *n* [LHH] greed; desire, or want; ambition.

**öcö** *n* [LH] a recently introduced variety of cocoyam that produces multiple tubers; sometimes called "ede India". var. *aköö-abaa*.

**öcö** *n* [LH] (Bende) sweetness; pleasant taste; joy or pleasure. var. *ütö*; *üsö*.

**öcö mma** *n* [LH HH] dandy; one always seeking to look elegant or beautiful; one overly concerned with personal appearance.

**öcü** *n* [HL] corpse; human being. \*Used almost exclusively in the phrase, "gbuo öcü" = kill (murder) somebody.

**öcucü** *n* [LHH] expulsion; banishment; exile.

**öda** *n* [HH] sacred grove; wooded area near a settlement dedicated to a deity or spirit.

**öda** *n* [HL] he-goat.

**öda** *n* [HL] long shallow basket used to carry or store food or other farm products, and in which they may be spread to dry in the sun. \*See "akpara" = basket.

**ödaci** *n* [HLH] ill-fortune; mishap; obstacle; Lit: something that falls across and blocks one's path.

**ödakö** *n* [HLH] coincidence; accident.

**ödi be ndi** *n* [LL H HH] tradition or local custom; Lit: what exists resides at each people's place. \*"**be**" is short for "**ebe**" = place where.

**ödinaihu** *n* [LL H HH] future; Lit: that which lies ahead.

**ödida** *n* [LLL] <sup>1</sup>fall, collapse; or failure; <sup>2</sup>setting of sun - *ödida anyanwü* = west; sunset; Lit: falling of the sun.

**ödö** *adv* [LH] again; once more. var. *ödüö*; *özö*.

**ödö** *n* [LH] area of plantation or farm field

dominated by a principal feature; crop zone  
- ödö nküwü aba = *area of farm devoted to pineapples.*

**ödö akpü** *n* [HH HH] cassava farm.

**ödö mmiri** *n* [HH HHH] pond; pool; large body of water.

**ödü** *n* [HH] pestle; club-shaped wooden instrument used in pounding. var. **aka odo**.

**ödü** *n* [HH] 'ivory; elephant-tusk; <sup>2</sup>carved tapered flute of wood, elephant tusk, or stag horn.

**ödü** *n* [HH] advice; admonishment; counsel - diüö ödü = *give advice.*

**ödü** *n* [HL] bottom; tail.

**ödü** *n* [HL] area, section or row (esp. of market) where particular commodities are sold - ödü akpü = *cassava section of market.*

**ödü** *n* [HL] long waiting time - nöö ödiü = *wait a long time; take a long time.*

**ödü aka** *n* [HL HH] fifth finger; *Lit:* last or bottom finger.

**ödü nwa** *n* [HL HH] last of a mother's children; the very last child of a mother before menopause. \*See also "mbihi ime" which the pregnancy that closes out child-bearing [for the womb].

**ödüm** *n* [LHH] lion - ödüm na-egbu agü = *lion that can kill the tiger.* var. **odum**; **odumodu**.

**ödüö** *adv* [LLH] again; once more. var. **ödö**; **özö**.

**öfala** *n* [HLL] annual New Yam festival in Onitsha town. \*Possible derived from "öfö ala".

**öfi** *n* [LH] (West Igbo) pumpkin.

**öfi** *n* [LH] yaws.

**öfia** *n* [HHH] 'forest; bush; woods; <sup>2</sup>(as a geographical term) wooded part of a settlement, as distinct (for example) from the farming area - Agülü öfia = *wooded part of Agülü town.* var. **öhia**.

**öfia** *n* [HHH] hunt; organised hunting expedition - fa-jelü öfia = *they went hunting.* var. **öhia**.

**öfö** *n* [HH] (Bende) soup prepared with vegetables, meat and seasoning, used in eating "nri," "ütara" or other mashed tubers. var. **ofe**.

**öfö** *n* [LH] 'a sacred tree from whose branchlet the ritual "öfö" staff is carved; <sup>2</sup>ritual staff

used to invoke divine vengeance on unconfessed offenders: name of idol or staff to invoke spirits in the spirit of truthfulness - *nne öfö = the lead staff among the öfö staffs of a community;* <sup>3</sup>righteousness; truth symbolised in the figure of "öfö" - Öfö ka ide ji awa ala = *the flood has righteousness on its side as it cuts gullies in the earth* (*Deterium Senegalense; Deterium elastica*).

**öfölö** *n* [HLL] dry branch of the palm; dry petioles of mature branches used for poles, fences, rafters and beds. var. **öförö**.

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**öfülü** *adj* [HHH] new; fresh; recent - *ji öfülü = new yam.* var. **öhühü**; **öhürü**.

**öfuma** *adv* [LHH] well; properly; correctly.

**öga** *n* [LL] (Ösömarri) hawk. var. **öga nkwo**.

**ögaca** *n* [LLH] girl of easy virtue; harlot.

**ögadögä** *n* [HLHH] sour palm wine.

**ögalanya** *n* [LLLL] man who has more than two wives; a man of means and wealth who would usually have taken a title. var. **öganya**.

**ögälü** *n* [HLH] cosmetic dye.

**ögankwö** *n* [LL] hawk. var. **öga**.

**ögåranya** *n* [LLLL] wealthy man; man of means; a man who has more than two wives. var. **ögalyanya**.

**ögazi** *n* [LLL] guinea-fowl; wild fowl with white spots on its plumage.

**ögö** *n* [HL] in-law; any member of the extended family into which one's relation is married; people among whom there is (or has been) a marriage relationship - ögö nwoke = *male in-law;* ögö nwanyi = *female in-law;* ndi ögö = *in-laws, generally.*

**ögö** *n* [LL] kindness; mercy.

**ögödö** *n* [LLL] waist-cloth or wrapper-cloth; short piece of cloth sometimes used as headgear - ögödö isi = *head gear.* var. **ngödö**; **ögödü**.

**ögödö** *n* [LLL] (West Igbo) pond.

**ögödö** *n* [LLL] loin-cloth or waistcloth; short wrapper cloth, also used as headgear. var. **ögödü**; **ngödö**.

**ögödü** *n* [LLL] loin-cloth or waistcloth; short wrapper cloth, also used as headgear. var. **ögödö**; **ngödö**.

**ögölö** *n* [LLL] type of palm wine.

**ögü** *n* [HL] 'angled wooden handle for a hoe; often used to refer to the entire hoe, including the metal blade; <sup>2</sup>type of hoe commonly used by women. var. **egu**.

**ögü** *n* [LL] (Owere) battle; fight; war.

**ögü** *num* [HH] twenty. var. **ohu**; **oru**.

**ögü ube** *n* [HL HL] hoe with wooden handle to the metal end-piece, like a modified spear with wide tip, used in cultivating yam without having to make mounds. var. **ube**.

**ögügü** *n* [HHH] count; numeration; reading.

**ögülü akwü** *n* [LLL HH] (Önica) low-grade palm oil, not used for cooking; very inferior oil washed out from spent palm-nut fibre. var. **ogiri akwü**.

**ögülü arö** *n* [HHH HL] disease that breaks out seasonally, i.e. annually

**ögba** *n* [HL] 'fence, usually made of palm or other branches, used to demarcate boundaries or keep off animals and trespassers; <sup>2</sup>area so fenced in, hence, yard or garden - *eghu abala n'ögba = a goat has entered the (fenced-in) yard*; <sup>3</sup>barricade, or stile; pund; hence, stockade. \*See "mgbügbä" = fence.

**ögba** *n* [HL] cave.

**ögba** *n* [HL] (Öhafia) calabash. var. **öba**; **ügbä**.

**ögba** *n* [HL] kind of leopard; sometimes called **agü ögba**.

**ögba** *n* [LL] brass leg anklet, about 7" to 14" in diameter, worn as dress ornament.

**ögba afa** *n* [HH HH] soothsayer; diviner. var. **ögba aja**.

**ögba aghara** *n* [HH HHH] 'commotion or fracas; <sup>2</sup>riot.

**ögba aja** *n* [HH LL] soothsayer; diviner. var. **ögba afa**.

**ögba aja** *n* [HL HH] perimeter wall; perimeter fence made from mud; mud fence. var. **mgbä-aaja**.

**ögba ama** *n* [HH LL] informant.

**ögba n'uhie** *n* [LH LLL] variety of yam whose tubers grow across rather than into the mound.

**ögba nkö** *n* [LH HH] expert fortune teller; diviner. \*See "ögba aja" = diviner.

**ögba öhia** *n* [HL HHH] cave; cave dwelling - *je biri n'ögba öhia = went to live in a cave* (Gen. 19:30).

**ögba üta** *n* [HH HH] archer.

**ögbagä** *n* [LHH] yellow yam of poor yield.

**ögabaj** *n* [HHH] wormwood. \*See "ese ilu" = wormwood.

**ögbakö** *n* [HHL] assembly or gathering; congregation; crowd; audience, i.e. crowd of listeners.

**ögbakwü** *n* [HHH] funnel; wide-rimmed cup with narrow base used to transfer liquid.

**ögbalä** *n* [HLL] column; line; row; queue. \*See "ahiri" = column; queue.

**ögbanaga** *n* [LHHH] 'funnel, faucet or similar object for transferring liquid; <sup>2</sup>flagon. \*See "aria" = flagon.

**ögbanje** *n* [LHH] mystery child said to be possessed by spirits, and likely to die young, and to re-incarnate repeatedly to the torment of its mother. \*cf. Yor: "abiku".

**ögbara** *n* [LLL] finished gourd used to serve or hold food; differs from "ekpekere" which does not have a cover.

**ögbö** *n* [LH] age-group; age-mate; persons of the same generation. \*See "uke" and "ule".

**ögbö** *n* [LH] arena; public place; field - *püta n'ögbö = come into the arena; come out in public view*; *ögbö ahia = market square*.

**ögbö** *n* [LH] dried fibrous fruit of small gourd used as sieve or sponge.

**ögbö agha** *n* [LH HH] battle field.

**ögbö ahia** *n* [LH HHH] market square; market, especially when in full swing - *n'ögbö ahia = in the thick of a market session; right in the center of the market*.

**ögbödö** *n* [LLLH] (Asaba) spear; ceremonial spear.

**ögbölö** *n* [HLL] (West Igbo) calabash.

**ögbonö** *n* [LLL] species of the mango tree, the kernel of whose fruit is used in food preparation; also known as the "bitter mango" (*Irinia gaboneensis excelsa*).

**ögbü** *n* [HH] rope; twine. var. **öbü**; **agbü**.

**ögbü** *n* [HH] shade tree whose leaves are used for fodder; its figs are edible, but the latex from its bark is said to be of poor quality. var. **öbü** (*Ficus vogelii*).

**ögbügbä ndü** *n* [LLL HL] blood covenant or pact; peace treaty sealed with ritual sharing of slaughtered animal, ensuring mutual observance on pain of most severe consequences. \*See "gbaa ndü" = enter into a blood

pact or covenant.

**öghii** *n* [LHH] accident; freak incident; mishap - *Ö hü ihe öghii = it was an accident; an unplanned happening.* <"ghöö" = go wrong>. var. **öghöm**.

**öghö** *n* [LH] accident; fortuitous happening; mishap; - *öghö mü = an accident.* var. **öghöm**.

**öghöm** *n* [LHH] an accident or mischance; unplanned incident. <"ghöö" = go wrong>. var. **öghii**; **öghö**; **öghöm**.

**öghü** *n* [LH] (so-called) flying squirrel.

**ögwa** *n* [HL] shrine; meeting hall housing the figure of a god. \*Seen in place names such as "Ögwa" or "Ögwashi-ukwu".

**ögwü** *n* [HL] 'medicine, or drug; any form of chemotherapy - *ögwü isi* = headache medicine; Lit: medicine for the head; *ögwü afö* = laxative; Lit: medicine for the bowels; ^charm or other agent with magical properties, also used to cure disease or achieve other results.

**ögwü** *n* [HL] stump of tree, but also sometimes the trunk below the first branches. var. **ogwurugwu**; **ögwülügwü**.

**ögwü afö** *n* [HL HH] laxative; medicine to relieve constipation.

**ögwü ahüia** *n* [HL HHHH] herbal medicine; i.e. medicines from herbs or leaves.

**ögwülügwü** *n* [HLL] the stump of a tree; but sometimes also the lower trunk just below the first branches. var. **ögwü**.

**oha** *n* [LH] plant whose leaves serve as a highly prized vegetable used in food preparation; the plant itself is an excellent boundary-marker. var. **öra** (*Pterocarpus; Canna indica L.*)

**oha** *n* [LL] 'community; people; public - *Öha na eze = all the people assembled.* Lit: the people and their leaders; ^masses; citizenry.'

**oha na eze** *n* [LL L HL] the community; the public.

**öhai** *n* [LLH] a charm or talisman - *öhai nna ya = his father's charms.*

**öhambélé** *n* [LLHH] berry-tree; velvet tamarind. var. **öhambé** (*Dialium guineense*).

**öhia** *n* [HHH] hunt; organised hunting expedition - *ha gara öhia = they went hunting.* var. **öfia**.

**öhia** *n* [HHH] 'forest; bush; woods; ^as a geographical term) wooded part of a settlement, as distinct (for example) from the farming area - *Isu öhia = wooded part of Isu town.*

var. **öfia**.

**öhihere** *n* [LHHH] sweat; perspiration. \*See "ösüsöö".

**öhii** *n* [LHH] kind of tree with hardwood timber.

**öhü** *n* [HH] vagina; vulva. var. **örü**.

**öhü** *n* [HL] a vision or apparition.

**öhü prn** [HL] they; those. var. **owu**.

**öhü nsí** *n* [HL HH] anus; buttock.

**öhühö** *n* [LLH] selection; the act or process of choosing or selecting - *Ö na-agbaka öhühö = she is extremely choosy.*

**öhühü** *adj* [HHH] (Afikpo) new; fresh; recent - *eho öhürü = new year.* var. **öhürü**.

**öhühü** *n* [LLL] 'impatience; over-anxiety; ^quivering or shaking; tremour.

**öhürü** *adj* [HHH] new; fresh; recent - *ji öhürü = new year.* var. **öhühü**.

**öhürü** *n* [HHH] freshness; newness; novelty.

**öja** *n* [LL] 'a musical instrument made of hollow reed, with three holes in addition to the mouthpiece; ^flute; whistle; pipe - *na-egbu öja = play the pipe* (Gen. 4:20). \*See also "akpili" and "akpele" = flute.

**jí** *n* [HH] kola nut tree; the mildly bitter fruit of the tree (*Cola acuminata*).

**oji** *n* [HH] entertainment; bribe; gratification.

**oji** *n* [HL] iroko tree, a large hardwood timber tree; a royal tree said to germinate and grow only in the compound of a distinguished lineage (*Chlorophora excelsa; Pandanus* (?)).

**oji anwü** *n* [HL HH] species of the iroko tree with narrow leaves (*Antiaris africana*)

**oji anü** *n* [HL HL] straight-growing white-wood timber tree.

**oji gworo** *n* [HH] species of the kola nut; never has more than two cotyledons. var. **oji awusa** (*Cola nitida*). \*More commonly, simply "gworo".

**oji igbo** *n* [HH] species of the kola nut, usually having more than two cotyledons (*Cola acuminata*).

**oji ugo** *n* [HH LL] white kola nut, held to be special, and therefore reserved for a titled or other important man; Lit: eagle's kolanut.

**ojö** *n* [LL] a women's dance.

**ojögölö** *n* [HLL] kind of fishing net.

**öjöö** *adj* [HHH] bad; ugly; wicked; of ill-repute - *mmiri öjöö = dirty water; ihu öjöö = bad luck; Lit: ugly face; mwata agwa öjöö*

- = ill-mannered child.
- øjükü** *n* [HHH] species of palm tree with high kernel and low oil yield (*E. guineensis idolatica*). \*Held sacred in Mbaukwu.
- öka** *n* [HL] corn or maize; grain, generally - ifulu öka = corn flour.
- öka iwu** *n* [LH LH] lawyer; barrister; one who professes, or is learned in, the law. \*cf. "ndi ikpe" = judges.
- ökacasi** *adv* [HLLL] especially.
- ökala** *adj* [HHH] (Önica) brave or bold; daring.
- ökala** *n* [LLL] one half; half. *var.* **ökara**.
- ökalí oholi** *n* [LLH LLL] wastrel; useless person; vagabond. *var.* **akara ogiri; akara ogori; ogoli; ogori**.
- ökara** *n* [HLL] boundary; line of division.
- ökara** *n* [LLL] one half; half.
- ökasi** *n* [LHH] vegetable with strong fibrous veins used to prepare soups and salads. *var.* **ökazi**.
- ökata** *n* [LHH] forest; forested area of settlement.
- ökazi** *n* [LHH] vegetable with strong fibrous veins used to prepare soups and salads. *var.* **ökasi**.
- ökazü** *n* [LHH] (Öhafia) meal; food, generally.
- öki** *n* [HL] crafty person.
- ökika** *n* [LHH] the process of becoming tattered or ragged - *ökika akwa ya wutere m* = the reduction of her cloth to tatters hurt me.
- ökiyi** *n* [HHH] roofing mat made from bamboo palm fronds. *var.* **akanya; akanye**.
- ökö** *n* [HH] itch; scratch; rash.
- ökö azü** *n* [LL HL] fisherman.
- ököci** *n* [HHL] dry season; season after the rains, approximately between late September and April. \*See "ügürü".
- ökögbo** *n* [HLL] hart; male deer.
- ököli** *n* [LLL] (West Igbo) traitor.
- ököli** *n* [LLL] discharge - *ököli utulu* = discharge from running nose.
- ökölö** *n* [HLL] (Önica) okro; plant with ridged seed-pods used in food preparation. *var.* **ökwürü**.
- ökölötö** *n* [LLLL] flag, emblem, banner or standard. *var.* **ökörötö**.
- ököröbiöm** *n* [LLLLL] kind of tree that produces an edible fruit; fruit of the tree, eaten as "ükpa".
- ökörötö** *n* [HLLL] flag, emblem, banner or standard. *var.* **ökölötö**.
- ökötö** *n* [LLH] kind of creeping plant.
- ökowa okwu** *n* [LHH HH] dictionary; book listing the words of a language and their meanings, in either that language alone, or in relation to other languages; *Lit:* explainer of words.
- ökü** *n* [HH] light; fire.
- ökü** *n* [HL] wealth; possession.
- ökü** *n* [LL] broad-bottomed earthenware bowl with wide brim used for grinding or mixing food.
- ökü** *n* [LL] pipe; smoking pipe.
- ökü gam** *n* [LH L] 'bell; *Lit:* the thing that rings with a metallic bell-like ("gam") sound; jingle-bell.
- ökü isi** *n* [HL HH] a headdress worn by women performing the "igba mmanü" ritual.
- ökü mmöö** *n* [HH LHH] hell; *Lit:* fire of the spirit world - *zida na mmüö* = descended into hell (Is. 5:14). \*See also "ala mmüö" = land of the spirits.
- ökükö** *n* [LHL] chicken; cock; fowl - *ökükö abübö* = hen that is forever scratching food.
- öküma** *n* [LLL] yaws. \*See also "ekpecu" and "ikpeci" = yaws.
- ökümkpa** *n* [LLH] a satiric and humorous play performed during the Ökpa festival.
- ökpa** *n* [HL] (Öhafia/Afikpo) leg; heel; foot - *fi ya ökpa* = kick him with the foot; *were ökpa cöwa ya* = make the journey on foot.
- ökpa** *n* [LL] 'groundnut; beans. \*in full: "ökpa nwa ilulo".
- ökpa** *n* [LL] (Afikpo) an Afikpo festival; the masquerade or mask featured during the festival.
- ökpa** *n* [LL] cock; cockerel. *var.* **oke ökpa; di ökpa**.
- ökpa** *n* [LL] staff, stick.
- ökpa idum** *n* [HL LL] elephantiasis.
- ökpala** *n* [HHH] son, whether alive or dead; first-born son of a father, or of a mother; surviving first son. *var.* **ökpara; öpara**.
- ökpangu** *n* [LLH] chimpanzee, the great wrestler, and nit-wit of folklore.
- ökpanyi** *n* [LHH] fanatic; over-zealous person - *nzukö ndi ökpanyi* = congregation of fanatics.

**ökpara** *n* [HHH] son, whether alive or dead; first-born son of a father, or of a mother; surviving first son - *ökpara ya nwürü anwü = his [frst] son is dead.* var. **ökwara**; **öpara**.

**ökpö** *n* [HH] meal made from beans.

**ökpö** *n* [HH] 'namesake; persons, usually of about the same age who have the same given names; <sup>2</sup>a ceremony (esp. at Öka) to celebrate the coming of age of young boys.

**ökpö** *n* [HH] 'knuckles; clenched fist; <sup>2</sup>punch or blow made with fist or clenched hand, as in boxing or hand-to-hand fighting; hard knock to the bone - *suo ökpö = fight with fists; or box; küö ökpö isi = deliver a sharp knock to the head.*

**ökpö** *n* [HH] old homestead; piece of land on which the family homes were formerly built. var. **ökpötö**. \*See "uhu" = old homestead.

**ökpö** *n* [LH] catfish; scaleless, rather short fish, with catlike whiskers and spiked fins. var. **okpo**.

**ökpö** *n* [LH] pod, e.g. of kolanut.

**ökpö** *n* [LL] charm; talisman; amulet worn on the body of the person it is intended to protect. var. **ökpü**.

**ökpö ijä** *n* [LH] small, grey extremely poisonous fish with protruding eyes.

**ökpö ijö** *n* [HL LH] variety of catfish.

**ökpö ijö** *n* [LH] small, grey extremely poisonous fish with protruding eyes.

**ökpö olu** *n* [LH HH] only child; child without siblings.

**ökpökö** *n* [LLH] 'pipe, originally made of clay, used for smoking tobacco; <sup>2</sup>dirty person; soot-encrusted thing - *imi ökpökö = dirty nose; Lit: tobacco nose.*

**ökpökörö** *n* [HHHH] 'plate made from cured gourd, used to hold and serve food, especially foofoo ("ütara"); <sup>2</sup>shard-like or shattered pieces of crockery or pottery. var. **ekpekele**; **ekpekere**.

**ökpösii** *n* [HHH] 'carved statuette of ancestors, usually in very formal pose; wand or walking stick with such alüsü statuettes carved at its head; <sup>2</sup>(figuratively) a stupid person.

**ökpötö** *n* [HHH] old homestead; piece of land on which the family homes were formerly built. var. **ökpö**. \*See "uhu" = old homestead.

**ökpötörö** *n* [HHHH] 'long tapering branch of

the bamboo tree; <sup>2</sup>bamboo bench used as seats in public places.

**ökpü** *n* [HL] (Önica) beginnings; ages past.

**ökpü** *n* [LH] kind of insect.

**ökpü** *n* [LH] catfish; variety of fish with broad dorsal spine and hard flat snout. var. **ökpö**.

**ökpü** *n* [LL] hip; the general area of the buttock, including the hip.

**ökpü** *n* [LL] scar.

**ökpü** *n* [LL] 'a variety of yam; <sup>2</sup>morsel of food, esp. foofoo. var. **opoko**; **okpoko**.

**ökpü** *n* [LL] piles; a kind of disease; haemorrhoids.

**ökpü** *n* [LL] charm; talisman; amulet worn on the body of the person it is intended to protect. var. **ökpö**.

**ökpü üzü** *n* [LH HH] smith; blacksmith; ironmonger.

**ökpüköpö** *n* [HHH] bone; skeleton - *nwanyi afü bù sō ökpüköpö = that woan is all bones.* var. **ökpüküpü**.

**ökpüköpö** *n* [LLH] traditional bed made from bamboo.

**ökpüköpö azü** *n* [HHH LH] backbone; spine. var. **ökpüküpü azü**.

**ökpüküpü** *n* [HHH] 'bone; skeleton - *nwanyi afü bù sō ökpüköpö = that woman is all bones;* <sup>2</sup>bangle, usually made of ivory; Lit: bones. var. **ökpüköpö**.

**ökpüküpü** *n* [HHH] ivory bangle worn by women with ten or more children, and sometimes by men for proven expertise.

**ökpüküpü azü** *n* [HHH LH] back-bone; spine. var. **ökpüköpö-azü**.

**ökpüküpü ntü** *n* [HHH HH] area behind the kitchen used as dump for ash and other household waste. \*See "mkpu" = garbage dump.

**ökpüküpü obi** *n* [HHH HL] rib or rib-cage; chest or breast.

**ökpürüköpö** *n* [HLLL] chunk or sizeable piece of something; (of money) substantial amount - *ökpürüköpö nimadü du ha = persons of substance led (or accompanied) them;* *ökpürüköpö ego = substantial sum of money.* var. **ökpürüküpü**.

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**ökwa** *n* [HH] wooden bowl; small mortar.

**ökwa** *n* [HH] post; step or grade; platform; office or rank.

**ökwa** *n* [HL] 'announcement; proclamation; legal warning - *maa ökwa* = *make a public proclamation of an order, usually an injunction*; <sup>2</sup>legal notice; bye-law or edict. \*See "iwu" = law, decree.

**ökwa** *n* [HL] (West Igbo) a widow still in her husband's homestead - *gbaa ökwa* = *have sex with a widow*.

**ökwa** *n* [LL] partridge; bush-fowl; the francolin (*Francolin*).

**ökwa mgbö** *n* [HH HH] single-handle wooden bowl or tray with raised flat cutting surface.

**ökwa nzu** *n* [HH LH] chalk-bowl; wooden bowl with supply of white chalk or lime for use by guests.

**ökwa ose** *n* [HH HL] 'pepper-mortar usually carved; and used only to serve close relatives or intimate friends; <sup>2</sup>symbol of reconciliation.

**ökwara** *n* [HHH] son, whether alive or dead; first-born son of a father, or of a mother; surviving first son. var. **ökpala**; **öpara**.

**ökwo ügbö** *n* [LH HH] - driver; operator; one responsible for steering or operating a vehicle or craft.

**ökwlölä** *n* [LLL] pelican, a long-beaked bird - *okwukwu nwere mpi, na ökwölö, na udele* = *water hen and pelican and carrion vulture (Lev. 11:18)*. var. **ökwöri**.

**ökwlöri** *n* [LLL] pelican, a long-beaked bird. var. **ökwlölä**.

**ökwü** *n* [HH] landed property.

**ökwü** *n* [LL] 'sweetheart; darling - *Ö nalü m ökwü m* - *he has taken my sweetheart from me*; <sup>2</sup>lover; mistress; now used in a non-complimentary ways as sex mate and occasional girl-friend. \*See "ösi" and öyi".

**ökwükwa ozu** *n* [LHH HH] funeral rites; rites associated with the second burial. var. **öküma**.

**ökwülü** *n* [HLL] okro; plant with ridged seed-pods used in food preparation. var. **ökwürü** (*Hibiscus esculentus*).

**ökwüma** *n* [LLH] yaws. var. **öküma**.

**ökwürü** *n* [HLL] okro; plant with ridged seed-pods used in food preparation. var. **ökwülü** (*Hibiscus esculentus*).

**ökwürü bekee** *n* [HLL HH] (Owere) paw-

paw; papaya; edible plant with milky sap and juicy fruit shaped like a giant okra (*Carica papaya*).

**ökwürü oru** *n* [HLL HH] pawpaw; papaya; edible plant with milky sap and juicy fruit shaped like a giant okra (*Carica papaya*).

**ökwürü ükwa** *n* [HLL HL] pineapple. var. **ökwürü oru**.

**öla** *n* [HL] brass; bronze; ring made from brass; ring. var. **öna**; **üla**; **ole**.

**öla** *n* [LH] slap on the face - *maa öla* = *slap; give a slap*. var. **üla**; **üra**.

**öla aka** *n* [HL HH] bracelet. var. **öna-aka**.

**öla edo** *n* [HL LL] gold.

**öla nti** *n* [HL HL] ear-ring.

**öla öca** *n* [HL HH] silver.

**ölli** *n* [LHH] outing; short walk - *jee ölli* = *go on an outing*. var. **örüri**.

**ölli** *n* [LLL] neglect; negligence. \*See "nnenè" = neglect.

**ölli** *n* [LLL] labour; work.

**ölü** *n* [HH] 'labour; task; work; <sup>2</sup>employment - *o nwetego ölü* = *he has secured a job*; <sup>3</sup>responsibility - *ö bü ölü ya* = *that is his responsibility*. var. **örü**.

**ölü** *n* [HH] defect; flaw; fault or handicap. var. **örü**; **örüsü**.

**ölü** *n* [HH] whole leg of slaughtered animal. var. **örü**.

**ölü ngo** *n* [HH HL] contract; bid. var. **örü ngo**.

**ölülü** *n* [LHH] marriage; the act of getting married - *ölülü di na nwanyi* = *marriage between husband and woman*. var. **alülü**; **önünü**.

**öma** *adj* [HH] good; beautiful; pleasant - *ihu öma* = *good fortune*.

**öma** *n* [HL] 'plant with edible leaves; <sup>2</sup>type of yam.

**öma** *n* [HL] centre or middle of; heart of - **öma ahia** = *heart of the market; the main market*. \*cf. "öma" = chest; torso.

**öma** *n* [HL] chest; torso; a woman's bust or bosom - *bie öma* = *to embrace; lit. to press one's breast against someone*.

**Öma** *n* [HL] shrine dedicated to deceased mothers.

**oma agü** *n* [HH HH] (Öka) uninhabited land; wilderness; heath; *Lit.* the circle of tigers, the heart of tiger-land. \*See "akpa" = wilderness.

**öma ahia** *n* [HL HHH] heart of market; mar-

ket-place.	önümü <i>n</i> [LLH] human fertility; child-bearing; fecundity.
öma akü <i>n</i> [HH LL] the first (or head-wife) of a polygamous marriage.	önümü <i>n</i> [LLL] learning; education.
öma apü <i>n</i> [HL HH] 'plant with edible leaves; ^leaves of the "öma apü" tree, similar in use to "oha".	ömürü nwa <i>n</i> [LLL HH] interest; compound interest.
öma iko <i>n</i> [HL HH] compassion; pity; kindness; <i>Lit:</i> the embrace of a sweetheart - <i>nwee öma iko = have pity on, spare or forebear; have sympathy for; have mercy on.</i> var. ömikö.	öna <i>n</i> [HL] ring. var. öla.
ömaba <i>n</i> [HLL] 'a masquerade that is part of a festival by the same name; ^a medicine-man; sometimes the priest of the deity of the same name.	öna <i>n</i> [LL] species of yam, yellowish in colour, with three-pronged leaves. var. üna ( <i>Dioscorea dumetorum Pax</i> ).
ömalica <i>adj</i> [HHHH] (Önica) fine; of exceptional quality; splendid; very beautiful. var. ömarica.	öna aka <i>n</i> [HL HH] bracelet. var. öla aka.
ömarica <i>adj</i> [HHHH] fine; of exceptional quality; splendid; very beautiful. var. ömalica.	öna mme <i>n</i> [LL HH] (Önica) yellow variety of yam. var. üna ( <i>Dioscorea dumetorum Pax</i> ).
ömi <i>n</i> [LH] deep pond. var. ümii.	öna öca <i>n</i> [LL HH] (Önica) white variety of yam. var. üna ( <i>Dioscorea dumetorum Pax</i> ).
ömi <i>n</i> [LL] tapper's tube. var. ami.	önöcili <i>n</i> [LLLL] (Önica) 'substitute; replacement; ^given name for a child born soon after the death of an immediate elder sibling of the same sex. var. nnociri.
ömi <i>n</i> [LL] (West Igbo) seed shoot.	önödü <i>n</i> [HLH] condition; situation; circumstance.
ömikö <i>n</i> [HHL] compassion; pity; sympathy - <i>E nwere m ömikö n'arü igwe mmadü a = I have great compassion on the multitude (Mt. 15:32).</i> *Translates "to pity, spare (nwee ömikö)" rather than "have sympathy (obi-ebere)" or "have mercy (mee ebere)".	önödü nwa <i>n</i> [HHH HH] pain (or period of pain) after childbirth. *See "akükwa" = post-partum pains.
ömilö <i>n</i> species of the lizard. var. ömikö.	önöghözi <i>n</i> [LHLL] 'castrated person; eunuch; <i>Lit:</i> it is no longer there!; ^impotence. var. önöözì.
ömimi ede <i>n</i> [LLL HL] tender leaves of cocoyam, used sometimes in food preparation.	önöözì <i>n</i> [LHLL] 'castrated person; eunuch; <i>Lit:</i> it is no longer there!; ^impotence. *Short form of "önöghözi".
ömö <i>n</i> [HL] (Öhafia) children; siblings - <i>Azogbu ömö ji = they trampled young yam stems to death.</i> var. ümü.	önü <i>n</i> [HH] price; category; classification - oke önü = high price.
ömürü <i>n</i> [LH] young palm frond yet to unfold; light-green sapling palm frond, used in many rituals as sacred leaf.	önü <i>n</i> [HH] 'mouth; opening; entrance to house - önü üzö = gate; entrance; entrance door; ^beak - önü nnünü = beak of bird.
ömürü <i>n</i> [LH] stone used to crack objects.	önü <i>n</i> [HH] musical note; tone or pitch.
ömürü <i>n</i> [LLL] whetstone; stone for sharpening knives, etc.	önü ahia <i>n</i> [HH HHH] price; selling price; cost; value.
ömürügwö <i>n</i> [HLH] 'ceremony, financed by a father, which celebrates birth of new baby and honours its mother with feasts and gifts; ^period after childbirth set aside for mother and child; period of nursing - <i>nwanyi nö n'ömürügwö = a woman in the first six months after childbirth.</i>	önü ala <i>adj</i> [HH LL] low-priced; cheap.
	önü ala <i>n</i> [HH LL] low tone; bass.
	önü elu <i>n</i> [HH HH] high tone; high-pitched note.
	önü mmili <i>n</i> [HH HHH] headstream or river source; bay; harbour. var. önü mmiri.
	önü mmiri <i>n</i> [HH HHH] headstream or river source; bay; harbour - <i>önü mmiri nwere otu = bay with a beach (Acts 27:39).</i> var. önü mmili.
	önü mpo <i>n</i> [HH LH] man-hole; drainage hole; hole in compound wall for waste and flood

- water. var. **önü ntü**.
- önü ntü** *n* [HH LH] man-hole; drainage hole; hole in compound wall for waste and flood water. var. **önü mpo**.
- önü ögögü** *n* [HH LHH] number; enumeration.
- önü ötü** *n* [HH HL] vaginal opening or "os"; the vagina proper.
- önü ügbö** *n* [HH HH] bow of a ship; front end of a boat.
- önü ülö** *n* [HH HL] frontage of a house; eaves.
- önü üzö** *n* [HH HL] door; threshold.
- önü üzö** *n* [HH HL] assembly of those elders who own particular "oriri akü" carvings - *Nwanyi ka di ya, Önü üzö aka ya = A woman can dominate her husband, but never his kinsmen.*
- önükü** *n* [HHH] 'village group, or grouping of villages (especially in Öka) claiming blood links; <sup>2</sup>kindred group.
- önüma** *n* [HHH] largest size of the extended family - vicinity; neighbourhood; sometimes, the members of a village. var. **önümara**. \*See also "onuku" as used in Öka to mean "village group".
- önüma** *n* [LLL] anger; grudge.
- önümara** *n* [HHHH] 'vicinity; neighbourhood; kindred; <sup>2</sup>(in Öka) a village group linked by common ancestors. var. **önüma**.
- önüñü** *n* [LHH] marriage; the act of getting married - *önüñü di na nwanyi = marriage between husband and woman*. var. **alülü**; **ölülü**.
- önüñü** *n* [LLL] 'ashy remains of cremated human bones used by medicine-men in their practice; used as relic or in amulets; <sup>2</sup>incendiary powder for gun.
- önwa** *dem* [HL] (Öhafia) that; that one; - *mba önwa = that town*. var. **ahü**.
- önwa** *n* [HH] <sup>1</sup>moon - *önwa agbaala = the moon is out*; <sup>2</sup>month; the period between two moons - *önwa atö = third month; rue önwa = for a month*.
- önwa** *n* [HL] part; half.
- önwü** *n* [HH] death - *önwü ci = natural death*; death other than by accident or foul means.
- önwünwa** *n* [LLL] temptation; trial.
- onya** *n* [HH] open wound; sore; wound that has been infected.
- onya** *n* [HL] 'snare; trap; <sup>2</sup>web - *onya ududo* = spider's web.
- onya eri** *n* [HL HH] bird trap; trap of sticky latex gum used to trap birds.
- onya ure** *n* [HH LH] ulcerative open wound; gangrene.
- onyima** *n* [HHH] 'light metal ring worn by a grandparent; <sup>2</sup>ceremony for a grandparent by his/her children, sometimes posthumously.
- önü** *n* [HL] 'joy; jubilation; rejoicing; gladness; <sup>2</sup>mockery - *ñüö önü = mock by rejoicing at somebody's misfortune*.
- öpa** *n* [HL] groundnut; peanut. <Yor./Bini: "öpa"/"öpapa" = groundnut>. var. **öpapa**.
- öpapa** *n* [HHH] groundnut; peanut. <Yor./Bini: "öpa"/"öpapa" = groundnut>. var. **öpa**; **ökpa**.
- öpara** *n* [HHH] son, whether alive or dead; first-born son of a father, or of a mother; surviving first son. var. **ökpara**; **ökwara**.
- öpiä** *n* [HHH] matchet; large field knife, used in war as well as for bush-clearing.
- öpiä** *n* [HHHH] punishment; sanction. var. **apipä**.
- öpirüma** *n* [HHHL] (Ijaw(?)) plantain.
- öpiripa** *n* [LHHL] flat stick used for hardening mud-house floor during construction.
- öpöpa** *n* [LLH] groundnut; peanut. <Yor./Bini: "öpa"/"öpapa" = groundnut>. var. **öpa**; **öpapa**.
- öpotöpötö** *n* [LLLHH] mud. <Ijaw: "pötö" = mud>. var. **pötö-pötö**.
- öpüpü** *n* [HHH] .
- öra** *adj* [LL] overnight; yesternight's; stale - *nri öra = stale overnight food*; *Oke-okporo gaa nta gau imo, ntü öra na ece ya = a bachelor, wander as he may, returns to yesterday's fireplace ash*. var. **üra**; **üha**.
- öra** *n* [LH] a vegetable used in food preparation; its branch serves as an excellent boundary-marker. var. **öha** (*Pterocarpus; Canna indica L.*).
- öra** *n* [LL] masses. var. **öha**; **ösa**.
- öra njele** *n* [LL HHH] medicinal leaf.
- öri** *dem* [HL] (Öhafia) that - *mba öri = that clan*.
- öri öca** *n* [HL HH] leprosy. var. **öya öca**.
- öria** *n* [HLL] disease; illness; sickness. var. **öya**.
- öria öjöö** *n* [HLL HHH] plague; Lit: bad disease.

- öriri** *n* [LHH] outing; short walk - *püö öriri* = *be out for a short walk.* var. ölüli.
- öriri** *n* [LHH] consideration.
- öriri akü** *n* [LLL HH] carved wooden figurine of the deities of the kindred.
- örü** *n* [HH] whole leg of slaughtered animal. var. ölü.
- örü** *n* [HH] <sup>1</sup>major (almost fatal) fault, flaw or defect in person or thing - *O bu örü/O nwere örü* = *it has a critical flaw or defect;* <sup>2</sup>blemish or imperfection of character.
- örü** *n* [HH] (Owere) <sup>1</sup>'labour; task; work; <sup>2</sup>employment - *o nwetele örü* = *he has secured a job;* <sup>3</sup>responsibility - *ö wü örü ya* = *that is his responsibility.* var. ölü.
- örü** *n* [HL] (Önica) woman's private parts; vulva. var. öhü, öshü.
- örü** *n* [HL] anus. var. öhü.
- örü ngo** *n* [HH HL] contract; bid. var. ölü-ngo.
- örürü akü** *n* [LLL HH] carved wooden figurine of the deities of the kindred.
- örüsi** *n* [HHH] defect; fault; handicap. var. örü.
- ösa** *n* [HL] snail.
- ösa** *n* [LH] squirrel; ground squirrel (*Heliosciurus gambianus*(?)).
- ösa** *n* [LH] nut of wild pear.
- ösa** *n* [LL] masses; the generality of people. var. öha; öra.
- ösa** *n* [LL] (West Igbo) a kind of game normally played by girls.
- ösi** *n* [HL] (Öka) bunch.
- ösi** *n* [HL] male lover; intimate male associate, usually of a widowed woman.
- ösi-isö** *adv* [HH-HH] quickly; urgently; fast. var. ösö-ösö.
- ösisö** *n* [LHH] sweat; perspiration.
- ösö** *n* [HH] race; act of running.
- ösö** *n* [HL] sigh; hiss; sigh of relief or of disgust - *maa ösö* = *show disgust by hissing.* var. ösü.
- ösö ndü** *n* [HH HL] refuge; Lit: flight for life.
- ösö nnadi** *n* [LL HHH] grudge or feud between members of the same lineage; conflict between persons related only through a father or grandfather.
- ösö-ösö** *adv* [HH-HH] quickly; urgently; fast. var. ösi-isö.
- ösü** *n* [HL] sigh; hiss; sigh of relief or of disgust - *maa ösü* = *show disgust by hissing.* var. ösü.
- gust - *maa ösü* = *show disgust by hissing.* var. ösö.
- ösü** *n* [HL] cake from a mixture of ground melon and other condiments (including mushrooms), wrapped in special leaves and eaten as snack.
- ösü** *n* [LH] variety of palm-nut with very soft kernel. \*Short for "ösükwu" = species of palm-tree with light-green nuts.
- ösükwu** *n* [LHH] variety of palm tree with light-green and fruity nuts (*Elaeis guineensis communis*). \*Also known as "ezi nkwü" or good/true palm tree.
- ösüsöö** *n* [LHHH] sweat; perspiration.
- ösha** *n* [HL] rattle; kind of musical instrument.
- öshishi** *n* [HHH] anus; ass-hole. var. otula; otule.
- öshü** *n* [HL] female private organs; vagina; vulva. var. ötü; örü.
- öta** *n* [HH] shield; buckler, or large belt; war shield - *öta ukwu* = *buckler, or shield for the waist.*
- ötägbä** *n* [LHL] snuff; ground tobacco.
- ötakü** *n* [LHH] matchet; kind of knife.
- ötü** *n* [HL] kind of worm; beetle or caterpillar that infests fruits.
- ötü** *n* [HL] male lizard.
- ötü** *n* [LH] flat piece of metal that serves as gun hammer.
- ötü** *n* [LH] far distance; faraway - *gaa ötü* = *go far.*
- ötü** *n* [LL] climber's rope, usually worn around the waist. var. ete.
- ötiri** *n* [LLL] plant with reddish sap, used for staking, especially, yams.
- ötö** *adj* [HH] straight; erect; upright - *kwürü ötö* = *stand erect;* *kunie ötö* = *stand up;* *ikwü aka ötö* = *to be upright; to be honest.*
- ötö** *adj* [LH] bare; naked; nude.
- ötö** *n* [HL] nakedness; nudity.
- ötö** *n* [LL] kneaded red earth used in house construction.
- ötö nsi** *n* [HH HH] ritual staff, planted in soil and taken out again only when the demands of medicine man (e.g. Nri) are met.
- ötöli** *n* [LLHL] sweet potato.
- ötösi** *n* [HHH] stocks for binding prisoner's feet. \*See "iga" = handcuff.
- ötösi** *n* [HHH] species of wild rice (*Oryza sativa*).

ötü *n* [HL] female private organs; vagina; vulva. var. atü; öshü. -

ötü asii *n* [LH LH] liar.

ötütü *n* [LHH] many; several (used adjectively before a noun, or after "di") - ötütü oge = several times; many hours; ha di ötütü = they are numerous.

övüvü *n* [LHH] species of caterpillar that causes painful skin irritation. var. öbübü; öbübüü.

öwa *n* [HH] 'candle; torch of palm fibre; made of palm-branches or grass stems; <sup>2</sup>lantern.

öwa *n* [HL] channel, e.g. of stream - öwa mmiri = river channel; öwa idei = flood path.

öwa ala *n* [LH LL] one who marks or establishes land boundaries. var. öwa anii.

öwa anii *n* [LH LL] one who marks or establishes land boundaries. var. öwa ala.

öwüwa anyanwü *n* [LHH HHH] sunrise; East.

öya *n* [HL] (Önica) disease; illness; sickness. var. öria.

öya öca *n* [HL HH] leprosy. var. öria öca.

öyi *n* [LL] (Önica) friend - öyi m = my friend; lover; mistress; concubine; a woman, married or not, acknowledged to be in a romantic or sexual relationship with a married man; sweetheart - yia öyi = keep a mistress; commit adultery; <sup>3</sup>woman, not necessarily single, given to a friend or visiting dignitary; hence, short-term wife or sex-mate. <"yia" = have sexual/romantic relations with>.

öyö *n* [EL] 'cymbal; rattle; shaker; a musical

instrument; <sup>2</sup>kind of dance. var. üyö.

öyö *n* [LL] shrine; sacred grove; similar traditional place of worship.

öyö *n* [LL] bunch or cluster of particular fruits. \*See "ukwu".

özala *n* [LLL] 'arid farmland; farmland not suitable for cultivation; scrubland; <sup>2</sup>wilderness; desert - ö nö n'ime özala = he is in the wilderness/desert. var. özara. \*See "owere owele" = farmland.

özara *n* [LLL] 'arid farmland; farmland not suitable for cultivation; scrubland; <sup>2</sup>wilderness; desert. var. özala. \*See "owere/owele" = farmland.

özö *adv* [LH] again; once more; next. var. özökwa.

özö *n* [HH] gorilla; chimpanzee; baboon - özö mgba = the wrestling baboon.

özö *n* [HH] high title or rank assumed by or conferred on an indigene on fulfillment of prescribed conditions, and imposing rules of conduct in private and public life.

özö *n* [LH] one more time; another one.

özö di mgba *n* [HL H LH] gorilla; Lit: gorilla, the master wrestler.

özö kwa *adv* [LH H] again; once more. var. özö.

özü *n* [HH] blacksmith; blacksmithing; smithy. var. üzü.

özüyü *n* [LLL] upbringing; training; education.

özüzür *n* [LLL] anthill.

## P

- p alph** [H] '26th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiceless bilabial plosive; a consonant. \*Pronounced "pi".
- paa** v [HH] <sup>1</sup>carry; lift; <sup>2</sup>serve - *paa nrɪ* = serve (plates of) food.
- paa** v [HH] squeeze out, esp. juice from fruit or water from wet cloth.
- paba** v [HL] carry into.
- pada** v [HL] lower; carry [something] down; lay [something] down.
- pafō** v [HH] carry away and leave (some) behind - *onwəghii nke öpförō* = he carried everything away; Lit: there was none which he did not carry away.
- paga** v [HH] carry to; take to.
- paghaa** v [HHH] move something to new position; turn something over. \*See "pagharia" = lift and turn.
- pagharia** v [HHHH] lift and turn; turn; move around - *pagharia oce* = move the chairs around: relocate chairs.
- pago** v [HH] lift or carry something up.
- palaa** v [HHH] carry or take (something) home - *palaa oce* = take or carry the chairs home.
- palie** v [HHH] carry up; lift up.
- pam** n [HL] (loan) pound, a unit of currency; pound sterling. <English: "pound">.
- para** v [HH] carry; lift. \*See "paa" = carry, lift; serve.
- parüö** v [HHH] handle something in such a way that it loses power.
- pasa** v [HH] (Bende) <sup>1</sup>carry or bring something up to, or in the direction of, the speaker; <sup>2</sup>serve. var. **pata**.
- pata** v [HH] carry or bring something up to, or in the direction of, the speaker. var. **pasa**.
- pee** v [HH] be tiny; be small; be diminutive - *pee mpe* = be small in size or number.
- pee** v [HH] hew or split (e.g. wood).
- pee azü** v [HH LH] come last; trail behind; bring up the rear. var. **kpee azü**.
- pee nkü** v [HH HH] splice wood; hew firewood; chop wood.
- pio** v [HH] pass under something by stooping;

- squeeze one's way through a narrow passage, usually in a stoop.
- pia** v [HH] <sup>1</sup>carve; <sup>2</sup>shape to desired contours; <sup>3</sup>sharpen.
- pia** v [HH] fold; fold over - *pia akwa* = fold cloth.
- pia** v [HH] whip; flog; scourge - *pia itali* = scourge..
- pia** v [HH] 'reckon; reconcile account; calculate; <sup>2</sup>make calculated moves - *the öpiara emeghi* = his plans failed; Lit: what he schemed did not happen.
- pia** v [LH] <sup>1</sup>squeeze out; <sup>2</sup>press or push, e.g. at a button,
- pia amü** v [LH HL] castrate.
- pia itali** v [HH LLL] whip or flog (somebody).
- pia önū** v [HH HL] have a pointed head or tip; be pointed.
- piaicie** v [HHHH] fold over; close after folding.
- picie** v [LHH] <sup>1</sup>plug (a hole) by pressing something into it; <sup>2</sup>close by press down and hard.
- pötö pötö** adj [LL-HH] muddy. <ljaw: "pötö" = "mud">. var. **öpötöpötö**.
- pue** v [HH] germinate; sprout - *pue ime* = germinate. var. **fuo**; **puo**.
- puku** num [HH] (loan) one thousand (1,000); originally, several thousands.
- puo** v [HH] germinate; sprout - *puo ome/pue ime* = germinate. var. **fuo**; **pue**.
- puo** v [HH] break open; burst open; spring a leak.
- puo** v [HH] (Ihiala) remain alive; survive - *e puna m?* = have I survived; would I still be alive (then). var. **hoo**.
- puo eze** v [HH LL] grow or cut teeth. var. **fuo eze**.
- pü** v [H] lead to; elicit or draw out; produce as consequence; hence, cost - *pü öbara* = cause bleeding; draw blood: *Ö ga-apü m nwa?* = Will it cost me a child?
- püö** n [HH] drag (somebody) along by head or heel - *püö n'ala* = creep or crawl; *püö üpü* = drag (somebody) by head or heel over a distance.
- püö** v [HH] go out; départ; leave. var. **füö**.
- püö** v [LH] can; be able to - *onye püü ime ya* (= *onye ga eme-li ya*) = one who can do it.
- püö** v [LH] go beyond limits; exceed natural bounds - *püö na mmadii* = behave in a way

*that is unnatural; lit; go beyond and outside human bounds.*

**püta** v [LH] 'come out; <sup>2</sup>result in; amount to; have the effect of - *Ö pütara na adara m?* = *Does that mean I failed?*; *ihe ö pütara* = what it amounts to; its sum.

**püta ihe** v [LH LL] become apparent; become known publicly - *ime ya apütala ihe* = *her pregnancy has become apparent.*

**püta üwa** v [LH LL] be born; come into the world; re-incarnate.

## R

**R alph** [H] <sup>1</sup>27th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiced alveolar roll; a consonant. \*Pronounced "ri".

**ra** v [L] (Önica) be equal; be equivalents in size or amount. var. *ha*.

**raa** v [HH] suck; eat fruit - *raa oroma* = *suck an orange.* var. *laa*.

**raa** v [HH] (Önica) cause or force an otherwise natural event (e.g. rain) to happen; force a natural event in the environment. *raa mmili* = *make rain fall (especially during the dry season).* var. *haa*.

**raa** v [HH] (Owere) have sexual intercourse - *raa nwanyi* = *have sex with a woman.* var. *laa*.

**raa** v [HH] drink; sip. var. *laa*.

**raa** v [HH] (Önica) pound or knead to a fine paste. var. *haa*.

**raa** v [HH] take stock; check; co-ordinate. var. *haa*.

**raa** v [HH] (Önica) seek or take counsel; give further consideration to an idea. *raa alo* = *seek the opinion of others; consult extensively.*

**raa** v [HH] (Önica) make a selection or choose from a set. var. *ralü; were*.

**raa** v [LH] free; release; leave; pardon - *raa m* = *leave me;* *raa m aka* = *leave me alone;* *don't bother me;* *pardon me;* Lit: *free me from your hands; take your hands off me.* var. *haa; yaa*.

**raa ahü** v [HH LH] be difficult; be impossible. var. *lie arü*.

**raa alo** v [HH] (Önica) seek or take counsel; give further consideration to an idea. *raa alo* = *seek the opinion of others; consult extensively.*

**raa anya** v [LH HH] <sup>1</sup>make faces as a sign of disapproval; give a dirty look; make hostile gaze; <sup>2</sup>rebuke someone by casting a certain awkward glance; <sup>3</sup>wink. var. *laa anya*.

**raa isi** v [HH HH] comb hair; shave. var. *haa isi*.

**raa nra** v [LH HH] pay fine; be fined - *ö raala*

- nra ya** = he has paid his fine; ha rara ya nra = they fined him.
- racaā** v [HHH] lick; pass tongue over a surface. var. **lacaā**.
- rafuo** v [HLH] mislead. var. **rahuo**; **lafuo**.
- raha** v [HH] (of oil) congeal; turn into thick paste. var. **larü**.
- raha üra** v [HH HH] sleep; take a nap. var. **larü üla**; **raha ura**.
- rahuo** v [HLH] mislead. var. **rafuo**; **lafuo**.
- raköō** v [HLH] (Önica) co-ordinate; act as moderator. var. **haköō**.
- ralü** v [LH] (Önica) <sup>1</sup>ignore; leave off - **ralü ya** = ignore him; don't bother about him; <sup>2</sup>leave behind; abandon - **ralü ya, laa** = leave him behind and go home; **ralü ya** = abandon (thing or object); **ralü ölü** = neglect assignment or task. var. **ghara**; **ghalü**.
- ralü** v [HH] (Önica) make a selection or choose from a set. var. **raa**; **were**.
- ralü** v [LH] (Önica) kidnap - **ralü madü** = kidnap people. var. **hara**; **rara**.
- rapü** v [HL] (Önica) abandon; leave; leave off; forsake. var. **ralü**; **hapü**.
- rara** v [LH] kidnap - **rara madü** = kidnap people. var. **hara**; **ralü**.
- ree** v [HH] sell. var. **lee**
- ree** v [HH] rot; go bad; decay. var. **lee**.
- ree** v [LH] levy; impose a contribution in a community, usually by general consent of those levied.
- ree** v [LH] (Owere) have the promised effect; perform as expected - *o rekwarala gi* = may it (i.e., your wishes) not work out as planned; may your charms fail. var. **lee**. \*The word is used mostly to refer to the magical or medicinal efficacy.
- ree erere** v [HH LLL] be efficacious; have potency - *ögwü ahü rere erere* = that medicine had potency; was very efficacious; it worked. var. **lee elele**.
- ree ire** v [HH LL] be efficacious; have potency - *ögwü ahü tere ire* = that medicine had potency; was very efficacious; it worked. var. **lee ile**.
- ree ökü** v [HH HH] set on fire; burn - **ree ya ökü** = set it on fire; burn it; *ö ga ere ökü* = it will burn; it is flammable. var. **lee ökü**.
- ree ure** v [HH HL] show off.
- ree ütü** v [HH HH] levy taxes.
- regbuo** v [HHH] burn to death; be burned to death - *ya regbuo n'ökü* = he burned to death in the fire. var. **legbuo**.
- resi** v [HH] sell to (somebody). var. **lebe**.
- ricaā** v [HHH] wear out substantially - *akpüköö üküü ya ericaala* = his shoes are almost completely worn out. \*See "kwöcaa" = wear out (of metal).
- rie** v [HH] wear out with use - *o riela* = it is worn out (with use).
- rie** v [HH] (Owere) <sup>1</sup>eat; feed on; consume - *mmiri ga eri ya* = he will drown in the river; Lit: the water will consume him; <sup>2</sup>accommodate; be accommodated in - *ite ga erica mmanü ahü* = his pot will (be large enough to) accommodate the oil; <sup>3</sup>overwhelm; holá speechless - *rie m öbü* = leave me speechless; Lit: consume my mouth. var. **lie**.
- rie ekpe** v [HH HH] share inheritance; receive bequest. var. **lie ekpe**.
- rie mmiri** v [HH HHH] leak water; drip. var. **lie mmili**; **hie mmiri**.
- rie nne** v [HH HH] (Önica) be many in number; multiply; increase; abound. var. **hie nne**; **zie nne**.
- rie ude** v [HH HL] heave a deep sigh; moan deeply.
- rijuo** v [HHH] <sup>1</sup>eat or feed to satisfaction; have more than enough to eat; <sup>2</sup>become pregnant - *o rijuola* = she has taken in; become pregnant.
- rite** v [HH] give birth to a live baby - *oritere gini?* = what sex of baby did she have? Did she have a baby boy or girl?. var. **lite**.
- ri** v [L] <sup>1</sup>be; exist - *Cukwu ri* = God is/exists; *ö ri mma* = it is good; <sup>2</sup>continue to exist; remain - *Ö ri* = It still exists; it remains. var. **dí**; **dü**.
- ria** v [HH] limb; mount. var. **lia**.
- ria** v [HH] crawl or creep (like an insect). var. **lia**.
- ria** v [LH] hide oneself; make one's whereabouts difficult to find. \*See "zoo" = hide. var. **lia**.
- ri'a ama** v [LH HH] (Önica) put an identification mark on; identify with a mark. \*More usually "ri'a ama". var. **häba ama**; **häwa ama**; **yiwe ama**.
- ri'a önya** v [LH HH] nurse wound till it heals completely - *ö na-arü'a önya ya* = she is nurs-

- ing her wound.*
- rià öria** *v* [LH HLL] fall seriously ill; suffer through extended period of serious illness. *var. yaa öya.*
- ribà ama** *v* [LH HH] (Önica) 'mark with sign; fix mark on; <sup>2</sup>identify. *var. hüba ama; hüwa ama; yiwe ama.*
- rídà** *v* [HL] climb down; descend. *var. lida.*
- rígoro**, *v* [HHH] ascend; walk up; climb up to. *var. ligolu.*
- ríhi** *v* [HH] recover (from illness); get well, especially from serious illness; manage to recover; survive major illness. *var. dihi; rizi.*
- rím-rí** *n* [HH-L] variety of insect that attacks and destroys other insects, especially "akpíri ide" or "akpíri ida".
- riö** *v* [HN] beg; plead with; ask help of; pray; make a plea - *riö aririö = pray; make a plea or petition.* *var. yöö.*
- ríruo** *v* [HHH] climb to the top; climb up to the desired height or destination; climb to as far as desired.
- rizi** *v* [HH] recover (from illness); get well, especially from serious illness; manage to recover; survive major illness. *var. dihi; rihii.*
- roo** *v* [HH] sing song; chant. \*Usually folk song or song associated with folktale.
- roo** *v* [LH] 'think; consider - *gini ka i roro = what do you think;* <sup>2</sup>consider; think something over - *gaa roo ya = go and think it over;* <sup>3</sup>form a (wrong) impression; suppose; imagine - *eroro m sì öga anwü = I thought she was going to die; I imagined (or supposed) she would die.* *var. loo.*
- roo ero** *v* [HH LL] (Önica) hang oneself; hang on a rope.
- roo ero** *v* [LH HL] think carefully; give deep thought to. *var. loo elo.*
- roo uju** *v* [HH HH] mourn; be bereaved.
- rögoo** *v* [HHH] climb up to; ascend (*Ps. 139:8; Rev. 11:12*); *var. lögöö.*
- rögöö** *v* [LH] be badly bent or twisted; *var. lögöö.*
- röö** *v* [HH] conspire; plot.
- röö** *v* [HH] invent or fabricate (e.g. a story); play.
- röö** *v* [HH] twist; bend - *röjie = bend to breaking point.*
- röö** *v* [LH] select from a pool; pick and choose; choose items to separate them from others.
- röö ndi ga-eso gbaa öösö** = select (or pick) those to participate in the race; *var. höö.*
- röö anya** *v* [HH HH] make a gesture of rebuke or disapproval by movements of the eyes.
- röö nrö** *v* [HH HH] dream. *var. löö nlö.*
- röpü** *v* [HL] (Öhafia) rejoice; celebrate. <"röö" = "play"; "fabricate">.
- rube** *v* [HH] come close; be about to reach; approach. *var. ruwe.*
- rube isi** *v* [LH HH] (Önica) be obedient; have respect for. *var. ruwe isi; huwe isi.*
- rukökö** *v* [HLL] assemble; gather (e.g. a brood of chicken).
- runata** *v* [LHH] (Önica) bend down; stoop. *var. hulata.*
- ruo** *v* [LH] arrive at; reach.
- ruo** *v* [LH] 'roast in hot ash, or beside open fire; <sup>2</sup>soften through roasting, or because of exposure to heat - *ube ya adighi mma; o rucaala = her pears are no use; they are already roasted (in the heat).* *var. luo.*
- ruo** *v* [LH] be imminent; threaten - *mmiri náeru = a storm is threatening; is imminent.*
- ruo agbö** *v* [LH HH] be nauseating; cause nausea; induce vomiting; make one sick. *var. nuo agbö.*
- ruo eze** *v* [HH HL] recognise a chief or chief-priest; confirm title to kingship. *var. lie eze.*
- ruo ime** *v* [LH HL] be at early stages of pregnancy; go through process of early pregnancy; have first symptoms of pregnancy.
- ruo mgbede** *v* [LH LHH] go through women's rituals preparatory to marriage; perform "mgbede" ceremony.
- ruo mmiri** *v* [LH HHH] 'form rain clouds; threaten to rain; <sup>2</sup>drench; be soaked with water.
- ruo uju** *v* [HH HL] mourn; be in the (statutory) period of mourning.
- ruo unyi** *v* [HH HL] become dirty or soiled. *var. luo unyi.*
- ruo uru** *v* [HH LL] mourn; be in deep depression from loss of a close relation.
- rute** *v* [LH] arrive at; get to; reach. *var. lute.*
- ruwe** *v* [HH] come close; be about to reach; approach. *var. rube.*
- ruwe isi** *v* [LH HH] be obedient; have respect for. *var. rube isi; huwe isi.*
- rüba ama** *v* [LH] mark; identify; make spe-

- cial note of - *rüba ebe a ama* = make a special note of this place; don't forget this place.  
var. **hüba ama**; **häwa ama**; **yiwe ama**.
- rücaa** *v* [HHH] weed garden or farm; clear weeds from farm.
- rücie** *v* [HHH] wall off; close off area with fence or wall. var. **lücie**.
- rühaa** *v* [HHH] (Öhafia) object to; contradict  
- *A kacaa onye-oke, ibe ya rühaa* = after a man has spoken, his fellows will contradict him.
- rüö** *v* [HH] build; construct; fabricate - *rüö ülö* = build a house. var. **lüö**.
- rüö** *v* [HH] work; labour. var. **lüö**.
- rüö** *v* [LH] 'lose efficacy or potency (e.g. of medicine or charm); fail to perform as expected, often through action of higher powers; <sup>2</sup>neutralise. \*See "arü" = abomination. var. **lüö**.
- rüö afö** *v* [LH HH] be constipated; have abdominal colic. var. **lüö afö**.
- rüö agbö** *n* [LH HH] provoke vomit - *nri ha na-arü m agbö* = their food makes me want to throw up. var. **lia agbö**.
- rüö aka** *v* [LH HH] (Owere) point a finger at; accuse or indict; var. **lüö aka**.
- rüö ala** *v* [HH LL] 'commit abomination; sin gravely; Lit: ruin the efficacy or potency of Earth; <sup>2</sup>play wicked pranks. var. **lüö ani**.
- rüö üka** *v* [LH HL] dispute a statement; question a statement or position; contest or debate a proposition. var. **lüö üka**.
- rüpürü** *v* [HLH] 'build or set up quarters apart for somebody - *rüpürü ya ülö* = build him a house apart and away from others; <sup>2</sup>ostracise.
- rüraa** *v* [HLH] rub somebody down, usually over large body surface, by way of light massage - *rüraa m aka n'azü* = give me a gentle massage of my back.

**S**

- S alph** [H] '28th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>1</sup>voiceless alveolar fricative; a consonant.  
\*Pronounced as "si".
- saa** *v* [HH] 'wash; wash clean with water or other liquid - *saa uwe* = wash clothes; <sup>2</sup>purge clean - *saa afö* = have a running stomach; Lit: wash stomach clean. var. **caa**.
- saa** *v* [HH] 'be wide or expansive - *saa mbara* = be extra wide; <sup>2</sup>stretch out; spread out - *sasaa akwa* = spread out (a length of) cloth.
- saa** *v* [LH] 'give answer or reply; answer; reply - *saa m ajüü* = answer my question; <sup>2</sup>(in a uncomplimentary sense) answer back; seek to make rebuttal - *isa onye törö gi okwu* = rebutting statements by one's seniors; answering them back; <sup>3</sup>counter; reply in kind - *ogboli ise akürü ya, ö satara sō otu* = of the five blows scored against him, he countered only two.
- saa** *v* [LH] redeem pledge; pay off debt - *sara ala* = redeem land by paying off the original pledge.
- saa** *v* [LH] 'pass or overtake (somebody), or be overtaken - *saa ya* = overtake him; <sup>2</sup>make way (for somebody) - *saura m* = make way for me; let me pass. var. **caa**.
- saa ahü** *v* [HH LH] bathe; have a bath; wash the body. var. **saa arü**.
- saa aka** *v* [HH HH] 'show one's (open) hand; have nothing to hide; have nothing more to say; <sup>2</sup>throw up one's hands as a sign of helplessness.
- saa ara** *v* [HH HH] perform the rites required of a woman who will formally undertake to breast-feed a child other than her own, usually, motherless infant; Lit: wash the breasts.
- saa arü** *v* [HH LH] bathe; have a bath; wash the body. var. **ahü**.
- saa asa** *v* [HH HH] become extinct.
- saa ci** *v* [HH L] 'survive the night; made it to morning - *ö saala ci* = he has made it to the morning (esp. of a sick person); <sup>2</sup>(used in a rhetorical question) Good morning; Are you up? - *Ünü asaala ci?* = Good morning, eve-

- rybody! Are you all up this morning?*
- saa ifi** *v* [HH HL] make formal confession regarding one's fidelity before one's husband's relatives following long absence; in some areas, making a confession as final act of the marriage ceremony. <"saa" = answer + "ifi" = reason why; answer to one's conduct>.
- saa ugbu** *v* [HH LH] cast net; spread net wide to trap fish - *püa ìsa ugbu ha* = went to wash their nets (*Lk. 5:2*).
- saa üsa** *v* [HH HH] apologise for not being able to provide hospitality. \*See "üsa" = gluttony.
- saccaa** *v* [HHH] 'cleanse thoroughly; wash completely; <sup>2</sup>rinse cloth, or similar material.
- see** *v* [HH] float - *see n'elu* = float on top.
- see** *v* [LH] quarrel; fall out (of friendship) - *see okwu* = quarrel; exchange harsh words; *ha eseеле* = they have fallen out; have quarrelled. \*See "koo".
- see** *v* [LH] draw; draw a picture - *see mmadü* = draw a person; *see foto* = have a photograph taken; take a photograph.
- see** *v* [LH] 'stretch - *setia* = stretch out to full length; <sup>2</sup>draw in or out; smoke - *see siga* = smoke cigarette; Lit: draw out cigarette smoke; *see anwürü* = (smoke) draw in tobacco.
- see nni** *v* [LH HH] (Önica) prepare meal, usually corn, rice, or fine cassava meal.
- see okwu** *v* [HH HH] (Önica) 'quarrel; have conflict; fall out; <sup>2</sup>exchange angry words. var. *koo okwu*.
- sekpuo** *v* [HLL] 'go down on both knees; kneel - *sekpuru ala* = kneel down; <sup>2</sup>worship; serve in the role of slave; adore.
- sepüta** *v* [HLH] drag somebody out of a confined area; pull a longish object from a pile or bundle.
- sere** *v* [LH] pick out; pull out (from set).
- si** *adv* [H] from (in the construction "si ... rue") - *si taa rue eci* = from today till tomorrow.
- si** *v* [H] go from; come from - *si n'enigwe gbadata* = descended from heaven - *si otu a mee ya* = do it this way; Lit: go or use this way to do it. var. *shi*.
- sie** *v* [HH] 'boil; cook - *sie ya n'òkü* = cook it (over a fire); warm it up; boil it; <sup>2</sup>cook or prepare a meal - *sie ihe* = cook something; prepare a meal that involves some cooking over a fire. var. *shie*.
- sie** *v* [LH] smell; have sensation of smell - *sie isi* = have an odour; *sie ya n'imí* = smell it (with/in the nose); *öna esi isi* = it has a smell. var. *shie*.
- sie** *v* [LH] 'cease to be painful; become painless; become inured with pain - *o siela ya* = he no longer feels the pain; <sup>2</sup>harden or congeal. var. *shie*.
- sie** *v* [LH] weigh; measure - *sie ya özö* = weigh it again. \*See also "maa"
- sie** *v* [LH] to rub something against another hard surface; to grate a flat object against a hard surface - *sie ya aka n'ala* = rub his hand or palm hard against the earth. var. *shie*.
- sie** *v* [LH] (of fowls) copulate, or mate with [a hen] - *ökpa na-esi nnekwu* = the cock is mating with the hen.
- sie agügö** *v* [HH LLL] argue strenuously; be contentious; be adamant. var. *shie agügö*.
- sieanya** *v* [LH HH] be daring or over-bold. <'sie" = harden + "anya" = eyes; hence "have unblinking eyes">. var. *shieanya*.
- sie ike** *v* [HH HH] 'become strong or hard; harden; solidify - *nwoke siri ike* = a very strong man; *ürö ya esielia ike* = her clay has hardened; <sup>2</sup>be difficult or tough; become serious - *okwu a siri ike* = this matter is quite difficult (to resolve); *ule siri ike* = a tough examination. var. *shie ike*.
- sieisi** *v* [LH HL] smell; have odour; stink. var. *shie ushi*.
- sie ofe** *v* [HH HH] prepare soup.
- sieonya** *v* [LH HL] set a trap; entrap. var. *shieonya*.
- site** *adv* [HH] beginning from; from; starting from - *site ... ruo* = from ... to.
- si** *v* [H] say; tell; report. var. *shii*.
- sia** *v* [HH] be slippery; slip. var. *shia*; *cia*.
- sia asii** *v* [HH LH] lie; tell a lie. var. *shia ashi*.
- sii-sii** *n* [LH-LH] day-old chick, especially if used for sacrifice. var. *shii-shii*.
- sini** *n* [HL] shilling piece. <English: shilling piece>.
- sisi** *n* [HL] six-penny coin; six pence. <English: sixpence>. var. *shishi*.
- so** *v* [H] follow; accompany. var. *soro*.
- sogbuo** *v* [LHH] worry; disturb; trouble.
- soo** *v* [HH] plant; transplant; sow (e.g. yam).

- soo** *v* [HH] grow; grow up; blossom.
- soo** *v* [LH] follow; trace path - *soo ije ya* = *trace his route or path*. var. **so**.
- soro** *v* [LH] follow; accompany; go along with - *soro nna gi* = *accompany your father; go with your father*. var. **so**.
- söö** *adv* [L] only - *söö ya* = *just him; only him*.
- sööö** *v* [HH] 'avoid as taboo; be regarded as taboo - *anyi na-asö ya asö* = *we regard it as taboo; we avoid it*; <sup>2</sup>hold sacred - *söö nsö* = *hold or regard as sacred*; <sup>3</sup>respect.
- sööö** *v* [HH] be older than.
- sööö** *v* [HH] thrust something at or into - *söö n'aka* = *thrust something into someone's hand*; *ehi sörö ya mpi* = *cow thrust its horns into him*.
- sööö anya** *v* [HH HH] show respect or deference; have mild fear of somebody.
- sööö ezi** *v* [HH LH] menstruate; go through menstrual period.
- sööö izi** *v* [HH LL] be suspicious of; suspect.
- sööö mpi** *v* [HH LL] engage in a tussle or competition; engage in light rivalry.
- sööö nsö** *v* [HH HH] stammer; stutter.
- sööö nsö** *v* [HH HH] hold as sacred or impure; keep one's distance from something because it is thought either unholy or sacred.
- söösö** *adv* [HHL] only; alone - *söösö m* = *only I; I alone*. var. **söö**.
- söpülü** *v* [HLH<sup>1</sup>] honour; respect - *söpülü nne na nna* = *honour (give respect) to mother and father*. var. **söpürü**.
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- su** *v* [H] begin suddenly; break out, usually a commotion - *ögü e su* = *war breaks out*.
- sukwuru** *v* [HLH] squat; sit on the ground with knees drawn up; crouch. var. **tukwuru**.
- sunye ökü** *v* [LH HH] set on fire, or ablaze.
- suo** *v* [LH] 'pound in a mortar - *suo ji* = *potind yam*; <sup>2</sup>beat - *suo ökpö* = *box; fight with fist punches*. var. **süö**.
- suo ökü** *v* [LH HH] set on fire; burn (e.g. cuttings in a patch of farm before planting).
- suo udu** *v* [LH LL] play the "udu" drum; *Lit*: beat or pound the drum.
- susuo önü** *v* [HLH HH] kiss; kiss as embrace. var. **sutu önü**.
- sutu önü** *v* [HLH HH] kiss; kiss as embrace.
- var. **susuo önü**.
- süaa ude** *v* [LH HL] moan; groan; sigh deeply.
- sücaa** *v* [HHH] clear undergrowth from farm before planting.
- süö** *v* [HH] make or offer sacrifice; sacrifice - *süö aja* = *make sacrifice*. var. **cüö**. \*See "süpü".
- süö** *v* [LH] mow; cut (e.g. grass).
- süö** *v* [LH] block; compact something - *opi mmiri asüöla* = *the water pipe is blocked*.
- süö** *v* [LH] pound in a mortar - *süö ji* = *pound yam*. var. **suo**.
- süö** *v* [LH] make the sounds of language; speak; talk - *süö asüsü* = *speak a language; talk*.
- süö** *v* [LH] wear; dress in - *süö afe/uwe* = *put on or wear dress/clothes*.
- süö ahia** *v* [LH HHH] suffer trade loss; have trade slump; *Lit*: have trade/business blocked.
- süö aja** *v* [HH LL] 'make sacrifice, either in person, or by proxy, through a priest; <sup>2</sup>sacrifice something; give up some valued person or thing - *jiri ma ölü ma ndü ya süö aja* = *sacrifice both job and life; lay both work and life on the line*. var. **cüö aja**; **tüö aja**.
- süö akwa** *v* [LH HL] launder cloth; wash cloth. var. **söö akwa**.
- süö öjii** *v* [LH HH] offer or present kola. var. **cee öjii**.
- süö ude** *v* [LH HH] groan; deep cry of grief.
- süpü aja** *v* [HL] get to make a sacrifice, with little interest in the significance of the rite; make sacrifice as required. var. **cüpü aja**.

## SH

**SH alph** [H] '29th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiceless palato-alveolar fricative; a consonant. \*Pronounced as "shi". "SH", in initial positions, is listed as "s" throughout this Dictionary..

**shi** *v* [H] go from; come from - *shi n'enigwe gbadata* = *descended from heaven* - *shi otu a mee ya* = *do it this way*; *Lit*: go or use this way to do it. var. **si**.

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**shie önya** v [LH HL] set a trap; entrap. var. **sie önya**.

**shie ushi** v [HH LH] lodge a note of protest through a third party, or make a formal complaint through third parties, often as a necessary first step towards taking any retaliatory action.

**shie ushi** v [LH HL] smell; have odour; stink. var. **sie isi**.

**shii** v [H] say; tell; report. var. **sii**.

**shia** v [HH] be slippery; slip. var. **cia**; **sia**.

**shia ashii** v [HH LH] lie; tell a lie. var. **sia asii**.

**shishi** n [HL] six-penny coin; six pence. var. **sisi**.

## T

**T alph** [H] '30th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiceless alveolar plosive; a consonant. \*Pronounced as "ti".

**taa** adv [HL] today. var. **taa-taa**.

**taa** excl [HL] (as part of a command). 'Look! Hey!' - *Taa. piiö ebe ahü! = Hey, get the hell out of that place!: Taa. mecie ömü = Hey, shut up!*

**taa** v [HH] 'sprinkle; drop liquid on; lubricate - *taa ya mmanü = sprinkle oil on it; put drops of oil on it; lubricate it; <sup>2</sup>drip; leak - iko n'ata mmanü = oil is leaking from the cup: Lit: the cup is leaking oil.*

**taa** v [HH] 'dry up; become dry, e.g. ponds and rivers; recede (of floods, etc); <sup>2</sup>thin out - *taa ahü = lose weight; become thin.*

**taa** v [LH] 'bite; chew; masticate - *niita tara ya arü = a dog bit her; taa anü = chew meat; taa ma loo = chew before swallowing; <sup>2</sup>ache; produce pain of a sharp gnawing kind.*

**taa afifü** x [HH HHH] 'punish; suffer - *taa ya afifü = punish him; make him go through some suffering; <sup>2</sup>suffer - ö tara afifü di egwu = he went through very terrible suffering; he suffered terribly. var. **taa ahüü**.*

**taa ahü** v [HH HH] lose weight; be emaciated. var. **gbüö ahü**; **gboo arü**.

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**taa ajafii** v [HH HHH] rust; corrode. var. **taa ajara**; **taa ajari**.

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**taa ike** v [HH HH] become or prove difficult or tough.

**taa ikere eze** v [HH LHH HH] gnash teeth; *Lit:*

- grind molars together. var. **taa ikikere eze**.  
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*Lit:* grind molars together. var. **taa ikere eze**.  
**taa ncara** *v* [HH HLL] rust; become rusty.  
**taa nkō** *v* [HH HH] 'eructate; remove skin rash;  
 -belch.  
**taa üta** *v* [HH HH] blame; find fault with; be  
 held responsible for; be liable.  
**taa-taa** *adv* [HL-HL] today; this very day.  
 \*Emphatic form of "taa" = today.  
**tabie anya** *v* [HLH HH] blink - *ntabi anya* =  
*blink of an eye; short moment.*  
**tagbuo** *v* [LHH] maw; bite to death; kill with  
 teeth.  
**tajie anya** *v* [HHH HH] be jealous or envious;  
 be green-eyed with jealousy.  
**takaa ntaka** *v* [HLH HHL] talk in whispers;  
 hold private talks against somebody; gossip.  
**takürü** *v* [HHH] stick. e.g. burnt food at base  
 of a pot, or by gum or similar adhesive.  
**takwo** *v* [HLH] grumble; murmur.  
**tama** *conj* [LL] else; otherwise. var. **kama**;  
**ntama**.  
**tamuo** *v* [HLH] murmur or grumble; whine;  
 complain in private and in a low voice.  
**tanwüö** *v* [HHH] rust; become rusty.  
**tapara** *v* [HHH] stick to or upon; adhere to.  
**tasa** *v* [HH] sprinkle lightly on - *ekwena mmiri*  
*tasa ya = don't (so much as) let a drop of*  
*water touch it.*  
**tasie** *v* [HLH] comfort; take heart - *tasie obi*  
 = *console; give comfort; also, take heart.* var.  
**kasie**.  
**tedo afō** *v* [HH HH] wear a waist girdle and  
 insert medicine in one's private parts as ritual  
 remedy for constant miscarriage; *Lit:* secure  
 the stomach or womb. \*See "kee ukwu".  
**tee** *v* [HH] 'rub; paint - *tee ülö = paint the*  
*house; tejie = paint black, or with dark col-*  
*ours; 'anoint - tee mmanü = anoint with oil;*  
*consecrate.*  
**tee** *v* [HH] wake up from sleep - *tee üra =*  
*wake up from sleep.* var. **teta**.  
**tee** *v* [HH] 'cook food (e.g. broth) that requires  
 constant stirring - *tee ose = prepare soup;*  
 'concoct a brew or potion - *tee ime = prepare*  
*a brew of herbs to procure an abortion.*  
**tee** *v* [HH] tap juice or sap from tree - *tee nkwü*  
 = *tap wine from the palm-tree.*  
**tee afō** *v* [HH HL] avert miscarriage by per-

forming a ritual involving the wearing of a  
 waist girdle and the insertion of medicines  
 into a woman's body; *Lit:* tie/secure the stom-  
 ach or womb. \*See "kee ukwu".

**tee aka** *v* [HH HH] 'be distant; be far off - *ala*  
*bekeke tere aka = Europe is a long way from*  
*here; 'be a long while - ö ga ete aka eme = it*  
*will take a long time to happen.*

**tee egwu** *v* [HH HH] dance.

**tee ime** *v* [HH HL] abort; procure abortion;  
 induce abortion.

**tee mmanü** *v* [LH HHH] 'rub oil or ointment;  
 'anoint - *onye ncü aja etere mmanü = an*  
*unointed priest, probably chief priest (Lev.*  
*4:3); onye Jehova tere mmanü = an*  
*anointed of the Lord (1 Sam. 24:10).*

**tee ose** *v* [HH HH] prepare soup.

**tee ükwü** *v* [HH HH] limp; walk with a limp.

**teghete num** [HHH] nine. var. **teghite; itolu**.

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**teta** *v* [HH] wake up fully from sleep; become  
 reasonably awake. var. **tee**.

**ticaa** *v* [LHH] winnow; separate chaff from  
 grain by blowing.

**tie** *v* [HH] 'whip: flog; 'strike or hit; 'crack  
 (e.g. nut) with stone or other hard object.

**tie** *v* [LH] shout; cry out; raise alarm - *tie mkpu*  
 = *raise an alarm.*

**tie** *v* [LH] hit object (e.g. nut with stone) to  
 crack it; crack - *tie ukü = crack (palm) kernel.*

**tie igba** *v* [HL LL] play the drum drum - *oti*  
*igba = drummer.*

**tie mkpu** *v* [LH LH] raise alarm; wail; bel-  
 low.

**tie obi** *v* [LH HL] embrace; hug. var. **tie öma**.

**tie ogboli** *v* [HH HHH] exchange blows with  
 the knuckles (as in boxing); exchange  
 punches; engage in a fist-fight; box.

**tigbuo** *v* [LHH] hit and kill; murder - *tighuo*  
*mmadü = beat to death (Ex. 21:12).*

**tigbuo mkpi** *v* [LHH LH] (Önica) be con-  
 victed of adultery, especially in violation of  
 a relative's wife; perform rites required of one  
 who has been so convicted; *Lit:* kill a ram.

**yii** *adv* [LL] dull; extremely still

**tijie** *v* [LHH] break; break in two.

**tikapü ösö** *v* [HLH HH] break into a run; take  
 flight; take to one's heels.

**tikuo** *v* [HLH] 'seek succour or favour from

another; run to someone for help; <sup>2</sup>call someone by special name - **tikuo nkita** = encourage a dog by calling its pet name. var. **tōa**.

**tinye v** [LH] put in; add; include.

**tinye aka v** [LH HH] sign; affix thumb-print (e.g. on a document). var. **bia aka**.

**tinye iwu v** [LH LH] enact law; issue order or decree; legislate.

**tipuo v** [HHH] break open.

**tipū ndü v** [HL HL] kill; murder; commit murder; Lit: beat life out of a person - *tipū ndü mmadü* = take someone's life (Lev. 24:17).

**titi n** [LH] kind of charm in the shape of a trading bag. \*The Arö chose this and a shopping bag (trading symbols) in place of the hoe and matchet (farming) which went to the Bende.

**tiwa a v** [HHH] 'break, usually glassware, pottery, and similarly "breakable" objects, by hitting at them, or letting them drop; <sup>2</sup>shatter.

**tia v** [HH] (Öhafia) shout; cry out; raise alarm. var. **tie**. \*See "tie mkpu".

**tia v** [LH] stretch; stretch out.

**tolu num** [HL] nine. var. **itolu**

**too v** [HH] grow; grow tall; grow up.

**too v** [HH] '(of a river) be swollen; be in flood - *tojuo* = be in full flood; <sup>2</sup>be swollen or bloated - *too afō* = have swollen stomach; have swollen stomach disease.

**too v** [LH] commend; extol; praise, usually in the presence of the person praised. \*See "jaa".

**too akpiri n** [HH LHH] be greedy; have too much appetite; Lit: grow the throat.

**torue v** [HHH] be of age; mature; reach mature age - *torue ihe ejị nwanyị eme* = reach a mature age to be a woman.

**tozue v** [HLH] grow to right proportion and size; be suitable - *o tozuru etozu* = he grew up to the right specifications; he has the right proportions; is suitable.

**tō v** [H] be stuck; be in a bind - *o tōla* = she is stuck.

**tōa v** [HH] (Öhafia) swell; (of a river) rise in flood. var. **too**.

**tōfü v** [HL] untie; loosen - *tōfü öbü* = untie the rope or tether; loosen the rope. var. **tōpü**.

**tōgbö v** [LH] 'drop carelessly; drop carelessly; <sup>2</sup>lie down in a bundle, like a lifeless lump;

sprawl out - *i hürü ka osi tōghörö*? = o you see how he is sprawled out on the ground like a lifeless thing?. var. **gbötö**.

**töküri v** [HLH] be caught in a fix or a dilemma - *A tökürilam!* = I am now in a real fix!.

**tōö v** [HH] untie; loosen; unwrap.

**tōö v** [HH] throw to the ground; lay low; degrade - *tōgbö* = throw down on the ground; *metōö nri* = mess up the food; *detōö* = write scathingly.

**tōö amü v** [HH HH] amuse; delight; provoke laughter - *o törö ha amü* = it provoked laughter among them; they were amused (often pejoratively) by it. var. **söö amü**; **tōö öci**.

**tōö ilu v** [LH HH] cite a proverb in the course of a statement or speech, the citation being identified by one of many known rhetorical markers. var. **tōö inu**. \*Markers include introductory phrases such as "Our elders say that ..."; "It is said that ..."; "Gecko told Ant that ..."

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**tōö ube v** [HH HL] prepare ground with the "ube" hoe for planting.

**tōö ütö v** [HH HH] 'taste well; be sweet or tasty; be delicious; <sup>2</sup>be very entertaining or interesting - *egwu ha törö ütö* = their dance was very entertaining; <sup>2</sup>be pleasurable; give pleasure - *ihe n'atö ütö* = something that gives pleasure. \*See "söö amü" = amuse; provoke laughter.

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**törö n** [HH] (loan) three pence, a coin of that value. <English: three pence>

**törö v** [LH] kidnap a person; steal tethered animal.

**tukwee ime v** [HHH HL] procure abortion; have a miscarriage. \*See "kwee ime".

- tukwuru** *v* [HLH] squat; sit on the ground with knees drawn up; crouch. *var.* **sukwuru**.
- tuo** *v* [HH] look for; search for.
- tuo afa** *v* [HH HL] praise, or hail.
- tuo aha** *v* [LH HH] call praise-name; recite praise-name; call somebody by praise-names or titles.
- tuo eye** *v* [LH LL] recite genealogy as part of an Arö festival; recite family or communal history in the course particular Arö festivals. \*See "eye".
- tuo ngö** *v* [LH HL] reckon or determine bride price.
- tuo nkwu** *v* [LH HL] prune palm branch.
- tuo önü** *v* [LH HH] brag; boast - *ö na-etuка önü* = he is always bragging; he boasts a lot.
- tupu** *conj* [HH] before - *tupu ha abia* = before they come; until they arrive. *var.* **tutu**; **tutuu**.
- turu** *v* [HH] (Öhafia) set out en masse; troop out.
- turu** *v* [HH] wear; pin on one's body or apparel; tie onto one's person - *turu ugo* = wear eagle's feather; *turu ngwa ögü* = put on war outfit. \*See "yiri" and "jere".
- tutu** *conj* [HH] until; before - *tutu ha abia* = before they came; until they arrived *var.* **tupu**; **tutuu**.
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- tüa öbö** *v* [LH HH] be lazy; lack will to work.
- tüböö** *v* [HHH] faint; pass out.
- tücaa** *v* [LHH] pick or peck clean, e.g. of hen pecking itself clean; or of a person picking feathers from slaughtered chicken.
- tüfee** *v* [HHH] throw beyond or past mark.
- tüfuo** *v* [HLH] discard: throw something away - *tüfuo anü rere ere* = throw away rotten meat. *var.* **tüö inu**.
- tüghaa** *v* [HHH] 'make turn; turn; <sup>2</sup>change position or allegiance; convert - *ya atügharia*, *soro ha* = he turned around and followed them; *tiigharia*, *kwere na Cukwu* = convert and believe in God; <sup>3</sup>translate - *tügharia okwu na asiusü özö* = translate the speech into another language.
- tükota** *v* [HLH] assemble; gather; collect.
- tükwasa** *v* [HLH] place on top of; add to; supplement - *tükwasa n'elu* = place on top; *tükwasa ya ego* = add more money (e.g. to

*offer of purchase).*

- tükwasii** *v* [HLH] add to; place on top of; supplement with - *tükwasii ya ego* = add money to the sum already offered to purchase it.
- tükwasii obi** *v* [HLH HL] place trust in something or somebody; have high hopes or expectations.
- tülee** *v* [HHH] investigate; examine closely; consider closely; scrutinise; evaluate - *ntüle* = assessment; review or evaluation.
- tüma** *conj* [HL] rather than; instead of.
- tümadii** *adv* [HLH] especially. *var.* **tümadü**.
- tümadü** *adv* [HLH] especially. *var.* **tümadii**.
- tünwöö** *v* [LHH] wilt; fade.
- tünye** *v* [LH] throw into, onto or on top of - *tünye ya n'ökü* = throw it into the fire.
- tüö** *v* [LH] throw - *tüfee* = throw beyond mark; *tüfuo* = throw away.
- tüö** *v* [LH] bore into; make a tunnel; burrow into something; e.g. by an animal - *tüö önü* = make a burrow by into the earth.
- tüö** *v* [LH] take aim - *tüö egbe* = point a gun at something; take aim.
- tüö** *v* [LH] measure; take measure of.
- tüö afia** *v* [HH HHH] ask another to buy things from the market; send somebody else to do one's shopping. *var.* **tüö ahia**.
- tüö agwa** *v* [LH LL] be spotted; be multi-coloured.
- tüö ahia** *v* [HH HHH] ask another to buy things from the market; send somebody else to do one's shopping. *var.* **tüö afia**.
- tüö aja** *v* [HH LL] 'make sacrifice, either in person, or by proxy, through a priest; 'sacrifice something; give up some valued person or thing - *jiri ma ölü ma ndü ya süö aja* = sacrifice both job and life; lay both work and life on the line. *var.* **cüö aja**; **süö aja**.
- tüö aka** *v* [LH HH] 'point at; point to; 'give example - *ihe ntümaka* = example or illustration.
- tüö aka** *v* [LH HH] challenge; throw challenge; compete; make a wager or bet to upstage another. *var.* **maa aka**.
- tüöanya** *v* [LH HH] be initiated into the order of diviners.
- tüöanya** *v* [LH HH] have hope or expectation.
- tüö asii** *v* [LH LH] lie or tell untruth - *ötü asii*

= liar.	
<b>tüö egwu</b> <i>v</i> [LH HH] be afraid or scared; be frightened; be frightening.	
<b>tüö elo</b> <i>v</i> [LH LL] take counsel or advice, give further thought.	
<b>tüö ikoli</b> <i>v</i> [HH HH] imprison; put in jail; sentence to jail term. <i>var.</i> <b>tüö nga</b> ; <b>tüö m kpörö</b> .	
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<b>tüö ime</b> <i>v</i> [LH HH] <sup>1</sup> impregnate; make pregnant; <sup>2</sup> conceive - <i>türü ime</i> = conceive; become pregnant. <i>var.</i> <b>tüa ime</b> .	
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<b>tüö iyí</b> <i>v</i> [LH HH] curse; speak a malediction.	
<b>tüö mbö</b> <i>v</i> [LH LH] pinch with finger nails. <i>var.</i> <b>tüö mvö</b> .	
<b>tüö mgbe</b> <i>v</i> [LH LL] hesitate.	
<b>tüö mgbere</b> <i>v</i> [HH LLL] engage in retail trade; engage in petty trade.	
<b>tüö m kpörö</b> <i>v</i> [HH LHH] imprison; put in jail; sentence to jail term. <i>var.</i> <b>tüö ikoli</b> ; <b>tüö nga</b> .	
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<b>tüö n'anya</b> <i>v</i> [LH HH] astonish; surprise, or amaze.	
<b>tüö nga</b> <i>v</i> [HH HH] imprison; jail; sentence to	
	jail term. <i>var.</i> <b>tüö ikoli</b> ; <b>tüö m kpörö</b> .
	<b>tüö nzu</b> <i>v</i> [HH HH] accept the white chalk of hospitality, and make one's marks on the floor or shrine with it; sign on with white chalk. <i>var.</i> <b>kaa nzu</b> . *Often restricted to "özö" title-holders.
	<b>tüö ogho</b> <i>v</i> [LH HH] spin cotton or other yarn.
	<b>tüö ogu</b> <i>v</i> [LH HL] (Önica) perform rite to declare one's innocence. *See "ogu".
	<b>tüö oke</b> <i>v</i> [HH LL] sound or measure the depths [of the ocean] - <i>ha wee tüö oke mmiri</i> = they sounded ( <i>Acts 27:28</i> ).
	<b>tüö oyí</b> <i>v</i> [HH HH] cause one to be cold; produce chill.
	<b>tüö oma</b> <i>v</i> [LH HL] be pleasing - <i>ihe a türü m öma</i> = this thing is pleasing to me.
	<b>tüö önù</b> <i>v</i> [LH HH] burrow; dig narrow tunnel.
	<b>tüö üjö</b> <i>v</i> [LH HH] be afraid; show fear; fear - <i>tüö üjö</i> = be afraid.
	<b>tüö üla</b> <i>v</i> [LH HH] be sleepy; be capable of inducing sleep. <i>var.</i> <b>tüö üra</b> .
	<b>tüö üña</b> <i>v</i> [LH LL] perform a solo show-off gig, advertising one's abilities and even good looks, e.g. before a wrestling match.
	<b>tüö üra</b> <i>v</i> [LH HH] be sleepy; be capable of inducing sleep. <i>var.</i> <b>tüö üla</b> .
	<b>tüpuo</b> <i>v</i> [LHH] pry open; make a small hole in a wrapped packet.
	<b>türü ime</b> <i>v</i> [HH HH] conceive; become pregnant.
	<b>tütee</b> <i>v</i> [HHH] wake from slumber; regain consciousness; resurrect.
	<b>tütüö</b> <i>v</i> [HLH] pick up item by item; gather small objects - <i>tütüö akwü</i> = pick up (and gather) palm nuts.
	<b>tüüta</b> <i>v</i> [HLH] pick something up; find something (lost by another).

## U

**U alph** [HH] '31st letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>1</sup>close rounded back vowel. \*Pronounced as in English "put".

**ube** *n* [HH] 'the sound made by someone crying; a cry, moan, or lament - *ube nri* = *(child's) cry for food*; *ube ariri* = *lament on account of grave and malicious injustice*; <sup>2</sup>sound of a cock crowing - *ube ökpa* = *cock crow*.

**ube** *n* [HL] 'hoe, usually used by men; <sup>1</sup>lancet; lance; small spear or lance; short sharp knife used in surgery.

**ube** *n* [LH] 'pear tree; <sup>2</sup>the edible pear fruit itself, eaten after softening in hot ash or water (*Dacryodes edulis*).

**ube** *n* [LH] fascia; wooden lining of an edge.

**ube egbe** *n* [LH HH] song-like clarion call used to arouse people to action; a call to action.

**ube mgba** *n* [LH HH] timber-yielding variety of pear tree, also known as "ube okwe" (*Canarium schweinfurthii*).

**ube okwe** *n* [LH LL] timber-yielding variety of pear tree, also known as "ube mgba" (*Canarium schweinfurthii*).

**ube öca** *n* [LH HH] variety of pear tree. var. **ube ösa**.

**ube öhia** *n* [LH HHH] wild pear.

**ube öhia** *n* [LH HHH] hunter's call to the hound; *Lit:* forest call.

**ube ökpökö** *n* [LH HHH] wild pear.

**ube ösa** *n* [LH HH] variety of pear tree. var. **ube öca**.

**ubene** *n* [HLL] variety of fruit akin to plums; the tree that bears that fruit. var. **ugbene**. \*See "ube" = pear tree.

**ubi** *n* [HL] farm; plantation; fairly sizeable portion of land under cultivation - *örü ubi* = *farm work*; *Ö gara n'ubi* = *she went to the farm*.

**ubi** *n* [HL] 'black cobra, a very poisonous snake; <sup>1</sup>asp; cockatrice (*Naja melanoleuca Hall*). \*See "eghu anya öbara" = adder.

**ubili** *n* [HLL] (Önica) fan made from the leaves of the raffia palm. var. **übülü**.

**ubiri** *n* [HLL] wooden board; plank.

**ubiri** *n* [LLL] belch; hiccup; belching sound - *bie ubiri* = *belch*; emit gas through the mouth. var. **ughele**.

**ubo** *n* [HL] accusation; slander; false report. <"boo" = accuse falsely>. var. **ebubo**.

**ubo** *n* [LH] thickness or stoutness of build.

**ubo öma** *n* [LH LL] large wooden gong.

**ubom** *n* [HHH] sand-bar; river sand.

**ubu** *n* [HL] (Afikpo) 'clitoris or foreskin; prepuce; <sup>1</sup>circumcision, or the act of cutting off of the prepuce or foreskin, and in the case of girls, of the clitoris - *ilö ubu* = *house of circumcision*; *place where circumcision (especially of girls) is undertaken*; <sup>2</sup>rites of initiation, marked by the circumcision of young males. var. **ugwu**.

**ubu** *n* [LH] shoulder; the act of lifting somebody off his feet - *huo ubu* = *lift (somebody) off his feet*; *ubu öjöö* = *dangerous lift*.

**ubu** *n* [LL] rotten fish.

**ubu aka** *n* [LH HH] shoulder; part of the arms next to the neck. var. **ubu**.

**ubube** *n* [LLH] ladder; any scaffolding; rafter post or plank used in house construction, and other trades. var. **mbe**; **mbube**; **mbibi**; **ndubu**; **obube**. \*See "obe" = cross.

**ubube** *n* [LLL] kind of butterfly or moth. var. **ibübe**; **mbube**; **ubube**; **übuba**.

**ububu** *n* [HLL] kind of plant.

**ubune** *n* [LLL] kind of edible fruit.

**uce** *n* [HH] a triangular-shaped razor, known elsewhere as "ugele". \*See "ugele"

**uce** *n* [HH] 'guard; sentry; watch; <sup>1</sup>persons assigned to watch over the town when people are off to the farms, and especially during market days - *ndü nce* = *patrolmen*. var. **nce**.

**uce** *n* [HL] 'mind; mental faculty; thought, and the process of thought; conscience; <sup>2</sup>sense; intelligence; wisdom - *nwee uce* = *have sense, have wisdom*; *ji uce mee ya* = *use your intelligence in doing it*; 'opinion - *kwuo uce gi* = *speak your mind; let your opinion be known*.

**uce aböö** *n* [HL LHH] doubt; indecision; *Lit:* [of] two minds. var. **uce n'abö**; **obi aböö**.

**uce n'abö** *n* [HL HHL] doubt or indecision;

- Lit:** [of] two minds. **var.** **uce aböö; obi aböö.**
- uce obi** *n* [HL HL] reason; reflection or thought; *Lit:* thoughts of the heart.
- ucici** *n* [LHH] darkness; night; night-time - *iye ucici* = night-time travel; hence, devious, behind-the-scene manouevres.
- ucu** *n* [LH] 'eagerness; zest; 'dedication; enterprise or hard work - *üdi ocu n'örü* = be dedicated and committed to [one's] work.
- ucu** *n* [LL] hard-luck; misfortune. \*See also "azii".
- ude** *n* [HH] lotion; cream; ointment; processed oil, esp. from seed or kernel - *ude akii* = body lotion from processed palm kernel.
- ude** *n* [HL] groan; moan; deep sigh - *rie ude* = heave a deep sigh.
- ude** *n* [LH] very large mound.
- ude** *n* [LH] marshy land near rivers - *ude ngwö* = tract of marshy land taken over by raffia palms; a forest of palms.
- udele** *n* [LLL] vulture; ugly bald-headed carrion-eating bird of prey, sacred to some spirits. **var.** **udene.**
- udene** *n* [LLL] vulture; ugly bald-headed carrion-eating bird of prey, sacred to some spirits. **var.** **udele.**
- udide** *n* [LHH] 'earth-worm; 'spider. **var.** **ugide.**
- udo** *n* [HH] 'god of smallpox; the shrine of the god of smallpox - *Eze Udo* = priest and custodian of Udo; 'smallpox.
- udo** *n* [LH] peace- *udo diiri ünü* = peace be with you; *kpee udo* = negotiate peace; be a peace maker.
- udu** *n* [LH] 'peak of; season - *udu mmiri* = rainy season; *Lit:* peak of the rains; 'post-season; matter left over after the peak - *udu nri* = food collected after the harvest season; post-season harvest.
- udu** *n* [LL] musical instrument made from clay pot with a narrow neck, wide brim, and extra hole at the side; sometimes called "the resonating pot".
- udu** *n* [LL] 'a kind of pot; 'medicine pot (or more recently bottle) of herbs and roots in a suspension of palm wine or other liquid - *udu ögwü* = pot of [liquid] medicine.
- udu ka nama** *n* [HH L HH] deep-green variety of cassava with very high yield; *Lit:* thick like llama, or cattle.

- udu mmiri** *n* [LH HHH] rainy season; monsoon.
- udu mmiri** *n* [LL HHH] water pot; pot for storing drinking water.
- udu nri** *n* [LH HH] post-harvest season; season of plenty.
- udua** *adv* [LHL] (Ihiala) now; right now; immediately. **var.** **ugbua; kitaa.**
- udude** *n* [LHH] spider; species of earthworm. **var.** **ugude; ududo.**
- ududo** *n* [LHH] spider.
- ududu mmiri** *n* [LLL HHH] hardy plant used in establishing hedges or fence.
- uduko** *n* a fern-like plant.
- ufe** *n* [LH] 'brazen lies; 'liar; habitual liar - *onye ufe* = a habitual liar.
- ufe** *n* [LL] bird-flight; flight, in general.
- ufe** *n* [LL] 'a species of tree from the bark of whose young branches rather fine yarn are spun; 'cloth woven from the yarn of "ufe" tree. **var.** **üfa.**
- afe** *n* [LL] a kind of cloth woven from material extracted from inside the outer covering of the "ufe" tree. **var.** **üfa; uwe.**
- ufere** *n* [HHH] 'breeze or light wind; 'breath.
- ufere** *n* [LLL] (West Igbo) kind of folk song. \*from Aniocha (West of the Niger).
- ufie** *n* [HHH] camwood; a kind of earth-coloured dye used as body paint. **var.** **uhie.**
- ufie** *n* [HLL] 'musical instrument used to summon important meetings by an Obi or Eze; 'kind of funeral music for titled men. \*See "abia" and "egede".
- uto** *n* [HL] emptiness; vacuum. **var.** **efu.**
- upo** *n* [LH] (Onicha) praise or commendation, usually not in one's presence; recalling with praise of another person's deeds. \*"*Mba na-efo*" = True praise comes from the people, nation. <"foo" = praise; "upo" = honourable mention>.
- upo** *n* [LH] carved wooden plank, usually of iroko, decorated with artistic figures - *upo özö* = carved wooden plank made on the occasion of an özö title-taking.
- ufom** *n* [HLL] a kind of fish.
- ufu** *n* [LL] fox; bush cat - *aghü ufu* = fox-like cunning.
- ufuku** *n* [LHH] kind of tree.
- uge** *n* [HH] 'dregs of wine; last drop of wine; calabash used for storing wine.

- uge** *n* [HH] 'wrestling technique whereby an opponent is suddenly twisted into an untenable position, and then thrown; <sup>2</sup>circumflex.
- ugegbe** *n* [LLL] (Önica) looking-glass; mirror. \*See "enyo".
- ugegbe anya** *n* [LLL HH] spectacles; reading glasses. var. **enyo anya**.
- ugele** *n* [HHL] sneeze; hiccup; also a yawn. var. **uhiere**; **ughere**; **uye**; **ughele**.
- ugele** *n* [HLL] a triangular-shaped razor, sometimes called "uce". \*See "uce".
- ugene** *n* [LHL] small round musical instrument like a whistle made of clay or of "ükpadí" wood, with a mouthpiece and a variable side opening.
- ugide** *n* [LHH] 'earth-worm; <sup>2</sup>spider. var. **udide**.
- ugili** *n* [HHH] (African) mango tree; the mango fruit. var. **ugiri**; **ujiri** (*Irvingia gaboneensis*).
- ugiri** *n* [HHH] (African) mango tree; the mango fruit. var. **ugili**; **ujiri** (*Irvingia gabonensis*).
- ugiri ama** *n* [HHH HH] soothsaying.
- ugo** *n* [LL] eagle; large bird of prey.
- ugo** *n* [LL] species of toad.
- ugo** *n* [LL] black, red, or dar red colour.
- ugo agwö** *n* [LL HH] vulture.
- ugo azü** *n* [LL HL] osprey.
- ugodi** *n* [LHH] key; lock, or padlock. var. **igodo**. \*The Living Bible uses "igodo"; "Bible Nsō" uses "ugodi".
- ugoli** *n* [HHH] recitative; chanted words of praise or grief; ode.
- ugolo** *n* [HLL] a kind of bitter fruit.
- ugolo öma** *n* [HLH LL] 'raven; cattle egret; white long-legged bird that follows cattle - *Onye na-edoziri ugoloma ihe oriri = one who provides the raven with its prey; <sup>2</sup>(loosely) crow.*
- ugoloma** *n* [HLHL] . \*See "ugolo öma".
- ugude** *n* [LHH] spider. var. **udude**; **ududo**
- ugugolo** *n* [HHHH] bitter kola nut, often served with, or as a substitute for, kolanut. \*See "akü ilu" = bitter kola.
- ugbe** *n* [HL] 'feather; feathery covering of bird; bird-wing; <sup>2</sup>young cock, esp. one that has not yet crowded. var. **egbene**; **ugbene**.
- ugbene** *n* [HLL] 'wing; feather; <sup>2</sup>young cock that has not crowded. var. **egbene**; **ugbe**.
- ugbene** *n* [HLL] variety of fruit akin to plums; the tree that bears that fruit. var. **ubene**. \*See "ube" = pear tree.
- ugbo** *n* [HH] (West Igbo) ditch.
- ugbo** *n* [HH] (Afikpo) traditional sleeping slab or bed; raised mud-bed.
- ugbo** *n* [HH] 'farm or farmland; act of farming; agriculture; <sup>2</sup>neighbourhood farm; garden plot for fruits and vegetables. var. **igbo**. \*The variant "igbo" appears to have a specialised and slightly different meaning.
- ugboko** *n* [HLL] bush; forest; jungle.
- ugboko anü** *n* [HLL HH] ill-mannered person; Lit: bush animal. <"ugboko" = forest>.
- ugbolo** *n* [LLL] instance; period; number of times. var. **ugbolu**; **mgbolo**.
- ugbolu** *n* [HLH] fig-nut plant; a hedge plant whose seed yields an extract used as purgative medicine (*Jatropha curcas*).
- ugbolu** *n* [LLL] instance; period; frequency; number of times - *ugbolu one? how many times?* var. **ugbolo**; **mgbolo**.
- ugboro** *n* [LLL] frequency of an event; period; number of times. var. **ugbolo**; **mgbolo**; **ogbolo**; **ugbolu**.
- ugbu** *n* [HH] instant; period - *ugbu a = this instant; now; immediately*.
- ugbu** *n* [LH] 'fishing net; fisherman's net - *püä isa ugbu ha = went to wash their nets* (Lk. 5:2); <sup>2</sup>hunter's trap or net cast over an animal.
- ugbuia** *adv* [LHL] (Owere) now; right now; immediately. var. **udua**; **kitäa**.
- ughele** *n* [HHL] 'belch; hiccup; belching sound - *ghee ughele = belch; emit gas trough the mouth; <sup>2</sup>sneeze; hiccup; also a yawn. var. ubiri*.
- ughere** *n* [HHL] 'sneeze; hiccup; also a yawn; <sup>2</sup>ghee ughere = belch; emit gas trough the mouth. var. **uhiere**; **ughere**; **uye**.
- ugwu** *n* [HH] hill; mountain.
- ugwu** *n* [HL] 'clitoris or foreskin; prepuce; <sup>2</sup>circumcision, or the act of cutting off of the prepuce or foreskin. and in the case of girls. of the clitoris. var. **ubu**.
- ugwu** *n* [HL] part of a larger unit or package; the remaining part of the original package or unit - *ugwu mmanya = what is left of a jar of wine after part of it has been removed*.
- ugwu** *n* [LL] respect; honour; deference; dignity; prestige.

**ugwule** *n* [HHH] name for the village set aside for cult or indentured slave in West Niger area; cult slave. \*See “akankolo” = slave village.

**ugwumagala** *n* [HLHLL] chameleon; lizard-like animal that can change colours to suit its location. *var.* **owumagana**.

**uhi** *n* [LL] species of tree - üka akara *n’ukwu uru* *n’ukwu uhi* = agreement reached under the “uru” and “uhi” trees.

**uhi ama** *n* [LL HH] disease of palm-tree.

**uhie** *adv* [LLL] across; crosswise.

**uhie** *n* [HHH] ‘camwood; a kind of earth-coloured dye used as body paint; <sup>2</sup>red or yellowish colour; scarlet. *var.* **usie**.

**uhiere** *n* [HHHH] yawn; hiccup. *var.* **ughere**; **ughele**; **uye**

**ubu** *n* [HH] (Isu) the former site of the lineage homestead prior to moving to the present one; the old ancestral site. \*See “ökpötö” and “ökpö” = ancestral homesteads.

**uhuru ci** *n* [LHH H] evening; sun-down; sunset. *var.* **ohuru ci**; **orulu ci**; **ururu ci**.

**uji** *n* [LL] cave or cave-like hollow; hole in a tree - *uji afö* = abdominal cavity.

**ujiri** *n* [HHL] (Bende) orange. *var.* **ugiri**; **ugili**. \*The variant forms “ugiri/ugili” have a different meaning.

**ujishi** *n* [LHL] night; night-time. *var.* **ujisi**.

**ijisi** *n* [LHL] night; night-time. *var.* **ujishi**.

**uju** *n* [LH] ‘flood; <sup>2</sup>multitude.

**uju** *n* [LH] period of plenty and fullness - *Öbia n’uju* = One who comes in time of plenty. \*See “uju” = flood.

**uju akü** *n* [LH LL] luxury; abundance of wealth.

**ujuru** *n* [HHH] (Bende) mango; local variety of mango tree.

**uke** *n* [HH] age-mate; a person born within the 3-year cycle of one’s age-grade. *var.* **ule**; **ulo**.

**uke** *n* [LH] condition or disease in which a person is permanently bent double; different from the hunchback, proper.

**uke** *n* [LL] thorny plant used in medicinal preparations; thorn from this plant.

**uke** *n* [LL] severe hardship or misadventure resulting from one’s occupation or trade; in general, any unexpected or undeserved mishap, disaster, or misfortune - *aja uke* = sac-

rifice to ward off evil; *Lekwenü uke!* = See trouble!.

**uke** *n* [LL] wild Yam tuber.

**uko** *n* [LH] kitchen storage, usually a high shelving rack below the roof, or high above the fireplace.

**uko** *n* [LH] small gourd cup; water cup; goblet or chalice. *var.* **iko**.

**ukolo** *n* [LLL] snake-like fish; eel.

**ukori** *n* [HLH] (Ututu) daytime; afternoon; sometimes, evening.

**ukoro** *n* [HLL] <sup>1</sup>hollow; pit; <sup>2</sup>trench; gutter. *var.* **ikoro**; **nkörö**.

**ukoro osisi** *n* [HLL HHH] hollow in tree.

**ukoti** *n* [LHH] long and sharp pin-like ritual knife with pointed tip and flattened base, used in circumcision and for blood-letting medical procedures.

**uku** *n* [LL] mahogany.

**ukuru übüba** *n* [LLLHH] butterfly; kind of moth. *var.* **urukuru übüba**; **ilokolo übüba**.

**ukpi** *n* [LL] (West Igbo) a species of wood.

**ukpo** *n* [LH] (West Igbo) raised platform of bamboo supported with pillars.

**ukpo odudu** *n* [LHLLL] (Bende) Yam-beans. *var.* **odudu**.

**ukpoo** *n* [LHL] <sup>1</sup>crook; hook, including whole fishing gear; <sup>2</sup>kind of spear. \*See “egwe” = fish-hook.

**ukpu** *n* [LH] sacred or evil forest; forest or bush for the burial of those who die a bad death - *hupu ya n’ukpu* = carry it [the dead body] to the evil forest.

**ukwe** *n* [LH] (Owere) hymn: song associated with religious services. \*See “abü” = hymn. “Ukwe” is the word of choice by the Catholic mission.

**ukwu** *adj* [HH] big; great; large; huge.

**ukwu** *n* [HL] <sup>1</sup>buttock; hip; waist; <sup>2</sup>base - *ukwu osisi* = base or stump of a tree.

**ukwu** *n* [LL] <sup>1</sup>bundle; bale - *ukwu nkü* = bundle of firewood; <sup>2</sup>roll - *ukwu owu* = roll of yarn.

**ukwu** *n* [LL] general wailing or uproar; general cry of grief or discontentment; boo - *ukwu kwiöö* = there was general uproar; *kwiöö ya ukwu* = boo him.

**ukwu ego** *n* [LL HH] set of sixty cowries, or ten “isi ego”.

**ukwughukwughu** *n* [LLLHH] owl. *var.* **ikwi**

**ikwii; uzu uzuu.**

**ule** *n* [HH] age-mate; companion.

**ule** *n* [LH] examination or test; experiment.  
var. **une**.

**ule** *n* [LH] (Önica) rot; rottenness; corruption.  
var. **ure**.

**uli** *n* [LL] indigo; black liquid dye made from seed.  
var. **uri** (*Randia maculata*; *R. malleifera*).

**utili** *n* [LLL] squirrel.

**ulo** *n* [HH] age-mate; a person born within the 3-year cycle of one's age-grade. var. **ule**; **uloo**.

**ulo** *n* [HL] house; building; residence. var. **ülö**; **üyö**.

**ulodi** *n* [HLL] lily. var. **urodi**.

**uloo** *n* [HLL] age-grade; age-mate. var. **ule**; **ulo**. \*See "ebiri" = age-mate.

**ulu** *n* [HL] (Önica) 'flesh; meat - *ulu anü* = boneless part of meat; ^benefit; profit; gain - *ö balü ulu?* = is it any use; does it serve any purpose? *ulu afia* = profit (from trading). var. **uru**.

**ululu** *n* [HLL] an animal similar to the squirrel but larger.

**uluma** *n* [HHL] feather. var. **uruba**; **ulume**.

**ulume** *n* [HHL] feather. var. **uruba**; **uluma**.

**ume** *n* [HH] 'breath; energy; strength; ^courage; vigour. var. **umele**; **umere**.

**ume** *n* [HH] relief; support.

**ume** *n* [HH] sprout, or young bud from which new plant grows; sapling; tender shoot of plant - *ume ji* = *yam sprout*. var. **ome**.

**ume** *n* [LH] person associated with a cult; a cult slave. \*See "osu" and "nwa ani".

**ume ala** *n* [HH LL] humility.

**ume ji** *n* [HH H] yam sprout; the tender light green bud of yam. var. **ome ji**.

**ume mba** *n* [HH HL] laziness; spinelessness.

**ume ngwü** *n* [HH LH] laziness; sloth; indolence - *Jekuru ndanda, onye ume-ngwü* = go to the ant, you man of sloth (Prov. 6:6).

**umeghuru** *n* [LLHH] meal of "okpuru", a potato-textured wild tuber that is cut up and mixed with cocoyam ("ede") and breadfruit seed ("ükwa"). \*See "okpuru" = edible wild tuber.

**umeji** *n* [HHH] liver. var. **imeji**; **imeju**.

**umeju** *n* [HHH] liver. var. **imeju**; **umeji**.

**umele** *n* [HH] (Önica) breath: energy; strength.

var. **ume**; **umere**.

**umere** *n* [HHH] behaviour; manners; character - *nwata nwere umere öma* = child has very good manners.

**umere** *n* [HHH] (Owere) breath; energy; strength. var. **ume**; **umele**.

**umere nne** *n* [HHH LH] birthplace of one's mother; mother's natal home.

**une** *n* [HL] (Bende) banana. var. **unene**; **unere** (*Musa paradisica*).

**une** *n* [LH] (Önica) examination or test; experiment. var. **ule**.

**une** *n* [LL] musical instrument of the dulcimer family; harp - *mgbe ünü ga-anü ohu nke opi ike ... na une* = when you shall hear the sound of the trumpet ... and harp (Dan. 3:15).

**une nta** *n* [HL HL] species of plantain. var. **unere**; **unine**.

**unele** *n* [HLL] banana. var. **une**; **unene**; **unere**; **inine** (*Musa paradisica*).

**unene** *n* [HLL] banana. var. **une**; **unere**; **unele**; **inine** (*Musa paradisica*).

**unere** *n* [HLL] banana. var. **une**; **unene** (*Musa sapientum*).

**unere ezi** *n* [HLL HL] pawpaw; papaya; edible plant with milky sap and juicy fruit shaped like a giant okra (*Carica papaya*).

**unine** *n* [HLL] species of plantain. var. **une nta**; **unere**.

**unu** *n* [HH] (Afikpo) animal; beast; meat. var. **anü**.

**unu prn** *[HL]* you (plural). var. **ünü**.

**unune** *n* [HLL] banana. var. **inine** (*Musa paradisica*).

**unyi** *n* [HL] 'charcoal; soot - *tee ya unyi* = paint him over with soot; ^dirt; filth - *luo unyi* = become dirty or soiled.

**upelete** *n* [HLLL] a basket or container made of straw and grass.

**ure** *n* [HH] tongue. var. **ire**.

**ure** *n* [LH] (Owere) 'rot; rottenness; decay; ^corruption; decay of dead body. var. **ute**.

**ure** *n* [LH] semen - *ure ha bü kwa ure inyinya* = their emission (semen) was like that of horses (Ezek. 23:20).

**ure** *n* [LL] a very slow style of walking or general behaviour suggestive of a show of class or affectedness, possible couquetry. \*See also "nyaji" = style.

**uri** *n* [HH] song and dance; ceremonial dance

- *gbaa uri* = dance; *güö uri* = sing (or perform) a song.
- uri** *n* [LL] candle made from chaff of palm-nut and waste oil used as lantern. var. **uri**.
- uri** *n* [LL] dye; indigo; liquid dye from seed (*Randia maculata*; *R. malleifera*). \*cf. Nubian “uri” = black indigo.
- uri akwa** *n* [HH HH] lament; cry of sorrow by the weak or the unfortunate. \*See “akwa ariri” = lament; dirge.
- urii** *n* [LHH] lighting device improvised from “chaff or scraping from the back of palm fronds” - Ögbalü. var. **uri**.
- uriom** *n* [HLL] kind of shrub whose poisonous leaves are used to catch fish.
- urodi** *n* [HLL] lily - *urodi nke ubi ama* = lilies of the field (Mt. 6:28). var. **ulodi**.
- uru** *n* [HL] flesh; boneless (cut of) meat - *uru anü* = boneless part of meat. var. **ulu**.
- uru** *n* [HL] profit; use; usefulness; benefit - Öbara uru? = Is it any use? Does it serve any purpose?: o nwetere uru n'ahiä = he made a profit. var. **ulu**.
- uru** *n* [LH] deep sorrow; mourning; wake.
- uru** *n* [LH] 'species of tree - üka akara n'ukwu uru n'ukwu uhi = agreement reached (Lit: discussions held) under the “uru” and “uhi” trees; (in Afikpo and environs) grove, or cluster of trees close to a homestead; inner part of “bad bush”.
- uruba** *n* [HHL] feather. var. **uluma**; **ulume**.
- urughuru** *n* [HHHH] fragments; pieces; bits and pieces. var. **irighiri**.
- urukpu** *n* [HLL] cloud.
- urukuru übüba** *n* [LLLL LHH] butterfly; kind of moth. var. **ukuru übüba**; **ilokolo übüba**.
- urulu ci** *n* [LHH H] evening; sun-down; sunset. var. **ohuru ci**; **orulu ci**; **uhuru ci**.
- ururu anyasi** *n* [LHH LHL] late evening; early nightfall. <“ruo” = threaten; be imminent + “anyasi” = night time>. var. **uhuru anyasi**.
- usekwu** *n* [LLL] kitchen; corner room or pantry. var. **usokwu**.
- usi** *n* [HL] smell; odour. var. **ushi**.
- usi** *n* [LH] a verbal note of protest sent through an intermediary; a formal complaint from an aggrieved person, often as a necessary first step before taking retaliatory action - *dunye usi* = send (a delegation to lodge) a protest or complaint. var. **ushi**.

- usokwu** *n* [LLL] kitchen; corner room or pantry. var. **usekwu**.
- usoro** *n* [HLL] procedure; process; arrangement; order - *usoro iika* = order of service.
- usoro** *n* [HLL] flood-path; water current - *usoro mmiri* = path of flow of water; flood or current.
- ushi** *n* [HL] smell; odour. var. **usi**.
- ushi** *n* [LH] a verbal note of protest sent through an intermediary; a formal complaint from an aggrieved person, often as a necessary first step before taking retaliatory action - *dunye ushi* = send person(s) to lodge a formal protest; *shie ushi* = make a protest and demand an inquiry into it by third parties. var. **usi**.
- ute** *n* [HH] mat; sleeping mat. var. **eto**.
- utiri** *n* [LLL] darkness; gloom. var. **itiri**.
- uto afö** *n* [LH HH] ascites; dropsy or swelling of stomach.
- utolo** *n* [LLL] cholera; severe diarrhoea. var. **otolo**; **otoro**.
- utu** *n* [HL] kind of fruit.
- utu** *n* [HL] penis; scrotum.
- utu** *n* [LL] heron; a large wading bird - *utu di ice ice* = herons of different kinds (Lev. 11:19) (*Charadrius oedicnemus*).
- utu nwanyi** *n* [HH HL] clitoris: small upper end of a woman's genitalia.
- utukpe** *n* [LLH] lamp: lantern. var. **itikpa**.
- utulu** *n* [LLL] bridge of the nose; nose septum; partition between nostril.
- uvulu** *n* [HHH] young chick to be used for sacrifice. \*See “abuke” = sacrificial chick.
- uvune** *n* [LLL] kind of edible fruit.
- uwe** *n* [LH] 'clothing; dress; clothes; garment; habit: the formal dress of religious orders. var. **afe**; **ufe**.
- uwom** *n* [LL] woman who is wasteful of food; one who uses or cooks more food than necessary; extravagant woman.
- uyele** *n* [HHL] yawn. var. **uhiere**; **ughele**; **ughere**.
- uyo** *n* [HL] (Obowo) house; building. var. **ulo**; **ülö**.
- uyöm** *n* [LLL] day old chick; unfeathered chick. var. **uriöm**.
- uze** *n* [LL] squirrel; a large species of the squirrel; in folk-tales, “uze” is said to be a kind, skilled wrestler (*Heliosciurus*

*gambianus*).

- uze** *n* [LL] semen. var. **ezere; ezere; ure.**
- uzele** *n* [HHL] sneeze; hiccup. var. **uzere.**
- uzere** *n* [HHL] sneeze; hiccup. var. **uzele.**
- uzi** *n* [HH] tree that yields premium hardwood.
- uzi** *n* [LL] semen. var. **ezere; uze.**
- uzo** *n* [HL] <sup>1</sup>door; entrance; entry; <sup>2</sup>road; way; highway; <sup>3</sup>procedure; means; manner - *uzo özö = differently; another (or different) way.* var. **üzö.**
- uzu** *n* [LL] <sup>1</sup>steam; vapour; <sup>2</sup>suffocation; breath; <sup>3</sup>smoke; smoke-filled or stuffy air.
- uzu imi** *n* [LL HH] nose-bleeding. var. **ezi imi.**
- uzu mmiri** *n* [HLL] hail; hailstorm.
- uzu uzuu** *n* [LL LLH] owl. var. **ikwi-ikwii;** **ukughu-ukwughu.**
- uzuuzu** *n* [HHL] fine sand; dust. var. **abaja.**

## Ü

- Ü alph** [HH] <sup>1</sup>32nd letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>half-close back vowel. \*Pronounced as "üü"
- uba** *n* [LH] <sup>1</sup>prosperity; riches; wealth; <sup>2</sup>general increase in size and quantity.
- ubara** *n* [HHH] fresh palm-oil; oil. \*See "mmanü" and "ofe igbo" = palm oil.
- übäa** *n* [LLL] indigence; hardship; want. var. **übäam.**
- übäam** *n* [LLL] indigence; hardship; want. var. **übäa.**
- übö** *n* [HL] animosity; grudge; resentment. var. **mbö; öbö.**
- übö** *n* [LH] <sup>1</sup>musical instrument made from thin bamboo slivers on base of calabash half, or of "okwe" wood, like flat bars, and strings of variable length; <sup>2</sup>guitar; xylophone.
- übö akwala** *n* [LH] (Önica) musical instrument, with (five) tunable strings; musical instrument of that family: harp; banjo; guitar; lyre. var. **übö akwara.**
- übö akwara** *n* [LH] (Owere) musical instrument, with (five) tunable strings; musical instrument of that family: harp; banjo; guitar; lyre. var. **übö akwala.**
- üböci** *n* [HLL] day; daylight; day-time. var. **übösí.**
- übösí** *n* [HLL] day; daylight; day-time. var. **üböci.**
- übü** *n* [HL] net.
- übü** *n* [LH] scramble: rush - *ha bürü nri übü = there was a huge scramble over the food.* var. **üvü.**
- übuba** *n* [HHH] . \*See "übubara".
- übuba** *n* [LHH] butterfly; kind of moth. var. **ibube; ubube.**
- übubara** *n* [HHHH] deciduous plant whose heavy foliage is rich source of vegetable manure. var. **übuba.**
- übübö** *n* [HLL] (Öhafia) story; tale; narrative.
- übübö** *n* [HLL] grudge; revenge.
- übülü** *n* [HLL] (Öka) fan made from the leaves of the palm tree. var. **ubili.**

**übülü** *n* [LHH] brain; intelligence - *übülü isi* = brain; *onwegoḥi übülü* = he does not have brains; he is a moron. var. **übürü**.

**übülü** *n* [LLL] (Önica) kind of plant with sweet-smelling edible fruit; its leaves are used in food preparation. var. **übürü**.

**übürü** *n* [LHH] brain; intelligence - *übürü isi* = brain; *onwere übürü* = he has brains; he is smart. var. **übülü**.

**übürü** *n* [LLL] (Owere) kind of plant with sweet-smelling edible fruit; its leaves are used in food preparation. var. **übülü**.

**üca** *n* [LH] cleanliness; purity; whiteness. var. **öca**.

**ücası** *n* [LLL] species of tree with valuable hardwood timber.

**ücica** *n* [LHH] (Önica) cockroach. var. **öcica**.

**ücü** *n* [LH] first meal of the day; breakfast - *gboo ücü* = break [one's] fast. \*See "arī" = breakfast.

**üda** *adj* [HL] clever.

**üda** *n* [HL] frankincense; spice; a spice-producing tree; gum arabic - *üda m* = my spice (Songs 5:1) (*Xylopia aethiopica*).

**üda** *n* [LL] fatness.

**üda** *n* [LL] 'sound; reverberation; boom; impact or volume of sound - *üda egbe* = bang or report of firearms; <sup>2</sup>tone; timbre - *üda olu* = tone of voice.

**üda ume** *n* [LL HH] 'tone; pitch; <sup>2</sup>(in recent technical usage) vowel - *Asüsü nile nwere üdaume* = All languages have vowels.

**üdaa** *adv* [LHH] (Isu) now; right now.

**üdala** *n* [HHL] (Önica) a kind of apple; star apple. var. **üdara** (*Chrysophyllum africanum*).

**üdala enwe** *n* [HLL LL] (Önica) variety of the üdara or star apple, marked for its small seeds (*Chrysophyllum*). var. **üdara nwa enwo**.

**üdara** *n* [HHL] a kind of apple; star apple. var. **üdala** (*Chrysophyllum africanum*).

**üdara nwa enwo** *n* [HLL H LL] (Owere) variety of the üdara or star apple, marked for its small seeds (*Chrysophyllum*). var. **üdala enwe**.

**üdi** *n* [LH] 'kind; sort; style; manner - *üdi uwe* = style of dress; *üdi omume* = kind of behaviour; <sup>2</sup>genre.

**üdö** *n* [LL] rope; string; twine.

**üdö öca** *n* [LL HH] (Önica) plant with reddish flowers and tough outer skin.

**üdö nwa akpüta ike** *n* [LL H HLH HH] medicinal plant with extra-strong roots.

**üdü** *n* [LH] water-pot; large water pot, usually half-buried in the floor. var. **udu**.

**üdüa** *adv* [LHL] now; right now.

**üfa** *n* [LL] a good thing one gets at by luck or chance; a lucky find: chance booty; godsend - *mgbada daa ibi öbülü üfa di nta* = a duiker with hernia is a godsend for the hunter (Thomas).

**üfa** *n* [LL] a species of tree from the bark of whose young branches rather fine yarn are spun; kind of yarn from the "üfa" tree. var. **ufe**.

**üfa** *n* [LL] a kind of cloth woven from material extracted from inside the outer covering of the "üfa" tree. var. **afe**; **ufe**; **uwe**.

**üfi mmanya** *n* [LL HHH] (West Igbo) down wine; special grade good palm-wine.

**üfö** *n* [LH] remainder; what's left-over.

**üfö öha** *n* [LH LH] boundary fence made from (live) "öha" stakes.

**üfödü** *n* [LHH] some: others - *üfödü oge* = on some occasions: *üfödü mmadii* = some [or, certain] people.

**üfü** *n* [LH] pain; hurt. var. **üfufü**.

**üfü** *n* [LL] fish; fish pond.

**üfufü** *n* [LHH] ache; hurt; pain. \*See "afüfü". var. **üfü**.

**üfufü** *n* [LHH] froth; foam.

**üga** *n* [HL] famine; scarcity. var. **üganii**.

**üga** *n* [LH] thorny plant with soft stem, used in making sponges, etc.

**üga** *n* [LH] corner of mouth between the jaws.

**üga** *n* [LH] rope for climbing that is looped round the tree, and secured by being tied round both legs.

**üga** *n* [LH] kind of children's tag-game in which one player either successfully evades an on-coming player, or is "destroyed".

**üganii** *n* [HLL] famine; scarcity.

**ügü** *n* [HH] pumpkin; plant whose seeds and leaves are used in food preparation (*Telfaria occidentalis*).

**ügülü** *n* [HLL] (Önica) <sup>1</sup>dry dust-laden northwind; <sup>2</sup>dry season; harmattan. \*See "ököci" = dry season. var. **ügürü**.

**ügürü** *n* [HLL] (Owere) <sup>1</sup>dry dust-laden north-

- wind; <sup>2</sup>dry season; harmattan. \*See “ököcf” = dry season. var. ügülü.
- ügbä** *n* [LH] 'oil-bean seed; oil-bean tree; <sup>2</sup>dish of finely sliced and slightly fermented oil-bean prepared with spices, fish, or meat; var. **akpaka**; **ügbaka**; **ügbakala**; **ükpakala** (*Pentaclethra macrophylla*).
- ügbä** *n* [LH] calabash; container. var. ögbä; öba.
- ügbä** *n* [LL] headlong dive or crash; somersault.
- ügbaka** *n* [LHH] 'oil-bean seed; oil-bean tree; <sup>2</sup>oil-bean dish prepared with spices and meat. var. **akpaka**; **ügbä**; **ügbaka**; **ügbakala**; **ükpakala** (*Pentaclethra macrophylla*).
- ügbakala** *n* [LHHH] 'oil-bean seed; oil-bean; <sup>2</sup>dish of finely-sliced oil-bean prepared with spices and meat. var. **ügbä**; **ügbakala**; **ükpakala** (*Pentaclethra macrophylla*).
- ügbala** *n* [HLL] 'stork, possibly sea-gull - ügbala na utu = stork and heron (*Lev. 11:19*); <sup>2</sup>crane - eleke ma öbü ügbala = swallow or a crane (*Is. 38:14*). var. ügbana.
- ügbala ahia** *n* [LLL HHH] retail trade involving the re-selling of goods, as distinct from trading in good which one has himself produced. var. üghala ahia.
- ügbalügbä** *n* [HLHH] a nuisance; unnecessary trouble or inconvenience.
- ügbana** *n* [HLL] 'stork, possibly sea-gull; <sup>2</sup>crane - Dika eleke ma öbü ügbana = like a swallow or a crane (*Is. 38:14*). var. ügbana.
- ügbari** *n* [HLL] 'lines; <sup>2</sup>point of juncture for two lines; angle (formed by lines).
- ügbö** *n* [HH] craft; vehicle; vessel - ügbö-mmiri; -ala; -elu = ship, boat, canoe; van, car, lorry, bus; trailer, train; plane, helicopter; ügbö osisi = wooden craft, or boat.
- ügbö aja** *n* [HH LL] basket (or other container) for holding items to be sacrificed.
- ügbö ala** *n* [HH LL] car; automobile; motor vehicle. var. ügbö ani.
- ügbö amimi** *n* [HH LLL] (Öka) kind of basket. var. agba amimi.
- ügbö ani** *n* [HH LL] (Önica) car; motor vehicle; automobile. var. ügbö ala.
- ügbö elu** *n* [HH HH] aeroplane; aircraft; airplane. var. ügbö enu.
- ügbö mmiri** *n* [HH HHH] boat; canoe; ship.
- ügbö ögiriş** *n* [HH LLL] a creeper associated with the cucumber (anyü) plant.
- ügbögü** *n* [HH] pumpkin; plant whose seeds and leaves are used in food preparation. var. ügbögülü; **ügbögürü** (*Telfaria occidentalis*).
- ügbögülü** *n* [HH] pumpkin; plant whose seeds and leaves are used in food preparation. var. ügbögü; **ügbögülü** (*Telfaria occidentalis*).
- ügbögürü** *n* [HH] pumpkin; plant whose seeds and leaves are used in food preparation. var. ügbögü (*Telfaria occidentalis*).
- ügbü** *n* [HH] fish-net.
- ügbügbä** *n* [LLL] 'plate, basin, container used in the kitchen and elsewhere, or (in Önica area) small cooking pot made from light metal (often iron); <sup>2</sup>zinc roofing sheet; metal roofing. var. agbügbä.
- ügha** *n* [LH] a lie or falsehood; deliberate fib. \*See “asi”.
- üghala ahia** *n* [LLL HHH] retail trade involving the re-selling of goods, as distinct from trading in goods produced by oneself. var. ügbala ahia.
- üghö** *n* [LH] accident; mishap; mistake; unintended or unplanned action.
- ügwa** *n* [HH] wand of innocence, made from root of üma tree, with white quail feathers attached, and lowered during öfö incantations. \*See “ogu” = wand of innocence.
- ügwa** *n* [HH] sexual relations with the wife of a relative.
- ügwa** *n* [HL] eczema; luecoderma; skin disease. var. agwa; ügwö.
- ügwa** *n* [LH] act of revenge or recrimination; revenge.
- ügwa-na-ogu** *n* [HL-L-HL] righteousness and justice; sometimes, truth and justice. \*Same as “öfö-na-ogu”.
- ügwö** *n* [HH] 'payment due; debt - jie ügwö = owe; be behind in repaying debts; kwüö ügwö = pay a debt; <sup>2</sup>salary; wages; reward - rie ügwö önwa = receive monthly wages, or salary; Enigwe ga-abü ügwö = Heaven will be [their] reward (*Gen. 15:1*); <sup>3</sup>penalty; dues; fees; penalty - ree ha ügwö = assess them a fine; kpaa ha ügwö = collect fines; ügwö akwükwo = school fees.
- ügwö** *n* [HH] enmity; ; hatred.
- ügwö** *n* [HL] eczema; luecoderma; skin-disease. var. agwa; ügwö.

**ügwö ölü** *n* [HH HH] wages; reward; payment for services; salary. *var.* ügwö önwa; ügwö örü.

**ügwö önwa** *n* [HH HH] wages; salary. *var.* ügwö ölü; ügwö örü.

**ügwö örü** *n* [HH HH] wages; reward; payment for services; salary. *var.* ügwö ölü; ügwö önwa.

**üha** *adj* [HL] overnight; yesternight's; stale - *nni üha* = stale overnight food. *var.* öra; üra. **üha** *n* [LH] kind of tree whose tender leaves are used in food preparation; its strong taproots make the tree an excellent boundary marker - *ofe üha* = soup made with "üha" leaf. *var.* öha; öra (*P. Terocarpus*; or *Canna indica L.*). \*Same as "oko".

**üha** *n* [LH] lie; fibs.

**üha** *n* [LH] brightness of appearance; good looks; beauty.

**üja** *n* [LL] bark of animal; roar or growl.

**üjö** *n* [HH] anxiety; fear; trembling; fright.

**üjö atü** *adj* [HH HH] fearless; intrepid.

**üjü ala** *n* [LH LL] wrestling; mock fight, and similar horse-play. \*See "mgbä" = wrestling.

**üka** *n* [HH] sourness; rancidity - *ofe gbaa üka* = if soup goes sour.

**üka** *n* [HL] (Ösömarí) fence. *var.* ügba.

**üka** *n* [HL] 'talk; chatter; conversation; quarrel; 'speech.

**üka** *n* [HL] 'congregation; church - *üka Fada* = Catholic congregation (Rev. Father's Church); 'church service - *jee üka* = attend church service.

**ükam** *n* [HHH] (Bende) plantain.

**ükara** *n* [LLL] 'measure or length of cloth; strip of cloth; 'strictly) cloth with "nsibidi" motifs woven into them. *var.* akara.

**ükö** *n* [HH] rash; scabies; scratch.

**ükö** *n* [HL] 'intermediary; one who serves as a go-between during negotiations (e.g. marriage); 'messenger; herald. \*See "ükö Cukwu" = priest, minister.

**ükö** *n* [HL] thorn tree; plant used in special traps for animals.

**ükö** *n* [LH] scarcity; want.

**ükö bekee** *n* [HH LHH] chicken pox; *Lit.* whiteman's scabies/rash.

**ükö Cukwu** *n* [HL HH] priest; minister; intermediary with, or messenger of God. \*See "ükö" = intermediary.

**ükölö** *n* [LLL] carp; a kind of fresh-water fish. **ükülü** *n* [LLL] (Öka) corner of house; edge. **ükpa** *n* [HH] 'greed; greediness; gluttony; 'lack of self-control in satisfying desire.

**ükpa** *n* [HH] sort; type or kind - *ükpa agwa* = (that) kind of behaviour; *ükpa abürü* = that type of breed (lineage).

**ükpa** *n* [HH] long oblong basket reserved for farm or market use.

**ükpa** *n* [HL] kind of slightly bitter edible fruit with thin hard skin; the cooked fruit of "ököröbiöm".

**ükpa** *n* [LH] buddy; person with whom another is closely associated. *kpa*a *ükpa* = keep the company of another. 'companionship.

**Ükpabí** *n* [LHL] 'name for God, or Supreme Being, the full name being found variously rendered as "Ibin Ukpabi", "Ebunu Ukpabi", or "Eburu Ukpabi", originally the name of the God of the Ekoí; 'personal name (esp. among the Arö).

**ükpadí** *n* [HHH] kind of wood used in making "ugene" whistles.

**ükpaka** *n* [LHH] 'oil-bean tree; oil-bean seed; 'dish of finely-sliced and slightly fermented oil-bean prepared with spices, fish, or meat. *var.* ügbaka; ügbakala; akpaka; ükpaka; **ükpakala** (*Pentaclethra macrophylla*).

**ükpala** *n* [LLH] grasshopper; edible insect. *var.* ükpana; ükpala.

**ükpana** *n* [LLH] grasshopper; edible insect. *var.* ükpana; ükpala.

**ükpara** *n* [LLH] grasshopper; edible insect. *var.* ükpana; ükpala.

**ükpö** *n* [HH] hard-shelled black oil-seed used in food preparation; tree that produces it.

**ükpö** *n* [HL] oblong basket.

**ükpö** *n* [LH] blister; thin water-filled swelling on the skin caused by fire.

**ükpö** *n* [LL] dwarf.

**ükpöci** *n* [HHH] roasted plantain. \*See "abirika".

**ükporö** *n* [LHH] nothingness; emptiness - *n iikporö* = in vain *var.* ökpörö.

**ükpütü** *n* [HHH] (Önica) track or footprint; footprint. *var.* üpürü.

**ükwa** *n* [HL] breadfruit; breadfruit tree (*Treculias africana*).

**ükwa oru** *n* [HL HL] (Okigwe) corn or maize.

**ükwala** *n* [HHL] cough - *ükwala ma* = tuber-

- culosis. var. ükwara.**
- ükwala nta** *n* [HHL HL] tuberculosis. var.  
**ükwara nta**.
- ükwara** *n* [HHL] cough. var. ükwala.
- ükwara nta** *n* [HHL HL] tuberculosis. var.  
**ükwala nta**.
- ükwö** *n* [LH] kite. var. nkwo.
- ükwö ofe** *n* [LH HH] (Bende) vegetable used  
in preparing soup; same as “üha”  
(*Pterocarpus* or *Canna indica L.*).
- ükwü** *n* [HH] 'leg; foot; lower limb - *aqo iikwü*  
= calf; Lit: bowel of the leg. <sup>2</sup>stand.
- üla** *n* [HH] sleep. var. üra.
- üla** *n* [HL] 'ring; <sup>2</sup>manilla. var. öla.
- üla** *n* [LH] slap on the face - *maa üla* = slap;  
give a slap. var. üra; öla.
- üla** *n* [LL] cunning or deceit; act of deliberately misleading someone. <“laa”=deceive; mislead>.
- üla iyi** *n* [LH HH] ebb; ebbing of waves out to sea.
- ülarü** *n* [LLL] silk; decorative ornament, e.g. trinket.
- ülo** *n* [HH] 'mud <sup>2</sup>clay; edible clay. var. ürö.  
\*See “akü” = edible clay.
- ülo** *n* [HL] home; house; building. var. ünö; üyö.
- ülo** *n* [LH] street; road; way. \*Used as synonymous with “ezi”.
- ülo** *n* [LL] slime; slimy liquid such as found in snails, etc.
- ülo akü** *n* [HL LL] bank; warehouse.
- ülo akwükwo** *n* [HL HHH] school; school building.
- ülo eghu** *n* [HL HH] stable; hut for goats or sheep.
- ülo ikwu** *n* [HL HH] tent; Lit: house of the kindred - *ülo-ikwu ya* = his tent (*Gen. 26:17*).
- ülo nnwubi** *n* [HL HHL] cubicles; partitioned-out rooms; bedrooms - *ülo nwubi dī ice ice* = cubicles (*Gen. 6:14*). var. ülo ubi.
- ülo nsü** *n* [HL HH].
- ülo ntü** *n* [HL HH] temporary shelter made of leaves, wood, etc; booth or kiosk.
- ülo ögwü** *n* [HL HH] hospital; clinic; medical centre; place for the care of the sick; Lit: medicine house.
- ülo örü** *n* [HL HH] workshop; office; factory.
- ülo ubi** *n* [HL HL] cubicles; rooms. var. ülo nwubi.
- ülö ute** *n* [HL HH] (Afikpo) communal rest-house for youth; communal hall.
- ülö-ukwu eze** *n* [HL-HH HL] palace; chief's house.
- ülü** *n* [LH] second child born to a mother - *ülü mma* = (female) second child; *ülü öpara* = (male) second child.
- ülü** *n* [LH] (Önica) cunning; wickedness - *onye ülü* = confidence trickster.
- ülü mma** *n* [LH HH] name given to second child, if female, born to a mother.
- ülü öpara** *n* [LH HHH] name given to a second child (if male) born to a mother.
- üma** *n* [HH] conduct or behaviour - *Üma dī otu a ghua Öniigbo badarü n'ahü* = Conduct of that kind sent a chill through Öniigbo's body.
- üma** *n* [HH] 'what is left over after division; remainder; odd set - *maa üma* = have an indivisible left-over set; <sup>2</sup>profit; what is left over after costs have been accounted for.
- üma** *n* [HH] spleen; inflammation of the spleen, with associated pain; var. ama.
- üma** *n* [HL] measure; unit of measurement.  
<“maa” = measure>.
- üma** *n* [LH] species of wild yam.
- üma** *n* [LH] purpose; will to act; deliberate action - *ima üma mee ihe* = do something deliberately, wilfully; i.e. not accidentally, or capriciously.
- üma** *n* [LH] kind of tree used in making “ügwa” ritual wand.
- üma** *n* [LH] high-pitched sing-song with patterned flourish, especially favoured by women: song of joy; general ululation - *üma mwa* = song announcing birth of a child, to which other women respond with ululations.
- üma** *n* [LL] grief.
- üma** *n* [LL] interest; simple interest.
- üma afö** *n* [LH HH] enlarged spleen; splenitis. var. ama afö.
- ümara** *n* [LLL] rudder; flat piece of wood used to steer a boat or ship - *töpü üdö ümara isi ügbö* = loosened the ropes that tied the rudders (*Acts 27:40*).
- ümü** *n* [LH] 'long narrow conduit; hollowed-out inside of a solid; marrow; <sup>2</sup>flood-water well; shallow reservoir; well; deep pond.
- ümü** *n* [LL] marrow; substance that fills the marrow.

**ümü** *n* [HL] replicas; miniatures or copies of same person or thing; hence used to indicate the plural form of some nouns; *Lit:* children of - ümü anümanü = animals; *Lit:* children of animals; ümü önwa = stars, or *Lit:* little moons.

**ümü** *n* [HL] 'children - ümü ya = her children; ümü ise = five children; ^descendants; used with name of ancestor in names of towns, clans, etc. - "Ümü Numo" = Descendants of Numo; hence name of their town. <cf. Yor.: "omo" = child>. var. ömö. \*plural of "nwa" = child.

**ümü ada** *n* [HH LH] daughters of the kindred; women born to the kindred, excluding women married into the kindred. var. ümü ökpü.

**ümü aka** *n* [HL HH] children; babies; toddlers.

**ümü azü** *n* [HL HL] disciples or followers; *Lit:* the "junior" generation [of followers]. \*See also "ümü azü" = little ones following behind; hence, followers.

**ümü azü** *n* [HL LH] followers or disciples; *Lit:* little ones following behind. \*See "ümü azü" = disciples.

**ümü nna** *n* [HL HH] brethren; cousins; kinsmen; kindred.

**ümü nri** *n* [HH HH] (Öhafia) siblings; brothers and sisters; *Lit:* children with whom one shares a meal.

**ümü ökpü** *n* [HH HH] daughters of the kindred; women born to the kindred, excluding women married into the kindred.

**ümü önwa** *n* [HH HH] stars; *Lit:* little moons.

**ümü ümü** *n* [HL HL] descendants; grandchildren; progeny.

**ümüarö** *n* [HLHL] name of village; short for "Ümü arö özö", or the lineage of özö holders.

**ümümü** *n* [LLL] arrow-shaped tailed iron piece said to have been devised by Öka (Awka) smiths and used extensively as local currency, but also found with variations as far north as Jos and Kano.

**ümüne** *n* [HHL] god of family peace; those who worship "Ümüne" refrain from harming blood relations.

**ümürüma** *n* [HHLH] (Bende/Afikpo) children; little children.

**üna** *n* [HL] 'gold ring; sometimes, manilla ring.

**üna** *n* [LH] (Önica) departure; exit. <"naa" = depart; go>.

**üna** *n* [LH] (Önica) sleep; var. üla.

**üna** *n* [LH] (Önica) slap on the face.

**üna** *n* [LH] (Öhafia) trouble - mee üna = make trouble. var. ünina.

**üna** *n* [LL] gift; precious gift - Üna Cukwu = God's gift.

**üna** *n* [LL] (Owere) species of yam, yellowish in colour, with three-pronged leaves. var.

**öna** (*Dioscorea dumetorum Pax*).

**ünina** *n* [HHH] trouble - awiighim onye ünina = I am not a trouble-maker. var. üna.

**ünö** *n* [HL] (Önica) 'home; house; building - ünö üka = church building; anü ünö = domesticated animal, i.e. an animal of the homestead; ^base; starting point; end point - ruo ünö = get home; get to base. var. üyö; ülö.

**ünü prn** [HL] you; yours (plural). var. unu.

**ünwü** *n* [HH] famine; scarcity.

**ünya ahü** *n* [LL HL] yesterday; previous day.

**ünyö** *n* [HL] (Ümüoji) house; building; home. var. ülö; ünö.

**üña** *n* [LL] fanfare; display of pride, joy and well-being, often involving dance and gigs staged to win the applause of an appreciative audience - tiö üña = show off.

**üñara** *n* [HLL] the slightest noise or movement; a stir - metü üñara = make a stir; show some sign of life.

**üñara** *n* [HLL] period of waiting or anticipation; vigil.

**üpa** *n* [HH] mud; marshy soil - üpa ala = kind of soil with a mixture of stone and clay. var. üpö.

**üpa ala** *n* [HH LL] kind of soil with a mixture of stone and clay.

**üpiti** *n* [HLL] mud; clayey soil; marsh. var. üpitiri.

**üpiti** *n* [HLL] (Nnobi) a ribald dance in some communities marking the end of marriage ceremonies during which women tread a wine-soaked earth under their feet, singing of copulation and fertility. \*'Biäm biäm ka mma n'ute. Abiaca ya ka abialü nwa' - Sex is best in bed...One gets a child from all the hassle. Song-text.

- üpütiři** *n* [HHHH] mud; clayey soil; marsh. var. **üpitii**.
- üpō** *n* [HH] mud; marshy soil. var. **üpa**.
- üpō öji** *n* [LH HH] fruit of the iroko. \*See "abala" = fruit of iroko.
- üpötörö** *n* [HHHH] soil; marshy soil.
- üpüpa** *n* [LHH] (Bende) semi-domesticated mango (*Iringia gabonensis*).
- üpürü** *n* [HHH] (Owere) track or footprint; footprint. var. **ükpürü**.
- üra** *adj* [HL] overnight; yesternight's; stale - *nri üra* = stale overnight food; *Oke-okporo gaa nta gaa imo, ntü üra na ece ya* = a bachelor, wander as he may, returns to yesterday's fireplace ash. var. **öra**.
- üra** *adj* [LL] staleness; mustiness; condition arising from being left-over. var. **öra**.
- üra** *n* [HH] gluttony. var. **üsa**.
- üra** *n* [HH] (Owere) sleep. var. **üla**. \*cf. Yoruba: "orun" = sleep.
- üra** *n* [HH] (Owere) sleep. var. **üla**. \*cf. Yoruba: "orun" = sleep.
- üra** *n* [HL] play or frolic.
- üra** *n* [LH] slap on the face - *maa üra* = slap; give a slap. var. **üla**.
- üra** *n* [LL] kind of rubbing line used on a newborn baby's body.
- Ürayi** *n* [LLL] deity of Öniča; often referred to as "Ürayi ukwu", the Great Ürayi.
- üriöm** *n* [LLL] 'chick; day-old chick; unfeathered grower chick; <sup>2</sup>young chick used in sacrifices and other rituals. var. **üyöm**. \*See "abaca".
- üriöm** *n* [HLL] devastation; mass destruction.
- ürö** *n* [HH] clay. var. **ülo**.
- ürü** *n* [HH] kind of tree.
- ürü** *n* [LH] cunning; wickedness - *onye ürü nwüö, onye ürü elie ya* = when the man of cunning dies, a man of equal cunning buries him. var. **ülü**.
- ürürö** *n* [LHH] (Öhafia) marsh; swamp. var. **ürürü**.
- ürürü** *n* [LHH] marsh; swamp. var. **ürürö**.
- üsa** *n* [HH] squandering - *onye üsa* = squanderer; one who squanders; wasteful spender.
- üsa** *n* [HH] (Owere) gluttony; appetite; inordinate desire for immediate gratification - *onye üsa* = spendthrift; *ihe oge ya ruru abughii üsa* = at its appropriate time, no desire is gluttony. var. **üra**.
- üsara** *n* [HLL] answer; reply.
- üsara ofe** *n* [HLL HH] spiced pepper-soup.
- üsö** *n* [LH] boundary; corner; far end.
- üsö** *n* [LH] (Öniča) sweetheart; darling; confidante. var. **ösii**.
- üsö** *n* [LH] (Öniča) sweetness. var. **ütö; öcö**.
- üsö ekwu** *n* [LH HH] kitchen; small outhouse where food is processed.
- üsü** *n* [HH] bat.
- üsü** *n* [LH] corner; furthest end.
- üsü** *n* [LL] crowd; troop - *üsü ndü agha* = *troop of soldiers*.
- üsü** *n* [LL] 'net loss in trade; poor conditions of trade likely to lead to loss or unsold merchandise; <sup>2</sup>fasting or starvation.
- üta** *n* [HH] blame; reproach; liability - *taa ya üta* = *blame him; hold him responsible*.
- üta** *n* [LH] bow and arrow; arrow; bow.
- ütaba** *n* [LHL] ground tobacco; snuff; tobacco. var. **ütagba**.
- ütagba** *n* [LHL] ground tobacco; snuff; tobacco. var. **ütaba**.
- ütakü** *n* [LHL] leg; foot; thigh - *ütakü ükwü* = thigh. var. **ütakwü**.
- ütakwü ükwü** *n* [LHH HH] thigh. var. **ütakü**.
- ütaли** *n* [LLL] whip - *pia ütaли* = flog; whip; var. **itali**.
- ütara** *n* [HLL] food, generally; pounded food (cassava or yam); foofoo. \*See "nri" = food; meal.
- ütazï** *n* [LHH] kind of edible vegetable with bitter taste. var. **ütazirï**.
- ütazirï** *n* [LHLL] kind of edible vegetable with bitter taste. var. **ütazï**.
- ütö** *n* [LH] sweetness; joy; pleasure - *ütö nwa* = *joy of motherhood; Lit: the sweetness of [having] a child*. var. **üsö; öcö**.
- ütölö** *n* [HLL] burial place for lepers, and similar outcasts.
- ütörö** *n* [HLL] fat marrow.
- ütü** *n* [HH] flour; germ of seed; grain or seed from which flour is produced - *ütü öka akwörö nke öma* = *finely ground corn flour (Lev. 2:1)*.
- ütü** *n* [LH] tax; tribute; contribution; levy - *kpaa ütü* = *collect levies or taxes; ree ütü* = *levy taxes*.
- ütü** *n* [LH] 'whitish powder produced by weevil or other insect; <sup>2</sup>dry lesion on scalp that produces powdery scales; dry rot; <sup>3</sup>insect

- or organism that produces these conditions.
- ütü** *n* [LL] bundle; sheaf.
- ütü öhü** *n* [HL HH] anus.
- ütü öka** *n* [HH HL] flour; sifted meal of germ from grain - *ütü öka akwörö nke öma* = *finely ground corn flour* (*Lev. 2:1*).
- ütü öka** *n* [HH HL] flounder, a kind of fish.
- ütükpe** *n* [LLH] large bird of prey of the kite family.
- ütütü** *n* [LHL] dawn; morning.
- ütütü** *n* [LLL] bouquet; flower.
- üvü** *n* [LH] (Owere) scramble; rush - *üvü nri* = *a huge scramble or fight over food*. var. **übü**.
- üwa** *n* [LL] 'earth; universe; world; nature - *üwa dīgburugburu* = *the world is round*; *üwa bù nke onye?* = *whose is the world?*; <sup>2</sup>life; existence; natural order of things - *üwa dī egwu* = *life is mysterious*; *üwa nke a* = *what a world*; *üwa nkīta* = *a dog's life*; <sup>3</sup>fate; destiny - *üwa m*, *üwa öjöö* = *my destiny, a bad one*.
- üwa** *n* [LL] (Afikpo) guardian spirit of male initiates. \*See "egero" = guardian spirit.
- üya** *n* [LL] bird's egg; egg.
- üyö** *n* [HL] home; house; building. var. **ünö**; **ülö**.
- üyö** *n* [LL] cymbal; rattle; musical instrument. var. **øyö**.
- üyöm** *n* [LLL] 'chick; day-old chick; unfeathered grower chick; <sup>2</sup>young chick used in sacrifices and other rituals. var. **üriöm**.
- \*See "abaca".
- üza** *n* [HH] (Ahöada) dust; earth; sand. var. **ada-aní**; **aja**.
- üza** *n* [HL] 'dreg of wine; lees; <sup>2</sup>filter; thick fibrous gourd used as filter or sieve, esp. for palm wine; <sup>3</sup>kind of plant from whose dried sponge-like fruit, sieves are made - *taa üza* = *eat the sieve (used in filtering wine), which is a far worse fate than drinking the dregs!*
- üziza** *n* [HHH] 'tiny black spice-producing seed, with medicinal uses; <sup>2</sup>kind of pepper (*Piper guineense*; *Glyphoae lateriflora*).
- üzö** *n* [HH] scramble or rush to grab, seize, or snatch something.
- üzö** *n* [HL] 'door; entrance; entry; <sup>2</sup>road; way; highway; <sup>3</sup>procedure; means; manner - *üzö özö* = *differently; another (or different) way*.
- üzö** *n* [LH] early dawn - *üzö ütütü* = *very early morning*.
- üzö owele** *n* [HL LLL] back door; rear entrance. var. **üzö owere**. \*See "owere" = backyard.
- üzö owere** *n* [HL LLL] back door; rear entrance. var. **üzö owele**. \*See "owere" = backyard.
- üzü** *n* [HH] smithy; blacksmith; blacksmithing - *ökpu üzü* = *blacksmith*. var. **özü**.
- üzü** *n* [LL] sneeze; violent sneeze or exhalation.
- üzü** *n* [LL] loud noise; roar.
- üzü imi** *n* [LL HH] sneeze.

## V

- V** alph [HH] '33rd letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiced labio-dental fricative; a consonant.  
 \*Pronounced "vii"; "V" has been de-voiced into "f" in many instances; it is realised as "b", "gh", or "h" in many dialects.
- va prn** [H] they - *Va abiago* = *They have come; nye va* = *give them*. var. **ha**; **wa**; **fa**.
- vacie** v [HHH] stuff something (e.g. bag or similar soft-cased container) close. var. **facie**.
- vee** v [HH] <sup>1</sup>fly; <sup>2</sup>flutter; wave - *vee nku* = *flutter wings; vee akwa* = *wave [cloth] in the air*. var. **fee**.
- vee** v [HH] sprinkle with; spatter with. var. **fee**.
- vee** v [HH] 'become lighter or less heavy; <sup>1</sup>lose air or wind; be deflated - *avö ügbö ya eveela* = *his car tires have lost air;* <sup>3</sup>lose body weight; slim down - *o veela* = *he has lost weight; he has slimmed down*. var. **fee**.
- vöö** v [HH] (Mbaise) weed; uproot. var. **foo**.
- vöö** v [HH] (Mbaise) comb; scratch. var. **böö**.
- vöö ishi** v [HH HH] comb hair. var. **böö isi**.
- vuda** v [HL] lower load from one's or another's head, or from a higher stand; carry a load or other heavy object down to a lower level. var. **buda**.
- vuga** v [LH] take or carry (something) to some other place. var. **buga**.
- vulie** v [LHH] lift; raise; carry up. var. **bulie**; **bunie**.
- vunye oria** v [LH HLL] infect another with disease. var. **bunye öria**; **bunye öya**.
- vuo** v [LH] increase in size; become bigger. var. **buo**.
- vuo** v [LH] carry; lift. var. **buo**.
- vuo agha** v [LH HH] wage war. var. **buo agha**.
- vuo ivu** v [LH HH] carry a load. var. **buo ibu**.
- vuo ivu** v [LH LL] <sup>1</sup>'become large, or increase in size; <sup>2</sup>become stout; put on weight. var. **buo ibu**.
- vuo nsi** v [HH HH] 'arrange at' - *vuo nsi* = *arrange at*

- son through ritual or other means; *Lit: carry or deliver poison;* <sup>2</sup>poison. var. **buo nsi**.
- vuo önü** v [LH HH] 'starve; go without food; <sup>2</sup>fast. var. **buo öönü**.
- vuo örü** v [LH HH] be defective; have a defect. var. **buo örü**.
- vuru** v [LH] carry or lift. var. **buru**.
- vuru üzö** v [HH HL] 'start or begin with - *vuru üzö rie nri* = *begin with eating a meal; eat first;* <sup>2</sup>go first - *vuru üzö* = *go first; be first in line*. var. **buru üzö**.
- vute okwu** v [LH HH] cause conflict or trouble; be the cause of conflict. var. **vute okwu**.
- vüä öönü** v [LH HH] curse; speak a malediction; anathemise. var. **büö iyi**; **büö öönü**; **vüö öönü**.
- vüö** v [HH] abstain or refrain from; be absent (usually deliberately) from, or fail to attend a scheduled event - *vüö nzukö* = *fail to attend a meeting*. var. **büä**; **büö**. \*See "abübü" = abstinence.
- vüö** v [LH] drizzle; shower - *mmiri na-avü* = *there is a shower; it (rain) is drizzling*. var. **büö**.
- vüö** v [LH] harvest (specifically root crops). var. **büö**.
- vüö** v [LH] hatch. var. **büö**.
- vüö** v [LH] spit - *vüö asü* = *spit out saliva*. var. **büö**.
- vüö** v [LH] 'dawn - *ci vüö* = *(till) day breaks; (till) morning;* <sup>3</sup>be no longer secret; become manifest - *ò vüöna* = *it has become common knowledge; the secret is not out*. var. **böö**; **büö**.
- vüö asü** v [LH HH] spit. var. **büö asü**.
- vüö avü** v [LH HL] chant; sing. var. **büö abü**.
- vüö ji** v [LH H] dig up yam during final harvest. var. **büö ji**.
- vüö öönü** v [LH HH] curse; speak a malediction; anathemise. var. **büä iyi**; **büö iyi**; **büö öönü**; **vüä öönü**.
- vüö üvü** v [LH HH] be in a free-for-all scramble for something - *vüö nri üvü* = *scramble over food in a disorderly manner*. var. **büö übü**.
- vürü** v [HH] snatch away; grab in the course of a scramble. var. **bürü**

## W

**W** alph [HH] '34th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiced labialised velar approximant; a consonant. \*Pronounced "wii".

**wa prn** [H] (Öhafia) they. var. **ha; fa; va.**

**waa v** [HH] 'divide; pierce or lance (e.g. a boil) - *set out land boundaries/divide land* = "waa ala"; <sup>2</sup>break into pieces - *waa öji* = *break kola*; <sup>3</sup>have intercourse, or run after women in effort to have intercourse - *waa nwa üwa* = *run after women to have sex with them*.

• **waa v** [HH] break; be broken to pieces - *ekwela efere waa* = *don't let the plate break*.

**waa v** [HH] 'saw timber - *waa osisi* = *saw timber*; <sup>2</sup>cut channel, road, or swathe - *waa uzö* = *cut or carve out a road*; *waa mmiri* = *cut a water channel or canal*.

**waa v** [HH] explore; wade through - *waa öhia* = *traverse thick bush*.

**waa akwa v** [LH HH] 'wear loin-cloth, usually by tying it across the waist and between the legs; <sup>2</sup>be initiated into adulthood by performing ritual "wearing of cloth" with one's age group; become a recognised adult male member of the clan. var. **waa ögödö**.

**waa ala v** [HH LL] survey land; demarcate land boundary; *Lit.*: traverse land and cut boundary line into the earth - *öwa ala* = *land surveyor*; *waa oke* = *cut boundary lines*.

**waa anya v** [HH HH] perform the rites (usually marked by a ring of chalk around the eyes) of initiation into a high order of priesthood; become such an initiate.

**waa anya v** [HH HH] become too assertive for one's age, station or circumstances, like a child/puppy trying to open its eyes before it really can; be self-emboldened.

**waa eze v** [HH HH] cut out parts of the upper incisors, as a cosmetic procedure, to widen the gap between them.

**waa ihu v** [HH HH] carve marks on face; make scarification marks on face. var. **waa iru**.

**waa ikpe v** [HH LH] give judgment; render decision in a case or suit; decide a case.

**waa iru v** [HH HH] carve marks on face; make

scarification marks on face. var. **waa ihu**.  
**waa isi v** [HH HH] 'give or cause headache - *isi waa gi* = *when you have (or a suffering from) headache*; <sup>2</sup>be a nuisance or problem - *okwu a na-awa m isi* = *this matter is a nuisance to me*; *Lit.*: *gives me headache*.

**waa njakpa v** [HH LLH] be cloven-footed; have divided hoof - *anü wara njakpa* = *be cloven footed* (*Lev. 11:3*).

**waa oke v** [HH HL] survey land and demarcate land boundary.

**waa öfia v** [HH HHH] walk thick bush; trek through forest. var. **waa öhia**.

**waa ögödö v** [LH LLL] be initiated into adulthood by performing ritual "wearing of cloth" with one's age group; become a recognised adult male member of the clan by putting on the traditional loin cloth. var. **waa akwa**.

**waa öhia v** [HH HHH] traverse thick bush; explore forest. var. **waa öfia**.

**waa öji v** [HH HH] break kola in some communities, including making the required invocations. var. **gaa öji**.

**waa ösö v** [HH HH] break into a run; take flight; take to one's heels.

**waa üzö v** [HH HL] cut path; build a new road.

**waba v** [HL] use force to push into; step energetically into; enter (e.g. a forest).

**wacie v** [LHH] mend or repair (e.g. thatch roof); mend by stuffing and filling.

**wagharia v** [HHHH] wander about in (apparently) in search of something - *Gini ka i na-awagharii?* = *What are you wandering around looking for?*.

**walie v** [HHH] 'arise; get up; stand up - *walie /ötö* = *stand up erect; get up*; <sup>2</sup>get started; get up to go; commence; <sup>3</sup>depart. var. **bilie; wanie**.

**walite v** [HHH] get up on one's feet; arise - *walite* = *get up, i.e. from sleeping or sitting position*; <sup>2</sup>arise - *walite n'önwü* = *arise from the dead*. var. **bilite; binite**. \*See "walie" = get up.

**wanye v** [HH] cut out (slices of something) up and put it in - *wanye ji özö* = *cut up and add additional pieces of yam*.

**wapuo v** [HHH] pierce; lance through; make a hole with a sharp pointed object - *wapuo etuto* = *pierce a boil*.

**wara wara adj** [HH-HH] 'brisk - *na-eme ihe*

**wara wara** = *she does things very briskly; she is very brisk; narrow; not wide - üzö ya dí*  
**wara wara** = *the road to it is quite narrow; not wide at all.*

**we dem** [L] *their - ogo we = their home, village or settlement.* var. **ahü.**

**webata** v [HLH] introduce; bring into/inside.

**wee anya** v [HH HH] be understood; become crystal clear. var. **doo anya.**

**wee iwe** v [HH HH] be or become angry.

**Wee-wu** excl [HH-L] (Ökigwe) Oh, no! - an exclamation of shock and disbelief.

**weketa** v [HLH] bring a bit nearer.

**welata** v [LHH] bring home; bring back home.

**welie** v [LHH] lift; raise; push up.

**welite** v [LHH] lift; raise; push up.

**welü** v [LH] 'take - *welü öjì = take (a piece of) kola-nut; wekeje = take aside; wepiü = remove; wetuo = take down; assume - *welü oce = have a seat; sit down.* var. **gwere; were.***

**wepüta** v [HLH] bring out; take out.

**were** v [HH] choose; ordain - *e werewom gi ... ka onye amuma = I have ordained you prophet (Jer. 1:5).*

**were** v [LH] 'take - *were öjì = take (a piece of) kola-nut; wekeje = take aside; wepiü = remove; wetuo = take down; assume - *were oce = have a seat; sit down.* var. **gwere; welü.***

**were** v [LH] take, or regard as; adopt - *were ka nwa = take as [one's] child; hence, adopt.* \*See "kpörö ka nwa" = adopt as [one's] a child.

**were were** adv [HH HH] smoothly; without hitch.

**weta** v [LH] bring in.

**wia ala** v [LH HH] 'become mad; go mad or insane; go crazy; act like an insane person; be "mad" - *Öna awi ala = he must be "mad".* var. **gbaa ara; yia ala.**

**woo** v [LH] 'shed old skin - *woo awölö = shed old reptile skin; change or transform.* var. **nwee; nwuo; nwoo.**

**woo awölö** v [HH LLL] shed old skin, especially of reptiles. var. **gbüö awölö; nwoo awölö.**

**wuo** v [HH] boil; steam; cook (in general). var. **ghuo.**

**wuo** v [HH] build; establish; construct.

**wuo** v [LH] be celebrated; become famous; be in vogue - *ö na-ewu ewu = it is in fashion, in*

vogue.

var. **kwuo.**

**wute** v [HH] hurt, or bring about sad feelings; cause sadness - *ömvü nwoke ahü wutere m nnukwu = that ma's death saddened me a great deal.*

**wü** v [H] is; be. var. **bü.**

**wüfuo** v [HLH] spill; pour away.

**wüö** v [LH] deny someone of a share; starve someone of something, e.g. food - *wüö ya nri = deny him food; Obi awü nwa = The heart never lets one deny/starve (one's) child.*

**wüö** v [LH] 'pour grain; buy seed or grain.

**wüö** v [LH] jump; skip over.

**wüö ahü** v [HH LH] bathe; have a bath; take a shower; wash one's body. var. **ghüö arü.**

## Y

**Y alph** [H.H.] '35th letter of the Igbo alphabet; ^voiced palatal approximant; a consonant. \*Pronounced "yee".

**ya prn** [H] third person personal pronoun, in the object and possessive (and sometimes the subject) positions: him/her/it; his/hers/its; (he/she/it) - *A hürü m ya = I saw it/her/him; uwe ya = Her/his dress; ya ñibe = let him/her learn to endure it.* var. **ye.**

**yaa** v [LH] 'grind to powder; grind thoroughly, or for a second or third time, if necessary; ^grind.

**yaa** v [LH] fade; change colour; become discoloured - *akwa yacalü = (the colours of) the cloth faded.* var. **ñaa.**

**yaa öya** v [LH HLL] (Önica) fall seriously ill; suffer through extended period of serious illness. var. **ria öria.**

**yaanii** adj [HHH] (Öhafia) only - *yaanii ya = she alone; yaanii ji = yam only; just yam.* var. **naanii.**

**ye prn** [H] rarely used variant form of "ya", the third person personal pronoun. var. **ya.** \*See "ya" = her/him/it.

**yee** v [H.H.] bake; fry; cook in hot oil. var.

**ghee; hee.**

**yee** *v* [H.H.] scratch or claw with nails - *yee mbö* = scratch with fingernails. var. **yoo**.

**yee** *v* [H.H.] listen. var. **gee**.

**yee** *v* [H.H.] move about with extreme caution (like a cat); sneak about - *yelü eyelü* = move about sneakily; act suspiciously. var. **ghee**.

**yee** *v* [LH] fully cooked; done; ready to eat. var. **ghee; hee**.

**yee** *v* [LH] boil; steam; cook (generically). var. **wuo; ghuo**.

**yee** *v* [LL] <sup>1</sup>cut; <sup>2</sup>cut (and buy) length of cloth - *yee akwa* = buy length of cloth. var. **bee**. \*See also "caa".

**yee ökü** *v* [HH HL] fish; go fishing. <"ökü" from "küö" as in "küö azü" = go fishing>. var. **jee ökü**.

**yee önü** *v* [HH HH] greet; salute; speak to; converse with; *Lit.*: open the mouth (to say a word) - *fa adirö eye önü* = they are not on talking terms. var. **ghee önü**.

**yee uyele** *v* [HH HHL] yawn; sneeze. var. **ghee ughere**.

**yie** *v* [HH] fix appointment; schedule.

**yie** *v* [HH] be like; resemble; be similar to - *o yiri nne ya* = she resembles her mother.

**yie** *v* [LH] surprise with; take by surprise - *yie egwu* = scare; frighten; instil fear.

**yie** *v* [LH] put on (e.g. clothes); dress; wear something on one's body (head, neck, limbs) as ornament. var. **nyie**. \*See "jere" and "turu".

**yie** *v* [LH] resemble; look like.

**yie** *v* [LH] clean by rubbing or wiping; erase - *yicaa* = rub clean; erase. var. **hie**.

**yie** *v* [LH] sustain a shallow cut or gash (usually from a knife); make or have an incision - *yie mma* = make or sustain a shallow cut with a knife.

**yie agba** *v* [HH LL] fix an appointment; set date for a meeting, etc.

**yie akwa** *v* [LH HH] lay egg.

**yie egwu** *v* [LH HL] frighten; scare; instil fear; intimidate.

**yifü** *v* [HL] (Mbaise) take off; remove (dress or other ornament worn on the body) - *yifü*

*uwe* = take off dress. var. **yipü**.

**yigharia** *v* [LHHH] postpone; reschedule; fix a new date or venue - *o yigharirii nzukö anyi* = she rescheduled our meeting with her.

**yipü** *v* [HL] take off; remove (dress or other ornament worn on the body) - *yipü uwe* = take off dress. var. **yifü**.

**yipü** *v* [HL] move appointment up; postpone; advance date of an appointment or event - *yipü ya eyipü* = fix a date well into the future; set a distant appointment date.

**yiri** *v* [LH] put on a dress; wear - *yiri akwa isi* = wear a head-dress or scarf.

**yiwe** *v* [LH] clothe; put clothes on somebody; help somebody dress - *yiwe nwata efe* = dress the child; help on clothes on the child.

**yiwe ama** *v* [HH HH] note well; make special note of; mark - *yibe ebe a ama* = make a note of this place; don't forget this place. var. **hua**.

**yia** *v* [LH] accompany; be with - *yiri ya gaa* = go with him; accompany him. var. **ghuo**.

**yia** *v* [LH] (Önica) rape; or forcibly have sex with someone - *yia nwa ada* = have sex with under-age girl.

**yia ala** *v* [LH HH] <sup>1</sup>become mad; go mad or insane; go crazy; <sup>2</sup>act like an insane person; be "mad" - *Öna ayi ala* = he must be "mad". var. **gbaa ara; wiä ala**.

**yia anwü** *v* [LH HH] (Öka) wither in the sun.

**yia öya** *v* [LH HL] fall seriously ill; go through period of serious illness. var. **riä örïä**.

**yia öyi** *v* [LH LL] (Önica) 'have sexual relations with another outside marriage; commit adultery or fornication - *iyi öyi* = commit adultery (Ex. 20:14); <sup>2</sup>befriend; be friends with - *nwoke a bii öyi m* = that man is my friend. \*The Protestant Igbo Bible uses the expression "ikwa iko" to translate Ex. 20:14.

**yiköö** *v* [LHH] (Önica) accompany; go together.

**yoo** *v* [HH] scratch or claw with nails - *yoo mbö* = scratch with fingernails. var. **yee**.

**yöö** *v* [HH] (Önica) beg; plead with; ask help of; make a plea - *yöta* = secure something by begging for it. var. **riö**.

**yöö** *v* [LH] winnow or sift (grain); strain.

## Z

**Z alph** [L] <sup>1</sup>36th letter of the Igbo alphabet; <sup>2</sup>voiced alveolar fricative; a consonant. \*pronounced “ze”. “Z” is the last letter of the alphabet in this Dictionary.

**zaa** v [HH] <sup>1</sup>answer (a call); reply; respond to - *zaa aha* = *answer to a roll call; answer to (one's) name called; register one's presence;* <sup>2</sup>answer to a summons - *zaa izu* = *answer to a summons to a council meeting; zaa oku* = *answer to a call; honour an invitation.*

**zaa** v [HH] swell; be swollen.

**zaa** v [LH] <sup>1</sup>sweep; <sup>2</sup>shine (i.e. weep with light) - *önwa n'aza* = *the (full) moon is shining, i.e. sweeping (the ground) clean with light.*

**zaa** v [LH] filter; strain; sift; sieve.

**zapü** v [HL] <sup>1</sup>separate one liquid from another - *zapü mmanü* = *separate the oil (from whatever other liquid it is mixed);* <sup>2</sup>drain liquid from a vessel containing solids - *zapü mmiri ejiri sieji* = *drain out the water used in cooking the yam.*

**zee** v [HH] collapse; cave in - *mgbä aja ezeela* = *the boundary wall has collapsed.*

**zee** v [HH] lower load; help lower load from head or shoulder to the ground - *zee m abö* = *help me bring down the long basket I am carrying.* var. **zie**.

**zee** v, [LH] <sup>1</sup>avoid; dodge - *zere nsogbu* = *avoid trouble; zere isi ya* = *save (one's) head from trouble;* <sup>2</sup>abstain from - *zee nrí ose* = *abstain from peppery foods;* <sup>3</sup>dissociate oneself from action, event, or even prospect - *Ize m* = *Count me out! I decline to be part of this! God forbid!*

**zee önü** v [HH HH] hold consultations with other; confer.

**zee ume** v [HH HH] <sup>1</sup>breathe out after a long deep breath in; breathe out as if in despair; <sup>2</sup>take last breath - *mgbe o were ume* = *when he breathed his last.*

**zelaa** v [HHH] vanish or disappear; depart without notice. var. **zulaa**.

**zelü** v [HH] confiscate or seize in lieu of debt

or other obligation. var. **zere**.

**zere** v [HH] confiscate or seize in lieu of debt or other obligation. var. **zelü**.

**zi** v [H] <sup>1</sup>teach; instruct -  *zie üzö e si arizi ügbö* = *teach it how to repair the vehicle; mgbe [Jesus] malitere izi ihe* = *when Jesus began teaching (Lk. 3:23);* <sup>2</sup>show; demonstrate - *zi m ihe obutere* = *show me the things he brought with him; zi ya üzö ya* = *show him how it works; Lit: its ways.*

**zi** v [H] point out; show - *zi m üzö* = *show me the way; point out the way.*

**zida** v [HL] send (somebody) down to a place - *zida mmadii* = *send somebody down.*

**zida** v [HL] <sup>1</sup>climb down; <sup>2</sup>descend - *n'enigwe k'osi zida* = *he descended from Heaven.*

**zie** v [HH] <sup>1</sup>make right; become right - *o zie la* = *things are okay now;* <sup>2</sup>be just and fair and right; sometimes used sardonically when one party has all the rights - *o ziri gi* = *you are in the right; who can blame you!;* <sup>3</sup>be straight; be properly aligned - *o ziela* = *it's straight now; it is properly aligned.*

**zie** v [HH] lower load; help lower load from head or shoulder to the ground. var. **zee**.

**zie** v [HHH] borrow; give or take on loan - *zinye m* = *lend to me.* var. **gbazie**.

**zie** v [LH] inform; report to; pass information to another by word of mouth - *zie ha na anyi na-abia* = *inform them that we are on our way; zie ozi* = *inform by word of mouth.* var. **zia**.

**zie** v [LH] send.

**zie imi** v [LH HH] blow nose.

**zie nne** v [HH HH] be many in number; multiply; increase; abound. var. **hie nne**; **rie nne**.

**zipü** v [HL] send out.

**zite** v [LH] send down or send to - *zitere m* send (down) to me; *zitere ya* = *send to him.*

**zia** n [LH] (Öhafia) inform; report to. var. **zie**.

**zolaha** v [HHH] succeed in hiding or concealing (something) from another. var. **zonari**.

**zonari** v [HHH] succeed in hiding or concealing (something) from another. var. **zolaha**.

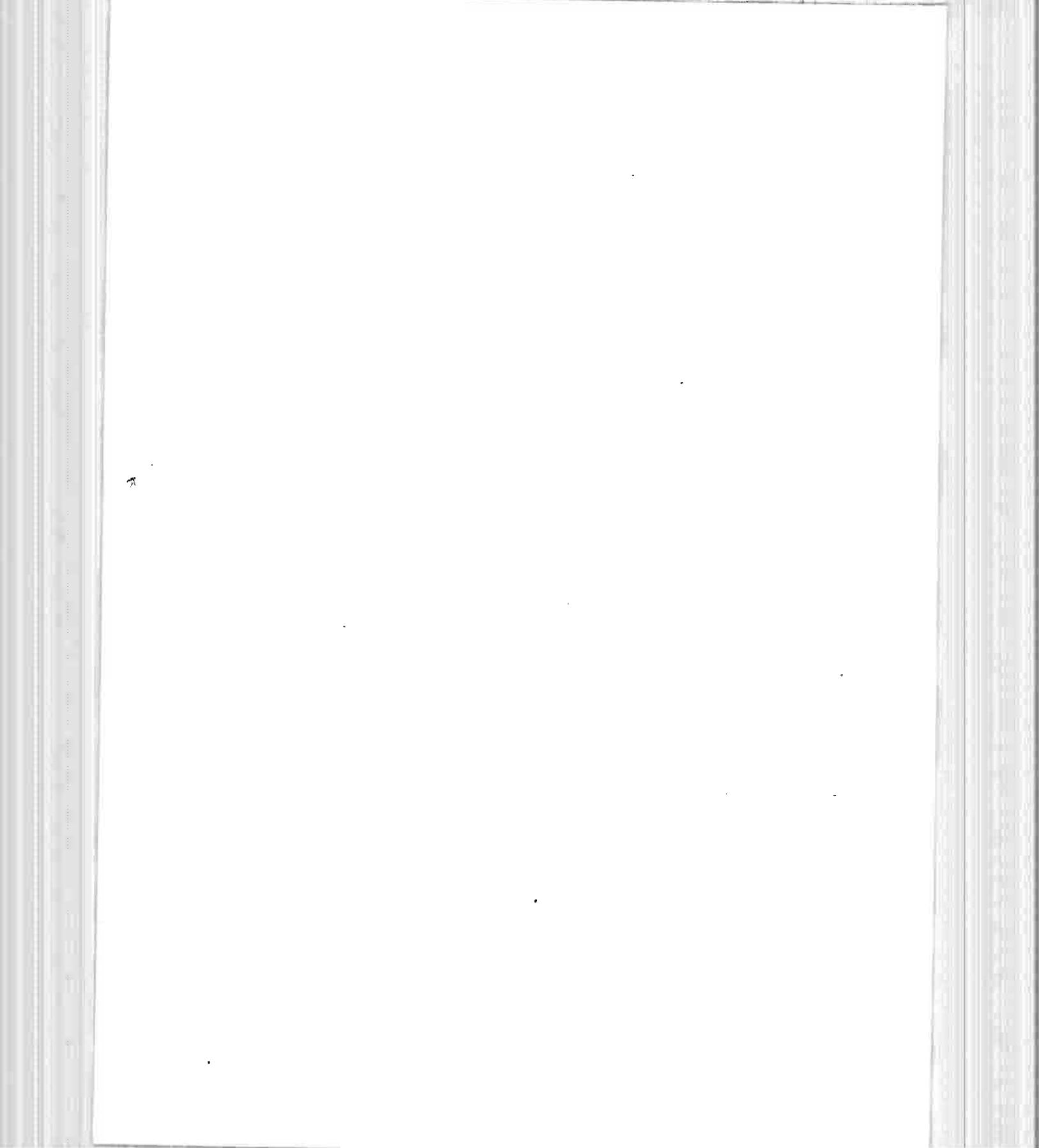
**zoo** v [HH] conceal; hide. var. **zuo**. \*See “ria” = hide.

**zoo** v [HH] steal - *zoo osi* = *steal.* var. **zuo**.

**zoo** v [HH] rain - *mmiri zoo* = *if/when it rains.* var. **doo**.

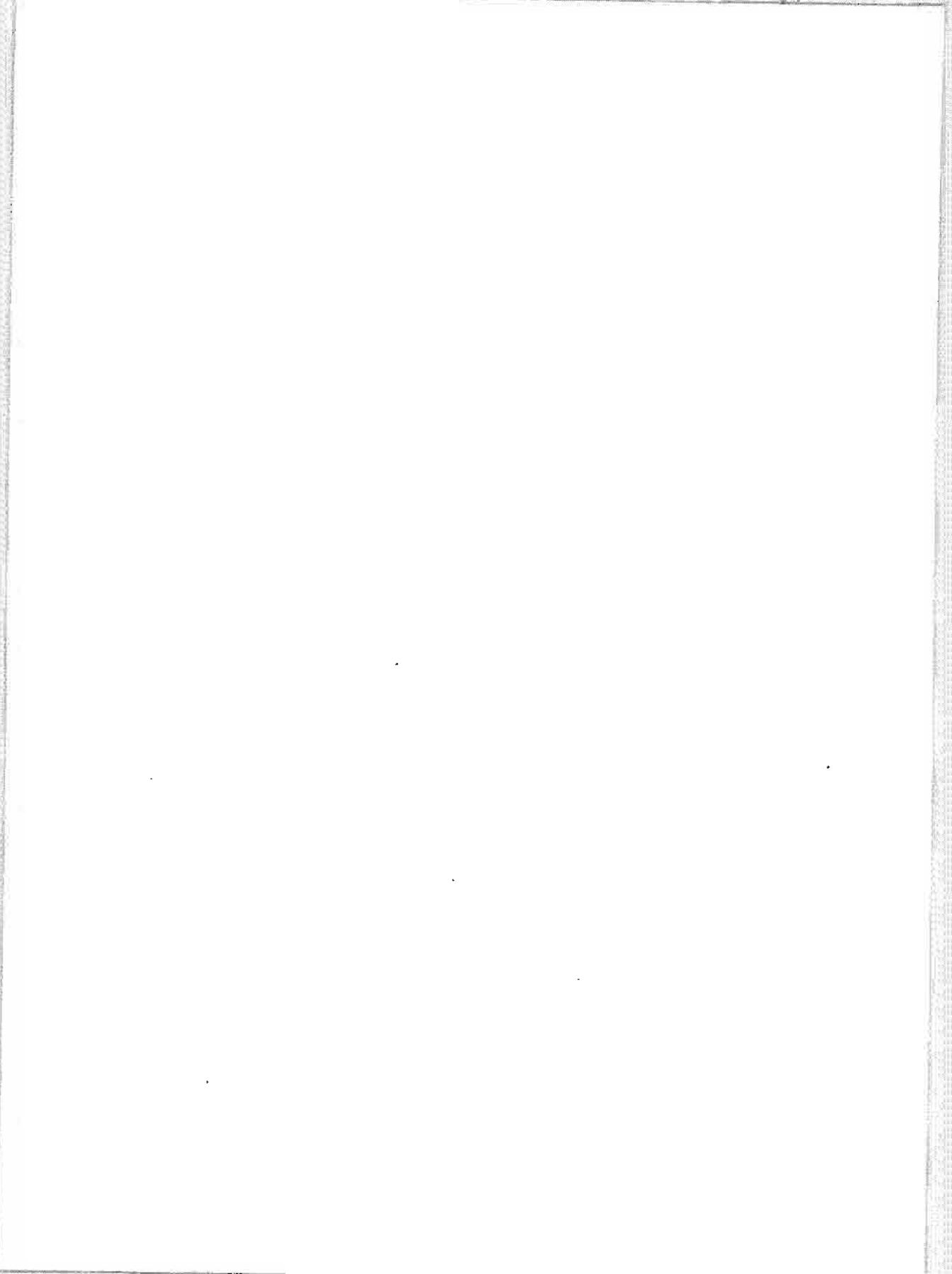
- zoo nzolo** *v* [HH HLL] (Önica) talk in one's sleep.
- zögbe** *v* [LHH] trample to death.
- zöö** *v* [HH] lay claim; struggle or struggle to secure a claim.
- zöö** *v* [HH] defend; save; rescue.
- zöö** *v* [LH] plant; transplant tuber or sucker - *zöö unene, öji* = (trans)plant banana or kola-nut suckers.
- zöö** *v* [LH] 'step or tread on - *zöö m ükwü* = tread on me; step on me; <sup>2</sup>knead with feet - *zöö aja* = prepare earth for wall construction by kneading it to the right consistency with bare feet.
- zöpia** *v* [HLH] crush under foot.
- zöputa** *v* [HLH] save or rescue someone from captivity or danger; less accurately, redeem - *zöputa anyi na njö* = save us (rescue us) from (the bonds of) sin.
- zuköö** *v* [LHH] assemble; meet; gather.
- zuköta** *v* [HLH] assemble; meet; gather together.
- zulaa** *v* [HHH] vanish or disappear; depart without notice. *var. zelaa*.
- zuo** *v* [HH] conceal; hide. *var. zoo*. \*See "riä" = hide.
- zuo** *v* [HH] steal. *var. zoo*.
- zuo** *v* [LH] assemble; meet - *ha ezuole* = they have assembled.
- zuo** *v* [LH] cross-check; reconsider; give fur-

- ther though to a matter.
- zuo** *v* [LH] be enough to satisfy; suffice; be complete - *o zuru ezu* = it is complete; *o zuola?* = is it enough? *o zuuru gi?* was it sufficient for you?.
- zuo ike** *v* [LH HH] rest; take a break.
- zuo nlö** *v* [HHH HH] recount a dream.
- zuo oke** *v* [LH LL] be complete; be in good condition - *lee ma ozukwere oke* = make sure it is in good condition.
- zute** *v* [LH] 'meet; go to meet (on arrival); welcome - *jee, zute ya* = go and meet him; go and receive him on arrival; <sup>2</sup>welcome - *anyi jere zute ya* = we went to give him a welcome reception.
- zuzuo** *v* [HLH] be a fool; act stupidly - *Ö na-ezuzuka* = she behaves rather stupidly.
- zungaa** *v* [LHH] nurse (i.e. breastfeed) a child, usually a motherless baby through infancy; serve as foster-mother to an orphaned baby. \*children born to a caste (osu ume) would only be breast-fed by a caste woman. <"zöö" = nurture + "gaa" = grow up>.
- zungbue** *v* [HHH] cheat somebody in business transaction; swindle. <"züö" = buy + "gbuo" = kill; destroy>.
- züö** *v* [LH] 'feed; tend; nurture; <sup>2</sup>educate; train; pay for the education of somebody.
- züö** *v* [LH] educate; pay for education of; train.
- züö** *v* [LH] 'buy; trade in; <sup>2</sup>play a hand; make a wager (in a game) - *züö okwe* = play a hand in droughts; *züö!* = play!



## **Part II**

# **English-Igbo Index**



## A

**abandon** *v* gbaghalü [HLH]; gbaghara [HLH]; gbagharü [HLH]; ghā [LH]; ghalü [LH]; ghara [LH]; haa [LH]; hapü [HL]; ralü [LH] (Önica); rapü [HL] (Önica).

**abate** *v* belata [LHH]; benata [LHH]; gbee [LH] (Öhafia).

**abatement** *n* mbelata [HLHH]; mbenata [HLHH].

**ABC** *n* abd [HHH].

**abdomen** *n* abü [HH]; afö [HH]; ere [HH].

**abduct** *v* kere [HH].

**abduction** *n* nkere [HHH].

**abhor** *v* kpöö asī [HH HL] (Önica).

**ability** *n* ike [HH]; oko [LH].

**ablaze (set)** *v* sunye ökü [LH HH].

**able (be)** *v* nwee [HH].

**able to (be)** *v* püö [LH].

**able to act** *v* gbalie [HHH].

**abomination** *n* alü [HH] (Önica); arü [HH] (Owere); nsö [HH].

**abort** *v* kee ime [HH HL]; kwee ime [HH HL].

**abortion (procure)** *v* mebie ime [HLH HH].

**abound** *v* hie nne [HH HH] (Owere); rie nne [HH HH] (Önica); zie nne [HH HH].

**about** *adv* amala [LLL]; banyere [LHH]; gbasa [HH]; maka [LL]; n'ifi [HH]; n'ihi [HH].

**above** *adv* n'elu [HL]; n'enu [HL].

**abridge** *v* belata [LHH]; benata [LHH].

**abscess** *n* acirü iba [HHH HH].

**abscond** *v* gbaa ösö [HH HH]; gbafu [HLH].

**absent (be)** *v* büa [HH]; büö [HH]; vüö [HH].

**abstain from** *v* büa [HH]; büö [HH]; vüö [HH] zee [LH].

**abstinence** *n* abübü [HHH].

**abuse** *n* akwükwa [LLL]; ikwu [LL]; mkpari [HHH]; nkötö [HHL].

**abuse** *v* gbaa akwükwa [HH LLL] (Ngwa); katöö [HHH]; köö önü [HH HH]; kötöö [HLH]; kpöö [LH LL]; kpöö iyi [HH HL]; kwue ikwu [LH LL]; kwuo ikwu [LH LL].

**accept** *v* kwe [H]; nabata [HLH]; nalü [LH]; nara [LH].

**accident** *n* amaghii ama [HHH LH]; mberede [LLLH]; ödaci [HLH]; ödakö [HLH]; öghii

[LHH]; öghö [LH]; öghöm [LHH]; üghö [LH].

**accommodate** *v* rie [LH].

**accompany** *v* duga [LH]; duje [L-H]; so [H]; soro [LH]; yia [LH]; yiköö [LHH] (Önica).

**accord** *n* otu obi [HL HL].

**account** *n* nkowa [HHH].

**account for** *v* kowaa [HHH].

**accusation** *n* ebubo [HLH]; mbubo [HLH]; ubo [HL].

**accuse** *v* bo [H]; bo [H]; boo ebubo [HH HHH].

**accustomed to (be)** *v* malü arü [HH LH]; mara ahü [HH LH].

**ache** *n* üfufü [LHH].

**ache** *v* füö [HH]; füö üfufü [HH HH]; taa [LH].

**across** *adv* uhie [LLL].

**act** *v* kpaa agwa [HH LL].

**acting** *n* nrürö [LHH].

**action** *n* omume [LLH].

**act against** *v* megide [LHH].

**act arrogantly** *v* mee nganga [HH LLL].

**act because of** *v* kworo [HH].

**act deliberately** *v* kpacalüanya [LHH HH]; kpacaraanya [LHH HH].

**act haughtily** *v* mee nganga [HH LLL].

**act miserly** *v* kpia [LH].

**act on impulse** *v* cebiri [HLL].

**act on purpose** *v* kpacalüanya [LHH HH]; kpacaraanya [LHH HH].

**act stupidly** *v* kpösiri [HLH].

**act wilfully** *v* maa üma [HH HL].

**Adam's apple** *n* akpü akpili [HH HHH]; akpü önü [HH HH]; eko [HL]; eko akpiri [HL HH].

**adamant (be)** *v* nyaa isi [LH HH]; shie agügo [HH LLL]; sie agügo [HH LLL].

**add** *v* gbaköö [LHH]; tinye [LH].

**adder** *n* abü ala [HH LL]; abü anü [HH LL] (Önica); ajü ala [HH LL]; ajü anü [HH LL]

*Bits arietans*; avü ana [HH LL].

**addition** *n* mgbakö [HHL].

**address letter to** *v* dega [HL].

**add a bonus** *v* kpöö aka [HH HH]; mezie [LHH].

**add to** *v* gbakonye [LHH]; gbakunye [LHH]; kwaa [LH]; tükwasä [HLH]; tükwasí [HLH].

**adhere to** *v* nyapara [HHH]; takürü [HHH]; tapara [HHH].

**adjacent to** *adv* ndü [HH].

- adjacent to** *prep* n'agüga [HLL].
- adjudicate** *v* bie ikpe [LH LH]; kpee ikpe [HH LH]; waa ikpe [HH LH].
- admit** *v* kwere [HH]; kwupüta [HLH]; nabata [HLH].
- admonish** *v* baa mba [HH LH].
- admonition** *n* mba [LH]; ndümödü [LLHL]; ödü [HH].
- adopt** *v* kpölü [LH]; kpörö [LH]; were [LH].
- adore** *v* fee [LH]; sekpuo [HLL].
- adornment** *n* ecici [HHH].
- adult** *n* okenye [HLL].
- adulterate** *v* meböö [LHH]; merüö [LHH].
- adultery** *n* ügwa [HH].
- adultery (commit)** *v* yia öyi [LH LL] (Önica).
- adulthood (enter)** *v* waa akwa [LH HH]; waa ögödö [LH LLL].
- adult females** *n* ndi omi [HH LL]; omi [LL].
- advanced in age (be)** *v* kaa [HH].
- advance date** *v* yipü [HL].
- advent** *n* öbibia [LHHH].
- adversary** *n* onye iro [HH HL].
- advice** *n* arö [HL]; atü [LL]; atümatü [HLL]; elo [HL]; ndümödü [LLHL]; ödü [HH].
- advice (seek/take)** *v* tüö elo [LH LL].
- advise** *v* düä [LH]; düö [LH].
- aeroplane** *n* ügbö elu [HH HH].
- affect** *v* metüta [LHH].
- affection** *n* ifünanya [HLHH] (Önica); ihünanya [HLHH].
- affix thumb-print** *v* bia aka [LH HH]; tinye aka [LH HH].
- affliction** *n* nsogbu [HLH].
- afraid (be)** *v* tüö egwu [LH HH].
- afterbirth** *n* ici [HL].
- afternoon** *n* ehihie [LHLL]; ogorowu [HHHH] (Ututu); ukori [HLH] (Ututu).
- afternoon (late)** *n* ohuda [HHL].
- after all** *adv* azi [HHH] (Önica).
- again** *adv* ödö [LH]; ödüö [LLH]; özö [LH]; özö kwa [LH H].
- age** *n* agba [LL]; nka [HH].
- aged person** *n* okongwu [LHL].
- agent** *n* odibo [LLL] (Önica).
- age (come of)** *v* torue [HHH].
- age-grade/mate** *n* ebili [HLL]; ebiri [HLL] (Owere); ögbö [LH]; uke [HH]; ule [HH]; ulo [HH]; uloo [HLL].
- ages past** *n* ekpo [LL]; ökpü [HL] (Önica).
- ages upon ages** *n* ndüdögandü [HLLHHL].
- ages** *n* esi [LL].
- aggressiveness** *n*anya ike [HH HH].
- agility** *n* ghara-ghara [HH-HH].
- agony (be in)** *v* kwoo önwü [HH HH].
- agony (undeserved)** *n* alili [LLL] (Önica); ariri [LLL] (Owere).
- agree** *v* kwere [HH]..
- agreement** *n* nkwekö [HHH].
- agreement (reach)** *v* kwubie [HLH].
- agree on price** *v* bie öni [LH HH].
- agree to** *v* kwe [H]; kwenye [LH].
- agree with** *v* kwado [LH].
- agriculture** *n* ugbo [HH].
- ahead of time** *adv* gboo [HH] (Önica).
- air** *n* ifufe [LLL]; ikuku [LLL].
- aircraft/plane** *n* ügbö elu [HH HH].
- air (smoke-filled)** *n* uzu [LL].
- alarm** *n* mkpu [LH].
- Alas!** *excl* E-woo! [LHH].
- albino** *n* anyali [LLL]; anyari [LLL].
- alcoholic drink** *n* mmañ [HHH]; mmanya [HHH].
- alien** *n* öbia [HHL].
- alive (be)** *v* hoo [HH]; puo [HH] (Ihiala).
- all** *adv* dum [HL]; n'ile [HL].
- all prn** izugbe [LLH]; ozigbo [LLH]; ozugbo [LLH].
- allegation** *n* ebubo [HLH]; mbubo [HLH].
- alligator pepper** *n* ose öji [HL HH]
- Afromomum maledictum*.
- allot** *v* kenyé [LH]; nye [L].
- allotment** *n* nketa [HLH]; oke [LL].
- allow** *v* nye efe [H HL]; nye ohere [H LHH].
- all and all** *n* nta n'imó [LL HLH].
- all sorts** *n* nta n'imó [LL HLH].
- Almighty God** *n* Cineke [HHL].
- almost** *adv* amala [LLL].
- alone** *adj* naaní [HHL]; yaaní [HHH] (Öhafia).
- alone** *adv* söösö [HHL].
- alphabet** *n* abd [HHH].
- also** *adv* azi [HHH] (Önica); kwaa [HH].
- altar** *n* ntö aja [LH LL]; okpo [LH]; okwo [HH]; okwute icü aja [LHL HL LL]; okwute ntö aja [LHL LH LL].
- alter** *v* gbanwee [HLH]; gbanwoo [HLH]; megharia [LHHH].
- alteration** *n* mgbanwe [HHL]; mgbanwo [HHL].
- amass wealth** *v* kpaa akü [HH LL].
- amaze** *v* tüö n'anaya [LH HH].

**ambition** *n* mgbalí [HHL]; öcícō [LHH].  
**ambush** *n* ncebi [HHL].  
**ambush** *v* cebido [HLH]; cebiri [HLL]; cebise [HLL]; cebisie [HLHH].  
**Amen** *excl* Eha! [LH]; Ise! [LH].  
**ammunition** *n* nsi egbe [HH HL].  
**amnesia** *n* ncefú [HHL].  
**amount to** *v* püta [LH].  
**amulet** *n* mgbanaka [LHHH]; mgbatí [HHH]; önünü [LLL]; tití [LH].  
**amuse** *v* kpaa amü [HH HH] (Önica); töö amü [HH HH]; töö öci [HH HL].  
**anaesthetise`** *v* gbasie [HLH].  
**anathemise** *v* büa önu [LH HH]; büö önu [LH HH]; vüa önu [LH HH]; vüö önu [LH HH].  
**ancestor** *n* icie [LHL]; nna ocie [HH HHH].  
**ancestors** *n* ndí icie [HH-LHL].  
**ancestral figure** *n* ökpösi [HHH].  
**ancestral home** *n* uhu [HH] (Isu).  
**ancestral tree** *n* ngwu [LL].  
**anchor** *n* arılıka [HLHH].  
**ancient** *adv* gboo [HH] (Önica).  
**and** *conj.* na [L].  
**angel** *n* mmöö ozi [LHH HH]; mmüö ozi [LHH HH].  
**anger** *n* akani [HHH] (Önica); iwe [HH]; önuma [LLL].  
**angle** *n* nkö [HH]; ügbare [HLL].  
**angle of mouth** *n* üga [LH].  
**angry (be or become)** *v* wee iwe [HH HH].  
**anguish** *n* nwute [HHH].  
**angular dermatitis** *n* awaka önu [LHH HH].  
**animal** *n* anü [HH]; anü öhia [HH HHH]; anümanü [HHHLL]; enunu [HLH]; unu [HH] (Afikpo).  
**animal food** *n* nri anü [HH HH].  
**animal hide/skin** *n* agbagha [LLL]; akpi mkpa [HH HH]; akpükü ahü [HHH HH]; awörö [LLL].  
**animal skin** *n*. akpükö anu [HHH HH].  
**animosity** *n* mbö [HL]; öbö [HL]; übö [HL].  
**ankle** *n* nkwönkwö ükwü [HHH HH].  
**ankle-cord** *n* ngülü [LLL].  
**anklet** *n* anagba [HHH]; ija [HL]; mgba ükwü [HH HH]; nja [LL]; njata [LLL]; ögba [LL].  
**annelid (kind of)** *n* etu [LL].  
**annex** *v* gbakonye [LHH]; gbakwunye [LHH].  
**annexure** *n* mgbakwunye [HLHH].  
**annihilate** *v* melaa [LHH].  
**anoint** *v* tee mmanü [LH HHH].

**announce** *v* kpöpüta [HLH].  
**announcement** *n* ökwa [HL].  
**annoy** *v* wute [HH].  
**annoyance** *n* nnina [HHL] (Öhafia).  
**annually** *adv* kwa afö [L HL]; kwa arö [L HL].  
**annul** *v* kagbuo [LHH].  
**anoint** *v* tee [HH].  
**another one** *n* özö [LH].  
**answer** *n* aziza [HLH]; üsara [HLL].  
**answer** *v* saa [LH].  
**answer (a call)** *v* zaa [HH].  
**answer back** *v* saa [LH].  
**ant** *n* ahühü [HHH]; arürü [HHH]; ehuhu [HHH]; esusu [LH].  
**antelope** *n* afifia [HHHH] *Situtunga*; ele [HH]; ene [HH]; mgbadá [LLL].  
**antelope (female)** *n* nne mgbadá [HH LLL].  
**antelope (river)** *n* ele mmiri [HH HHH].  
**anthill** *n* ekwu öka [HH LL]; ikwube [LLL]; mkpu [HH]; mpu [HH]; özüzü [LLL].  
**antidote** *n* ajii [HL]; atikpa [LLL].  
**antler** *n* mpi [LL]; mpu [LL].  
**ants (kinds of)** *n* abisi [HHL]; aka ebe [LL HL]; akika [LHL]; akü [LL]; akü ebe [LL HL] akü mkpu [LL HH]; aña [HH]; aña ahia [HH HHH]; danda [HL]; ide [HL] (West Igbo); ido [LL]; inyi [LL]; mfü [LH]; mgbabé [HLL].  
**anus** *n* ike [HL]; otale [LLL]; otile [LLL]; otula [HLL]; otule [LLL]; öhü nsü [HL HH]; örü [HL]; öshishi [HHH]; ütü öhü [HL HH].  
**anvil** *n* apkaka [HHH]; osi ama [HHH]; osisi ama [HHH HH]; otutu [HLL].  
**anvil-sparks** *n* afölö üzü [HHH LL]; afülü üzü [HHH LL].  
**anxiety** *n* agba na uce [LL L HL]; ewu [HL]; öhühü [LLL]; üjö [HH].  
**apart from** *adv* ewezuga [HLHH].  
**ape** *n* adaka [LHH]; enwe [LL].  
**apologies (offer)** *v* saa üsa [HH HH].  
**apostles** *n* ndí ozi [HH HH].  
**apparent (become)** *v* püta ihe [LH LL].  
**apparition** *n* ecici [HHH]; egugo [HHH]; eriri [HLL]; öhü [HL].  
**appeal to** *v* kpöküo [HLH].  
**appearance** *n* ihu [HH]; iru [HH].  
**appearance (bright)** *n* üha [LH].  
**appearance (make)** *v* füta [LH] (Mbaise).  
**appease** *v* melöö obi [HLH HL]; meruo obi

[HLH HL].

**appease the land** *v* kwaa ala [HH LL].

**appendage** *n* mgbakwunye [HLHH].

**append to** *v* gbakonye [LHH]; gbakwunye [LHH].

**appetite** *n* üsa [HH] (Owere).

**applaud** *v* küö aka [LH HH].

**apple (kind of)** *n* üdala [HHL]; üdara [HHL]; üdara nwa enwe [HLL H LL]; üdara nwa enwo [HLL H LL]; *Chrysophyllum africanum*.

**appoint** *v* doo [HH]; guzoro [LHH].

**appointment** *n* agba [LL]; oyi [LL]; oyiyi [LLL].

**apportion** *v* kenyé [LH].

**apportionment** *n* nkebi [HHL].

**apprehend** *v* jide [LH].

**approach** *v* rube [HH]; ruwe [HH].

**appropriate (be)** *v* kwesi [HH].

**archer** *n* ögba üta [HH HH].

**are** *v* nöö [LH].

**area around house** *n* iro [LH].

**area in-between** *n* etiti [LHH]; etiti na-abö [LHL L-LH].

**area** *n* mpaghara [HHHH]; ofe [LL].

**arena** *n* ögbö [LH].

**argue** *v* lüö üka [LH HL]; rüö üka [LH HL]; shie agüögö [HH LLL]; sie agüögö [HH LLL].

**argument** *n* agüögö [LLL]; arümarüüka [LHHH HL]; ndö ndö [LL LH]; ndörö ndörö [LLL LHH].

**aris** *n* öci [LH].

**arise** *v* bilie [LHH]; bilite [HHH]; binie [LHH]; binitie [HHH]; kelie [HHH]; kulie [LHH]; kunie [LHH]; walite [HHH].

**arise from sleep** *v* tee [HH].

**aristocrat** *n* amadi [LHH].

**arm** *n* ala aka [LL HH]; ara aka [LL HH]; ogwe aka [HL HH].

**armlet** *n* agbökili [HHHH].

**armpit** *n* abü [HL]; agba avü [LH HL]; avü [HL].

**around** *adv* buru-buru [LL-HL]; gburu gburu [LL HL].

**arouse (from sleep)** *v* gbötee [HHH] (Öhafia); kpötee [HHH].

**Arö Deity** *n* Cukwu [HH].

**Arö title** *n* Maazi [HLH] (loan).

**arrangement** *n* nhazi [HLH]; usoro [HLL].

**arrange properly** *v* dokwaa [HHH]; dozie

[HHH]; haa [HH]; hazie [LHH]; raa [HH].

**arrest** *v* gide [HH]; gude [HH]; jide [LH]; kpörö [HH].

**arrest warrant** *n* ebi [HL].

**arrival** *n* öbibia [LHHH].

**arrive** *v* biärwo [LLHH]; garuo [LHH].

**arrive at** *v* jelue [LHH]; jeruo [LHH]; luo [LH]; lute [LH]; ruo [LH]; rute [LH].

**arrive home** *v* laruo [LHH].

**arrogance** *n* ngala [HLH]; nganga [LLL].

**arrogant (be)** *v* kpaa ngala [HH HLH]; kpaa nganga [HH LLL]; naa isi [HH HH].

**arrow** *n* akü [LH]; arö [HL]; üta [LH].

**arrow-poison** *n* edide [HLH].

**arrow of god** *n* arö cukwu [HL HH].

**arse** *n* atütü [LLL].

**art** *n* okike [LLL].

**artery** *n* akwara [HHL].

**artist** *n* ome nka [HH LL]; onye nka [HH LL].

**artistry** *n* nka [LL].

**as** *conj* ele [LL] (Bende); elege [LLL] (Bende); eleghe [LLL] (Bende); etu [HH]; ka [L]; otu [LL].

**ascend** *v* ligolu [HHH]; rügoro [HHH].

**ascertain** *v* jüpüta [HLH].

**ascites** *n* uto afö [LH HH].

**ash** *n* ibube ntü [LLL HH]; ntü [HH].

**ashy** *adj* ntü ntü [HH HH].

**ask** *v* jüa [LH]; jüö [LH].

**askance (look)** *v* laa anya [LH HH].

**ask for** *v* naa [LH].

**ask help of** *v* riö [HH]; yöö [HH] (Önica).

**ask questions** *v* jüö ajüüjü [HH HHH].

**ask s/one to shop** *v* tüö afia [HH HHH]; tüö ahia [HH HHH].

**asp** *n* ubi [HL] *Naja melanoleuca Hall*.

**ass** *n* anyinya ibu [LLL HH]; inyinya ibu [LLL HH].

**assemble** *v* buköö [HHH]; ciköö [HLL]; ciköta [HLH]; gbaköö [HLL]; kpoköö [HLH]; kpöködo [HLH]; kuo [LH] (Öhafia); nököö [LHH]; rüköö [HLL]; tüköta [HLH]; züköö [LHH]; züköta [HLH]; zuo [LH].

**assembly** *n* nnökö [HLH]; nzukö [HLH]; ögbakö [HHL].

**assembly of elders** *n* önu üzö [HH HL].

**assent to** *v* kwenye [LH]; kwere [HH].

**assess** *v* nwalee [LHH].

**assessment** *n* ntüle [HHH].

**assign** *v* kenyé [LH].  
**assign ownership** *v* lie [LH]; nube [LH].  
**assist** *v* nye aka [LHH].  
**associate** *n* enyi otu [HL HL].  
**associated with (be)** *v* kwürü [HH].  
**association** *n* okpu [HH] (Afikpo); otu [LL].  
**ass-hole** *n* otula [HLL]; otule [LLL]; öshishí [HHH].  
**assume title** *v* cie [HH].  
**astonish** *v* tüö n'anya [LH HH].  
**as if prep** ka [L].  
**as planned adv** n'atü [LL].  
**as soon after as conj** ozigbo [LLH]; ozugbo [LLH].  
**at adv** amanü [LLL]; be [H].  
**at prep** na [L].  
**atonement (make)** *v* kpüö ala [HH LL].  
**atresia vaginae** *n* akörö [HHH]; akpölö [HHH].  
**attach** *v* gbakonye [LHH]; gbakwunye [LHH].  
**attachment** *n* mgbakwunye [HLHH].  
**attack** *n* öbüba [LLL].  
**attack** *v* baa [LL]; lüsö ögü [HL].  
**attempt** *n* anwa [HL]; mbö [HL]; mgbalí [HHL]; mgbalí [HHL]; mgbaní [HHL] (Önica); mgbö [HL].  
**attempt** *v* gbalí [HLH]; gbaní [HLH]; kaa arü [HH LH]; nwaa [LH]; nwaa oko [HH LL].  
**attend school** *v* gaa akwükwo [HH HHH].  
**attend to** *v* lee [LH]; nee [LH].

**attention** *n* atütü [HHH].  
**attention (pay)** *v* leeanya [HH HH]; neeanya [HH HH].  
**attire** *n* ejiji [HHH]; ekike [HHH].  
**attitude** *n*anya [HH].  
**attract** *v* data [LH].  
**at all adv** nca [LH] (Önica).  
**at home of adv** be [H].  
**at that time adv** ehi [LL].  
**at the time of adv** amanü [LLL].  
**audience** *n* ögbakö [HHL].  
**augment** *v* bawanye [HHH].  
**aunt** *n* Daa [HH]; Daa nta [HH LL]; iyaa [LHH].  
**authority** *n* ike [HH]; ikike [HHH].  
**automobile** *n* ügbö ala [HH LL]; ügbö anü [HH LL] (Önica).  
**avenge** *v* megwara [LHH].  
**avert** *v* gbocie [LHH].  
**avoid** *v* söö [HH]; zee [LH].  
**awaken** *v* gbötee [NHH] (Öhafia); kpötee [HHH].  
**awakening** *n* mbilite [HLHH]; mbinite [HLHH].  
**awake (be fully)** *v* teta [HH].  
**awe** *n* ebube [LLL]; egwu [HL]; ibubo [LHH].  
**awhile (be)** *v* tee aka [HH HH].  
**axe** *n* anyike [HLH]; anyü [HH]; anyü ike [HH HH]; ayike [HHL]; ebugbu [HHH]; epe [HH]; onike [HLH]; onyike [HLH]; orike [HHH] (Mbaanö).

## B

**baboon** *n* adaka [LHH]; özö [HH].  
**baby** *n* ngerere [HHHH] (Afikpo); nwa nta [H HL]; nwa ntakiri [HHLHH]; nwata [HL].  
**baby-hair** *n*.  
**baby-sit** *v* kuo nwa [LH HH]; nede nwa [HH HH].  
**baby girl** *n* nwa amī [H LL] (Öhafia).  
**baby hair** *n* aba īnya [LL HL]; abönlī [LLHL]; apönlī [LHL] (Uzuaköli); isi ndü [HH HL].  
**bachelor** *n* oke okporo [HH HLL].  
**back** *n* azü [LH].  
**backbone** *n* anya nku [HH LL] (Ngwa); ökpüköpö azü [HHH LH].  
**back-biting** *n* okwu azü [HH LH].  
**back-bone** *n* ökpüköpö azü [HHH LH].  
**back-garden** *n* mbübö [HHH]; mgbala [LLL]; nkwuru [LHH]; öbübö [HHH].  
**backside** *n* azü [LH].  
**back door** *n* abösī [HHL]; üzö owele [HL LLL]; üzö owere [HL LLL].  
**bad** *adj* ajö [HH]; ajö [HH]; öjöö [HHH].  
**bardinage** *n* njakiri [LLLL].  
**bad (be)** *v* jöö [HH].  
**bad turn (take)** *v* ghöö [HH].  
**baffle** *v* gbagwojuo [HLHH]; gbagwojuo anya [HLHH HH]; gbagwujuo anya [HLHH HH].  
**bag** *n* akpa [LL].  
**bag (diviner's)** *n* akpa afä [LL HH].  
**bail** *n* ebe [HH].  
**bail (e. g. water)** *v* kwöpü [HL].  
**bake** *v* ghee [HH]; hee [HH]; yee [HH].  
**baldness** *n* isi nkwoça [HH HHH]; nkwoça isi [HHH HH].  
**bald (become)** *v* kwöcaa [HHH].  
**bale** *n* ikpo [LH]; ukwu [LL].  
**bale-knife** *n* mma akpa [HL LL].  
**ball-bearing** *n* agidī [LLL]; agilī [LLL]; aginī [LLL]; agirī [LLL].  
**bamboo** *n* acala [LLL]; acara [LLL] (Owere); acara [LLL].  
**bamboo basket** *n* akpalata [HLL].  
**bamboo branch** *n* ökpötörö [HHHH].  
**bamboo mat** *n* agene [LLL] (West Igbo).  
**bamboo slits** *n* ibara [HLL].  
**banana** *n* inine [HLL]; une [HL] (Bende);

unele [HLL]; unene [HLL]; unere [HLL]; unune [HLL] *Musa paradisica*; *Musa sapientum*.  
**band** *n* otu egwu [LL HH].  
**bang** *n* üda [LL].  
**bangle (of ivory)** *n* ökpüköpö [HHH].  
**banishment** *n* neüpü [HHL]; öcüçü [LHH].  
**banjo** *n* übö akwara [LH].  
**bank** *n* aza [LL] (Öka); ülö akü [HL LL].  
**bank (of river)** *n* egbere [LLL]; ekpelü [LLL]; ekpere [LLL].  
**banner** *n* ökölötö [LLLL]; ökörötö [LLLL].  
**baptism** *n* mmili Cukwu [HHH HH]; mmiri Cukwu [HHH HH].  
**bar** *n* okporo [HLL].  
**bare** *adj* ötö [LH].  
**bare inner eyelid** *v* böö anya [LH HH].  
**bare the anus** *v* böö ike [HH HL]; böö ukwu [HH HL].  
**bargain** *v* hüö önū [LH HH].  
**bark** *n* agbügbö [LHL]; mbübö [LHL] (Owere); mgbügbö [LHL] (Önica); mkpekere azü [HHH HL].  
**bark** *v* gböö [HH]; gböö üja [HH LL].  
**bark (of animal)** *n* üja [LL].  
**barn** *n* agbada [HHH]; mgba [LH]; mkpa [LL]; öba [HH]; ülö eghu [HL HH].  
**barn pole** *n* inkpa [LL].  
**barrel** *n* abaje [HHH] (loan?).  
**barrenness** *n* aga [LL]; iga [LL].  
**barren (become)** *v* gbaa iga [HH HH].  
**barren woman** *n* iga [LL].  
**barricade** *n* ögba [HL].  
**barrier** *n* egwe [LL] (Öka).  
**barrister** *n* öka iwü [LH HH].  
**barter** *n* onwo [HL].  
**base** *n* ntö ala [LH LL]; ntö anī [LH LL]; ntü ala [LH LL]; ntü anī [LH LL]; olu ukwu [HH HH]; onu ukwu [HH HH]; ukwu [HL]; ünö [HL] (Önica).  
**basket (kinds of)** *n* abö [HH]; adanī [HHH]; agiliga [HHHH]; agbä amimi [HH LLL] (West Igbo); akirika [HHHH]; akpalata [HLL]; akpara [HLL]; ekete [LLL]; öda [HL]; nkata [LLL]; ügbö aja [HH LL]; ügbö amimi [HH LLL] (Öka); ükpa [HH]; ükpö [HL].  
**bask in sun** *v* nyaa anwü [HH HH].  
**bass** *n* önū ala [HH LL].  
**bastard** *n* enete [HHH]; nwa aneta [H HHH];

nwa enete [H HHH]; nwa iko [HL HH]; nwa ilo [HL LH].	beautify <i>v</i> cöö mma [HH HH].
<b>bat</b> <i>n</i> ipere [HHH]; mpere [LHH]; oghuru [HLL]; üsü [HH].	beauty <i>n</i> mma [HH]; üha [LH].
<b>bathe</b> <i>v</i> ghüö ahü [HH LH]; saa ahü [HH LH]; saa arü [HH LH]; wüö ahü [HH LH].	because of <i>adv</i> maka [LL]; n'ifi [HH]; n'ihi [HH].
<b>battle</b> <i>n</i> agha [HH] (Önica); aha [HH] (Arökukwu); aya [HH]; ögü [LL] (Owere).	become <i>v</i> ghöö [LH].
<b>battle(do)</b> <i>v</i> kwaa mbö [LHHH]; lüö ögü [LH LL]; nüö [LH]; nüö agha [LH LL]; nüö ögü [LHLL].	become bigger <i>v</i> buo [LH]; vuö [LH].
<b>battle field</b> <i>n</i> ögbö agha [LH HH].	become clear <i>v</i> gbadoo [HLH].
<b>bay</b> <i>n</i> önü mmili [HH HHH]; önü mmiri [HH HHH].	become rusty <i>v</i> gbaa ncara [HH HHH].
<b>be</b> <i>v</i> bü [H]; dï [L]; dü [L]; nöö [LH]; rï [L]; wü [H].	<b>bed</b> <i>n</i> akwa [LL]; ikpo [LH]; mkpoko [LLH]; mkpokpo [LLH]; mkpuru [LLL]; obogho [LLH]; ökpükö [LLH]; ugbo [HH] (Afikpo).
<b>beach</b> <i>n</i> ose [LL]; otu [HH].	<b>bed (go to)</b> <i>v</i> laba [HL]; naba [HL].
<b>bead (kinds of)</b> <i>n</i> acanü [LLL]; akü [HL]; ase [LL]; asï [LL]; ejiji [HHH]; ijä [HL]; jigida [LLH] (loan).	<b>bedroom</b> <i>n</i> obu [LH] (Öhafia).
<b>beak</b> <i>n</i> önü [HH].	<b>bedrooms</b> <i>n</i> ülö nnwubi [HL HHL].
<b>beak (of bird)</b> <i>n</i> apia [HHH].	<b>bed bug</b> <i>n</i> apkiri [LLH].
<b>bean (kinds of)</b> <i>n</i> agbara [HLL]; agwa [LL]; azama [LLL]; igirigi [HHHH] <i>Cajanus cajan</i> ; iwa [LH] (West Igbo); mkpökörö [HHHH]; ndudu [LLL]; odudu [LLL] (Bende); ökpa [LL].	<b>bee</b> <i>n</i> anwü [HH]; aňü [HH]; enwu [HL].
<b>bean cake</b> <i>n</i> akala [LLL] (loan); akara [LLL] (loan); alele [LLL] (Öka); elele [LLL] (Önica).	<b>beehive</b> <i>n</i> akpa anwü [LL HH]; akpa aňü [LL HH]; akpaka anwü [HHH HH]; ekete anwü [LLL HH].
<b>bean cluster</b> <i>n</i> awö [LL]; awü [LL].	<b>beetle</b> <i>n</i> ada [HL]; adaka [LHL]; akpa [LH]; akpa nkwo [LH HH]; öti [HL].
<b>bean meal</b> <i>n</i> ökpö [HH].	<b>beetle (pupa stage)</b> <i>n</i> akalikpö [HHHH].
<b>bean pod</b> <i>n</i> ifulifü [LLLL].	<b>befall</b> <i>v</i> hue [LH].
<b>beard</b> <i>n</i> afa önü [LL HH] (Önica); aha önü [LL HH] (Owere); ahü önü [LL HH]; ajï agba [HH LL]; ava önü [LL HH] (Anambra).	<b>before</b> <i>conj</i> tupu [HH]; tutu [HH]; tutuu [HHH].
<b>bear fruit</b> <i>v</i> mia [LH].	<b>befriend</b> <i>v</i> yiä öyi [LH LL] (Önica).
<b>bear grudge</b> <i>v</i> böö öbö [LH HL]; düö übö [LH HL].	<b>beg</b> <i>v</i> huo [LH]; riö [HH]; yöö [HH] (Önica).
<b>bear offspring</b> <i>v</i> müö [LH].	<b>beggar</b> <i>n</i> ogbenye [HLL].
<b>Bear with me!</b> <i>v</i> Küö [LH] (Mbaanö).	<b>begin</b> <i>v</i> bido [LH]; hewe [HH] (Mbaise); malite [LHH].
<b>beast</b> <i>n</i> anü [HH]; anü öhia [HH HHH]; anümanü [HHHLL]; unu [HH] (Afikpo).	<b>beginning from</b> <i>adv</i> site [HH].
<b>beat</b> <i>v</i> küö [LH]; merie [HHH]; suo [LH].	<b>beginning</b> <i>n</i> isi mbido [HH HHH]; izizi [LLL] (Önica); mbido [HHH]; mmalite [HLHH].
<b>beat (e. g. drum)</b> <i>v</i> küö [LH].	<b>beginnings</b> <i>n</i> ökpü [HL] (Önica).
<b>beautiful</b> <i>adj</i> oyo oyo [LL HL]; öma [HH].	<b>begin in earnest</b> <i>v</i> biri ökü [HH HH].
<b>beautiful (appear)</b> <i>v</i> maa mma [HH HL].	<b>begin suddenly</b> <i>v</i> su [H].
<b>beautiful (be)</b> <i>v</i> dï mma [H HL].	<b>begin with</b> <i>v</i> buru üzö [HH HLL]; vuru üzö [HH HL].
<b>beautiful (very)</b> <i>adj</i> ömalica [HHHH]; ömarica [HHHH].	<b>beg for forgiveness</b> <i>v</i> kpee ire [HH HH].
	<b>behave</b> <i>v</i> kpaa agwa [HH LL].
	<b>behaviour</b> <i>n</i> omume [LLH]; umere [HHH]; üma [HH].
	<b>being</b> <i>n</i> ndü [HL].
	<b>belch</b> <i>n</i> ubiri [LLL]; ughele [HHL]; ughere [HHL].
	<b>belch</b> <i>v</i> dee nkö [LH LL]; düö ubiri [LH LLL]; ghee ughere [HH HHL]; taa nkö [HH HH]; yee ueye [HH HHL].
	<b>belief</b> <i>n</i> okwukwe [LLH].

- believe** *v* kwe [H].
- bell** *n* alü [HH]; atanü [HHH]; atanü [HHH]; atanü [HHH]; ebi [HH]; itaña [LLL]; mgbilimgba [HHHH]; mgbirümgba [HHHH]; ökügam [LHH].
- bellow** *v* tie mkpu [LH LH].
- bellows** *n* eko [HL].
- bell (hunting)** *n* ikporo [LHH].
- bell-like** *adv* gam [HH].
- belly** *n* abü [HH]; afö [HH]; ahö [HH] (Enugwu); avö [HH]; ere [HH].
- belongings** *n* mkpörö [LHH].
- below** *n* mgbada [HHL].
- belt** *n* ajii [HLL].
- bench** *n* ökpötörö [HHHH].
- bend** *v* gbagöö [HLH]; röö [HH].
- bend down** *v* huda [HL]; hunata [LHH]; runata [LHH] (Önica).
- benefit** *n* ulu [HL] (Önica); uru [HL].
- bequest (receive)** *v* lie ekpe [HH HH]; rie ekpe [HH HH].
- bereaved (be)** *v* roo uju [HH HH].
- berry-tree** *n* ahaba [LHH]; iceku [LHH]; öhambele [LLHH] *Acida bateri; Dialium guineense; Tamarindus indica*.
- beside** *prep* n'agüga [HLL].
- bestow** *v* nyefee [HHH].
- bet** *n* ebe [HH]; ita [LH]; ngo [HH].
- bet** *v* maa aka [LH HH]; maa ita [HH HH]; tüö aka [LH HH].
- betrayal** *n* mgba okpuru [HH HHL].
- betrothed (be)** *v* kee di [LH H].
- bewitch** *v* baa [LL]; küö ögwü [LH HL].
- bewitching** *n* mbagbu [HLH]; öbüba [LLL].
- be with** *v* nönye [LH]; yia [LH].
- be without** *v* gbara aka [HH HH].
- bias** *n* ihö [LL]; nhö [LL].
- Bible** *n* Akwükwo Nsö [HHH HH].
- bicycle** *n* igwe [HL].
- bid** *n* ölü ngo [HH HL]; örü ngo [HH HL].
- big** *adj* nnukwu [HHH]; ukwu [HH].
- billion** *num* ijeri [LLH].
- bind** *v* bee abü [HH HH]; jiköö [LHH]; jiköta [LHH]; kee [HH]; kee öbü [HH HH]; kelie [HHH].
- bind (be in a)** *v* tö [H].
- bind tightly** *v* fido [HH].
- bird's egg** *n* üya [LL].
- bird** *n* nnünü [HLL].
- bird (names of)** *n* akwa [LL] (Önica); anünü [LLL]; anya nnünü [LL]; apia [HHH]; aya [HH]; ayörö [HHH]; eke ülö [HH HL]; eleke [HHL]; idim [LLL]; ibara [HLL]; igbara [LHL]; ikpakpa [LHH]; mgba [LH]; nkelu [HHH]; nkenu [HHH]; nnünü oke osimiri [HLL HH LLLL]; nza [HH]; obe ele [LH LL]; obo [LL]; obu [LL]; ogbe [LH]; okili [LLL]; okiri [LLL]; okpoko [LHH]; ovu [LL]; ugo azü [LL HL]; utu [LL] *Charadrius oedicnemus*; ügbana [HLL]; ütükpe [LLH].
- bird-bait** *n* isi apkü [HH HH].
- bird-dung** *n* akpara [LHH].
- bird-lime** *n* eso [HH].
- bird-line** *n* agölö [HHH].
- bird-shot** *n* ebe [HH].
- bird-wing** *n* nku [LL]; ugbe [HL].
- birthmark** *n* ntüpö ojii [HHH HHH]; obibi üwa [LLL LL]; obu mpüta üwa [LL LLH LL].
- bite** *n* alü [HH]; arü [HH] (Owere).
- bite** *v* taa [LH].
- bite to death** *v* tagbuo [LHH].
- bit (a)** *adv* ntinti [HHHH].
- bits and pieces** *n* mpekele [HHHH].
- bitterness** *n* ilu [HH]; inu [HH].
- bitter (be)** *v* luo ilu [HH]; nuo inu [HH].
- bitter-leaf** *n* olugbö [LHL]; olugbu [LHL]; onugbu [LHL] *Veronica amygdalina*; ütazü [LHH]; ütazüri [LHLL].
- bitter kola** *n* akí ilu [HH LL] *Chincona*.
- bitter taste** *n* ilu [HH]; inu [HH].
- bitter taste (have)** *v* luo ilu [HH]; nuo inu [HH].
- black** *adj* ojii [HHH]; ojiji [LHH] (Ösömari).
- blackmail** *n* emo [HL]; emu [HL].
- blackmail** *v* muo emu [LH HL].
- black (be)** *v* jie [HH].
- black-ant (stinging)** *n* agbisi [HHL]; agbishi [HHL].
- black-bird** *n* mgba [LH].
- black-eyed beans** *n* agwa [LL].
- blacksmith(ing)** *n* özü [HH]; üzü [HH].
- blacksmith** *n* ökpü üzü [LH HH].
- black colour** *n* ugo [LL].
- bladder** *n* akpa mima-miri [LL HH-HH]; akpa nwa-mili [LL HH-HH].
- blade** *n* agaba [HHH]; agöba [HHH]; agü aba [HH HL]; agüba [HLH].
- blade (surgical)** *n* alila [HHL].
- blame** *n* üta [HH].

- blame** *v* taa üta [HH HH].
- blank** *adv* baa [LL].
- blanket** *n* abala agidü [LLH HHL]; abala ngidü [LLH HHL]; abara agidü [LLH HHL]; abara ngidü [LLH HHL]; agbö [HH]; avara agidü [LLH HHL] (Uturu).
- blankness** *n* m kpötörö [HHHH].
- bleed** *v* gbaa mmee [HH HHH] (Önica); gbaa öbara [HH HH].
- blemish** *n* agba ahü [HH HH]; atütü [HHH] (Önica); ncu [LH]; ntüpö [HLH]; örü [HH].
- blend** *v* gwee [HH]; gwöö [HH].
- bless** *v* góö [HH]; gózie [LHH].
- blessing** *n* mmamma [HH-HH]; ngözi [HHH].
- blindness** *n* anya m kpö [HH HH]; anya m kpölo [HH LHH]; anya m kpörö [HH LHH]; anya ögbangö [HH HHLL]; ishi [LL]; isi [LL].
- blindness (one-eyed)** *n* anya mpia [HH HHH].
- blind (be/become)** *v* cie anya [HH HH]; kpuo isi [LH LL].
- blink** *v* küö anya [HH HH]; tabie anya [HLH HH].
- blink of an eye** *n* ntabi anya [HLH HH].
- blister** *n* agba mmiri [LL HHH]; akpü otutu [HL-HHH]; eko [HL]; etito ökü [HHH HH]; otutu [HLL]; ükpö [LH].
- bloat** *v* füö [LH]; koo [HH]; köö [HH].
- block** *v* gbabricie [HLHH]; nöcie [LHH]; süö [LH].
- blockade** *v* nöcie [LHH].
- blockhead** *n* iti [HL].
- blood** *n* edeke [HHH]; mme [HH] (Önica); mmee [HHH] (Önica); öbara [LLL].
- blood-letting** *n* oci [LL].
- blood-letting (do)** *v* cie oci [HH LL].
- blood-line** *n* öbara [LLL].
- blood-relation** *n* nnadi [HHL].
- blossom** *v* maa ifulu [HH LHH]; soo [HH].
- blotch** *n* agba ahü [HH HH].
- blow** *n* ogboli [HHH]; ökpö [HH].
- blow** *v* füö [LH]; gbuo [HH].
- blow "öja" (whistle)** *v* gböö öja [HH LL].
- blow fire** *v* füö ökü [LH HH].
- blow nose** *v* zie imi [LH HH].
- blow open** *v* füwaa [LHH].
- blow out** *v* fünyüö [LHH]; menyüö [LHH].
- blow to bursting** *v* füwaa [LHH].
- blue bead** *n* acanü [LLL].
- blue eyes** *n* anya atülü [HH HHL].
- blunderbuss** *n* egbe cam [HL L].
- blunt through use** *v* gburüyüö [HHH].
- boa** *n* eke ögba [HH LL].
- board (wooden)** *n* ubiri [HLL].
- board game** *n* koso [LH] (loan); okwe [LL].
- board game (play)** *v* gbaa ndudu [HH LLL].
- boast** *v* kpaa nganga [HH LLL]: nyaa isi [LH HH]; ñaa isi [HH HH]; tuo önu [LH HH].
- boastfulness** *n* nganga [LLL].
- boastful (be)** *v* mee nganga [HH LLL].
- boasting** *n* mpaka önu [HHL HH] (Ngwa).
- boat** *n* ügbö mmiri [HH HHH].
- boa constrictor** *n* eke ukwu [HH HH].
- body** *n* ahü [LH]; arü [LH]; ehu [LH] (West Igbo); eshu [HL] (Nsüka).
- body (headless)** *n* m kpughuru [HHHH] (Öhafia).
- body-fat** *n* abuba [LLL]; abubara [LLLL]; arü [LH].
- body hair** *n* ahü [HH]; azü [HH].
- body paint** *n* ede ala [HH LL]; usie [HHH]; uhie [HHH].
- body sweat** *n* ajirija [HHHH]; aziriza [HHHH].
- boil** *n* akpa abü [LL HH]; ama afia [HH HHH]; ama ahia [HH HHL]; ehihi [HHH]; esa anü [HH LL]; esisi [HHH]; etu [HH]; etuto [HHH]; evivi [HHH]; inyi [LL]; nciri [LLL].
- boil** *v* gböö [HH]; ghuo [LH] (Owere); huo [HH]; nuo [LH]; shie [HH]; sie [HH]; wuo [HH]; yee [LH].
- boil over** *v* gböfuo [HLH]; gböö [HH].
- bold** *adj* ökala [HHH] (Önica).
- boldness** *n* anya ike [HH HH].
- bolt** *v* gbasie [HHH].
- bone** *n* ökpüköpö [HHH]; ökpüküpü [HHH].
- bone-ache (have)** *v* mia [HH].
- bone disease** *n* agba oruma [LH LLL].
- boo** *n* ukwu [LL].
- boo** *v* kwüö oci [HH HL]; kwüö ukwu [HH LL]; bie owo [LH HL] (Owere).
- book** *n* akwükwo [HHH].
- boom** *n* üda [LL].
- boor** *n* izuga [LLL].
- booth** *n* ülö ntü [HL HH].
- border** *n* agbata [LLL]; oke ala [HL LL].
- bore (hole)** *v* gwupuo [LHH].
- bore into** *v* tüö [LH].
- borrow** *v* bie [LH]; gbazie [HHH]; gbaziri [HHH]; ñüö [LH]; zie [HHH].
- borrowing** *n* mbibi [LLL]; ññüñü [LLL].
- bosom** *n* öma [HL].

- boss** *n* nna ukwu [HH HH].
- both** *n* abüö [LHH].
- both** *num* aböö [LHH]; abüa [LHH].
- bottle** *n* aba [HH]; akarama [HHHH] (loan); ekpem [LLL] (loan); irom [HHH]; kalama [HHH]; ololo [HHH]; olulu [HHH].
- bottom** *n* ala [LL]; anü [LL]; ike [HL]; ödü [HL].
- boundary** *n* agbata [LLL]; akala [HLL]; oke [HL]; oke ala [HL LL]; ökara [HLL]; üsö [LH].
- boundary fence** *n* üfö öha [LH LH].
- bouquet** *n* otooto [LHLH]; ütütü [LLL].
- bow** *n* üta [LH].
- bowels** *n* mgbirí afö [HHH HH]; mgbirigba afö [HHHH HH].
- bowl** *n* oteke [LHL]; öbö [HL]; ökü [LL]; ökwa [HH]; ökwa mgbö [HH HH].
- bow (of ship)** *n* önü ügbö [HH HH].
- box** *n* agbidi [HLL]; akpati [HLL]; igbe [LH].
- box** *v* kiüö ogboli [HH HHH]; küö ökpö [LH LH]; tie ogboli [HH HHH].
- boxing** *n* ogboli [HHH].
- bra** *n* akpa ala [LL HH]; akpa ara [LL HH] (Owere).
- bracelet** *n* akiti [HHH] (loan?); anagba [HHH]; asama [HHH]; ego aka [HH HH]; mgba aka [HH HH]; öla aka [HL HH]; öna aka [HL HH].
- brag** *v* nyaa isi [LH HH]; tuo önü [LH HH].
- bragging** *n* ibara [HLL]; mpaka önü [HHL HH] (Ngwa).
- brain** *n* übülü [LHH]; übürü [LHH].
- brains** *n* isi [HH]; ishi [HH].
- branch** *n* agba [LL]; aka [HH]; ala aka [LL HH]; ara aka [LL HH]; ibe [HH]; ngalaba [HLL].
- branch (of tree)** *n* aba [LL].
- brass** *n* ole [HL] (Bende); oze [LL]; öla [HL].
- brassiere** *n* akpa ala [LL HH]; akpa ara [LL HH] (Owere).
- brave** *adj* ökala [HHH] (Önica).
- brave (be)** *v* kaa obi [HH HL].
- bravery** *n* obi sie ike [HL HH HH].
- brave man** *n* dike [HH]; odogwu [LHH] (Önica).
- brazier** *n* ite ökü [LL HH].
- bread** *n* acäca [LLL] (Önica).
- breadfruit** *n* ükwa [HL] *Treculias africana*.
- breadfruit pottage** *n* agbara agba [LLL LH].
- breadfruit tree** *n* ükwa [HL] *Treculias africana*.
- break** *v* gbajie [LHH]; jie [HH]; küjie [LHH]; küwaa [HHH]; nyabie [HLH]; tijie [LHH]; tiwaa [HHH]; waa [HH].
- breakfast** *n* arü [LL]; azü [LL]; azü ütütü [LL HHL]; ücü [LH].
- breakfast (have)** *v* gbaa azü [HH LL]; gboo ücü [HH HH].
- break by bending** *v* gbajie [LHH].
- break into a run** *v* tikapü ösö [HLH HH]; waa ösö [HH HH].
- break into bits** *v* gbarie [HLH].
- break into two** *v* jiwaa [HHH]; nyabie [HLH]; tijie [LHH]; waa [HH].
- break in pieces** *v* gbabie [HLH].
- break kola** *v* gaa öjü [HH HH]; waa öjü [HH HH].
- break law** *v* daa iwü [LH LH]; lüa iwü [HH LL] (Önica).
- break off** *v* kwaa [HH]; kwoo [LH].
- break off (branch)** *v* nyakafü [HLH]; nyakapü [HLH].
- break open** *v* dafuo [LHH]; dapuo [LHH]; gbawaa [HHH]; küpuo [LHH]; puo [HH]; tipuo [HHH].
- break out** *v* su [H].
- breast** *n* ala [HH] (Önica); ara [HH]; obi [HL]; ökpükü obi [HHH HL].
- breastfeed** *v* zügaa [LHH].
- breast (lobe of)** *n* ike ara [LL HH]; mgba ara [LL HH]; mkpa ala [LL HH]; mkpa ara [LL HH].
- breast (cleanse)** *v* saa ara [HH HH].
- breast-feed** *v* nye ala [L HH]; nye ara [L HH].
- breast milk** *n* mmili ala [HHH HH]; mmiri ara [HHH HH].
- breast milk (first)** *n* ala enu [HH HH] (Önica); ara enu [HH HH] (Owere).
- breath** *n* ufere [HHH]; ume [HH]; umele [HH] (Önica); umere [HHH] (Owere); uzu [LL].
- breathe** *v* kuo ume [LH HH].
- breathe hoarsely** *v* kwuo ume [LH HH].
- breathe out heavily** *v* zee ume [HH HH].
- breath (take last)** *v* kubie [HLH].
- breed** *n* abi [HL]; abülü [LLL]; abürü [HLL]; agbö [LL].
- breed** *v* gbaa [LH]; kpaa [HH].
- breed animals** *v* doo [HH].
- breeze** *n* ifufe [LLL]; ifufu [LLL]; ikuku [LLL]; ufere [HHH].

- brethren** *n* ümü nna [HL HH].
- bribe** *n* ;
- bribe-takers** *n* ndi ngo [HH HH].
- bribery** *n* aghö ufu [LH LL]; aghü ufu [LH LL]; aka azü [HH LH]; erimeri [LHHH]; ngü [HL]; öji [HH].
- bride price** *n* ngö [HL].
- bridge** *n* akwa [LL]; ikpeke [LHL]; ngongo [HHHH].
- briefly** *adv* nkenke [HHH].
- brightness** *n* ife [LL]; ihe [LL] (Owere); ive [LL].
- bright face (have)** *v* gbasaa ihu [HHH HH]; gbasaa iru [HHH HH].
- bring** *v* cíta [HH]; kpöta [LH]; pasa [HH] (Bende); pata [HH].
- bring along** *v* kpöta [LH].
- bring close to self** *v* kpödebe [HLH].
- bring home** *v* welata [LHH].
- bring in** *v* güta [HH]; weta [LH].
- bring into/inside** *v* kpöbata [HLH]; webata [HLH].
- bring in or into** *v* kpöbanye [HLH]; webanye [HLH].
- bring nearer** *v* weketa [HLH].
- bring out** *v* weputa [HLH].
- bring together** *v* ciköta [HLH].
- brisk** *adj* wara wara [HH-HH].
- brisk** *adv* gara gara [HH HH]; garí garí [HH HH].
- briskly** *adv* ngwa [HH]; ngwa ngwa [HH HH].
- broad** *adj* abadaba [HHHH]; obodobo [HHHH]; öbasara [HHHH].
- broadcast** *v* kwusaa [HLH].
- broadcast (seed)** *v* ghaa [HH].
- broken** *adj* mkpökörö [HHHH].
- broken (be)** *v* waa [HH].
- broken clay pottery** *n* eju [HL].
- bronze** *n* oze [LL]; öla [HL].
- broom** *n* akpata [HHH]; akpükpa [HLL]; aziza [HHL].
- broth** *n* ofe [HH]; ohe [HH]; öfö [HH] (Bende).
- brother** *n* nwa nne [H HH]; nwa nne afö [H HH HH].
- brother-bond** *n* erima [HHH].
- brown (rusty)** *n* ncara [HHH].
- brush off** *v* hicaa [HHH].
- buck** *n* ele [HH]; ene [HH].
- buckler** *n* öta [HH].
- bud** *n* ome [HH]; ume [HH].
- bud** *v* maa ifulu [HH LHH].
- buffoon** *n* izuga [LLL].
- bug** *n* apkü [HL].
- build** *v* doo [HH]; lüö [HH] (Önica); riö [HH]; wuo [HH].
- building** *n* ulo [HL]; uyo [HL] (Obowo); ülö [HL]; ünö [HL] (Önica); üyü [HL].
- build (apart)** *v* rüpürü [HLH].
- build road** *v* gbuo üzö [HH HH].
- bull** *n* efi [HH] (Önica); ehi [HH]; eshu [HH] (Udi); oke ehi [HH HH].
- bullet** *n* afülü [LLL]; agidü [LLL]; agili [LLL]; aginü [LLL]; agirü [LLL]; igwe [HL]; itona [HLL]; mgbö [HH]; mkpö [HH].
- bunch** *n* ogbe [HL]; ökpö [LH]; ösi [HL] (Öka); öyö [LL].
- bundle** *n* ike [LL]; ngugu [HLL]; öbö [LH]; ukwu [LL]; ütü [LL]; ngwugwu [HLL].
- bundle (of fruit)** *n* anyülü [HHH]; anyürü [HHH].
- burden** *n* ibu [HH]; ivu [HH].
- burden** *v* bo [H].
- burglar** *n* agafu [LLL]; ekpelima [HHLH] (loan); ekperima [HHLH]; idima [LLL]; onye ohi [HH HH]; onye ori [HH HH] (Önica).
- burial place** *n* ütölö [HLL].
- burial rites** *n* akwam ozu [LHH HH].
- burn** *v* gbaa ökü [HH HH]; kpöö ökü [HH HH]; lee ökü [HH HH]; nwoo [HH]; nwue [HH]; ree ökü [HH HH]; suo ökü [LH HH].
- burn to death** *v* regbuo [HHH].
- burrow** *v* tüö önö [LH HH].
- burrow into** *v* tüö [LH].
- burst** *v* gbaa [HH].
- burst open** *v* gbaa afö [HH HH]; puo [HH].
- bury** *v* lie [LH].
- bush** *n* epe [HH]; idu [HH]; ototo [LHLH]; öfia [HHH]; öhia [HHH]; uboko [HLL].
- bushel (half)** *n* oteke [LHL].
- bush-cat** *n* abü [HH]; agülü [HHH/LLL]; agwata [HHH].
- bush-cow** *n* atü [HH]; etu [HL].
- bush-fowl** *n* ökwa [LL] *Francolin*.
- bush-rat** *n* akpete [HLL] (loan?).
- bush-toilet (be at)** *v* nöri nnö [HH HH] (Öhafia).
- business** *n* afia [HHH] (Önica); ahia [HHH].
- but** *conj* ma [L]; mana [LL]..
- butterfly** *n* ibube [LLL]; ilokolo übüba [LLLL]

LHH]; mbube [LLL]; ubube [LLL]; ukuru  
übuba [LLLLHH]; urukuru übuba [LLLLH]  
LHH]; übuba [LHH]; erembübara [LLLHHH].

**buttock** *n* akpü ahü [HL HH]; akpü arü [HL  
HH]; akpü öhü [HL HH]; akpü örü [HL HH];  
atütü [LLL]; ike [HL]; otele [LLL]; otile  
[LLL]; otula [HLL]; otule [LLL]; öhü nsü  
[HL HH]; ukwu [HL].

**but for** *conj* belü sö [LH L] (Önica).

**buy** *v* caa [LL]; goo [HH]; maa [LH]; yee [LL];  
züö [LH].

**buy (cloth)** *v* bee [LL].

**buy (grain, seed)** *v* wüö [LH].

**buy (on credit)** *v* naa n'aka [HH HH].

**buy services** *v* goo [HH].

**bye-law** *n* ökwa [HL].

**bypass** *v* ñee [HH]; ñefee [HHH].

**by grace of** *n* ari nze [LH LL].

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**cadaver** *n* ozu [HH].

**cage** *n* iduma [LLL]; ngiga [HHH].

**calabash** *n* agbe [LL]; agbele [LLL]; agbö  
[LL]; akpakö [LLH]; mbele [LLL] (Owere);  
mbene [LLL]; ncu [LH]; öba [HH]; ögba  
[HL] (Öhafia); ögbölö [HLL] (West Igbo);  
ügba [LH].

**calabash-top** *n* atiti [HHH].

**calculate** *v* gbaköö [LHH]; pia [HH].

**calf** *n* nwa ehi [H HH].

**calico** *n* aböca [abö öca] [LHH].

**call** *n* oku [LL].

**call** *v* kpöö [HH]; kue [LH] (Öka).

**calling (begin)** *v* kpöwa [HH].

**call (bad) names** *v* kpöö ajö aha [HH HH HL].

**call (loud)** *n* ube [HH].

**call meeting** *v* kuo oku [LH LL] (Öhafia).

**call names** *v* kwue ikwu [LH LL]; kwuo ikwu  
[LH LL].

**call out** *v* löö oku [HH LL] (Öhafia).

**call praise-name** *v* tuo aha [LH HH].

**call together** *v* kuo [LH] (Öhafia).

**call to action** *n* ube egbe [LH HH].

**call up** *v* kütü [LH] (Öhafia).

**call upon** *v* kue [LH] (Öka).

**call upon (for help)** *v* kpökuo [HLH].

**calmly** *adv* duu [LL]; jii [LL]; jülüü [LLL];  
jüü [LL].

**calm (be)** *v* mee jüü [HH LL].

**calm down** *v* jüö [LH]; mee jüü [HH LL].

**camo** *n* ikwuu [LHH].

**camwood** *n* ufie [HHH]; uhie [HHH].

**camwood tree** *n* abösí [HLL] *Baphia nitidis*.

**can** *v* püö [LH].

**cancel** *v* kagbuo [LHH].

**candle** *n* ederi [HHH]; öwa [HH]; uri [LL].

**cane** *n* anya [LL]; anya acü [HH HH]; aña  
[HH]; apipia [HHHH]; ekwe [LL]; itali  
[LLL]; itari [LLL]; ütarí [LLL].

**cankerworm** *n* egu [LH].

**cannon** *n* egbe ndü [HL HL]; ntü n'aní [HH  
LL].

**canoe** *n* mbam [LHH] (Öhafia); ügbö mmiri  
[HH HHH].

**cantankerous (be)** *v* caa anya [HH HH].

**canvas** *n* akanya [LHH]; akanye [LHH]; ökiyí [HHH].  
**cap** *n* okpu [LH].  
**capsize** *v* kpuo [LH].  
**captive** *n* ohu [HL] (Owere).  
**captive (be taken)** *v* düö n'aghá [LH HH].  
**capture** *v* jide [LH].  
**car** *n* ügbö ala [HH LL]; ügbö aní [HH LL] (Önica).  
**caravan** *n* otu ije [LL HL].  
**carcass (part of)** *n* aji [HH].  
**careful (be)** *v* kpacalü anya [LHH HH]; kpacara anya [LHH HH]; lezie [LHH]; nezie [LHH].  
**care-free person** *n* ofo ogeri [HH LLL].  
**carp** *n* nkölö [LLL]; ükölö [LLL].  
**carry** *v* buo [LH]; buru [LH]; paa [HH]; para [HH]; pasa [HH] (Bende); vuo [LH]; vuru [LH].  
**carry a load** *v* buo ibu [LH HH]; vuo ivu [LH HH].  
**carry home** *v* palaa [HHH].  
**carry into** *v* paba [HL].  
**carry on one's back** *v* kwöö [LH].  
**carry over to** *v* buga [LH]; vuga [LH].  
**carry up** *v* bulie [LHH]; bunie [LHH]; maburu [HHH]; pago [HH]; palie [HHH]; vulie [LHH].  
**carry up to speaker** *v* pata [HH].  
**carve** *v* gbuo [HH]; pia [HH].  
**carved ritual figure** *n* ikenga [LHLL].  
**carved wood** *n* ufo [LH].  
**carve marks on face** *v* waa ihu [HH HH]; waa iru [HH HH].  
**carve out road** *v* waa üzö [HH HL].  
**carve up** *v* kewaa [LHH].  
**casket** *n* akpati ozu [HLL HH]; igbe ozu [LH HH].  
**cassava (kinds of)** *n* abaja [LLL]; akpü [HH]; akpü nkölö [HH LLL]; iwa [LH]; ji akpü [HH]; ji akpü ojii [H HH HHH]; ji akpü öca [H HH HH]; ji akpü uhie [H HH HHH]; nwa aghasa [H HHL]; nwíwa [HL]; nwugo [HL]; osisi akpü [HHH HH] (Bende); udu ka nama [HH L HH] *Manihot esculenta; Manihot utilissima*.  
**cassava flakes** *n* abaca [LLL]; abuba ji akpü [HHL H HH]; nsisa [HHH].  
**cassava farm** *n* ödö akpü [HH HH].  
**cassava flour** *n* agbürü [HHH] (Bende); alibö

[LLH] (loan); garri [LH] (loan).  
**caste (kind of)** *n* osu [LH]; ume [LH].  
**castor oil/seed** *n* ogili [LLL] (Önica); ogiri [LLL] *Parkia clappertonia*.  
**castrate** *v* pia amü [LH HL].  
**cast down** *v* luo [LH].  
**cast lots** *v* fee nza [HH HL]; maa ita [HH HH].  
**cast net** *v* saa ubgu [HH LH].  
**cast off poison** *v* nwoo aba [HH HH]; nwoo nsi [HH HH].  
**cat** *n* abü [HH]; nwa akom [H HHL] (loan?); nwa mba [H LH]; ologbo [HHH] (loan?).  
**catarrh** *n* azüzü [LLL].  
**catch** *v* ghöö [HH]; gide [HH]; gude [HH]; jide [LH].  
**catch fire** *v* nwoo [HH]; nwue [HH].  
**catch fish** *v* gbuo azü [HH HL].  
**catch unawares** *v* delie [HLH].  
**category** *n* önu [HH].  
**caterpillar** *n* akpa [LH]; awa igu [LH HH]; ebe [HH]; egu [LH]; nwa igu [H LH]; öbübü [LHH]; öbübüü [LHH]; öti [HL]; övüvü [LHH].  
**catfish** *n* atüma [LLL]; okpo [LH]; okpu [LH]; ökpö [LH] ökpö ijö [HL LH].  
**cattle** *n* enunu [HLH]; nama [HL] (loan).  
**cattle egret** *n* ugolo öma [HLH LL].  
**caught in (be)** *v* maa [HH HL].  
**cause** *n* ifi [HL]; ihi [HL]; ivi [HL].  
**cause** *v* mee [LH].  
**cause anxiety** *v* cuo üla [HH HH]; cuo üra [HH HH].  
**cause mayhem** *v* mee ikpa [HH LH].  
**cause nausea** *v* ruo agbö [LH HH].  
**cave** *n* ögba [HL]; ögba öhia [HL HHH]; uji [LL].  
**cave in** *v* zee [HH].  
**cavity** *n* nda [LL]; oghele [LHH]; oghere [LHH]; oyele [LHH]; uji [LL].  
**ceiling** *n* okpuru ülö [LHH HH].  
**celebrate** *v* röpü [HL] (Öhafia); tüö üña [LH LL].  
**celebrated (be)** *v* kwuo [LH]; wuo [LH].  
**celebrate fertility** *v* gbaa ci [HH H] (Asaba).  
**celebration** *n* emume [HHH]; mmemme [LLLH].  
**cellulitis** *n* akpa abü [LL HH]; atü [LL].  
**centipede** *n* agwö nküwü [HH HH]; alili [HHH] (Önica); ariri [HHH] (Owere); esu [HH];

mgbata akü [LHH LL].	charcoal <i>n</i> iceku [LHH]; iceökü [LHHH]; ihere [HHH]; inyi [HL]; unyi [HL].
<b>centre</b> <i>n</i> etiti [LHH].	<b>charge</b> <i>n</i> ebubo [LHH].
<b>centre of</b> <i>n</i> öma [HL].	<b>charge</b> <i>v</i> bo [H].
<b>cereal</b> <i>n</i> mkpürü öka [HHH HL].	<b>charge falsely</b> <i>v</i> bo [H].
<b>ceremonial spear</b> <i>n</i> arö [HL]; ögbödö [LLLH] (Asaba).	<b>charge with offence</b> <i>v</i> boo ebubo [HH HHH].
<b>ceremony</b> <i>n</i> emume [HHH].	<b>charm</b> <i>n</i> ihuru [LLL]; mgbanaka [LHHH]; mgbati [HHH]; ögwü [HL]; öhaï [LLH]; ökpö [LL]; ökpü [LL]; titi [LH].
<b>certain (a)</b> <i>dem</i> ofu [LH] (Önica); otu [HL].	<b>charm</b> <i>v</i> küö ögwü [LH HL].
<b>certificate</b> <i>n</i> asambodo [HHHHH] (See Appendix III).	<b>charmed life (have)</b> <i>v</i> kee isi [HH HH] (Mbaanö).
<b>chaff</b> <i>n</i> ifirife [HHHH]; iriri [HHH].	<b>chase after</b> <i>v</i> cüö ösö [HH HH].
<b>chain</b> <i>n</i> iyegbe [LLL]; iiga [HH]; ighbirigba [LHLH]; iyagba [LLL].	<b>chase out</b> <i>v</i> cüö ösö [HH HH].
<b>chair</b> <i>n</i> agada [LLH]; mgbada [LLH]; mpata [LHH]; oce [HH]; oce mgbada [HH HHH].	<b>chastisement</b> <i>n</i> emo [HL]; emu [HL].
<b>chalice</b> <i>n</i> iko [LH]; uko [LH].	<b>chat</b> <i>n</i> nkata [HLH] (Önica).
<b>chalk</b> <i>n</i> nzu [HH].	<b>chat</b> <i>v</i> kpaa [H̄H].
<b>chalk-bowl</b> <i>n</i> ökwa nzu [HH LH].	<b>chatter</b> <i>n</i> üka [HL].
<b>chalk-mark (make)</b> <i>v</i> kaa nzu [HH HH]; kaa nzu [HH HH]; tüö nzu [HH HH]; tüö nzu [HH HH].	<b>cheap</b> <i>adj</i> önü ala [HH LL].
<b>chalk-stones</b> <i>n</i> ntü [HH].	<b>cheat</b> <i>v</i> ghögbo [HHH]; megbo [LHH]; zügbue [HHH].
<b>challenge</b> <i>n</i> agügö [LLL].	<b>cheating</b> <i>n</i> mmegbu [HHH].
<b>challenge (throw)</b> <i>v</i> düö aka [HH HH], maa aka [LH HH]; tüö aka [LH HH].	<b>check</b> <i>v</i> haa [HH]; raa [HH].
<b>chamber</b> <i>n</i> nda [LL].	<b>cheek</b> <i>n</i> aba önü [LL HH]; agba nti [LL HH]; agbagba nti [HHH LL]; nti [LL].
<b>chameleon</b> <i>n</i> ogwumagada [HLHLL]; ogwumagala [HLHLL]; ogwumagana [HLHLL]; owumagana [HLHLL]; ugwumagala [HLHLL].	<b>cheek bone</b> <i>n</i> abüba nti [HHH LL]; agbagba nti [HHH LL].
<b>champion</b> <i>n</i> odogwu [LHH] (Önica).	<b>cheer</b> <i>n</i> amü [HH] (Önica); ngöli [HLH]; nköli [HLH]; nnöli [HLH]; nnöri [HLH]; öci [HL] (Owere).
<b>chance</b> <i>n</i> efe [HL]; ehe [HL]; oghere [LHH].	<b>cheer up</b> <i>v</i> gbasaa ihu [HHH HH]; gbasaa iru [HHH HH]; mesaa ihu [HLL HH]; mesaa iru [HLL HH].
<b>change</b> <i>n</i> mgbanwe [HHL]; mgbanwo [HHL]; ntüghari [HHHH].	<b>cheetah</b> <i>n</i> agü [HH].
<b>change</b> <i>v</i> gbanwee [HLH]; gbanwoo [HLH]; ghaa [HH]; megharia [LHHH]; nwhee [LH]; nwoo [LH]; nwuo [LH]; woo [LH].	<b>chest</b> <i>n</i> ngidi [LLL]; ngili [LLL]; ngiri [LLL]; ngü [LL]; ngügü [LLL]; obi [HL]; ökpükü obi [HHH HL]; öma [HL].
<b>change colour</b> <i>v</i> cagharia [HHHH]; ñaa [LH]; yaa [LH].	<b>chest inflammation</b> <i>n</i> ngü ilo [LL LH].
<b>change position</b> <i>v</i> tüghaa [HHH].	<b>chew</b> <i>v</i> jüö [HH HH]; taa [LH].
<b>channel</b> <i>n</i> öwa [HL].	<b>chewing stick</b> <i>n</i> abösü [HLL] <i>Baphia nitidis</i> ; atü [LH].
<b>chant</b> <i>n</i> mbem [LLL].	<b>chick</b> <i>n</i> abaca [HHH]; nwa sii-sii [H HH-HH]; sii-sii [LH-LH]; uvulu [HHH]; üriöm [LLL]; üyöm [LLL].
<b>chant</b> <i>v</i> büö abü [LH HL]; güö [HH HH]; kwee ukwe [HH LH]; roo [HH]; vüö avü [LH HL].	<b>chicken</b> <i>n</i> ökükö [LHL].
<b>chanter</b> <i>n</i> ugoli [HHH].	<b>chicken pox</b> <i>n</i> oko beke [HH HH]; ükö bekee [HH LHH].
<b>chant (choral)</b> <i>n</i> abü [HL]; ebu [HL] (Abakiliki/Afikpo).	<b>chick (sacrificial)</b> <i>n</i> abüke [HLH].
<b>chapter</b> <i>n</i> agba [LL]; ama [HL]; isi [HH].	<b>chief's house</b> <i>n</i> ülö-ukwu eze [HL-HH HL].
<b>character</b> <i>n</i> agwa [LL]; omume [LLH]; umere [HHH].	<b>Chief</b> <i>n</i> Ese ama [LH HH] (West Igbo); Eze

[HL]; Obi [LH] (Önica).  
**chief priest** *n* Ata ama [HH HH] (Nsüka); Eze [HL].  
**child** *n* nwa [H]; nwa nta [H HL]; nwa ntakiri [H HLHH]; nwata [HL].  
**child (last)** *n* mbihi ime [HLH HH].  
**child (second)** *n* ülü [LH].  
**child (third)** *n* ibari [LLL].  
**child (under 5)** *n* ize [LL]; izile [LLL].  
**child-bearing** *n* ömümü [LLH].  
**child-outing feast** *n* ömügwö [LHL].  
**children** *n* ömö [HL] (Öhafia); ümü [HL]; ümü aka [HL HH]; ümü nri [HH HH] (Öhafia); ümüruma [HHLH] (Bende/Afikpo).  
**chill (cause)** *v* tüö oyi [HH HH].  
**chill (feel)** *v* jüö oyi [LH HH].  
**chimpanzee** *n* adaka [LHH]; ökpangu [LLH]; özö [HH].  
**chin** *n* acita [LLL]; agba [LL]; akpö [HH]; akpü [LH].  
**chisel (smithing)** *n* akika oyighoyi [HHH LLLL].  
**choice** *n* öhühö [LLH].  
**choke to death** *v* kpagbuo [LHH].  
**cholera** *n* otolo [LLL]; otoro [LLL]; utolo [LLL].  
**choose** *v* höpüta [HLH]; hörö [LH]; were [HH].  
**chop off** *v* gböö [HH]; gbupü [HL].  
**chop wood** *v* pee nkü [HH HH].  
**chorus (of spirits)** *n* ayaka [LLL].  
**christen** *v* baa [LH]; göö afa [LH HL]; göö aha [LH HL]; güö afa [LH] (Önica); güö aha [LH].  
**chunk** *n* ökpürükö [HLLL]; ökpürükü [HLL].  
**church** *n* üka [HL].  
**church/church service** *n* üka [HL].  
**cicatriser** *n* ndí ici [HH LL].  
**circularly** *adv* ehirimehi [LLLHL]; okirikiri [HHH-HH].  
**circulate (text)** *v* desaa [LHH].  
**circumcise** *v* bee ugwu [HH HL]; bie ugwu [LH HL].  
**circumcision** *n* ubu [HL] (Afikpo); ugwu [HL].  
**circumciser** *n* ome nka [HH LL]; omenka [LHLL].  
**circumflex** *n* uge [HH].

**circumstance** *n* önödü [HLH].  
**cistern** *n* olulu mmiri [HLL HHH]; onunu mmili [HLL HHH].  
**cite a proverb** *v* töö ilu [LH HH]; töö inu [LH HH]; tüö ilu [LH HH]; tüö inu [LH HH].  
**citizenry** *n* ira [LL]; öha [LL].  
**clan** *n* ebo [HH]; ikwu [HH]; nci [LL].  
**clap** *v* küö aka [LH HH].  
**clappers (wooden)** *n* aja [HH]; kpönkpö [HHH].  
**clarion call** *n* ube egbe [LH HH].  
**classification** *n* önu [HH].  
**claw** *n* mbö [LH]; mvö [LH].  
**claw with nails** *v* yee [HH]; yoo [HH].  
**clay** *n* atakere [HHHH]; ekete [LLL]; ülö [HH]; ozuru [LLL]; ürō [HH].  
**clay (edible)** *n* akü [HH].  
**clay-pot** *n* ite mgbe [LL LL].  
**clean** *adj* öca [LH].  
**clean** *v* caa [HH].  
**cleanliness** *n* üca [LH].  
**cleanse** *v* kpuo arü [HH LH].  
**cleanse land** *v* kpüö ala [HH LL].  
**cleanse thoroughly** *v* sacaa [HHH].  
**clear** *v* kpocaa [HHH].  
**clear (become)** *v* doo anya [LL HH]; wee anya [HH HH].  
**clear abomination** *v* kpuo arü [HH LH].  
**clear farm of weed** *v* böö [HH]; sücaa [HHH].  
**clear throat** *v* kwaa ikiri [HH LLL].  
**clenched hand** *n* aka ökpö [HH LL].  
**clerk** *n* ode akwükö [LH HHH].  
**clever** *adj* nkö [HH]; nkö [HH]; üda [HL].  
**cleverness** *n* akö [LH].  
**clever (be)** *v* maa nzu [HH LL]; nwee nzu [HH LL].  
**climb** *v* nyie [HH]; riä [HH].  
**climbing rope** *n* apalí [LLL]; üga [LL].  
**climbing steps** *n* ebubu [HHH]; ebugbugu [HHH].  
**climb down** *v* lida [HL]; rüda [HL]; zida [HL].  
**climb up to** *v* ligolu [HHH]; rigoro [HHH]; riuo [HHH].  
**clinic** *n* ülö ögwü [HL HL].  
**clitoridectomy** *n* ubu [HL] (Afikpo); ugwu [HL].  
**clitoris** *n* agama [LLL]; akü ötü [LL HH]; atütü ötü [LLL HH]; ishishi ugwu [HHL HH]; ubu [HL] (Afikpo); ugwu [HL]; utu nwanyi [HH HL].

- clock** *n* elekere [HHHH].
- cloister** *n* mgbe [LL].
- close** *v* cie [HH]; gbasie [HHH]; kpucie [LHH]; mecie [LHH]; picie [LHH].
- close (your) mouth** *v* mecie önu [LHH HH].
- close-fitting (be)** *v* cie anya [HH HH].
- close after folding** *v* piacie [HHHH].
- close by** *adv* ndü [HH].
- close eyes** *v* mücie anya [LHH HH]; nyicie anya [LHH HH].
- close friend** *n* adiele [HHLH].
- close to** *adv* nso [LH].
- close with filler** *v* nyacie [LHH].
- closure** *n* mkgpuci [LHL]; ocici [HHH].
- cloth** *n* afe [LL]; akwa [HL]; efe [LL]; ögödö [LLL]; ögödö [LLL]; ögödö [LLL].
- clothe** *v* yiri [LH]; yiwe [LH].
- clothes** *n* uwe [LH].
- cloth (kind of)** *n* abada [LLH]; aböca [abö öca] [LHH]; akasa [LHL]; anam [LLL]; nja [LL]; ufe [LL]; üfa [LL].
- cloth measure** *n* akara [LLL]; obi [HL]; ükara [LLL].
- cloth (strip of)** *n* akara [LLL]; ükara [LLL].
- cloud** *n* agba igwe [HH HH]; alukpu [HLL] (Öka); alülü [HLH]; alülüü [HLHH]; ibubo [LHH]; irukpu [HLL] (Öka); urukpu [HLL].
- cloven feet (have)** *v* waa njakpa [HH LLH].
- cloying** *adj* bürü-bürü [HH-HH].
- club** *n* okpu [HH] (Afikpo); otu [LL].
- cluster** *n* öyö [LL].
- coals** *n* iceru ökü [LHH HH].
- cobra** *n* agwö eghu [HH HH LLL]; agwö ewu [HH HH LLL]; eghu anya öbara [HH HH LLL]; ubi [HL]; *Naja melanoleuca Hall*.
- cock's comb** *n* alö ökpa [LH LL]; arü ökpa [LH LL].
- cock** *n* asala [HHH]; di ökpa [H LL]; oke ökpa [HH LL] *Gallus gallus*; ökpa [LL]; ökükö [LHL].
- cockatrice** *n* ubi [HL] *Naja melanoleuca Hall*.
- cockerel** *n* di ökpa [H LL]; oke ökpa [HH LL] *Gallus gallus*; ökpa [LL].
- cock (young adult)** *n* oti nku eghe önu [LH LL HH HH]; ugbe [HL]; ubene [HLL].
- cockroach** *n* öcica [LHL]; ücica [LHH].
- cockscomb** *n* alö egbene [LH LLL]; alü ökpa [LH LL]; arü egbene [LH LLL]; arü ökpa [LH LL].
- coconut** *n* akí bekee [HH LLL]; akilibö [HLL].
- [HHLH] (Öka); akü bekee [HH LLL] *Cocos nucifera*.
- cocoyam (kinds of)** *n* akasa [HLH]; akasii [HLH]; *Xanthosoma sagittifolium*; aköö abaa [HHH LHH]; anambe [LLL] (Mbieri); anünü ede [LLL]; ede [HL]; ede [HL] *Colocasia esculenta*; ede arö [HL HL]; ede bekee [HL LHH]; ede ji [HL H]; ede eko [HL HL]; ede öba [HL HH]; öcö [LH].
- cocoyam tuber** *n* anünü ede [LLL].
- cod-fish (dried)** *n* agadigba [HHHL]; okpoloko [HLHH]; okporoko [HLHH].
- coercion** *n* mmanye [HHH].
- coffin** *n* abö [HH]; akpati ozu [HLL HH]; igbe ozu [LH HH]; ighbudu [LLL]; mkgpakörö [LLHH].
- coil up** *v* hikwöö [LHH].
- coins** *n* anini [LHH]; anyü [HH]; apa [LH]; ego [HH]; ego kirikiri [HH HHHH]; ikpeghe [LLL] (Bende); mkgpürü ego [HHH HL]; okpogho [LLL] (Bende); ümümü [LLL].
- coincide** *v* daba [HL].
- coincidence** *n* ödakö [HLH].
- cold-ash** *n* ntü [HH].
- cold** *n* azütü [LLL]; oyı [HH].
- coldness** *n* oyı [HH].
- cold (become)** *v* jihı oyı [HH HL]; jüö oyı [LH HH]; tüö oyı [HH HH].
- cold shiver** *n* iböbö [LHH].
- colic (have)** *v* huo afö [HH HH]; lüö afö [LH HH]; rüö afö [LH HH].
- collapse** *n* ada [HH]; ödüda [LLL].
- collapse** *v* daa [LH]; zee [HH].
- collar** *n* olu [HH] (Owere); onu [HH] (Önica).
- colleague** *n* enyi otu [HL HL].
- collect** *v* buköö [HHH]; ciköö [HLL]; ciköta [HLH]; dokuba [HLL]; jiköö [LHH]; jiköta [LHH]; kpaa [HH]; kpoköö [HLH]; kuo [LH]; tüköta [HLH].
- collect (e. g. water)** *v* coo [LH]; cuo [LH].
- collect taxes** *v* kpaa ütu [HH HH].
- collide** *v* biköta [LHH].
- colonade** *n* atanii [HHH].
- colonisation** *n* mbici [HHH].
- colostrum** *n* ala enu [HH HH] (Önica); ara enu [HH HH] (Owere).
- colour** *n* agba [LL]; amala [LHH] (Öka).
- column** *n* ahiri [HHH]; ögbala [HLL].
- coma (fall into)** *v* gbaböö [HHH].
- comb** *n* mbö [LH]; mvö [LH].

**comb** *v* vöö [HH] (Mbaise).  
**combine** *v* kwaköö [LH].  
**comb hair** *v* böö isi [HH HH]; haa isi [HH HH]; raa isi [HH HH]; vöö ishi [HH HH].  
**come (in/inside)** *v* bata [LH]; bia [LH].  
**come across** *v* feta [LL]; fete [LH]; gafeta [HLH].  
**come close(r)** *v* biadebe [HLLL] (Önica); biakebe [HLLL]; didebe [HLH] (Önica); kpüdebe [HLH] rube [HH]; ruwe [HH].  
**come down** *v* gbada [HL].  
**come early** *v* kpuo obu [LH HL].  
**come from** *v* si [H]; shi [H].  
**come home** *v* lō [L].  
**come last** *v* kpee azü [HH LH]; pee azü [HH LH]; poo azü [LH HH].  
**come out** *v* füta [LH] (Mbaise); püta [LH].  
**come out in odds** *v* gbaa mkpi [HH HH].  
**come over** *v* feta [LL]; fete [LH]; gafeta [HLH].  
**come together** *v* gbaköö [HLL].  
**comfort** *n* nkasi obi [HHL HL]; ntasi obi [HHL HL].  
**comfort** *v* kasie [HLH]; tasie [HLH]; tedo afö [HH HH].  
**commander** *n* eze ögü [HL LL].  
**commandment** *n* iwu [LH].  
**commence** *v* bido [LH]; bilie [LHH]; binie [LHH]; biri ökü [HH HH]; malite [LHH]; walie [HHH].  
**commencement** *n* mbilite [HLHH]; mbinitie [HLHH].  
**commend** *v* foo ufo [HH LH] (Önica); jaa [HH]; naa aka [HH HH]; too [LH].  
**commendation** *n* ufo [LH] (Önica).  
**commerce** *n* azum ahia [LHH HHH].  
**commit abomination** *v* lüö anï [HH LL]; rüö ala [HH LL].  
**commit abortion** *v* tee ime [HH HL].  
**commit adultery** *n* kwaa iko [HH HH].  
**commit murder** *v* gbuo öcü [HH HH]; tipü ndü [HL HL].  
**commit sin** *v* mee njö [HH LH].  
**commit suicide** *v* roo ero [HH LL] (Önica).  
**commonplace (be)** *v* gbaa mgbe [HH LL].  
**common'sense** *n* akö na uce [LH L HL]; akölö [LHH]; nzu [LL].  
**common sense (have)** *v* maa nzu [HH LL]; nwee nzu [HH LL].  
**commotion** *n* mkpötü [HHH]; ögba aghara [HH HHH].

**commotion (make)** *v* kpötüwa [HHH].  
**communal hall** *n* agbala [LLL].  
**communion** *n* olili [HHH]; oriri [HHH].  
**community** *n* agbala [LLL]; öha [LL]; öha na eze [LL L HL].  
**compact something** *v* süö [LH].  
**companion** *n* abü [HH]; adiele [HHLH]; ede ele [HH HH] (Önica); ibe [HL]; ogbo [LL] (Isikwuatö); ule [HH].  
**compare** *v* maa atü [HH LL].  
**comparison** *n* atü [LL].  
**compassion** *n* ebele [LHL]; ebere [LLL] (Owere); ömükö [HHL].  
**compassion (have)** *v* hüköö ahühü [HLH HHH].  
**compel** *v* manye [HH].  
**compete** *v* maa aka [LH HH]; söö mpi [HH LL]; tüö aka [LH HH].  
**complain** *v* tamuo [HLH].  
**complaint** *n* ekpele [LHH]; ekpere [LHH]; mkpesa [HHH]; ntamu [HHL]; usi [LH]; ushi [LH].  
**complaint (make)** *v* sie usi [HH LH]; shie ushi [HH LH].  
**complete (be)** *v* zuo [LH]; zuo oke [LH LL].  
**complexion** *n* agba ahü [HH HH].  
**compose "oro" song** *v* gbaa oro [HH HH].  
**compound** *n* ama [HH]; ezi [LH]; ilo [LH] (Önica); iro [LH]; mgboro [LLL]; ogbe [LL]; oro [LH].  
**compound (walled)** *n* nguru [LHH]; ngwuru [LHH].  
**compound wall** *n* egwe [LL] (Öka).  
**compulsion** *n* mmanye [HHH].  
**compunction** *n* arüri [LLL].  
**compute** *v* gbaköö [LHH].  
**comrade** *n* abü [HH]; adiele [HHLH]; enyi otu [HL HL]; ogbo [LL] (Isikwuatö).  
**conceal** *v* zolaha [HHH]; zonari [HHH]; zoo [HH]; zuo [HH].  
**conceit** *n* etikpa [LLH].  
**conceive** *v* tüö ime [LH HH]; türü ime [HH HH].  
**concern** *v* gbasa [HH].  
**concerning** *adv* banyere [LHH]; gbasa [HH]; gbasara [HHH]; maka [LL]; n'ifi [HH]; n'ihi [HH].  
**concern (be of)** *v* metüta [LHH].  
**conclude** *v* bee [HH]; bie [LH].  
**conclusion** *n* ishi [HH]; isi [HH]; ngwüca

[HHH]; njedebe [HHH] (Önica); nkwusi  
[HHH]; ocici [HHH].  
**concoct** *v* gwöö [HH]; kwee [HH].  
**concord** *n* otu obi [HL HL].  
**concubine** *n* iko [HH]; öyi [LL] (Önica).  
**concubine (take on)** *v* gbaa nrira [HH HHL];  
gbuo nzo [HH LL].  
**condemn** *v* maa ikpe [HH LH].  
**condition** *n* aghaa [LHH]; aña [LHH]; önödü  
[HLH].  
**condolence (pay)** *v* gaa mgbaru [HH HHH];  
gbaa mgbaru [HH HHH]; jee mgbaru [HH  
HHH].  
**condolence visit** *n* mgbaru [HHH]; mgbara  
[HHH]; mgbaru [HHH].  
**conduct** *n* omume [LLH]; üma [HH].  
**conduit** *n* ümi [LH].  
**confer** *v* gbaa izu [HH LL]; zee önu [HH HH].  
**confess** *v* kwupüta [HLH]; saa ifi [HH HL].  
**confession** *n* asisa [HLL]; nkwpuputa [HHL].  
**confidante** *n* üsö [LH] (Önica).  
**confidence** *n* ntükwasí obi [HHLH HL].  
**confirm kingship** *v* lie eze [HH HL]; tuo eze  
[HH HL].  
**confiscate** *v* jibie [HLH]; jicie [HHH]; kwaa  
ngwa [HH HH] (Öhafia); zelü [HH]; zere  
[HH].  
**confiscation** *n* njibi [HHL].  
**conflict** *n* ese [LL]; okwu [HH].

**conflict (have)** *v* bute okwu [LH HH]; koo isi  
[LH HH]; koo okwu [HH HH]; koo üka [LH  
HL]; see okwu [HH HH] (Önica); vute okwu  
[LH HH].

**confuse** *v* gbagwojuo [HLHH]; gbagwojuo  
anya [HLHH HH]; gbagwujuoanya [HLHH  
HH].

**confused** *adv* baa [LL].

**confused (be)** *v* gbaa baa [HH LL]; gbagharia  
anya [HLHH]; gbagwojuo [HLHH];  
gbagwojuoanya [HLHH HH]; gbagwujuo  
anya [HLHH HH]; meghariaanya [HLHH].

**confusion** *n* aghara [LHH]; aghirigha [LLHL].

**congeal** *v* larü [HH]; raha [HH]; shie [LH]; sie  
[LH].

**congratulate** *v* naa aka [HH HH].

**congregate** *v* gbaköö [HLL].

**congregation** *n* nzukö [HLH]; ögbakö [HHL];  
üka [HL].

**conjunctivitis** *n* anya ökü [HH HH].

**conquer** *v* melie [HHH]; merie [HHH].  
**conscience** *n* uce [HL].  
**consecrate** *v* göö [HH].  
**consensus** *n* nkwekö [HHH]; nkwekörüta  
[HHHH].  
**consider** *v* loo [LH] (Önica); roo [LH].  
**consideration** *n* atütü [HHH]; elo [HL]; örü  
[LHH].  
**consider closely** *v* tülee [HHH].  
**consolation** *n* ajü [HL]; nkasi obi [HHL HL];  
ntasi obi [HHL HL].  
**console** *v* gügüö [LLH]; kasie [HLH].  
**consort with lover** *v* gbaa ökwa [HH LL] (West  
lgbo).  
**conspiracy** *n* agbügba [LLL]; ekwerékwe  
[LHHH]; izu öjöö [LL HHH]; mgbügba  
[HHH].  
**conspire** *v* kwee [HH]; rõö [HH].  
**constipated (be)** *v* huo afö [HH HH]; lüö afö  
[LH HH]; rõö afö [LH HH].  
**constipation** *n* afö ökika [HH LLL]; öci [LH].  
**constrict** *v* fiköö [HLL]; kpaa [LH].  
**constriction** *n* mfiökö [HHHL].  
**construct** *v* lüö [HH] (Önica); rõö [HH]; wuo  
[HH].  
**consult** *v* gbaa izu [HH LL].  
**consultation** *n* ase [LL]; asia [LLL]; ese [LL];  
izu [LL]; izuzu [LLL].  
**consult oracle** *v* jüö ese [HH LL].  
**consume** *v* rie [LH].  
**contagious (be)** *v* fee mfe [HH LL].  
**container** *n* agbidi [HLL]; akpa [LL]; igbe  
[LH]; mkpö [HL]; ügba [LH].  
**contemplate** *v* cee [LH].  
**contempt** *n* nleda [HHL]; nneda [HHL]  
(Önica).  
**contempt for (have)** *v* ledanya [HL HH];  
nedaanya [HL HH].  
**contentiousness** *n* agüögö [LLL].  
**contentious (be)** *v* shie agüögö [HH LLL]; sie  
agüögö [HH LLL].  
**contest** *n* ndö ndö [LL LH]; ndörö ndörö [LLL  
LHH].  
**contest** *v* düö ndö [LH LH].  
**contestation** *n* arümärü üka [LHHH HL].  
**contraband** *n* afia iwü [HHH HH]; ahia iwü  
[HHH LH].  
**contract** *n* agba [LL]; ölü ngo [HH HL]; örü  
ngo [HH HL].  
**contract** *v* kwee agba [HH LL].

- contradict** *v* rühaa [HHH] (Öhafia).
- contribute (money)** *v* gbaa ego [HH HH]; tüö ütū [HH LH].
- contribution** *n* ütū [LH].
- controversy** *n* arümarü üka [LHHH HL]; ndörö ndörö [LLL LHH]; nsem okwu [LLL HH].
- conundrum** *n* agwügwa [HLH]; gwam-gwa gwam [HH-L H].
- convene a meeting** *v* kuo oku [LH LL] (Öhafia).
- conversation** *n* nkata [HLH] (Önica); üka [HL].
- converse with** *v* ghee önu [HH HH]; kpaï [HH] (Öhafia); kpayere [HHH] (Öhafia/Bende); yee önu [HH HH].
- conversion** *n* ntügharí [HHHH].
- convoy** *n* otu ije [LL HL].
- convulsion** *n* ejü di mgba [LL HHH]; di mgba [H LH]; ose [LL].
- cook-stand** *n* ekwu [HL].
- cook** *v* ghuo [LH] (Owere); nuo [LH]; shie [HH]; sie [HH]; wuo [HH].
- cooked (be fully)** *v* ghee [LH]; hee [LH]; yee [LH].
- cook (by boiling)** *v* huo [HH].
- cook (by burning)** *v* hüö [HH].
- cool down** *v* jihi oyí [HH HL]; jüö oyí [LH HH].
- copper-knotted cords** *n* ovulu [LLL] (Öka).
- copulate with** *v* gbaa [LH]; sie [LH].
- co-habit** *v* biköö [LHH].
- co-habitation** *n* mbikö [HHL].
- co-ordinate** *v* rakoö [HLH] (Önica).
- cord** *n* agbö [HH]; agbü [HH]; ero [LL] (Önica).
- cormlet (of cocoyam)** *n* anünü ede [LLL].
- corn** *n* akpa akpa [LL LL] (Ndizüögü); akpökpä [LLH] (Afikpo); ikpakpa [LLH] (Öhafia); öka [HL]; ükwa oru [HL HL] (Ökigwe).
- corner** *n* aba [LL]; abam [HLL]; agiga [HLL]; agüga [HLL]; akükü [HLL]; ekiki [HLL]; nci [LL]; nkö [HH]; nsüla [HLH]; ofe [LL]; üsö [LH]; üsü [LH].
- corner-wise** *adv* akükü akükü [HLL HLL].
- corner of house** *n* aba [LL]; ükülü [LLL] (Öka).
- corner of mouth** *n* üga [LH].
- corner room** *n* usékwu [LLL]; usokwu [LLL].
- cornhusk** *n* enwo öka [LL HL].
- corn (dried)** *n* ikpö [LH]; ikpökirí [LH]; ipö [LH]; m kpökirí [LHHH].
- corn cob** *n* isi öka [HH HL]; oko öka [LH HL].
- corn meal** *n* ikpö [LH]; ikpökirí [LH]; ipö [LH]; nni öka [HH HL]; nri öka [HH HL].
- corn stalk** *n* okporo öka [HHH HL].
- coronation** *n* ocici [LHH].
- corpse** *n* ozu [HH]; öcü [HL].
- correct** *v* gbazie [LHH].
- correctly** *adv* öfuma [LHH].
- corrode** *v* taa ajali [HH HHH]; taa ajara [HH HHH]; taa ajarí [HH HHH].
- corruption** *n* ule [LH] (Önica); ure [LH] (Owere).
- cosmetic dye** *n* ögalí [HLH]; ögalü [HLH].
- cost** *n* önu ahia [HH HHH].
- costume** *n* ejiji [HHH]; ekike [HHH].
- costuming area** *n* ajaba [HHH] (Afikpo).
- cost a lot** *v* daa önu [LH HH]; galaa önu [LHH HH].
- cotton** *n* obulu [LHH] (loan); ogbo [HH]; owu [LH] (loan); owulu [LHH] (loan).
- cotton-tree** *n* apkü [HH] *Ceiba pendandra*; *B buonopozense*; ogbo [HH] *Gossypium spp.*
- cotton cloth** *n* aböca [abö öca] [LHH].
- cotton cords** *n* ovulu [LLL] (Öka).
- couch** *n* akwa [LL].
- cough** *n* ükwala [HHL]; ükwara [HHL].
- cough** *v* kwaa ükwala [HH HHL]; kwaa ükwara [HH HHL].
- council** *n* nzukö [LH].
- counsel** *n* ndümödü [LLHL]; ödü [HH].
- counsel** *v* düa [LH]; düö [LH]; gbaa ume [HH HH].
- count** *n* agügü [HHH]; ögügü [HHH].
- count** *v* göö [HH]; güö [HH].
- countenance** *n* ihu [HH]; iru [HH].
- counter** *n* agügü [HHH].
- country** *n* mba [HL]; obodo [LLL].
- courage** *n* obi sie ike [HL HH HH]; ume [HH].
- courageous (be)** *v* kaa obi [HH HL].
- courtyard** *n* oro [LH].
- court action** *n* ikpe [LH].
- cousin** *n* Daa nta [HH LL].
- cousin (maternal)** *n* ibe nne [LH HH].
- cousin (paternal)** *n* ibe nna [LH HH].
- cousins** *n* ümü nna [HL HH].
- covenant** *n* agba [LL]; nkwa [HL].
- covenant (blood)** *n* ögbügbä ndü [LHH HL].
- covenant (make)** *v* gbaa ndü [HH HL].
- cover** *v* kecie [HHH]; kpuo [LH].

- covering (have a)** *v* kpuru [LH].
- covering up** *n* mukpuci [HLH].
- coverlid** *n* okwu [HH].
- cover (provide)** *v* kpugide [LHH].
- cover (take)** *v* ria [LH].
- cover-cloth** *n* abala agidi [LLH HHL]; abala ngidi [LLH HHL]; abara agidi [LLH HHL]; abara ngidi [LLH HHL]; agbō [HH].
- cover completely** *v* kpucie [LHH].
- cover over** *v* füde [LH]; kpucie [LHH].
- cover top of wall** *v* kpuo mgba aja [LH HH].
- cover with earth** *v* kwöyī aja [HH HL] (Öhafia).
- covetousness** *n* anya ukwu [HH HH].
- cow** *n* efi [HH] (Önica); ehi [HH]; eshu [HH] (Udi).
- coward** *n* ndudu [LLL].
- cowpea** *n* akidi [LHL].
- cow (bush)** *n* ewu öhia [HH HHH].
- cowry** *n* ayö [LL]; ayölö [LLL]; ayörö [LLL]; egokirikiri [HH HHHH]; mkpürü ego [HHH HL] *Cyprea mollusc*; *Cyprea moneta*.
- cowries (bag of 6)** *n* isi ego [HH HH].
- cowries (bag of 60)** *n* ukwu ego [LL HH].
- cowries (bag of 1,200)** *n* akpa ego [LL HH].
- cowries (bundle)** *n* akpili [LLL]; akwa [HH]; ngugu ego [HLL HH]; oku [LL].
- cowry-bracelet** *n* ego aka [HH HH].
- cowry units** *n* ekpete [HLL].
- crab** *n* abökö [HHH]; abükö [LHH]; adakada [HLH]; akalaka [HHHH]; akikala [LHHH] (Öka); dakada [HLH]; nshikö [LHH]; nshikö [LHH]; nsikö [LHH].
- crack (e. g. nuts)** *v* tie [LH].
- crack fingers** *v* gbaa aka [HH HH]; gbaa öyö [HH LL].
- craft** *n* ügbö [HH].
- craftiness** *n* aghö [HL]; aghüghö [HLL].
- crafty person** *n* öki [HL].
- crane** *n* ügbala [HLL]; ügbana [HLL].
- crave** *v* güä [LH]; güö [LH].
- crawl** *n* igbe [HH]; püö [HH].
- crawl** *v* gbee [HH]; gbee egbere [HH HHH]; gbee igbe [HH HHH]; gbee igbere [HH HHH]; ria [HH].
- crawl into** *v* kpuo [HH].
- crayfish** *n* ahara öca [HHH HH]; ayiya [LLL]; oporo [LLH].
- crazy (go)** *v* gbaa ala [HH HH]; gbaa ara [HH HH]; ghaa ala [HH HL] (Önica); güö ala [LH HH] (Önica); wia ala [LH HH]; yia ala [LH HH].
- creak** *v* haa önu [HH HL].
- cream** *n* ude [HH].
- cream of corn** *n* agidi [LHH].
- create** *v* kee [LH].
- create havoc** *v* mee ikpa [HH LH].
- creation** *n* okike [LLL].
- creative (be)** *v* caa nca [HH LH].
- creep** *n* püö [HH].
- creep** *v* ria [HH].
- creeper** *n* ogo [HH].
- creeper (kind of)** *n* akubara [HHHH]; akügbä [HHH]; akügbara [HHHH] *Mucuna urens*; ökötö [LLH]; ügbö ögiri [HH LLL].
- cremation ash** *n* önnü [LLL].
- crest (of fowl)** *n* alö egbene [LH LLL]; alüökpa [LH LL]; arü egbene [LH LLL]; arü ökpa [LH LL].
- cricket** *n* abösö [LHH]; abüzü [HHL]; aja ani [HH LL] (West Igbo); avüsü [HHL]; avüyü [HHL]; avüzü [LHH]; mbisü [LHH]; mbösö [LHH]; mbüzü [HHL]; mkpükö [LHL]; nte [LH].
- criminal** *n* ome-ka-oime [LL-H-LL].
- cripple** *n* onye ngwörö [HH HHH].
- crippled (become)** *v* daa ngwölö [LH HHH]; daa ngwörö [LH HHH].
- crisis** *n* osu agha [HL HL].
- criticise** *v* kwutöö [HLH].
- crockery** *n* afere [HHH]; efere [HHH] (Owere).
- crocodile** *n* aga ngwü [HH LL]; agangwu [HHLL]; aghü [HH]; agü iyı [HH HH]; ajii [LHH]; ajü [HH]; ajü iyı [HH HH] *Cataphractus*; okeagü iyı [HHHL HL]; öba [LL].
- crocus (yellow)** *n* edo [LL].
- crook** *n* isingö [HH HL]; ngö [HH]; ngu [HH]; nguru [HLL]; ngü [HH]; ngwuru [HLL]; ogugu [HLL]; ukpoo [LHL].
- crookedness** *n* mgbagö [HHL]; mgbagwö [HHL].
- crooked (become)** *v*.
- crooked (be)** *v* gbagöö [HLH]; gbagüö [HLH]; mee mgbagö [HH LLL]; mee mgbagwö [HH LLL].
- cross** *n* obe [HH].
- cross** *v* fee [HH].

**crossbeam** *n* amala [HLL].

**crosscheck** *v* zuo [LH].

**crossroad** *n* agalaba [HLLL].

**crosswise** *adv* uhie [LLL].

**cross out** *v* kagbuo [LHH].

**cross over** *v* feta [LL]; fete [LH]; gafeta [HLH].

**crouch** *v* sukwuru [HLH]; tukwuru [HLH].

**crow** *n* ugolo öma [HLH LL].

**crowd** *n* idu [LL] (West Igbo); igwe [LL]; ögbakö [HHL]; üsü [LL].

**crowning** *n* ube [HH].

**crown** *n* okpu eze [LH HH].

**crow-bird** *n* nza [HH].

**crucifix** *n* obe [HH].

**crucify** *v* kpögbe [LHH]; kpögbo [LHH].

**cruelty** *n* aka ike [HH HH]; nta [LH].

**crumbs** *n* aghirigha [HHHH]; ifirife [HHHH]; iriri [HHH].

**crush** *v* eee [LH]; dagbuo [LHH]; föö [HH]; gbarie [HLH]; zöpia [HLH].

**cry** *n* ube [HH]; obube [LHH].

**cry** *v* bee [HH]; bee akwa [HH HH]; gbüö [HH]; kwaa [HH] (Önica); kwaa akwa [HH HH].

**cry of grief** *v* süö ude [LH HH].

**cry of sorrow** *n* akwa ariri [HH LLL].

**cry out** *v* tie [LH]; tia [HH] (Öhafia).

**cubicle** *n* ülö nnwubi [HL HHL]; ülö ubi [HL HL].

**cub (lion's)** *n* nwa odum [H LLH].

**cucumber** *n* anyü [HH]; anyü nda [HH LL].

**cud** *n* mgbügha [HHL].

**cue** *n* arö [HL].

**cultivate** *v* marie ala [HLH LL].

**cult-child** *n* nwa uhie [H HHH].

**culture** *n* omenala [LHLL].

**cult language (Arö)** *n* nsibidi [LLLL]; nsibirí [LLLL] (Aröcukwu).

**cult slave (kinds of)** *n* akankolo [HHHHH] (West Igbo); oru ama [HL HH] (Nsüka); oruma [HLL] (Nsüka); osu [LH]; uwule [HHH]; ume [LH].

**cunning** *n* aghö [HL]; aghüghö [HLL]; üla [LL]; ürü [LH] (Öhafia).

**cunning (be)** *v* ghöö aghüghö [LH HLL].

**cunt** *n* ikpu [HL].

**cup** *n* aga [HH] (West Igbo); ede [LL]; iko

[LH]; mpiko [LLH]; okuku [LHH]; öbö [HL]; uko [LH].

**cure** *v* gwöö [HH].

**curl round** *v* gwöö [HH].

**curl up** *v* hikwöö [LHH].

**currency** *n* ego [HH].

**currency (kind of)** *n* abiï [LHL].

**current** *n* apköli [HHH] (Önica).

**curse** *n* akwükwa [LLL]; ikwu [LL].

**curse** *v* büa önu [LH HH]; büö iyi [LH HH]; büö önu [LH HH]; gbaa akwükwa [HH LLL] (Ngwa); göö öfö [HH HH]; kpöö iyi [HH HL]; kwaa iyi [HH HH]; kwue ikwu [LH LL]; kwuo ikwu [LH LL]; tüö iyi [LH HH]; vüä önu [LH HH]; vüö önu [LH HH].

**curtain** *n* akwa mkpuci [HL HLH].

**curved end (of pole)** *n* isi ngö [HH HL].

**custom** *n* omenala [LHLL]; ödi be ndi [LL H HH].

**cut** *v* bee [LL]; caa [LL]; gbuo [HH]; kpaa [LH]; yee [LL].

**cutlass** *n* mma oge [HL LL]; opio [LHH] (Arö)

**cut (e. g. grass)** *v* süö [LH].

**cut (sustain a)** *v* yie [LH].

**cut (with razor)** *v* bee uce [HH LH].

**cutting up** *n* öbübü [LLH].

**cut deep into** *v* gbumie [HLH].

**cut down** *v* gbumie [HHH]; gbutuo [HLH].

**cut hair** *v* kpaa isi [HH HH]; laa [LH]; laa isi [HH HH].

**cut incisors** *v* waa eze [HH HH].

**cut into pieces** *v* gbulie [HLH]; gburie [HLH]; nwubie [HLH].

**cut into two** *v* gbulie [HLH].

**cut off** *v* bepü [HL]; cabiri [HLL]; gbulie [HLH]; gbupü [HL].

**cut off outright** *v* gböö [HH].

**cut open** *v* gbuwaa [HHH].

**cut open a hole** *v* gbuluo [HHH].

**cut out of** *v* kewapüta [HLHL].

**cut path** *v* waa üzö [HH HL].

**cut path or swathe** *v* waa [HH].

**cut teeth** *v* fuo eze [HH LL]; puo eze [HH LL].

**cut up** *v* böö [LH]; gburie [HLH]; jibie [HLH].

**cut up and put into** *v* wanye [HH].

**cymbal** *n* aja [HH]; öyö [LL]; üyö [LL].

## D

- dagger** *n* ngwu [LH].
- dally** *v* gbue oge [HH HL]; gbuo oge [HH HL].
- damage** *n* mmēbi [HHL].
- damage** *v* bibie [HLH]; mebie [HLH].
- damn** *v* büö öñü [LH HH]; maa ikpe [HH LH].
- dance** *n* ebu [HL] (Abakiliki/Afikpo); egwu [HH]; egwu [HH]; nkwa [HL]; uri [HH].
- dance** *v* gbaa [HH]; gbaa egwu [HH HH]; gbaa uri [HH HH]; tee egwu [HH HH].
- dance (fertility)** *n* üpiti [HLL] (Nnobi).
- dancers** *n* ndi egwu [HH HH].
- dance for pay** *v* gbaa ita [HH LL].
- dandy** *n* öcö mma [LH HH].
- dane gun** *n* egbe cam [HL L].
- danger** *n* egwu [HL].
- dare to** *v* nwaa [LH].
- daring** *adj* ökala [HHH] (Önica).
- daring (be)** *v* shie anya [LH HH]; sie anya [LH HH].
- dark** *adj* ojii [HHH].
- darken** *v* jie [HH].
- darkness** *n* itiri [LLL]; öcici [LHH]; öcicirii [LHLL]; ucici [LHH]; utiri [LLL].
- dark (become)** *v* gbaa itiri [HH LLL]; gbaa ucici [HH LLL]; gbaa utiri [HH LLL].
- dark red** *n* ugo [LL].
- darling** *n* üsö [LH] (Önica).
- daughter's child** *n* okele [HHH]; okene [HHH].
- daughter** *n* ada [LH]; ada ünö [LH HL] (Önica); nwa amii [H LL] (Öhafia).
- daughter (second)** *n* ülü mma [LH HH].
- daughters of kindred** *n* ümü ada [HH LH]; ümü ökpü [HH HH].
- dawn** *n* ci [H]; ifolo ütütü [HLL LLL]; isi ütütü [HH LHL]; ütütü [LHL].
- dawn** *v* böö [LH]; büö [LH]; foo [HH]; hoo [HH]; vüö [LH].
- dawning** *n* ohuho [LHH].
- day** *n* ci [H]; üböci [HLL].
- daybreak** *n* ifolo ütütü [LHH HHL].
- daylight** *n* üböci [HLL].
- day-time** *n*.
- daytime** *n* effifie [LHLL]; ehihie [LHLL]; ukori [LHLL].
- [LHH] (Ututu); üböci [HLL].
- day after tomorrow** *n* nwa nne eci [H HH HH].
- dead-of-night** *n* abalii isi [LLL LL].
- deaden** *v* gbasie [HLH].
- dead of night** *n* nde eli [LL HL]; nda eri [LL HH].
- deaf-mute** *n* ogbi [HL]; ogbu [HL].
- dear** *adj* oke öñü [HH HH].
- dear to (be)** *v* hü n'anya [H HH]; masi [HH].
- death** *n* önwü [HH].
- debate** *n* arūmarü üka [LHHH HL].
- debate an issue** *v* lüö üka [LH HL]; rüö üka [LH HL].
- debt** *n* ügwö [HH].
- debt (be in)** *v* jide ügwö [LH HH].
- decay** *n* ule [LH] (Önica); ure [LH] (Owere).
- decay** *v* lee [HH]; ree [HH].
- deceit** *n* aghö [HL]; aghüghö [HLL]; aka enwe [HH LL]; üla [LL].
- deceive** *v* gbagharia anya [HLHH]; ghögbuo [HHH]; ghöö aghüghö [LH HLL]; ghüö aghüghö [HH HLL]; megharia anya [HLHH].
- deception** *n* njafu [HHL]; nlafu [HHL]; nrifu [HHL].
- decide** *v* coo [LH].
- decide (case)** *v* kpibie [HLH]; waa ikpe [HH HH].
- decision** *n* mkpebi [HHL].
- declare** *v* kpöpüta [HLH].
- decorate** *v* cöö mma [HH HH].
- decorate body** *v* dee uli [HH LL]; dee uri [HH LL].
- decree** *v* maa iwu [HH LH]; tinye iwu [LH LH].
- dedicate** *v* göö [HH].
- dedication** *n* ucu [LH].
- deeds** *n* omume [LLH].
- deeds (sacred)** *n* ihi [HL].
- deer** *n* ele [HH]; ene [HH]; mgbadia [LLL].
- deer (female)** *n* nne ele [HH HH].
- defamation** *n* nkari [HLH]; nkötö [HHL]; nkwtö [HHL].
- defame** *v* delie [HLH]; karüö [LHH]; katöö [HLH]; köböö [HHH]; kpöluo [HLH]; kwutöö [HLH]; mebie aha [HLH HH].
- defeat** *v* melie [HHH]; merie [HHH].
- defecate** *v* nyüö [HH].
- defect** *n* ölü [HH]; örü [HH]; örsü [HHH].
- defective (be)** *v* buo örü [LH HH]; gbaa örü

- [HH HH]; vuo örü [LH HH].
- defend** *v* zöö [HH].
- defend oneself** *v* kpere önu [HH HL].
- deference** *n* nzere [HLH]; ugwu [LL].
- deficient in (be)** *v* köö [HH].
- defile** *v* meböö [LHH]; merüö [LHH].
- deflated (be)** *v* fee [HH]; vee [HH].
- deformity of limb** *n* ngwölö [LHH]; ngwörö [LHH].
- degrade** *v* töö [HH].
- deity (names of)** *n* Agwü [HL]; Akpü [HH]; Eke [HL]; Igwe [HH]; Öbasí [LLL].
- deity (of kindred)** *n* oriri akü [LHH LL].
- delay** *v* celü [LH]; cere [LH]; gbue oge [HH HL]; gbuo oge [HH HL]; gere [LH]; jie [HH].
- deliberate (be)** *v* cebiri [HLH].
- delicious (be)** *v* töö ütö [HH HH].
- delight** *n* obi ütö [HL LH].
- delight** *v* töö amü [HH HH]; töö öci [HH HL].
- deliverance** *n* nzöpüta [HHLH].
- deliver (e. g. baby)** *v* müö [LH].
- deluge** *n* ide [HL]; iju mmiri [LH HHH].
- demand** *v* naa [LH].
- demarcate** *v* kewaa [LHH].
- demon** *n* agbala [HLL] (Önica); agbara [HLL]; mmöö öjöö [LHH HHH].
- demonstrate** *v* gosi [HH]; zi [H].
- denial** *n* agö [HH]; agügö [HLH].
- denomination** *n* okpukpe [LLH].
- deny** *n* göö [HH].
- deny access** *v* löpü [HL].
- deny a share of** *v* wüö [LH].
- deny outright** *v* gögbuo [HHH].
- depart** *v* bilie [LHH]; binie [LHH]; füö [HH]; laa [LH]; naa [HH]; püö [HH]; walie [HHH]; zelaa [HHH]; zulaa [HHH].
- de-husk** *v* cee [LH]; gbaa [HH].
- deride** *v* kötöö [HLH]; lia [LH]; nia [LH].
- descend** *v* gbadá [HL]; lida [HL]; riда [HL]; zida [HL].
- descendants** *n* ümü [HL]; ümü ümü [HL HL].
- desensitise** *v* gbasie [HLH].
- desert** *n* özala [LLL]; özara [LLL].
- desire** *n* agülü [HHH]; agürü [HHH]; agüü [HHH]; öcicö [LHH].
- desire** *v* güä [LH]; güö [LH].
- despair** *n* nkölöpü [HHLL] (Önica).
- despair** *v* daa mba [LH LL].
- despise** *v* kpölia [HLH]; ledäanya [HL HH]; lelia [HLH]; nedäanya [HL HH]; nenia [HLH].
- [HLH].
- despising (act of)** *n* nleli [HHL]; nnene [HHL]; nneni [HHL].
- despondency** *n* nkölöpü [HHLL] (Önica).
- despondent (be)** *v* daa mba [LH LL].
- destiny** *n* akara aka [HLL HH]; eke [HL]; eke ci [HL H].
- destruction** *n* mbibi [HHH]; mmebi [HHL].
- detect (able to)** *v* delie [HLH].
- detention centre** *n* mkpölö [LHH]; mkpörö [LHH]; nga [LH].
- detergent** *n* nca [HL].
- determination** *n* ntaci obi [HHH HL].
- determine** *v* coo [LH].
- detest** *v* kpöö así [HH HL] (Önica).
- devastation** *n* üriöm [HLL].
- develop roots** *v* gbaa mgborogwu [HH LLLL].
- devil** *n* ekwensu [HHHH].
- dew** *n* igirigi [HHHH]; ijiriji [HHHH]; imo [LL]; imu [HL]; nda [LL].
- dialect** *n* asüsü [HLH].
- diarrhoea** *n* afö öbara [HH LLL]; efie [HLL]; otolo [LLL]; otoro [LLL]; utolo [LLL].
- diarrhoea (have)** *v* cia afö [HH HH]; gbaa afö [HH HH].
- dice** *n* mbi [LH]; mkpürü okwe [HHH LL]; nza [LH].
- dice-board** *n* okwe [LL].
- dictionary** *n* ökowa okwu [LHH HH].
- die** *v* kubie [HLH]; nwünyüöanya [HHHH HH]; nwüöö [HH]; zee ume [HH HH].
- different (be)** *v* di ice [HL HL].
- differently** *adv* ice ice [HL HL].
- difficulties** *n* mmekpa ahü [HHL].
- difficult (become)** *v* lie arü [HH LH]; raa ahü [HH LH]; shie ike [HH HH]; sie ike [HH HH]; taa ike [HH HH].
- difficulty** *n* mkpa [HL].
- dig** *v* gwuo [HH]; maa [HH].
- digger** *n* ngwu [LH]; obeji [HHH].
- dignitary** *n* okongwu [LHL].
- dignity** *n* ugwu [LL].
- dig narrow tunnel** *v* töö önu [LH HH].
- dig open** *v* gwupuo [LHH].
- dig up (tubers)** *v* büö [LH].
- dig up yam** *v* vüö ji [LH H].
- dig with "ube"** *v* töö ube [HH HL].
- dilemma (be in a)** *v* tökirí [HLH].
- diminutive (be)** *v* pee [HH].
- dim-witted person** *n* ogholi [HLL]; ogoli [HLL].

- [HLL]; ogori [HLL]; oholi [HLL].
- dinner** *n* azi anyasị [LH HHL]; nri abalị [HH LLL]; nri anyasị [HH LHL].
- diploma** *n* asambodo [HHHHH] (See Appendix III).
- direct** *v* duzie [LHH].
- dirge** *n* akwa ariri [HH LLL]; uri akwa [HH HH].
- dirt** *n* amüma [HLH]; atitị [HLL]; idegele [LLLL]; inyi [HL]; unyi [HL].
- dirty (become)** *v* luo unyi [HH HL]; ruo unyi [HH HL].
- dirty (make)** *v* metöö [HLH].
- disaffected (look)** *v* carüö ihu [HLH HH]; gbalüö iru [HLH HH]; gbarüö ihu [HLH HH].
- disagreement** *n* ndö ndö [LL LH]; ndörö ndörö [LLL LHH].
- disappear** *v* gbaböö [HHH]; zelaa [HHH]; zulaa [HHH].
- disapprove** *v* hihie isi [HLH HH].
- disaster** *n* uke [LL]; nca [LH].
- disaster (mitigate)** *v* gboo mkpa [LH HL].
- discard** *v* ghafuo [HLH]; ghatuo [HLH]; kpofue [HLH]; kpofuo [HLH]; tüfuo [HLH].
- discharge** *n* ati [HL]; ökölị [LLL].
- discharge** *v* gbaa [HH].
- discharge pus** *v* gbaa abü [HH HH].
- discharge water** *v* gbaa mmiri [HH LLL].
- disciple** *n* odibo [LLL] (Önica).
- disciples** *n* ümü azị [HL HL]; ümü azü [HL LH].
- disclaimer** *n* agò [HH]; agügö [HLH].
- discoloured (be)** *v* cagharia [HHHH]; ñaa [LH]; yaa [LH].
- discord** *n* nsem okwu [LLL HH].
- discover** *v* cöpüta [HLH]; hüta [HH].
- discovery** *n* ncöpüta [HHLH].
- discretion** *n* izuzu [LLL]; nzu [LL].
- discussion** *n* nkata [HLH] (Önica).
- disease** *n* öria [HLL]; öya [HL] (Önica).
- disease (kinds of)** *n* agülü arö [HHH HL]; agü isi [HH HH]; enyi [LL]; ntigbu [LLH]; ögülü arö [HHH HL].
- disgorge** *v* gböpü [HL]; gbüpü [HL].
- disgrace** *n* ifele [HHH]; ifele [HHH]; ifere [HHH] (Öhafia); ihere [HHH].
- disgrace** *v* kparia [HHH]; meböö [LHH]; mecuo ihu [HHH HH]; mecuo iru [HHH HH]; mee ihere [HH HHH]; menye ihere [LH HHL].
- HHL].
- disgust** *n* agbö [HH]; agbü [HL]; izize [HLL].
- disgusted (be)** *v* gbiüö agböö [LH HH]; gbüö agbü [LH HH].
- dish** *n* afere [HHH]; aya [HH]; esele [LHH] (Önica); efere [HHH] (Owere); ekete nri [LLL HH]; mkpo [LH] (Öhafia).
- dishonesty** *n* aka azü [HH LH].
- disintegrate** *v* gbabie [HLH]; waa [HH].
- disjoint** *v* cikwapü [HLH].
- dislike** *n*anya öjöö [HH HHH].
- dislike** *v* kpöö asị [HH HL] (Önica).
- dislike (strong)** *n* ashị [HL]; asị [HL]; azị [HL].
- dislike intensely** *v* kpöö ügwö [HH HH].
- dislocate** *v* cikwapü [HLH].
- dismantle** *v* kükasia [LHHH]; lakasia [LHHH] (Öhafia); nakasia [LHHH].
- dismember** *v* nyakafü [HLH]; nyakapü [HLH].
- dismiss** *v* cüö [HH]; gbasaa [HLL].
- disobedience** *n* nnupü isi [HHL HH].
- disobey** *v* nupü isi [HL HH].
- disorder** *n* aghara [LHH].
- disorderly (become)** *v* gbaa aghara [HH LHH].
- disoriented (be)** *v* gbaa baa [HH LL].
- disown** *v* jü [H].
- dispenser** *n* mbe [HL].
- dispersal** *n* mgbasa [HHL]; neusa [HHL].
- disperse** *v* cüsa [HLH]; gbasaa [HLL]; kpasaa [HHH]; kposaa [HLH].
- disperse (seed)** *v* ghaa [HH].
- dispersion** *n* mgbasa [HHL].
- display** *n* ife nkili [HH HHH]; ihe nkiri [HH HHH]; üña [LL].
- display (e. g. wares)** *v* kpöö [HH].
- displease** *v* mejöö [LHH]; melue [HLH].
- disposition** *n* anya [HH]; obi [HL].
- disproportioned (be)** *v* daa aka [HH HH].
- disputation** *n* agügö [LLL].
- dispute** *n* apa [HH].
- dispute** *v* lüö üka [LH HL]; rüö üka [LH HL].
- disregard** *v* lelia [HLH]; nenia [HLH].
- disregard for** *n* nleli [HHL]; nnene [HHL]; nneni [HHL].
- disrespect** *n* mkpari [HHH]; nleda [HHL]; nneda [HHL] (Önica); nnene [HHL]; nneni [HHL].
- disrespect (show)** *v* ledä anya [HL HH]; nedä anya [HL HH]; kparia [HHH]; kpölia [HLH].
- dissection** *n* öbübö [LH].

**dissension** *n* okwu na üka [HH L HL].  
**dissolve** *v* dee [LH]; delie [HLH]; derie [HLH]; gbaria [HLH]; gbazee [HLL].  
**distant** *adj* anya [HH].  
**distant** *adv* faa [HH].  
**distant (be)** *v* di öti [H LH]; tee aka [HH HH].  
**distinctness** *n* ice [HL].  
**distribute** *v* kee [LH].  
**disturb** *v* sogbuo [LHH].  
**disturbance** *n* mkipötü [HHH]; nsogbu [HLH].  
**ditch** *n* egbo [HH] (West Igbo); nkörö [LLL]; ogwugwu [HLL]; olu [HL]; olulu [HLL]; onunu [HLL]; ugbo [HH] (West Igbo).  
**ditty** *n* abü [HL] (Önica); avü [HL] (Önica).  
**dive** *v* kpaa omimi [HH LLL].  
**diver bird** *n* apia mmiri [HHH HHH].  
**divide** *v* gaa [HH]; hahaa [HHL] (Öhafia); kebie [HLH]; kee [LH]; waa [HH].  
**divide up** *v* kewaa [LHH].  
**divination** *n* afa [HH]; ava [HH] (Anambra).  
**divine** *v* gbaa [HH].  
**diviner** *n* dibia [HLL]; ögba afa [HHHH]; ögba aja [HH LL]; ögba nkö [LH HH].  
**divine child's name** *n* gbaa agü [HH HL].  
**division** *n* agalaba [HLLL]; ibe [HH]; ngalaba [HLLL]; nkebi [HHL].  
**dizziness** *n* ajü [HL].  
**do** *v* mee [LH].  
**doctor** *n* dibia [HLL].  
**dodge** *v* zee [LH].  
**dog** *n* nkita [HHH].  
**dog-bell** *n* ikpo [LH]; ikpö [LH].  
**dog flea** *n* akpi nta [HL HH].  
**doll (baby)** *n* isi ndü [HH HL].  
**dominion** *n* ala eze [LL HL].  
**donate (money)** *v* gbaa ego [HH HH].  
**done (be)** *v* ghee [LH]; hee [LH]; yee [LH].  
**donkey** *n* anyinya [LLL]; anyinya ibu [LLL HH]; iñyinya [LLL].  
**door** *n* akwü [LH]; önu üzö [HH HL]; uzo [HL]; üzö [HL].  
**door post** *n* awala [LLL].  
**door shutter** *n* mbo [HL].  
**dormouse** *n* ataní [LLL] *Graphiurus spp.*  
**double-dealing** *n* aka abüö [HH LHH].  
**doubt** *n* obi aböö [HL LHH]; uce aböö [HL LHH]; uce n'aböö [HL HHL].  
**dove** *n* ndo [HL]; nduri [HLH]; nduru [HLH].  
**down** *n* abiña [HHL]; abüba [HHL].  
**down under** *n* mgbada [HHL].

**down wine** *n* üfi mmanya [LL HHH] (West Igbo).  
**do in view of** *v* kworo [HH].  
**do nothing** *v* gbaa nküti [HH LHL].  
**do something early** *v* gbaa üzö [HH LH].  
**do wilfully** *v* maa üma [HH HL].  
**doze off** *v* daa üra [LL HH].  
**drag** *n* püö [HH].  
**drag** *v* kpüö [LH].  
**drag along** *v* dökpürü [HHH].  
**drag on** *v* gbatia [HHH].  
**drag out** *v* sepüta [HLH].  
**drain** *v* gbaa [HH]; zapü [HL].  
**drainage hole** *n* mpio [LHH]; önu mpo [HH LH]; önu ntü [HH LH].  
**draught-game** *n* azigö [HHH].  
**draw (e. g. dough)** *v* löö [HH].  
**draw (e. g. lines)** *v* kaa [LH].  
**draw (e. g. picture)** *v* see [LH].  
**draw (e. g. rope)** *v* döö [HH].  
**draw (e. g. smoke)** *v* see [LH].  
**dread** *n* egwu [HL]; ewu [HL].  
**dream** *n* arö [HH]; egugo [HHH]; nlö [HH]; nrö [HH].  
**dream** *v* goo egugo [HH HHH]; löö nlö [HH HH]; röö nrö [HH HH].  
**dreaming** *n* nrö [HH].  
**dreg (of wine)** *n* üza [HL].  
**dregs** *n* alölö [LLL]; ike mmanya [HL HHH].  
**dregs of wine** *n* uge [HH].  
**drench** *v* tuo mmiri [LH HHH].  
**drench (with rain)** *v* maa [HH].  
**dress** *n* afe [LL]; efe [LL]; ejiji [HHH]; ekike [HHH]; uwe [LH].  
**dress** *v* yiri [LH]; yiwe [LH].  
**dress (make)** *v* düö akwa [HH HL]; gbaa akwa [HH HL]; kwaa akwa [HH HL].  
**dress (toga-like)** *n* agbara agba [LLL LH].  
**dress as masquerade** *v* kpuo mmöö [LH HHH].  
**dress in** *v* süö [LH].  
**dried "elem" fish** *n* awüwü [LLL].  
**drink** *v* laa [HH] (Önica); nüö [HH]; raa [HH].  
**drip** *v* gee [HH]; rie tmiri [HH HHH]; taa [HH].  
**drip water** *v* hie mmiri [HH HHH]; lie mmili [HH LHH].  
**drive** *v* kwöö [LH]; nyaa [LH].  
**driver** *n* ökwö ügbö [LH HH].  
**driver-ant** *n* elughelu [HLH]; élulu [HLH];

- drive** *v* eruru [HLH]; iruro [LLL]; iruru [LLL].
- drive across** *v* nyafee [HHH].
- drive away** *v* cüö [HH]; cüpü [HL].
- drive out** *v* nyapüta [HLH].
- drizzle** *n* ifolö [LHH]; öbübü mmiri [LHH HHH].
- drizzle** *v* büö [LH]; vöö [LH].
- droppings (of bird)** *n* akpala [LHH]; akpana [LHH]; akpara [LHH].
- drop carelessly** *v* gbötö [HL]; tögbö [LH].
- drop liquid on** *v* taa [HH].
- drum** *n* nkwa [HL].
- drum** *v* tie igba [HL LL].
- drummer's stick** *n* m kpölö ekwe [LHH HH]; m kpölö igba [LHH LL]; m kpörö ekwe [LHH HH]; m kpörö igba [LHH LL].
- drum (kind of)** *n* igba [LL].
- drum (large slit)** *n* ikolo [HLL] (Önica); ikoro [HLL].
- drum (ritual)** *n* abia [HLL].
- drum (slit)** *n* ekwe [HH].
- dry** *v* gbaköö [HHH].
- dryness (of vagina)** *n* akörö [HHH].
- dryness (of vagina)** *n* akpölö [HHH].
- dry (be)** *v* kpöö [HH]; taa [HH].
- dry completely** *v* gbaköö [HHH].
- dry cough** *n* ikiri [LLL].
- dry cough (make)** *v* kwaa ikiri [HH LLL].
- dry in the sun** *v* cekpöö [HHH].
- dry land** *n* ala ökpöö [LL HHH].
- dry rot** *n* ütü [LH].
- dry season** *n* ököci [HHL]; ügürü [HLL].
- dry up** *v* kpöö [HH]; kpöö nkü [HH HH]; taa [HH].
- duck** *n* obo ögwü [HL HH]; öbögwü [HHL].
- duiker** *n* akpara [LLL]; atü [HH]; ekpeke [HHH]; etu [HL]; mgbada [LLL]; nwa nzö [H HH]; nwa nzü [H HH].
- dulcimer** *n* une [LL].
- dull** *adv* tii [LL].
- dumbfounded (be)** *v* gbaa baa [HH LL].
- dumb (become)** *v* daa ogbi [LH HL]; daa ogbo [LH HL].
- dumb person** *n* akpa [LL].
- dump** *v* cipü [HL]; kposa [LH].
- dunce** *n* efulefu [LLHL].
- dung** *n* nshü [LH]; nsü [LH]; nsü anü [LH HH].
- dung-beetle** *n* ada [HL]; ada ushi [HL HL] (West Igbo); adaka [LHL]; adakada [HLH]; akpa ala [LH HH]; akpankwö [LHHH]; dakada [HLH].
- dupe** *v* ghögbiö [LHH].
- during** *prep* na [L].
- dust** *n* ada anü [HH] (Oguta); aja [HH]; ntü [HH]; uzuzu [HHL]; üzä [HH] (Ahöada).
- dust (from burning)** *n* ebube [LLL]; ibube [LLL].
- dust-bin** *n* agbügbö [HHH].
- dusty** *adj* ntü ntü [HH HH].
- dust off** *v* hicaa [HHH].
- dwarf** *n* ada ushi [HL HL] (West Igbo); aka [HL]; akakpö [LLL]; akiidi [HHL] (West Igbo); nwa aka [H HH]; ükpö [LL].
- dwarfish** *adj* m kpümkpü [HHHH].
- dwell** *v* bie [HH].
- dwelling** *n* obibi [LHH].
- dwelling place** *n* ebe obibi [HH HHH].
- dye** *n* alülüü [LHHH]; anünüü [LLLL]; odo [HH]; ögalü [HLH]; ögalü [HLH]; ufie [HHH]; uhie [HHH]; uli [LL]; uri [LL]; *Randia maculata*; *R. malleifera*.
- dysentery** *n* afö öbara [HH LLL]; efie [HLL].

## E

**eagerness** *n* ucu [LH].  
**eagle** *n* otigbu mgbada [LHH LLL]; ugo [LL].  
**ear** *n* ntí [HL].  
**early** *adv* gboo [HH] (Önica).  
**early (be)** *v* maa üzö [HH LH].  
**early dawn** *n* üzö [LH].  
**early morning** *n* isi ütütü [HH LHL].  
**earmark** *v* hüwa ama [LH HH]; yiwe ama [HH HH].  
**earn interest** *v* müö [HH].  
**ear-ring** *n* öla ntí [HL HL].  
**earring** *n* iyeli [LLH]; iyeri [LLH].  
**earth's crust** *n* ala akörö [LL LLL].  
**earth** *n* ada aní [HH] (Oguta); aja [HH]; ala [LL] (Owere); ala akörö [LL LLL]; ale [LL] (Afikpo); ana [LL] (Önica); aní [LL] (Önica); üwa [LL]; üzä [HH] (Ahöada).  
**earthen mound** *n* mgbidi [HHH].  
**Earth (the)** *n* Ala [LL] (Owere); Ana [LL] (Önica); Aní [LL] (Önica).  
**earth-worm** *n* idide [HHL]; igide [HLL]; ijide [HLL]; udide [LHH]; udude [LHH]; ugide [LHH].  
**Earth goddess** *n* Ala [LL] (Owere); Ana [LL] (Önica); Aní [LL] (Önica).  
**earth shrine** *n* aja ana [HH LL].  
**ease (relative)** *n* mfe [LH].  
**East** *n* öwüwa anyanwü [LHH HHH].  
**easy** *adj* efe [HL]; efele [LHL]; mfe [LH]; ofe [LH]; ofele [LHL]; ofere [HHH].  
**easy-chair** *n* agada [LLH].  
**eat** *v* jüö [HH HH]; rie [LH].  
**eat (a little of)** *v* detü önu [HH HH].  
**eat (fruit)** *v* laa [HH] (Önica); raa [HH].  
**eaves** *n* ezi [LH]; önu ülö [HH HL].  
**ebb** *n* üla iyi [LH HH].  
**echo** *n* agbölö [HHH]; mgbam ejije [LHH HLL].  
**echo chamber** *n* nda [LL].  
**economise** *v* kpíkpia [HLH].  
**eczema** *n* agwa [HL]; ngwö [HL]; ügwa [HL]; ügwö [HL].  
**edge** *n* abam [HLL]; agiga [HLL]; agüga [HLL]; ebubele [HHLL]; egbere [LLL]; ebugbele [HHLL]; ebugbere [HHLL];

ekpelü [LLL]; ekpere [LLL]; ikpele [LLL] (Önica); ikpere [LLL];ükülü [LLL] (Öka).  
**edict** *n* iwu [LH]; ökwa [HL].  
**educate** *v* züö [LH]; züö [LH].  
**educated (be)** *v* güö akwükwo [LH HHH].  
**education** *n* mmüta [LHL]; ömümü [LLL]; özüü [LLL].  
**eel** *n* ukolo [LLL].  
**effective (be)** *v* baa ire [LH LL].  
**efficacious (be)** *v* baa ire [LH LL]; lee [LH]; lee elele [HH LLL]; lee ile [HH LL]; ree [LH]; ree erere [HH LLL]; ree ire [HH LL].  
**efficacy** *n* elele [LLL]; erere [LLL]; ile [LL] (Önica); ire [LL] (Owere).  
**effort** *n* mbö [HL]; mgbalü [HHL]; mgbalü [HHL]; mgbanü [HHL] (Önica); mgbö [HL]; ndöli [HHL]; nlili [HHL].  
**effort (make)** *v* gbalia [HLH].  
**egg** *n* akwa [LH]; ili [LH]; üya [LL].  
**egg yolk** *n* abübö [HHH]; abübü [HHH].  
**ehuru seed** *n* ehuru [HLL].  
**eight** *num* asatö [LHH] (Owere); isatö [LHH] (Önica).  
**eighth** *num* asatö [LHH] (Owere); isatö [LHH] (Önica).  
**either** *conj* ma [L].  
**ejaculate** *v* gbaa ahü [HH LH].  
**elder** *n* icie [LHL]; okenye [HLL].  
**elderly woman** *n* nne nne [HH HH].  
**elders** *n* ndü icie [HH-LHL].  
**elect** *v* höpüta [HLH].  
**election** *n* nhöpüta [HHLH]; nröpüta [HHLH].  
**electric fish** *n* elighili [HLL]; elili [HLL]; elughelu [HHHL]; eruru [HLL]; ndudu [HHH].  
**elephant** *n* enyi [HH]; idum [LLL].  
**elephantiasis** *n* inyi [LL]; ökpa idum [HL LL].  
**elephant-tusk** *n* ödü [HH].  
**elevation** *n* mbuli [HHH].  
**elicit** *v* pü [H].  
**else** *conj* kama [HL]; ntam [LLL]; ntama [HHL]; tama [LL].  
**emaciated (be)** *v* gboo arü [HH HH]; gbüö ahü [HH HH]; gbüö arü [HH HH]; taa ahü [HH HH]; taa arü [HH HH].  
**embalm** *v* gbasie [HLH].  
**embarrass** *v* mee ihere [HH HHH]; menye ihere [LH HHL].  
**embarrassment** *n* ifele [HHH]; ifele [HHH]; ifere [HHH] (Öhafia); ihere [HHH].

- embers** *n* iceku [LHH]; iceökü [LHHH].
- emblem** *n* ökölötö [LLLL]; ökörötö [LLLL].
- emboldened (be)** *v* waaanya [HH HH].
- embrace** *v* bie öma [LH HL]; susuo önu [HLH HH]; sutu önu [HLH HH]; tie obi [LH HL].
- emerge** *v* füta [LH] (Mbaise).
- employment** *n* ölü [HH]; örü [HH] (Owere).
- emptiness** *n* mkpötörö [HHHH]; nküti [HHH]; ufo [HL]; ükpörö [LHH].
- empty-handed (be)** *v* gbara aka [HH HH].
- empty container** *n* okpokoro [HHHH].
- empty into** *v* hunye [LH].
- enact (law)** *v* maa iwu [HH LH]; tinye iwu [LH LH].
- encircle** *v* gbaa ehirimehi [HHLLLHL]; gbaa gburu-gburu [HH LL-LH]; gbaa okiri-kiri [HH LLL-HH].
- enclosure** *n* iduma [LLL].
- encourage** *v* gbaa ume [HH HH].
- end** *n* ikpe azü [LH HH]; isi [HH]; isi njedebe [HH HHHH]; ngwüca [HHH]; njedebe [HHH] (Önica); nküsü [HHH].
- end** *v* bee [HH]; bie [LH]; cie [HH]; kwüsü [HH].
- endeavour** *n* mgbalí [HHL]; mgbaní [HHL] (Önica).
- endeavour** *v* gbaa mbö [HH HL]; gbalia [HLH]; gbania [HLH]; kaa arü [HH LH]; nwaa oko [HHLL].
- ending** *n* obibi [LLL].
- endless** *adv* ebe ebe [HL-HL].
- endurance** *n* ndidi [LLL].
- endure** *v* die [LH]; füjuo anya [HHH HH].
- endure a lot** *v* hüjuo anya [HHH HH].
- enemy** *n* onye iro [HH HL]; onye ügwö [HH HL].
- energy** *n* ike [HH]; ume [HH]; umele [HH] (Önica); umere [HHH] (Owere).
- engaged (be)** *v* kee di [HH L].
- engage in** *v* gbaa [HH].
- engage in a tussle** *v* söö mpi [HH LL].
- engine** *n* igwe [HL].
- engine oil** *n* mmänü igwe [HHH HL].
- English** *n* bekee [LHH].
- English language** *n* bekee [LHH]; okwu bekee [HH LHH].
- enlarge** *v* buo [LH]; vuö [LH].
- enmity** *n* iro [HH]; ügwö [HH].
- enough (be)** *v* zuo [LH].
- enslave** *v* gbaa ohu [HH HL]; gbaa oru [HH HL].
- enter** *v* baa [LH]; waba [HL].
- enter (into)** *v* bata [LH].
- entertainment** *n* öji [HH].
- entertain guests** *v* kpüö öbia [LH HLL].
- entrails** *n* abü [HH]; afö [HH]; ahö [HH] (Enugu); eriri afö [HHH HH]; ihe afö [HH HH]; ikpürükü [LHLH].
- entrance** *n* mbata [HLH]; önu [HH].
- entrance (rear)** *n* üzö owele [HL LLL]; üzö owele [HL LLL].
- entrance door** *n* ekwo ülö [HH HL]; ekwu ülö [HH HL].
- entrance hall** *n* obu [LH] (Öhafia).
- entrap** *v* shie önya [LH HL]; sie önya [LH HL].
- entrust** *v* ñüba [LH].
- entry** *n* mbata [HLH].
- entwine** *v* kwüö [HH].
- enumerate** *v* göö [HH]; güö [HH]; güö [LH].
- enumeration** *n* önu öögüü [HH LHH].
- envious (be)** *v* kwaa ekwo [LH HLL]; kwaa ekworo [LH HLL]; kwoo ekwolo [LH HLL].
- envy** *n* anya ökü [HH HH]; anya üfü [HH HH]; ekwolo [HLL]; ekworo [HLL]; ntaji anya [HHH HH].
- epicentre** *n* öbö [HL].
- epidemic** *n* ntigbu [LLH].
- epilepsy** *n* ajü [HL]; akwükwü [LLL]; di mgba [H LH]; ijaja [LLL]; ose [LL].
- epoch** *n* aba [LL]; agba [LL].
- equal to (be)** *v* hara [LH].
- equivalent (be)** *v* hara [LH].
- eradicate** *v* melaa [LHH].
- erase** *v* hiccaa [HHH]; hicapü [HLH]; hie [LH]; yie [LH].
- erect** *adj* ötö [HH].
- erection** *n* nkeli [HHH]; nkeni [HHH].
- erect (become)** *v* kelie [HHH].
- errand** *n* özi [HH].
- errand boy** *n* oje ozi [LH HH].
- eructate** *v* taa nkö [HH HH].
- escape** *v* fio [HH]; gbalaa [HHH]; gbalaga [HHH]; gbalaha [HHH]; gbanaga [HHH]; gbanari [HHH].
- escape by flight** *v* fepü [HL].
- escort** *n* ndu [LH].
- escort** *v* duga [LH]; duje [L-H]; duo [LH]; duru [LH]; kpölaa [LHH].
- especially** *adv* nke ka nke [LH HLL]; ökacasi

[HLLL]; tümadī [HLH]; tümadü [HLH].  
**establish** *v* wuo [HH].  
**etch** *v* kaa [LH].  
**eternal** *adv* ebe ebe [HL-HL]; ebi ebi [HL HL].  
**eternity** *n* esi [LL].  
**eunuch** *n* ociri [LLL]; okili [LLL]; okiri [LLL].  
**eunuch (castrate)** *n* önöghözï [LHLL]; önöözï [LHLL].  
**European** *n* bekee [LHH]; onye öca [HH HH]; oyibo [LLH] (loan).  
**evaluate** *v* nwalee [LHH]; tülee [HHH].  
**evaluation** *n* ntüle [HHH].  
**evangelist** *n* onye ozi [HH HH].  
**evening** *n* ohuda [HHL]; ohuru ci [LHH H]; orulu ci [LHH H]; owu [HH]; uhuru ci [LHH H]; urulu ci [LHH H]; ururuanya ñi [LHH LHL].  
**evening (early)** *n* mgbede [HLL].  
**eventuate** *v* gbuo [HH].  
**everlasting** *adv* ebi ebi [HL HL]; ebi ñhi ebi [HLL HL].  
**everyone** *prn* izugbe [LLH]; ìra nca [LL LH]; ìsa nca [LL LH]; omimi öbüna [LHH LLL] (Öhafia); ozigbo [LLH]; ozugbo [LLH].  
**everything** *n* nta n'imo [LL HLH].  
**ever since** *conj* eri [LL]; ka mgbe [H LL]; ke mgbe [H LL].  
**evil** *adj* ajö [HH].  
**evil** *n* ihe öjöö [HH HHH].  
**evil conduct** *n* mpü [LH].  
**evil forest** *n* ukpu [LH].  
**evil spirit** *n* ekwensu [HHHH].  
**ewe** *n* nwa atürü [H HHH].  
**exactly** *adv* kpöm kwem [HH LL].  
**examination** *n* ule [LH]; une [LH] (Önica).  
**examine (closely)** *v* lee [LH]; lelee [LHH]; nee [LH]; nenee [LHH]; nyocaa [LHH]; tülee [HHH].  
**example** *n* atü [LL].  
**example (give as)** *v* maa atü [HH LL].  
**excavate** *v* gwuo [HH].  
**exceed** *v* difélü [HLH]; kalia [HHH]; kariä [HHH]; püö [LH].  
**exceed one's power** *v* nyia [LH].  
**exception (without)** *adv* nca [LH] (Önica).  
**except for** *conj* belü sö [LH L] (Önica); ewezuga [HLHH]; karia [HHH].  
**exchange** *n* mgbanwe [HHL]; mgbanwo [HHL]; onwo [HL].

**exchange** *v* gbanwee [HLH]; gbanwoo [HLH].  
**exchange abuses** *v* köö önu [HH HH].  
**excision** *n* mbepü [HHL].  
**excrement** *n* nshü [HH]; nsü [HH].  
**excrete** *v* nyüö [HH].  
**execute** *v* gbagbuo [HHH].  
**execute by hanging** *v* kwügbuo [LHH].  
**exercise** *v* gbatia [HHH].  
**exertion** *n* ndöli [HHL].  
**exhalation** *n* üzü [LL].  
**exhausted (be)** *v* lilia [HLH].  
**exile** *n* ncüpü [HHL]; öcucü [LHH].  
**exist** *v* di [L]; dü [L]; ri [L].  
**existence** *n* ndü [HL].  
**exodus** *n* öpüpü [HHH].  
**exorcise** *v* nwoo aba [HH HH]; nwoo nsi [HH HH].  
**expanses of water** *n* ehere [HLL].  
**expect** *v* cekwube [LHH] (Önica); leeanya [HH HH]; neeanya [HH HH]; tükwasi obi [HLH HL]; töanya [LH HH].  
**expectation** *n* neekwube [HLHH].  
**expectorate** *v* büö [LH]; kwapü [HL]; vöö [LH].  
**expel** *v* cüö [HH]; cüpu [HL].  
**expend** *v* mefue [HLH].  
**expensive** *adj* oke önu [HH HH].  
**expensive (be)** *v* daa önu [LH HL]; galaa önu [LHH HH].  
**experienced** *adj* ocie [HHL].  
**expert** *n* Duru [HL].  
**expiation** *n* nha [HH]; nhu [LL].  
**explain** *v* gosi [HH]; köwaa [HHH].  
**explanation** *n* nköwa [HHH].  
**explode** *v* gbaa [HH].  
**explore forest** *v* waa öhia [HH HHH].  
**explosives** *n* nsi egbe [HH HL].  
**expose** *v* gbaa ohi [HH HH]; gbaa osi [HH HH]; köböö [HHH].  
**expose to view** *v* kpughee [LHH]; kpuhee [LHH].  
**exposure** *n* mkpughe [HLH]; mkpuhe [HLH].  
**expulsion** *n* ncüpü [HHL]; öcucü [LHH].  
**extinct (become)** *v* saa asa [HH HH].  
**extinct (make)** *v* melaa [LHH].  
**extinguish** *v* fünyüö [LHH]; menyüö [LHH].  
**extinguished (be)** *v* nwünyüöanya [HHH HH]; nyüö [HH].  
**extol** *v* foo uso [HH LH] (Önica); jaa [HH];

too [LH].  
**extract from** *v* kewapüta [HLLH].  
**exude oil** *v* gbaa mmanu [HH HHH]; haa  
mmanü [LH HHH].  
**exult** *v* galaa [LHH] (Önica).  
**eye** *n* anya [HH].  
**eyebrow** *n* agba anya [LL HH]; ajii iku [HH  
LL]; iku [LL]; iku anya [LL HH].  
**eyesore** *n* anya mba [HH HH].  
**eye glasses** *n* enyo anya [LL HH] (Owere);  
ugegbe anya [LLL HH].

## F

**fable** *n* akükö ifo [HHH HL]; akükö iro [HHH  
HL].  
**fabricate** *v* röö [HH]; rüö [HH].  
**face** *n* ehuru [HHH]; ezuru [HHH]; ifu [HH]  
(Öhafia); ihu [HH]; ihuru [HHH]; iru [HH].  
**face** *v* cee ihu [HH HH]; cee iru [HH HH].  
**face-mark** *n* mbibi [LLL]; mgbirici [LHHH].  
**faces (make)** *v* buo iru [LH HH].  
**factory** *n* ülö örü [HL HH].  
**fade** *v* caböö [HHH]; cagħħaa [HHH]; cagħħaria  
[HHHH]; cuo [HH]; ġħaa [LH]; tünwöö  
[LHH]; yaa [LH].  
**faeces** *n* nshii [HH]; nsii [HH].  
**faggots** *n* agħiġa [HHHH].  
**fail** *v* daa [LH].  
**failure** *n* ödida [LLL].  
**fail to kill** *v* dajüö [HHH]; gbujuö [HHH].  
**faint** *v* daa mgba [LH LL]; gababöö [HHH];  
tüböö [HHH].  
**faint-heartedness** *n* mba [LL]; mgba [LL].  
**fairy-tale** *n* ifo [HL]; iro [LH].  
**faith** *n* okwukwe [LLH].  
**faith in (have)** *v* kwe [H].  
**falcon** *n* agü nkwo [HH HH].  
**fall** *n* ada [HH]; ödida [LLL].  
**fall** *v* daa [LH].  
**fall amongst** *v* danye [LH].  
**fall asleep** *v* daa üra [LL HH].  
**fall back** *v* daa azü [LH LH]; laa azü [LH LH];  
naa azü [LH LH].  
**fall down on** *v* dade [LH].  
**fall ill** *v* daa öya [HH HL].  
**fall into place** *v* daba [HL]; dabanye [HLH].  
**fall on top of** *v* dagoro [LHH].  
**fall out** *v* see [LH].  
**fall right into** *v* dakpuo [LHH].  
**fall seriously ill** *v* riä örïa [LH HLL]; yaa öya  
[LH HLL] (Önica); yiä öya [LH HL]; daa orïa  
[LHH].  
**fall upon** *v* dado [LH]; dagoro [LHH].  
**falsehood** *n* ashii [LH]; asii [LH]; ntü [LH];  
okwu ügha [HH LH]; oro [LH] (Isikwuatö);  
ügha [LH].  
**false information** *n* ama ügha [LH HH].  
**false prophet** *n* mgba asii [HL HH].

**false report** *n* ebubo [HLH]; ubo [HL].  
**fame** *n* ebube [LLL]; ewu [HL]; nde nde [LH LL].  
**family** *n* ezi na ülö [LH-L-HL]; idumu [HHH] (West Igbo).  
**family deity** *n* ümüné [HHL].  
**family feud** *n* ösö nnadi [LL HHH].  
**family group** *n* ama [HH].  
**family shrine** *n* ala ezi [LL LH].  
**famine** *n* üga [HL]; üganí [HLL]; ünwü [HH].  
**famous** *adj* ama ama [HL LH].  
**famous (be)** *v* kwuo [LH]; wuo [LH].  
**fan** *n* aküpe [LLH] (loan); azüzü [HHH] (Önica); mfuse [LHH]; nku ufele [LH HHL] (Önica).  
**fan** *v* fee [HH]; füö [LH]; kuo [LH].  
**fanatic** *n* ökpanyí [LHH].  
**fanfare** *n* üña[LL].  
**fan (raffia)** *n* ubili [HLL] (Önica).  
**far** *adj* anya [HH]; öti [LH].  
**faraway land** *n* olu [HH] (Önica); oru [HL].  
**Farewell!** *excl* Da eje [H LH]; De eje [H LH]; Nda eje [LH LH].  
**farm** *n* agü [HH]; ubi [HL]; ugbo [HH].  
**farmland** *n* agba enu [HH HH]; akwü [LH]; igbo [HH]; mbara [LHH]; ogo [HH]; owele [LLL]; owere [LLL].  
**fart** *n* afü [HL]; afürü arü [HLH HH]; ahüri [HLL]; ahü [HL]; ahühü [HLL]; ahürü [HLL]; arü [HL]; arürü [HLL] (Önica).  
**fart** *v* nyüö ahühü [HH HLL]; nyüö ahürü [HH HLL].  
**farther down** *n* mgbada [HHL].  
**farthing** *n* aniní [LHH].  
**far away** *adv* faa [HH].  
**far away (be)** *v* di öti [HHH]; tee aka [LH HH].  
**far end** *n* üsö [LH].  
**far side** *n* azü [LH].  
**fascia** *n* ube [LH].  
**fashion** *n* ekike [HHH].  
**fast** *adv* ösi-isö [HH-HH]; ösö-ösö [HH-HH].  
**fast** *v* buo önu [HH HH]; vuo önu [HH HH].  
**fasten** *v* kee [HH].  
**fat** *n* abüba [LLL]; abübara [LLLL]; agba [LL].  
**fate** *n* eke [HL]; eke ci [HL H]; üwa [LL].  
**father** *n* nna [HL]; nni [HL] (Öhafia).  
**father-in-law** *n* nna di [HH H].  
**fathom** *n* mbudu [LLL]; obi [HL].  
**fatigue** *n* mba [LL]; mgba [LL].  
**fatness** *n* üda [LL].

**fatty (become)** *v* maa abüba [HH LLL].  
**fatty tissue** *n* abüba [LLL]; abübara [LLL].  
**faucet** *n* aría [LLL]; ögbanaga [LHHH].  
**fault** *n* ntüpö [HLH]; ölü [HH]; örü [HH]; örüsí [HHH].  
**fault (find)** *v* taa üta [HH HH].  
**favour** *n* afö öma [HH HH]; amala [LLL]; amara [LLL].  
**fear** *n* ebube [LLL]; egwu [HL]; ewa [HL]; üjö [HH].  
**fear** *v* jüö üjö [HH HH]; tüö üjö [LH HH].  
**fearless** *adj* üjö atü [HH HH].  
**fear (instil)** *v* yie egwu [LH HL].  
**feast** *n* erimeri [LHHH]; ocice [LLL]; olili [HHH]; oriri [HHH].  
**feather** *n* abiiba [HHL]; abüba [HHL]; azaga [LLL]; egbene [HLL] (Öka); ugbe [HL]; ugbene [HLL]; uluma [HHL]; ulume [HHL]; uruba [HHL].  
**fecundity** *n* ömümü [LLH].  
**fee** *n* ügwö [HH].  
**feed** *v* züö [LH].  
**feed full** *v* rijuo [HHH].  
**feign** *v* megherie [HLHH]; mezerie [HLHH].  
**fell** *v* gbuje [HHH]; gbutuo [HLH].  
**fellow** *n* enyi otu [HL HL].  
**female** *adj* nne [HH].  
**female child** *n* ada [LH]; nwa amí [H LL] (Öhafia).  
**female organ** *n* atü [HL]; atütü ötü [LLL-HH]; öshü [HL]; ötü [HL].  
**female person** *n* anyi(m) [LLL]; inyeme [LLL] (West Igbo); inyom [HLL]; inyum [HLL] (Afikpo); nwanyi [HL].  
**femur** *n* aci [HH]; acili [HHH].  
**fence** *n* egwe [LL] (Öka); mgbala [LLL]; mgbüga [HHL]; ögba [HL]; üka [HL] (Ösömarí).  
**fence in** *v* gbabudo ogige [HHH HL]; gbagide ögba [HHH HL].  
**fence off** *v* lücie [HHH]; rücie [HHH].  
**ferment** *v* koo [HH]; köö [HH].  
**fern** *n* ahishiara [HLHH]; mpata [LLL]; uduko [LHH].  
**fertility** *n* ömümü [LLH].  
**fertility cloth** *n* agbale [LLLL] (West Igbo); ipeteri [LLLL] (Isese-Uku).  
**fertility dance** *n* üpitü [HLL] (Nnobi).  
**fertility festival** *n* önyima [HHH].  
**fertility goddess** *n* Ogwugwu [HHH] (West

Igbo).	
<b>fertility totem</b> <i>n</i> ibudu [LLL]; igbudu [LLL].	
<b>festival</b> <i>n</i> emume [HHH]; mmemme [LLLH].	
<b>festival (names of)</b> <i>n</i> Agbagwü [HHL]; Iko [HH] (Afikpo); Ikwum [HHH] (Afikpo); Isiji [HH-H]; Odo [HH]; Olo [HH]; Otite [LHH] (Öka); Owu [HH]; Öfala [HLL]; Ökpa [LL] (Afikpo); Ömaba [HLL].	
<b>festival tiring area</b> <i>n</i> ajaba [HHH] (Afikpo).	
<b>festivity</b> <i>n</i> emume [HHH]; mmemme [LLLH].	
<b>fetch</b> <i>v</i> coo [LH]; cuo [LH]; güta [HH]; kuo [LH].	
<b>fetish</b> <i>n</i> agwü [HL]; alüsü [HHH] (Önica); arünsü [HH HH]; arüsü [HHH] (Owere); erisi [HLL].	
<b>fetters</b> <i>n</i> agbü [HH]; iga [HH].	
<b>feud</b> <i>n</i> iro [HH].	
<b>fever</b> <i>n</i> agwa [HH]; ahü ökü [LH HH]; arü ökü [LH HH]; iba [HL]; oyi [HH].	
<b>fever (have)</b> <i>v</i> maa oyi [HH HH]; nwue ökü [HH HH]; nwuo ökü [HH HH].	
<b>fever (high)</b> <i>n</i> oke oyi [HH HL].	
<b>few</b> <i>adj</i> nta [HL].	
<b>few (in number)</b> <i>n</i> ole [LH]; ole na ole [LH L LH]; one [LH]; one na one [LH].	
<b>fib</b> <i>n</i> oro [LH] (Isikuatö); ügha [LH]; üha [LH].	
<b>fibre (of palm)</b> <i>n</i> abübü [HHL]; avirivü [HLL]; avüvü [HHL].	
<b>fibroids</b> <i>n</i> ehie [HLL].	
<b>fiddle (surgical)</b> <i>n</i> ikpukpe [LLL].	
<b>field</b> <i>n</i> ibom [HHH] (Aröcukwu); obom [HHH] (Mbaanö); ögbö [LH].	
<b>field (of farm)</b> <i>n</i> ödö [LH].	
<b>field (open)</b> <i>n</i> mbara [LHH].	
<b>field knife (large)</b> <i>n</i> öpiä [HHH].	
<b>fifth</b> <i>num</i> ise [LH].	
<b>fight</b> <i>n</i> ögü [LL] (Owere); ökpö [HH].	
<b>fight</b> <i>v</i> küö ökpö [LH HH]; lüö [LH]; lüö ögü [LH LL]; lüsö ögü [HL]; nüö [LH]; nüö agha [LH HH]; nüö ögü [LH LL].	
<b>fig-like fruit</b> <i>n</i> mmümü [HLL] <i>Dennettia tripetala</i> .	
<b>fig-nut tree</b> <i>n</i> owulu idu [LHH LH]; ubolu [LH] <i>Jatropha curcas</i> .	
<b>figures (carved)</b> <i>n</i> oriri akü [LHH LL].	
<b>figurine</b> <i>n</i> ökpösü [HHH]; öriü akü [LLL HH]; örürü akü [LLL HH].	
<b>fig tree</b> <i>n</i> ogbu [LH] <i>Ficus vogeliana; Ficus comptoncurea</i> .	
	<b>filaria</b> <i>n</i> arü [LH]; arüri [LHH].
	<b>file law-suit</b> <i>v</i> gbaa akwükwo [LL LLL].
	<b>file out</b> <i>v</i> liri [HH].
	<b>fill</b> <i>v</i> gbajuo [HHH].
	<b>filled up (be)</b> <i>v</i> ju [H]; jupüta [HLH].
	<b>fillet of fish</b> <i>n</i> öbö [HH].
	<b>fillip</b> <i>v</i> gbaa aka [HH HH].
	<b>filter</b> <i>n</i> nza [LL]; üzä [HL].
	<b>filter</b> <i>v</i> zaa [LH]; zapü [HL].
	<b>filth</b> <i>n</i> amüma [HLH]; idegele [LLLL]; inyi [HL].
	<b>finalise</b> <i>v</i> bie [LH].
	<b>find</b> <i>v</i> cöta [HH]; hüta [HH]; tüüta [HLH].
	<b>find out</b> <i>v</i> cöpüta [HLH]; jüpüta [HLH].
	<b>fine</b> <i>adj</i> oyo oyo [LL HL]; ömarica [HHHH].
	<b>fine</b> <i>n</i> nha [HH]; nhu [LL]; nra [LL]; ügwö [HH].
	<b>fined (be)</b> <i>v</i> daa nha [LH HH]; daa nra [LH HH]; raa nra [LH HH].
	<b>finger</b> <i>n</i> aka [HH]; eka [HH] (Afikpo); mkpisi aka [LHH HH].
	<b>finger (fifth)</b> <i>n</i> ödü aka [HL HH].
	<b>finger (second)</b> <i>n</i> eze aka [HL HH].
	<b>finger-nail</b> <i>n</i> mbö [HH]; mvö [HH].
	<b>finger-nail disease</b> <i>n</i> aka mkpu [HH HH]; aka ngo [HH HL]; aka nzö [HH HH].
	<b>fire</b> <i>n</i> ökü [HH].
	<b>firefight (have)</b> <i>v</i> kwaa mgbö [LH HH].
	<b>fire (a gun)</b> <i>v</i> gbaa egbe [HH HL].
	<b>fire (catch)</b> <i>v</i> nwue ökü [HH HH]; nwuo ökü [HH HH].
	<b>fire (fail to)</b> <i>v</i> jüö ökü [LH HH].
	<b>fire (make)</b> <i>v</i> fiöö ökü [LH HH].
	<b>fire (set on)</b> <i>v</i> sunye ökü [LH HH].
	<b>fire-place</b> <i>n</i> mkpu [LH].
	<b>firewood</b> <i>n</i> nkü [HH].
	<b>fire at</b> <i>v</i> gbaa [HH].
	<b>firmament</b> <i>n</i> mbara [LHH].
	<b>first</b> <i>n</i> mbö [LH]; mbü [LH].
	<b>first-time</b> <i>n</i> mbö [LH]; mbü [LH].
	<b>first daughter</b> <i>n</i> ada [LH].
	<b>first light</b> <i>n</i> isi üütü [HH LHL].
	<b>first sale (of day)</b> <i>n</i> ihu ahia [HH HHH] (Owere); iru afia [HH HHH] (Önica).
	<b>first sales (make)</b> <i>v</i> gbaa aka ahia [HH HH HHH].
	<b>first son</b> <i>n</i> ökpala [HHH]; ökpara [HHH]; ökvara [HHH]; öpara [HHH].
	<b>fish</b> <i>n</i> azü [HL].
	<b>fish</b> <i>v</i> döö azü [HH HL]; gbuo azü [HH HL];

jee ökü [HH HL] (Öka); köö azu [HH HL];  
yee ökü [HH HL].

**fisherman** *n* ökö azü [LL HL].

**fishing net** *n* aga [LL]; akwü [LH]; ighbö [LH];  
nkwu [LL]; nkwu azü [LL HL]; öjögölö  
[HLLL]; ubgu [LH].

**fish (kind of)** *n* abaka [LLH]; afö [HH]; agölö  
[HHH]; aja [LL]; akpa [HH]; akpo [LH];  
apüpa [LHH] *Telapia*; asa [HH]; atü [HH];  
atüma [LLL]; awa eze [LHHH]; awüwü [LLL];  
azü ifuru [HL HLL]; azü isi [HL-HH]; ebelebe  
[HLHH]; ebi [HL]; efi [LL]; egbilä [LLL]; ejo  
[HL]; elem [LHH]; elighili [HLLL]; elili [HLL];  
elughelu [HHHL]; emii [HHL]; eri [LL]; eshi  
[LL]; esi [LL]; ibeji [LLL]; idele [HHH]; ifulu  
[HHH]; ifuru [LHH]; igbe enu [LLHH]; igbenü  
[LLL]; ndudu [HHH]; nkölö [LLL]; nsala  
[HLL]; obo [LH]; öbö [LH]; ökpö [LH]; ökpö  
ija [LH]; ökpö ijö [LH]; ökpü [LH]; ufom  
[HLL]; ukolo [LLL]; üfü [LL]; ükölö [LLL];  
ütü öka [HH HL].

**fish-bone** *n* ntu azü [LH HL].

**fish-fry** *n* elem [LHH].

**fish-hook** *n* azama [HHH]; egwe [HH]; ukpoo  
[LHL].

**fish-net** *n* ügbü [HH].

**fish-poison** *n* iwele [LHH]; iwere [LHH]  
*Tephrosis toxicana*.

**fish-spear** *n* aga azü [HH HL]; agam [LLL].

**fish-trap** *n* acala [LLL]; acara [LLL] (Owere);  
akwü [LH]; iku [LH]; ikum [LHH] (loan);  
nkwu [LL]; nkwu azü [LL HL].

**fish pond** *n* üfü [LL].

**fissure** *n* anya [HH].

**fist** *n* aka ökpö [HH LL]; ökpö [HH].

**fist-fight** *n* ogboli [HHH].

**fist-fight** *v* küö ogboli [HH HHH]; tie ogboli  
[HH HHH].

**fit in** *v* daba [HL].

**five** *num* ise [LH].

**fix** *v* mezie [LHH].

**fix (be in a)** *v* tökirü [HLH].

**fix appointment** *v* yie [HH]; yie agba [HH LL].

**fix axe-head** *v* moo anyü [LH HH].

**fix mark on** *v* riba ama [LH HH].

**fix selling price** *v* hüö önu [LH HH].

**flabbergasted (be)** *v* gbaa baa [HH LL].

**flag** *n* ökölötö [HLLL]; ökörötö [HLLL].

**flagon** *n* aria [LLL]; kalama [HHH]; ögbanaga  
[LHHH].

**flakes** *n* ibube [LLL].

**flakes (cassava)** *n* nsisa [HHH].

**flame** *n* ile ökü [HH HH]; ire [HH]; ire ökü  
[HH HH].

**flame up** *v* nwoo [HH]; nwue [HH].

**flap-like** *adv* kpakakpaka [HHHH].

**flare up** *v* nwoo [HH]; nwue [HH].

**flash (of lightning)** *n* amüma [LLL].

**flask** *n* akarama [HHHH] (loan); kalama  
[HHH]; ololo [HHH].

**flat** *adj* aba [LH]; abadaba [HHHH];  
mbadamba [HHHH].

**flattery** *n* ire ütö [HH LH].

**flaw** *n* ölü [HH]; örü [HH].

**flay** *v* gbaa apküpö [HH HHH].

**flea** *n* akörö [LHH]; akpirü [LLH]; akülü  
[LHH]; igwu [HH].

**flea (dog)** *n* akpi nta [HL HH].

**flee** *v* gbaa [HH].

**flesh** *n* ahü [LH]; anü [HH]; anü ahü [HH HH];  
anü arü [HH HH]; eshu [HL] (Nsüka); uru  
[HL].

**fleshy meat** *n* ulu [HL] (Önica).

**flesh-raw (be)** *v* gbaa mmee [HH HHH]  
(Önica); gbaa öbara [HH HH].

**flight (of a bird)** *n* ufe [LL].

**flirt** *v* mee ngara [HH LLL].

**float** *n* agbele [LLL].

**float** *v* see [HH].

**flog** *v* gbaa osisi [HH HHH]; pia [HH]; pia  
itali [HH LLL]; tie [HH].

**flood** *n* ide [HL]; idee [HL]; idei [HLL]; iyi  
[HH]; uju [LH].

**flood-path** *n* usoro [HLL].

**flood-water well** *n* ümii [LH].

**flood plain** *n* anü olu [LL HH]; mgbökö [LHH].

**flounder** *n* ütü öka [HH HL].

**flour** *n* ütü [HH]; ütü öka [HH HL].

**flower** *n* ifulu [LHH]; ifuru [LHH]; ivulu  
[LHH]; okooko osisi [LHLH HHH]; otooto  
[LHLH]; ütütü [LLL].

**flower** *v* maa ifulu [HH LHH].

**flower of coco-yam** *n* opi ede [LL HL].

**flu** *n* azüzü [LLL]; oke azüzü [HH LLL].

**fluke** *n* nje [LH].

**flush clean** *v* gbaa [HH].

**flute** *n* akpele [LLL]; akpili [LHH]; akpirü  
[LHH]; opi [LL]; opu [LH]; ödü [HH]; öja  
[LL].

**flutter** *v* fecaa [HHH]; fee [HH].

<b>fly</b> <i>n</i> iji [HH]; iji ji [HHH]; ibuba [HLL]; odudu [LLL].	<b>foot</b> <i>n</i> ogwe ükwü [HL HH]; ökpa [HL] (Öhafia/Afikpo); ükwü [HH]; ütakü [LHL].
<b>fly</b> <i>v</i> see [HH]; vee [HH].	<b>footfall</b> <i>n</i> igidi [HHH].
<b>fly-whisk</b> <i>n</i> ajata [HHH]; ayö [HL]; ayögbe [HLL]; ijakpa [LLH] (loan?).	<b>footprint</b> <i>n</i> nzö ükwü [LL HH].
<b>fly out</b> <i>v</i> sepü [HL].	<b>footstep</b> <i>n</i> igidi [HHH]; nzö ükwü [LL HH].
<b>foam</b> <i>n</i> üfufü [LHH].	<b>footwear</b> <i>n</i> akpükö ükwü [HHH HH].
<b>foam</b> <i>v</i> gböö [HH]; gbüö üfufü [HH LHH].	<b>foot measure</b> <i>n</i> ama ükwü [HL HH]; ngada [LLL].
<b>fodder</b> <i>n</i> nri anü [HH HH]; nri eghu [HH HH].	<b>fop</b> <i>n</i> öcö mma [LH HH].
<b>fodder (half-digested)</b> <i>n</i> mgbügha [HHL].	<b>force</b> <i>n</i> ike [HH]; ikike [HHH].
<b>foetal membrane</b> <i>n</i> ici [HL].	<b>force</b> <i>v</i> manye [HH].
<b>fog</b> <i>n</i> ijiriji [HHHH].	<b>force drink of water</b> <i>v</i> gbaa mmili [LH HHH]; gbaa mmiri [LH HHH].
<b>fold</b> <i>v</i> fücie [LHH]; fiö [HH]; pia [HH].	<b>forehead</b> <i>n</i> egedege iru [HH HH HH].
<b>folded unit</b> <i>n</i> nkeji [HHH].	<b>foreigner</b> <i>n</i> onye mba [HHH]; öbia [HHL].
<b>fold over</b> <i>v</i> pia [HH]; piacie [HHHH].	<b>foreign country</b> <i>n</i> ofesi [HHH].
<b>folklore</b> <i>n</i> eta [HL]; ita [LH]; ita [LH] (West Igbo).	<b>foreign land</b> <i>n</i> olu [HH] (Önica); oru [HL].
<b>folk</b> <i>n</i> ndi obodo [HH LLL].	<b>fore-father</b> <i>n</i> nna ocie [HL HLL].
<b>folk-tale</b> <i>n</i> akükö ifo [HHH HL]; akükö iro [HHH LH]; eta [HL]; ife [LL]; ifo [HL]; iro [LH]; ita [LH]; ita [LH] (West Igbo).	<b>foreskin</b> <i>n</i> akpükö [HHH]; akpükü [HHH]; ubu [HL] (Afikpo); ugwu [HL].
<b>folk song</b> <i>n</i> ufere [LLL] (West Igbo).	<b>forest</b> <i>n</i> abö [LH]; agbö [HH]; epe [HH]; igboro [LHH] (Öhafia); oke öhia [HH HHH]; öfia [HHH]; öhia [HHH]; ökata [LHH]; ugboko [HLL]; ukpu [LH].
<b>follow</b> <i>v</i> so [H]; soo [LH]; soro [LH].	<b>forestall</b> <i>v</i> nabie [HLH].
<b>followers</b> <i>n</i> ümü azü [HL HL]; ümü azü [HL LH].	<b>foretell</b> <i>v</i> gbaa amüma [HH HHH]; maa amüma [HH HHH].
<b>folly</b> <i>n</i> nzuzu [HHL].	<b>forever</b> <i>adv</i> ebi ebi [HL HL]; ebighi ebi [HLL HL].
<b>food</b> <i>n</i> azü [LL]; nli [HH] (Önica); nni [HH] (Önica); nri [HH] (Owere); ökazü [LHH] (Öhafia); ütara [HLL].	<b>forever</b> <i>n</i> esi [LL].
<b>food (charred)</b> <i>n</i> akürükö [LHH].	<b>forget</b> <i>v</i> cefuo [LHL]; lozö [LHH].
<b>food (left-over)</b> <i>n</i> asia [LHH]; ntakü nni [HHH HH].	<b>forgetfulness</b> <i>n</i> ncefu [HHL].
<b>food basket</b> <i>n</i> ekete nri [LLL HH]; mkpo [LH] (Öhafia).	<b>forgive</b> <i>v</i> gbaghalü [HLH]; gbaghara [HLH]; gbagharü [HLH].
<b>food bowl (of clay)</b> <i>n</i> abalaba [HHHH].	<b>forgiveness</b> <i>n</i> ebele [LHL]; ebere [LLL] (Owere); mgbaghalü [HHLH]; mgbagharü [HHHH].
<b>food plate</b> <i>n</i> ökpökörö [HHHH].	<b>fork</b> <i>n</i> ndüdü [LHH].
<b>food remains</b> <i>n</i> agbasa [LLH] (Önica).	<b>forked branch</b> <i>n</i> agalaba [HLL]; ngalaba [HLLL].
<b>foofoo</b> <i>n</i> acica [LLL] (Önica); akpü [HH] <i>Manihot esculenta; Manihot utilissima</i> ; ütara [HLL].	<b>fork (of road)</b> <i>n</i> agba [LL].
<b>foofoo lumps</b> <i>n</i> akpükü [HHH]; akpükü nni [HHH HH]; akpükü nri [HHH HH].	<b>form</b> <i>v</i> gwöö [HH].
<b>fool</b> <i>n</i> efie [HLL]; efio [HLL]; efulefu [LLHL]; ofeke [LHL]; olukwu [HLH]; onuku [HLH].	<b>former</b> <i>adj</i> ocie [HHL].
<b>foolishness</b> <i>n</i> apari [LLL]; efie [HLL]; efio [HLL]; iberiibe [LLHL]; ihuriho [HLHH]; nsokwu [HHL]; nzuzu [HHL].	<b>form a boil</b> <i>v</i> hie ehiti [HH HHH].
<b>fool (figuratively)</b> <i>n</i> atürü [HHH]; ewu [HH].	<b>form habit</b> <i>v</i> malü arü [HH LH]; mara ahü [HH LH].
<b>fool around</b> <i>v</i> megherie [HLHH]; mezerie [HLHH].	<b>form rain clouds</b> <i>v</i> tuo mmiri [LH HHH].

gbagharü [HLH]; rapü [HL] (Önica).  
**fortune** *n* akara aka [HLL HH]; eke [HL].  
**fortune-teller** *n* dibia [HLL]; mgba así [HLHH]; ögba nkö [LH HH].  
**foster** *v* gbaa umé [HH HH].  
**foul play** *n* aka enwe [HH LL].  
**foundation** *n* mgba ala [HH LL]; mgba aní [HH LL]; ntö ala [LH LL]; ntö aní [LH LL]; ntü ala [LH LL]; ntü aní [LH LL].  
**four/fourth** *num* anö [LH]; inö [LH].  
**four-day week** *n* izu [HL].  
**four hundred** *n* nní [HL] (Öhafia); nnü [HL].  
**fowl's crown** *n* arö [LL]; arü [LL]; eru [LL] (Olü).  
**fowl** *n* okom [LHH]; ökükö [LHL].  
**fowl meat** *n* abala [HHL]; abara [HHL].  
**fox** *n* ufu [LL].  
**fracas** *n* ögba aghara [HH HHH].  
**fragments** *n* iberibe [LLHL]; irighiri [HHHH]; mpekele [HHHH]; mpekere [HHHH]; urughuru [HHHH].  
**frankincense** *n* üda [HL] *Xylopia aethiopica*  
**fraternity** *n* ekpe [HL].  
**fraud** *n* aghüghö [HLL].  
**freak incident** *n* öghii [LHH].  
**free** *v* haa [LH]; hapü [HL]; raa [LH]; yaa [LH].  
**free-born (male)** *n* amadi [LHH] diala [HLL].  
**frequency** *n* ubbolu [LLL]; ugboro [LLL].  
**fresh** *adj* öfülü [HHH]; öhühü [HHH] (Afikpo); öhürü [HHH].  
**freshness** *n* öhürü [HHH].  
**friend** *n* enyi [HL]; enyi otu [HL HL]; ösi [HL]; öyi [LL] (Önica).  
**friendship** *n*anya oma [HH HH].  
**fright** *n* egwu [HL]; üjö [HH].  
**frighten** *v* kuja [HL]; maja [HL]; menye üjö [HH HH]; yie egwu [LH HL].  
**frightened (be)** *v* tüö egwu [LH HH].  
**frog (kind of)** *n* agada [HHH]; akalö [LLL] (Öka); akirí [LLH]; mbala [HLH]; mbara [HLH] (Ihiala).  
**frolic** *n* üra [HL].  
**frolic** *v* gwuo egwu [LH HH].  
**from** *adv* si [H]; site [HH].  
**from time immemorial** *adv* eri ökpü [LL HL].

**front** *n* ehuru [HHH]; ezuru [HHH]; ihu [HH]; ihuru [HHH]; iru [HH].  
**frontage** *n* önù ülö [HH HL].  
**froth** *n* üfufü [LHH].  
**froth** *v* gbüö üfufü [HII LHH].  
**frown** *v* buo iru [LHHH]; carüö ihu [HLHHH]; galüö iru [HLII HH]; gbarüö ihu [HLH HH].  
**fruit** *n* apkürü [HHH] (Afikpo); m kpürü [HHH].  
**fruit (kinds of)** *n* abala [HHH]; afa [HH]; afata [HHH]; afufa [LHH]; aki ilu [HH LL] *Chionoconia (?)*; akpa [HH]; mmimí [HLL] *Demnetzia tripetala*; ofe [HH]; ököröbiöm [LELL]; ubene [HLL]; ubune [LLL]; ugbene [HLL]; ugolo [HLL]; utu [HL]; uvune [LLL]; übürü [LLL]; üdala [HHL]; üdara [HHL] *Chrysophyllum africanum*; ükpa [HL].  
**fry** *v* gbugbee [HHH].  
**frying pot (flat)** *n* agbada [HHH].  
**fry (in oil)** *v* ghee [HH]; hee [HH]; yee [HH].  
**fuck** *v* laa [HH] (Önica); raa [HH] (Owere).  
**fulfill** *v* mezue [HLH].  
**fullness** *n* uju [LH].  
**full (be)** *v* ju [H]; jupüta [HLH].  
**full-grown (be)** *v* tozue [HLH].  
**funeral** *n* akwa [HH]; akwam ozu [LHH HH]; ökwükwa ozu [LHH HH].  
**funeral dance** *n* egwu öta [HH HL].  
**funeral music** *n* usie [HEL].  
**funeral rites** *n* igeri [LHH]; ökwükwa ozu [LHH HH].  
**funeral song** *n* uri akwa [HH HH].  
**fungus** *n* elo [HH]; ero [HL].  
**fungus (palm)** *n* akülü [HLL].  
**funnel** *n* alila [HHH]; aria [LLL]; ögbakwü [HHH]; ögbanaga [HHHH].  
**fur** *n* agale [LHL] (West Igbo); ají [HH].  
**fur (of animal)** *n*.  
**fuss about** *v* gbakirie ana [HLL LL] (Önica); gbakirie ala [HLL LL]; gbakirie ana [HLL LL].  
**future** *n* ödi na ihu [LL H HH].

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**gaff** *n* azama [HHH].  
**gain** *n* ulu [HL] (Önica); uru [HL].  
**gain power** *v* gwaa aka [HH HH].  
**gait** *n* ije [HL].  
**gale** *n* abazü [HHL].  
**gall** *n* elo [LL].  
**game (kind of)** *n* akpa [LL]; ikiri [HLL] (West Igbo); ji odu [H HL]; koso [LH]; ösa [LL] (West Igbo); üga [LH].  
**games** *n* egwu [HH]; egwuru egwu [HLL HH].  
**game token** *n* mbi [LH]; mkpürü okwe [HHH LL]; nza [LH].  
**gang** *n* otu [LL].  
**gangrene** *n* önya ure [HH HH].  
**gap** *n* anya [HH]; oghele [LHH]; oghere [LHH]; ohere [LLL]; oyele [LHH].  
**garbage** *n* ebumbu [HHHH]; mbumbu [HHHH]; mkpumkpu [HHHH]; mpo [LH].  
**garden** *n* mbübö [HHH]; nkwuru [LHH]; oge [LL]; ogige [LLL]; öbübü [HHH]; ugbo [HH].  
**garden egg** *n* afa [HH]; afüfa [LHH]; añara [HLL]; egbe [LL].  
**gargle** *v* gbügbüö [HLH].  
**garment** *n* afe [LL]; efe [LL]; uwe [LH].  
**gas** *n* ahüri [HLL]; ahühü [HLL]; ahürü [HLL]; arü [HL].  
**gash (be given a)** *v* yie [LH].  
**gate** *n* mgbo [HH]; mgbö [HH].  
**gather** *v* buköö [HHH]; ciköö [HLL]; ciköta [HLH]; cita [HH]; kpaa [HH]; kpoköö [HLH]; nököö [LHH]; ruköö [HLL]; tüköta [HLH]; tütuö [HLH]; zuköö [LHH]; züköta [HLH].  
**gathering** *n* nnökö [HLH]; nzukö [HLH]; ögbakö [HHL].  
**gazelle** *n* atü [HH]; etu [HL]; nne mgbada [HH LL].  
**gaze at pleasurably** *v* kilie [HHH] (Önica); kirie [HHH].  
**gears** *n* eze [HH].  
**gecko** *n* agü ünö [HH HL] *Ptyodactylus gecko*; agwö ülö [HH HL]; nceke [LHH].  
**gene** *n* abi [HL]; abülü [LLL]; abürü [HLL]; agbö [LL].

**genealogy** *n* eye [LL].  
**general (military)** *n* isama agha [LHH HH] (loan) (Ösömari).  
**general agreement** *n* nkwekörítä [LLHHH].  
**generation** *n* ögbö [LH].  
**generation (next)** *n* azi [HL] (Önica).  
**generations** *n* ekpo [LL].  
**genetic trait** *n* obu mpüta üwa [LL HHH LL].  
**gene stock** *n* agbürü [LLL].  
**genitals** *n* osi [HL].  
**genitals (female)** *n* amü [LL]; örü [HL] (Önica).  
**genre** *n* üdü [LH].  
**gentle** *adj* nwayö [HLL].  
**gently** *adv* nwayöö [HL].  
**genuslect** *v* gbuo ikpele [HH HLL]; gbuo ikpere [HHHLL].  
**genuine** *adj* ezi [HH]; ezigbo [HHH].  
**germinate** *v* tuo [LH]; gbaa [HH]; pue [HH]; puo [HH].  
**germ (of seed)** *n* ütü [HH].  
**get-together** *n* nnökö [HLH].  
**getting up** *n* mbili [HLH]; mbini [LHH].  
**get even** *v* gwaa [HH]; megwara [LHH].  
**get home** *v* laruo [LHH].  
**get married** *v* gbaa akwüköö [LL LLL].  
**get ready** *v* jikere [LHH]; jikwaa [LHH]; kwadebe [LHH]; kwado [HH].  
**get started** *v* hewe [HH] (Mbaise).  
**get there** *v* jelue [LHH]; jeruo [LHH].  
**get to** *v* lute [LH]; rute [LH].  
**get up** *v* bilie [LHH]; bilate [HHH]; binite [HHH]; kulie [LHH]; kunie [LHH]; walite [HHH].  
**get up to go** *v* walie [HHH].  
**get well** *v* dihi [HH]; gbakee [HHH]; rihi [HH]; riizi [HH].  
**ghost** *n* ibube efu [LLL HL] (West Igbo).  
**giant grass** *n* acala [LLL]; ikporo [LHH].  
**giant rat** *n* eyi ngana [HH HLL] *Cricetomys gambianus*; eyi ucu [HH HH]; *Cricetomys gambianus*; odu [LH].  
**giddiness** *n* ajü [HL]; egwulu [LLL].  
**gift** *n* onyinye [LLH]; üna [LL].  
**gill** *n* afiazü [HH HL]; azia [HLL]; okpo [LH].  
**gimlet** *n* ara [LL].  
**gin** *n* njenje [LLLL] (Öka).  
**ginger (wild)** *n* ose öjì [HL HH] *Afromomum malegueta*.  
**girdle** *n* ajü [HH].

**girl** *n* nwa ada [H LH]; nwata nwanyi [HL HL].  
**girl of easy virtue** *n* ögaca [LLH].  
**give** *v* ni [H] (Öhafia); nye [L].  
**give a hand** *v* nye aka [LHH].  
**give a ride** *v* kwöö [LH].  
**give birth** *v* lite [HH] (Önica); müö [LH]; müta [HH]; rite [HH].  
**give in marriage** *v* kee di [HH L].  
**give judgment** *v* bie ikpe [LH HH]; waa ikpe [HHHH].  
**give over** *v* nyefee [HHH].  
**give thought** *v* loo elo [LH HL]; roo ero [LH HL].  
**give undertaking** *v* kwee nkwa [HH HL].  
**give up** *v* hapü [HL].  
**give verdict against** *v* kpegide [HHH].  
**give way** *v* nye efe [H HL]; nye ohere [H LHH].  
**gizzard** *n* eke [HL]; eko [HL].  
**gladness** *n* anwöli [HHH]; añöli [HLH]; añüli [HL HLH]; añüri [HLH] (Owere); öñü [HL].  
**glad (be)** *v* ñüö [LH]; ñüria [LHH].  
**glass** *n* ndasí [HLL] (Önica).  
**glasses (eye)** *n* enyo anya [LL HH]; nyo anya [LL HH] (Owere); ugegbe anya [LLL HH].  
**glass container** *n* aba [HH]; akarama [HHHH] (loan); irom [HHH].  
**glitter** *v* gbukee [HHH]; gbuo [HH].  
**gloom** *n* itiri [LLL]; utiri [LLL].  
**glory** *n* ebube [LLL].  
**glow-worm** *n* mmümü öwa [LLL HH]; nke ökü [LH HH].  
**glue** *n* eso [HH].  
**glued to (be)** *v* nyapara [HHH].  
**glue unto** *v* nyado [HH].  
**gluttony** *n* ükpa [HH]; üra [HH]; üsa [LL] (Owere).  
**gnash teeth** *v* taa ikere eze [HH LHH HH]; taa ikikere eze [HH LHHH HH].  
**gnaw** *v* taa [LH].  
**gnome (kind of)** *n* ikili kpöm [LLL HH].  
**go** *v* jee [HH] (Önica).  
**goad** *n* ndüdü [LHH].  
**goal** *n* isi [HH].  
**goat** *n* egwu [HH]; ewu [HH].  
**goat (kinds of)** *n* ewu öhia [HH HHH]; azüzü [HHH].  
**goblet** *n* iko [LH]; uko [LH].  
**god** *n* ama [HH] (Nsüka).  
**God** *n* Cineke [HHL]; Cukwu [HH]; Olisa

[LLL]; Orisa [LLL]; Ose [LH]; Osebuluwa [LHLHL]; Öbasí [LLL]; Ükpabí [LHL].  
**goddess (names of)** *n* Ebu [LL]; Ngüma [LLL]; Ogwugwu [HHH] (West Igbo).  
**gods (names of)** *n* Agwü [HL]; Agwü nsí [HL LL]; Amadi öha [LHH LL]; Eru [LL]; Udo [HH]; Ümüne [HHL].  
**god (personal)** *n* ci [H].  
**godsend** *n* üfa [LL].  
**goitre** *n* akpü akpili [HH HHH]; akpü önu [HH HH].  
**gold** *n* edo [LL]; öla edo [HH LL].  
**gong** *n*.  
**gong (kinds of)** *n* aca [LL]; agogo [HHH] (loan?); alo [LL]; alö [LL]; ebi [HH]; ekwe [HH]; igbugbo [LHH]; ikpo [LH]; ikporo [LHH]; ikpö [LH]; ogele [HHL]; ogene [HHL]; übö öma [LH LL].  
**gonorrhoea** *n* atiri [HLL]; atü nta [HH HL]; nsí nwanyi [HH HL].  
**good** *adj* ezi [HH]; ezigbo [HHH]; öma [HH].  
**Goodbye!** *excl* Da eje [H LL]; De eje [H LL]; Nda eje [LH LH].  
**goodness** *n* mma [HH].  
**Goodness me!** *excl* caí [HL].  
**good (be)** *v* dí mma [H HL].  
**good (look)** *v* maa mma [HH HL].  
**goodwill** *n* afö öma [HH HH].  
**Good day!** *excl* Kaa [HL].  
**good fortune** *n* awele [HHH] (West Igbo); ewele [HHH].  
**good health** *n* ahü ike [LH HH].  
**good luck** *n* üfa [LL].  
**Good work!** *excl* Da alü [LH]; Daalü [LHH]; Nda alü [LH LH].  
**goose-bumps** *n* akpata oyí [HLL HH]; izize [HLL].  
**gorge** *n* ndagwuru ugwu [LLHH HH].  
**gorilla** *n* özö [HH]; özö di mgba [HL H LH].  
**Gospel** *n* Ozi öma [HH-HH].  
**gossip** *n* akükü [LLL]; asili [LLL]; asiri [LLL]; ntaka [HHL]; ntakü [HHL].  
**gossip** *v* takaa ntaka [HLH HHL].  
**gourd (kinds of)** *n* agbe [LL]; agbele [LLL]; agbö [LL]; akpakö [LH]; ebele [LLL] *Lageriana vulgaris*; ekpekele [HHHH]; ekpekere [HHHH]; iko [LH]; mbele [LLL] (Owere); mbene [LLL]; mbo [LH]; mkpakö oci [HHH LL]; ikpö [LH]; mpiko [LLH]; obo [HL]; okuku [LHH]; öba [HH]; ögbara

- [LLL]; ökpökörö [HHHH]; uko [LH].
- govern** *v* cia [HH].
- governance** *n* öcicë [LHH].
- government** *n* öcicë obodo [LHH LLL].
- government leaders** *n* ndì öcicë [HH LHH].
- go along with** *v* soro [LH].
- go astray** *v* tuo üzö [LH HH].
- go back** *v* daa azü [LH LH]; laa azü [LH LH]; naa azü [LH LH].
- go beyond** *v* fee [HH]; piiö [LH].
- go first** *v* buru üzö [HH HL]; vuru üzö [HH HL].
- go fishing** *v* jee ökü [HH HL] (Öka); yee ökü [HH HL].
- go from** *v* shi [H]; si [H].
- go home** *v* laa [LH]; lakpuo [LHH]; naa [HH].
- go into** *v* baa [LH].
- go only so far** *v* jedebe [LHH] (Önica).
- go on for a period** *v* kwee [HH]; nötee [HLH].
- go out** *v* füö [HH]; piiö [HH].
- go together** *v* yiköö [LHH] (Önica).
- go to bed** *v* kpuo [HH]; lakpuo [LHH].
- grab** *v* bürü [HH]; vürü [HH].
- grace** *n* amala [LLL]; amara [LLL].
- grain** *n* mkipürü öka [HHH HL]; öka [HL].
- grain meal** *n* ütü öka [HH HL].
- granary** *n* ebili [LLL].
- grandchildren** *n* ümü ümü [HL HL].
- grandfather** *n* nna nna [HL HL].
- grandmother** *n* Ndaa [LHH]; nne ocie [HH HLL].
- grant** *v* ni [H] (Öhafia); nye [L].
- grass** *n* afifia [HHHH]; ahiihia [HHHH].
- grass (giant)** *n* acala [LLL]; ikporo [LHH].
- grass/leaf waste** *n* mbumbu [HHHH].
- grassed yard** *n* oge [LL]; ogige [LLL].
- grasshopper** *n* abösö [LHH]; avüsö [HHL]; avüyü [HHL]; avüzü [LHH]; erimodo [LHHH] (Önica); igulube [LLLL]; igurube [LLLL]; igwurube [LLLL]; mbisi [LHH]; mbösö [LHH]; mbüzü [HHL]; ndanda [HHH]; ükpala [LLH]; ükpana [LLH]; ükpara [LLH].
- grass (kind of)** *n* agbirigba [HHHH]; ahiara [HHHH]; amii [HL]; ege [LL]; eko [HL]; ikporoto [LHHH]; ililo [HLH].
- grass-cutter** *n* nci [LL].
- grass-mat** *n* aka inya [LH LL] (Öka); ata inye [HH LL].
- grate against** *v* shie [LH]; sie [LH].
- gratification** *n* erimeri [LHHH]; ngü [HL]; ngwu [LL]; ngo [HH]; öji [HH].
- grave** *adj* oke [HH].
- grave** *n* abö [HH]; ili [HL]; ini [HL] (Önica); inyi [HL].
- gray hairs** *n* isi awö [HH HH].
- grease** *n* mmanü [HHH]; mmanü igwe [HHH HL].
- great** *adj* ukwu [HH].
- greed** *n* akpiri [LHH];anya ukwu [HH HH]; oke öcicö [HH HHH]; öcicö [LHH]; ükpa [HH].
- greedy (be)** *n* too akpiri [HH LHH].
- greet** *v* ghee öni [HH HH]; kelee [LHH]; kenee [LHH].
- greeting** *n* ekele [LLH]; ekene [LLH].
- greeting (form of)** *excl* Alüa [LLL] (West Igbo); Da alü [HLH]; Da eje [H LL]; Da eme [H LH]; Daalü [LHH]; ilö [HL] (West Igbo); De eje [H LL]; De eme [H LL]; Nda alü [LH LH]; Nda eje [LH LH]; Nde eme [LH HH]; Nnöa [LLL] (Önica); Nnöö [LHH] (Önica).
- greeting (kind of)** *excl*.
- grey hair** *n* awö [HH].
- grief** *n* üma [LL].
- grief (extreme)** *n* alili [LLL] (Önica); ariri [LLL] (Owere).
- grievance** *n* mkipesa [HHH].
- grind** *v* cee [LH]; gwee [HH]; kwöö [HH].
- grinding stone** *n* ngwe [HL].
- grind (to powder)** *v* yaa [LH].
- grindstone** *n* aka ömü [HH HH]; igu [HH].
- groan** *n* ude [HL].
- groan** *v* süa ude [LH HL]; süö ude [LH HH].
- groin** *n* agbata ükwü [LLL HH].
- groin (enlarged)** *n* ekpuleku [LLHL].
- groom** *v* kpükpa [HLL].
- ground** *n* ala [LL] (Owere); ale [LL] (Afikpo); ana [LL] (Önica); anii [LL] (Önica).
- groundnut** *n* ahü ekere [LH HHH]; aka ekere [HH HHH]; akpa [LL]; apüpa [LLH]; ökpa [LL]; öpa [HL]; öpapa [HHH]; öpöpa [LLH].
- ground-bean food** *n* mai-mai [HH-HH] (loan).
- ground tobacco** *n* anwürü [HLL]; egwerekwe anwürü [LLL HLL]; ütaba [LHL]; ütagba [LHL].
- group** *n* okpu [HH] (Afikpo); otu [LL].
- grove** *n* epe [HH]; öda [HH]; öyö [LL]; uru [LH].
- grow** *v* soo [HH]; too [HH].

**grower chick** *n* abaca [HHH].  
**growl** *n* üja [LL].  
**growl** *v* gböö üja [HH LL].  
**grow body-hair** *v* gbaa aji [HH HH].  
**grow faint** *v* daa mgba [HH LL].  
**grow tall** *v* too [HH].  
**grow to old age** *v* meruo [LHH].  
**grow up** *v* gaa [HH]; soo [HH]; too [HH].  
**grudge** *n* mbö [HL]; öbö [HL]; öböö [HL]  
 (Oru); önümä [LLL]; übö [HL]; übüöö  
 [HLL].  
**grudge (bear)** *v* böö öbö [LH HL]; büö mbö  
 [LH LL]; düö übö [LH HL].  
**grumble** *v* takwuo [HLH]; tamuo [HLH].  
**grumbling** *n* ntamu [HHL].  
**guard** *n* nce [HH]; uce [HH].  
**guard** *v* cedo [HH]; cee nce [HH HL].  
**guardian angel** *n* ci [H].  
**guarding over** *n* ncedo [HHH].  
**guard carefully** *v* cekwaa [HHH].  
**guard duty** *n* nce [HH].  
**guess** *v* köö [HH].  
**guest** *n* öbia [HHL].  
**guest room** *n* obu [LH] (Öhafia).  
**guide** *n* ndu [LH].  
**guide** *v* duo [LH].  
**guild** *n* otu [LL].  
**guile** *n* akö [LH].  
**guiltlessness** *n* ogu [HL].  
**guilty (find)** *v* maa ikpe [HH LH].  
**guilty verdict** *n* ikpe omüma [LH LHH].  
**guinea-fowl** *n* ögazi [LLL].  
**guinea-worm** *n* akwara [HHH].  
**guitar** *n* übö [LH]; übö akwara [LH].  
**gulp down** *v* loo [LH]; noo [LH].  
**gum** *n* anyürü [HLL]; eri [LL]; eso [HH]; mgba  
 [LH].  
**gum (of tooth)** *n*- agbü [HL]; akpö [HH]; igbi  
 [HL]; igbili [LLL].  
**gum arabic** *n* üda [HL] *Xylopia aethiopica*.  
**gun** *n* egbe [HL].  
**gun (dane)** *n* egbe cam [HL HL].  
**gun (short)** *n* adaka [HHH].  
**gun-barrel** *n* okporo egbe [HLL HL].  
**gun-powder** *n* nsi egbe [HH HL]; ntü egbe [HH  
 HL].  
**gun hammer** *n* öti [LH].  
**gun shield** *n* okolo [LHH].  
**gutter** *n* ikoro [HLL]; ukoro [HLL].

**H**

**habit** *n* agwa [LL]; uwe [LH].  
**habitation** *n* ebe obibi [HH LHH].  
**habitual (become)** *v* malü arü [HH LH].  
**hack (with knife)** *v* gbuo [HH].  
**hack open** *v* gbuwaa [HHH].  
**haemorrhoids** *n* aci [LL]; ökpü [LL].  
**haggle** *v* düö ndö [LH LH].  
**hail** *n* akü mmiri [HH HHH]; mkpü mmiri  
 [LH HHH]; uzu mmiri [HLL].  
**hail** *v* tuo afa [HH HL].  
**hailstorm** *n* akü mmiri [HH HHH].  
**hair** *n* abiña [HHL]; abuba [HHL]; afa [LL];  
 agala isi [HHH HH]; agara isi [LLL HH];  
 agili isi [LLL HH]; agiri [HHH]; ahü [HH];  
 aji [HH]; azi [HH]; ntutu [HLL]; ogili isi  
 [LLL HH].  
**haircut (have)** *v* laa isi [HH HH]; raa isi [HH  
 HH].  
**hair (baby's)** *n* aba ianya [LL HL]; abönlü  
 [LLHL]; apönlü [LHL] (Uzuaköli).  
**hair (of head)** *n* abuba isi [HHL HH].  
**hair (pubic)** *n* akü [HH].  
**hair ornament** *n* isi ekwe [HH HL].  
**half** *n* ökala [LLL]; ökara [LLL]; önwa [HL].  
**halfpenny** *n* afü [HL] (loan).  
**hall (village)** *n* ibari [HHH]; obi ama [LH HH];  
 obu ama [LH HH]; ülö ute [HL HH]  
 (Afikpo).  
**halo** *n* egurugu [HLLL]; egwugwu [HLL];  
 egwulugwu [HLL]; egwurugwu [HLL];  
 ibube [LLL]; ibubo [LHH]; ikoro [LHH];  
 ogugu [HLL]; ogwulugwu [HLL].  
**halt** *v* guzo [LH].  
**hammer** *n* otutu [HLL].  
**hammer (smoothing)** *n* anyü nka [HH LL].  
**hammock** *n* akwa [LL].  
**hand** *n* aka [HH]; eka [HH] (Afikpo).  
**handcuff** *n* iga [HH]; mkpölö [LHH]; mkpörö  
 [LHH].  
**handicap** *n* ölü [HH]; örtüsü [HHH].  
**handle** *n* aka [HH]; eka [HH] (Afikpo).  
**handmaid** *n* oru nwanyi [HL HL].  
**handpike** *n* mkpanaka [LHHH].  
**hand (left)** *n* aka enwe [HH LL]; aka ibite  
 [HH LLH]; aka ikpa [HH LL]; ibite [LLH].

<b>hand (right)</b> <i>n</i> aka nni [HH HH]; aka nri [HH HH].	<b>hat (straw)</b> <i>n</i> okpu ata [HL HH].
<b>hang</b> <i>v</i> koo [LH]; kwüö [HH].	<b>hatred</b> <i>n</i> anya öjöö [HH HHH]; ashí [HL]; así [HL]; azi [HL]; iro [HH]; ügwö [HH].
<b>hang (to death)</b> <i>v</i> kwügbuo [LHH].	<b>haughtiness</b> <i>n</i> ngala [HLH]; nganga [LLL].
<b>hang around neck</b> <i>v</i> nyaa [LH].	<b>Hausa kola nut</b> <i>n</i> öjí gworo [HH] <i>Cola nitida</i> .
<b>hang oneself</b> <i>v</i> kwüö elili [LH HHH]; kwüö üdö [LH LL]; roo ero [HH LL] (Önica).	<b>have</b> <i>v</i> jie [HH]; nwhee [HH].
<b>happen</b> <i>v</i> gbuo [HH].	<b>have ability to</b> <i>v</i> melie [HHH].
<b>happen accidentally</b> <i>v</i> dacie [LHH].	<b>have affection for</b> <i>v</i> fü n'anya [H HH].
<b>happen again</b> <i>v</i> gbaa ülü [HH HH].	<b>have a baby</b> <i>v</i> lite [HH] (Önica); rite [HH].
<b>happiness</b> <i>n</i> añüli [HL HLH]; añüli [HLH] (Önica); añüri [HLH] (Owere).	<b>have a share in</b> <i>v</i> keta [LH].
<b>harbour</b> <i>n</i> önu mmili [HH HHH]; önu mmiri [HH HHH].	<b>have breakfast</b> <i>v</i> gboo ücü [HH HH].
<b>harden</b> <i>v</i> shie [LH]; shie ike [HH HH]; sie [LH]; sie ike [HH HH].	<b>havoc</b> <i>n</i> nca [LH].
<b>hardhearted (be)</b> <i>v</i> kaa obi [HH HL].	<b>hawk</b> <i>n</i> aga nkwo [LL HH]; agü [HH]; agü nkwo [HH HH]; egbe [HH]; öga [LL] (Ösömarí); ögankwo [LLH].
<b>hardly</b> <i>adv</i> nca [LH] (Önica).	<b>haze</b> <i>n</i> alülü [HLH]; alülüü [HLHH]; ebube [LLL].
<b>hardness of hearing</b> <i>n</i> ntí ike [HL HH].	<b>hazel eyes</b> <i>n</i> anya egele [HH LLL].
<b>hardness of heart</b> <i>n</i> etiri obi [LLL HL]; obi ike [HL HH].	<b>he</b> <i>prn</i> o [H]; ö [H].
<b>hard-luck</b> <i>n</i> ashí [HL]; así [HL]; azi [HL]; ucu [LL].	<b>he/him/his</b> <i>prn</i> ya [H]; ye [H].
<b>hardship</b> <i>n</i> uke [LL]; übia [LLL]; übiäm [LLL].	<b>head</b> <i>n</i> isi [HH]; ishi [HH].
<b>hardwood (kind of)</b> <i>n</i> akparata [HHHH]; öhüü [LHH]; uzi [HH].	<b>headache</b> <i>n</i> adikö [LLH]; isi öwüwa [HH HH].
<b>hard skin</b> <i>n</i> agbügbö [LHL]; mbübö [LHL] (Owere); mgbügbö [LHL] (Önica).	<b>headache (give)</b> <i>v</i> waa isi [HH HH].
<b>hare</b> <i>n</i> edi [HH]; ewi [HH]; nwa nzö [H HH]; nwa nzü [H HH].	<b>headdress</b> <i>n</i> afe isi [LL HH]; efe isi [LL HH]; ökü isi [HL HH].
<b>harem</b> <i>n</i> ezene [LLL].	<b>heading</b> <i>n</i> isi [HH].
<b>harem (have a)</b> <i>v</i> gbaa ezene [HH LLL].	<b>headscarf</b> <i>n</i> icafü [LLL] (loan); kafü [HL] (loan).
<b>harlot</b> <i>n</i> ajadu [LLL] (West Igbo); akwüla [LLL]; akwüna [LLL]; akwüna akwüna [LLL LLL]; ögaca [LLH].	<b>headstream</b> <i>n</i> önu mmili [HH HHH]; önu mmiri [HH HHH].
<b>harlot (be a)</b> <i>v</i> gbaa akwüna [HH LLL].	<b>head of</b> <i>n</i> ogbe [HL].
<b>harmarttan</b> <i>n</i> ügürüü [HLL].	<b>head-cover</b> <i>n</i> etere [LLL].
<b>harp</b> <i>n</i> une [LL]; übö akwara [LH].	<b>head-hunter</b> <i>n</i> ogbu öyaï [LH HLL] (Öhafia).
<b>harrassment</b> <i>n</i> nsogbu [HLH].	<b>head-pad</b> <i>n</i> agwö [HH] <i>Raphia vinifera</i> ; ajü [HH]; oko [HH].
<b>harshness</b> <i>n</i> nta [LH].	<b>head-wife</b> <i>n</i> anasi [HHH]; añasí [HHH]; löölö [HLL]; ömaakü [HH LL].
<b>hart</b> <i>n</i> ökögbö [HLL].	<b>head (middle of)</b> <i>n</i> opo n'isi [LH HH].
<b>harvest</b> <i>v</i> büö [LH]; gböö [HH]; ghöö [HH]; gwuo [HH]; vüö [LH].	<b>heal</b> <i>v</i> gwöö [HH].
<b>harvest (palm-fruit)</b> <i>v</i> gbuo akü [HH HH]; gbuo nkvwü [HH HH].	<b>heal (e. g. wound)</b> <i>v</i> kpöö [HH].
<b>hat</b> <i>n</i> okpu [LH].	<b>health</b> <i>n</i> ahü ike [LH HH].
<b>hatch</b> <i>v</i> büö [LH]; vüö [LH].	<b>heap</b> <i>n</i> ibi [LL]; ikpo [LH]; öbö [LH].
<b>hate</b> <i>v</i> kpöö así [HH HL] (Önica); kpöö ügwö [HH HH].	<b>heap</b> <i>v</i> kposa [LH].

**heart attack** *n* mbam mmüö [LLL HHH].  
**heart of market** *n* öma ahia [HL HHH].  
**hear a case** *v* kpee ikpe [HH LH].  
**heated up (be)** *v* kpee ökü [LH HH]; kpoo ökü [LH HH].  
**heath** *n* akpa [HH]; öma agü [HH HH] (Öka).  
**heaven** *n* elu-igwe [HL-HH]; enu-igwe [HL-HH].  
**heavens** *n* igwe [HH].  
**heaviness** *n* alü [HH]; arü [HH].  
**heavy** *adj* alü [HH] (Önica); arü [HH] (Önica); ivu [HL].  
**heavy (be)** *v* nyia arü [LH HH].  
**hedge plant** *n* ogbu njiji [HH HHH] (Önica).  
*Thunbergia vogeliana*.  
**heed** *v* gee ntí [HH LL]; ñaa ntí [HH HL].  
**heel** *n* afö ükwü [HH HH]; ikere ükwü [LH HH]; ikili [HLL]; ikili ökpa [HLL HL]; ikili ükwü [HLL HH]; ikiri [HLL]; ikiri ökpa [HLL HL]; ikiri ükwü [HLL HH]; ökpa [HL] (Öhafia/Afikpo).  
**heifer** *n* ogbolo [LLL].  
**height** *n* eli [HL]; elu [HL]; enu [HH]; ogologo [HHHH]; ogonogo [HHHH].  
**heir** *n* ökpala [HHH]; ökpara [HHH]; ökwara [HHH]; öpara [HHH].  
**hell** *n* ala mmöö [HH LHH]; ökü mmöö [HH LHH].  
**Hello!** *excl* Kaa [HL]; Nda-ewo [LH-LH].  
**help** *v* nye aka [LHH].  
**help lower load** *v* zee [HH]; zie [HH].  
**hem in** *v* kpaa [LH].  
**henchman** *n* edibo [LLL]; odibo [LLL] (Önica).  
**hen (young)** *n* adidí [LLL].  
**hepatitis** *n* aköm [HLL].  
**he-goat** *n* eciri [LLL]; ita [LH]; itaña [LLL]; mkpi [LH]; mpi [LH]; nwa mkpi [HLH]; oke iyi [HH HL]; okiyi [HHL]; okpo [HH]; öda [HL].  
**he-goat (castrated)** *n* apipi [LLL]; apiri apí [LLL LH]; awali [HHH]; awani [HHH]; ekiri [LLL]; mpipi [LLL]; ociri [LLL]; okili [LLL]; okiri [LLL].  
**he-goat (diminutive)** *n* öböku [HLL].  
**he-sheep** *n* ebili [LLL]; ebule [LLL]; ebulu [LLL]; evunu [LLL].  
**herald** *n* oti mkpu [LH HH]; ükö [HL].  
**herb** *n* ögwü ahishi [HL HHHH].  
**herbal potion** *n* agó [HH].

**herb (kind of)** *n* agbalumö [LLHH].  
*Chrysophyllum albidum*.  
**herbs (bundle of)** *n* egwo [LL].  
**herd of cows** *n* igwe ehi [LL HH].  
**here** *adv* ngaa [LHL]; ngöö [LHH].  
**Here is! Here are!** *excl* elele [LLL] (Öhafia).  
**hermaphrodite** *n* atalamá [HHHH].  
**hernia** *n* amü ibi [HL HL]; ibi [HL]; ibi amu [HL HL].  
**hero** *n* dike [HH]; odogwu [LHH] (Önica); onye oke [HH HH].  
**heron** *n* utu [LL] *Charadrius oedicnemus*.  
**hesitate** *v* tüö mgbe [LH LL].  
**hew** *v* pee [HH].  
**hew firewood** *v* pee nkü [HH HH].  
**hey!** *excl* taa [HL]; Kaa [HL].  
**hiccup** *n* etuketu [LLHL]; etutuu [LHH]; otutu [LHH]; otutuu [LLHH]; ugele [HHL]; ughèle [HHL]; ughere [HHL]; uhíere [HHHH]; uzele [HHL]; uzere [HHL].  
**hiccup** *v* dee nkö [LH LL]; dtiö ubiri [LH LL].  
**hide** *v* gbaa akpükö [HH HHH]; ghee [HH]; hee [HH]; here [HH]; kpugide [LHH]; zoo [HH]; zuo [HH].  
**hide (successfully)** *v* zolaha [HHH]; zonari [HHH].  
**hide-drum** *n* ekpete [LLL].  
**hides** *n* agbagha [LLL]; akpi mkpa [HH HH]; akpükö [HHH]; akpükö [HHH]; akpükö [HHH].  
**hide and seek (play)** *v* kpuo oro [LH HH].  
**hide oneself** *v* ria [LH].  
**high** *adj* ogologo [HHHH]; ogonogo [HHHH].  
**high-priced** *adj* oke önu [HH HH].  
**highway** *n* okporo üzö [HLL HH]; uzo [HL]; üzö [HL].  
**highway (raised)** *n* ogidi ala [HLL LL]; ogigi ala [HLH LL].  
**high noon** *n* efifie [LHLL]; mgba ci [HL H].  
**hilarity** *n* amü [HH] (Onica).  
**hill** *n* ugwu [HH].  
**hind** *n* nne ele [HH HH].  
**hinterland** *n* enu aní [HH LL]; owele [LLL]; owere [LLL]; owerri [LLL].  
**hip** *n* ökpü [LL]; ukwu [HL].  
**hippo** *n* aköm [LL]; aküm [HHH].  
**hip-joint** *n* aci [HH]; acili [HHH].  
**hire** *v* goo [HH]; kuo [LH].

<b>hiss</b> <i>n</i> ösö [HL]; ösü [HL].	<b>hook</b> <i>n</i> aba [HH]; arí [LL]; ngó [HH]; ngu [HH]; nguru [HLL]; ngü [HH]; ngwuru [HLL]; nkö [LL]; ogugu [HLL]; oко ngwu [HII LL]; ukpoo [LHL].
<b>hiss</b> <i>v</i> maa ösö [HH HL]; maa ösü [HH HL].	<b>hookworm</b> <i>n</i> arí [LII].
<b>hit</b> <i>v</i> kütö [LH]; tie [HH].	<b>hope</b> <i>n</i> ncekwube [HLHH] (Önica); tüöanya [LH HH].
<b>hit head on s/thing</b> <i>v</i> bie isi [LH HH].	<b>hope</b> <i>v</i> cekwube [LHHH] (Önica); tüöanya [LH HH].
<b>hive</b> <i>n</i> akpa anwü [LL HH]; akpa añü [LL HH].	<b>hopelessness</b> <i>n</i> nkölöpü [HHLL] (Önica)
<b>hoe</b> <i>n</i> agwí [HL]; agwü [HL] (West Igbo).	<b>hope (have)</b> <i>v</i> tükwasí obí [HLH HL].
<b>hoe (kinds of)</b> <i>n</i> akükö [HLL]; egú [HL]; egbere ögü [HHH HL]; mbaza [LHH]; mbazü [LHH]; nkükö [HLL]; ögü [HL]; ögü ube [HL HL]; ube [HL].	<b>hope for</b> <i>v</i> leeanya [HH HH]; neeanya [HH HH].
<b>hoe blade</b> <i>n</i> isí ögü [HH HL].	<b>horn</b> <i>n</i> mpi [LL]; mpu [LL].
<b>hold</b> <i>v</i> jide [LH]; jie [HH].	<b>hornbill</b> <i>n</i> okpoko [LHL].
<b>hold back</b> <i>v</i> jibie [LHL].	<b>hornet (black)</b> <i>n</i> ebu ünö [HL HL].
<b>hold consultation</b> <i>v</i> zee önä [HH HH].	<b>horn (kinds of)</b> <i>n</i> mpi okpú [LH LL]; ntú ume [HH HH]; okike [LLL]; opí [LL].
<b>hold down</b> <i>v</i> bagide [LHH]; jida [HL].	<b>horns (forked)</b> <i>n</i> aka mpi [HH LI].
<b>hold it!</b> <i>v</i> coo! [HH].	<b>horse</b> <i>n</i> anyinya [LLL]; inyinya [LLL].
<b>hold large party</b> <i>v</i> kpúo öbia [HH HLL].	<b>horse-leech</b> <i>n</i> etu [LL].
<b>hold on</b> <i>v</i> celü [LH]; cere [LH]; gere [LH].	<b>hospital</b> <i>n</i> ülö ögwü [HL HH].
<b>hold one's tongue</b> <i>v</i> kwubiri [HLH].	<b>hospitality</b> <i>n</i> odo [HH].
<b>hold together</b> <i>v</i> jiköö [LHH]; jiköta [LHH].	<b>hostage</b> <i>n</i> ohu [HL] (Owere).
<b>hold up</b> <i>v</i> jie [HH].	<b>hostile gaze (make)</b> <i>v</i> laaanya [LH HH].
<b>hole</b> <i>n</i> oghele [LHH]; oghere [LHH]; olu [HL]; olulu [HLL]; onunu [HLL]; oyele [LHH]; uji [LL].	<b>hot (be)</b> <i>v</i> kpee ökü [LH HH]; kpoo ökü [LH HH].
<b>hole (make)</b> <i>v</i> düpupo [HHH]; küpuo [LHH].	<b>hour</b> <i>n</i> elekere [HHHH].
<b>hole for yam</b> <i>n</i> abara [LLL].	<b>house</b> <i>n</i> ulo [HL]; uyo [HL] (Obowo); ülö [HL]; ünö [HL] (Önica); ünyö [HL] (Ümüoji); üyö [HL].
<b>holiness</b> <i>n</i> nsö [HH].	<b>houseboy</b> <i>n</i> odibo [LLL].
<b>holler</b> <i>v</i> lötö öku [HH LL] (Öhafia).	<b>housefly</b> <i>n</i> izi [HH].
<b>hollow</b> <i>n</i> ikoro [HLL]; uji [LL]; ukoro [HLL].	<b>household</b> <i>n</i> ezi na ülö [LH-L-HL].
<b>hollow (in tree)</b> <i>n</i> ukoro osisi [HLL HHH].	<b>house-pillar</b> <i>n</i> okede eze [LHH HH].
<b>holocaust</b> <i>n</i> nsure ökü [HLH HH].	<b>house-post</b> <i>n</i> ebele aka ülö [LLL HH LL]; oke azü [HH LH].
<b>holy</b> <i>adj</i> asö [HH]; nsö [HH].	<b>house-rat</b> <i>n</i> oke [LH].
<b>holy (keep)</b> <i>v</i> doo nsö [HH HH].	<b>housewife</b> <i>n</i> ogholi [HLL]; ogoli [HLL]; ogori [HLL]; oholi [HLL].
<b>Holy Bible</b> <i>n</i> Akwükwo Nsö [HHH HH].	<b>how</b> <i>adv</i> kpa [H] (Owere).
<b>homage (pay)</b> <i>v</i> buo ihu [LH HH].	<b>how</b> <i>conj</i> etu [HH].
<b>homage visit</b> <i>n</i> ihu [LL].	<b>how?</b> <i>adv</i> olee [LHH]; onee [LHH].
<b>home</b> <i>n</i> ülö [HL]; ünö [HL] (Önica); üyö [HL].	<b>hue and cry</b> <i>n</i> mkpu [LH].
<b>homestead(ol)</b> <i>n</i> ökpö [HH]; ökpötö [HHH]; uhu [HH] (Isu).	<b>hug</b> <i>v</i> bie öma [LH HL]; tie obi [LH HL].
<b>homily</b> <i>n</i> okwu cukwu [HH HH].	<b>huge</b> <i>adj</i> agadaga [HHHH]; agü [HH]; nnukwu [HHH]; ukwu [HH].
<b>honest (be)</b> <i>v</i> kwüö ötö [LH HH].	<b>humanity</b> <i>n</i> ndí ife [HH LL] (Öhafia/Bende).
<b>honey</b> <i>n</i> añü [HH]; mmanü anwü [HHH HH]; mmanü añü [HHH HH].	<b>humanbeing</b> <i>n</i> mmadü [HHH]; mmanü [HHL] (Owere); öcü [HL].
<b>honey-comb</b> <i>n</i> akpa anwü [LL HH]; akpa añü [LL HH]; akpaka anwü [HHH HH]; ekete anwü [LLL HH].	<b>humble oneself</b> <i>v</i> kweesi ala [HH HH LL].
<b>honour</b> <i>n</i> nsöpülu [HHLH]; nsöpürü [HHLH]; ugwu [LL].	
<b>honour</b> <i>v</i> söpülu [HLH]; söpürü [HLH].	

**humiliate** *v* kparia [HHH]; mecuo ihu [HHH HH]; mecuo iru [HHH HH].  
**humiliation** *n* ariri [LLL] (Owere).  
**humility** *n* isi ala [HH LL]; ume ala [HH LL].  
**humorous (be)** *v* kpaa amü [HH HH] (Önica).  
**hump** *n* mukpumkpu [HHHH].  
**hunchback** *n* akii [HH]; mbö [LH]; mukpumkpu [HHHH]; uke [LH].  
**hundred** *num* nari [LL].  
**hunger** *n* agülü [HHH]; agürü [HHH]; agüü [HHH].  
**hunger for** *v* güä [LH]; güö [LH].  
**hunk** *n* ikoro [HLL].  
**hunt** *n* öfia [HHH]; öhia [HHH].  
**hunt** *v* cuö nta [HH HH]; gbaa nta [HH LH].  
**hunter's call** *n* ube öhia [LH HHH].  
**hunter** *n* di nta [H LH].  
**hunting** *n* nta [LH].  
**hunting dog** *n* nkita öhia [HHH HHH].  
**hurricane** *n* oke ifuse [HH LLL]; oke ikuku [HH LLL].  
**hurricane lamp** *n* mpanaka [HHHH].  
**hurt** *n* mgbu [LH]; üfü [LH].  
**hurt** *v* füö üfü [HH HH]; gbuo [HH]; gbuo mgbu [HH LH]; megide [LHH]; wute [HH].  
**hurtful** *adj* ajö [HH].  
**husband** *n* di [H]; izi [LL] (Ahöada).  
**husband (have)** *v* nwee di [HH H].  
**hush** *v* bigböö [LHH].  
**husk** *n* mgbügbö [LHL] (Önica).  
**hut** *n* iba [LL].  
**hut (widow's)** *n* akwu [LH].  
**hyaena** *n* nkita öhia [HHH HHH].  
**hydrocephalus** *n* ata na-efu nwata [HH H-HH HL].  
**hymn** *n* abü [HL] (Önica); avü [HL] (Önica); ukwe [LH] (Owere).  
**hysteria** *n* isi mgbaka [HH LLL].

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**ipm** *a* [H]; a [L]; E [H]; mü [H].  
**ibex** *n* ewu öhia [HH HHH].  
**ibis** *n* okwukwuu ukwu [LLHH HH].  
**idea** *n* ecice [HLL].  
**identify** *v* hüba ama [LH HH]; hüwa ama [LH HH]; riba ama [LH HH]; rüba ama [LH]; yiwe ama [HH HH].  
**idiocy** *n* nzuzu [HHL].  
**idiot** *n* agbaa anü [LL HH]; atülü [HHL]; olukwu [HLH]; onuku [HLH].  
**idiot (figuratively)** *n* atürü [HHH]; eghu [HH]; eghu [HH]; ewu [HH].  
**idol** *n* agwü [HL]; alüsü [HHH] (Önica); arü nsü [HH HH]; arüsü [HHH] (Owere); erisi [HLL].  
**if possible** *adv* ike kwe [HH H].  
**Igbo language** *n* asüsü Igbo [HHH LL].  
**Igbo people** *n* ndi Igbo [HH LL].  
**ignite** *v* nwue ökü [HH HH]; nwuo ökü [HH HH].  
**ignition cap** *n* igu [HH].  
**ignore** *v* cefuo [HLH]; ghabiri [HLH]; ghalü [LH]; ghara [LH]; lia [LH]; nia [LH]; ralü [LH] (Önica).  
**iguana** *n* aghö [HH]; aghü [HH]; awüka [HHH].  
**illness** *n* nríanria [LLLLLL]; öría [HLL]; öya [HL] (Önica).  
**illness (mental)** *n* amüma [LLL].  
**illness (serious)** *n* arü önwü [LH HH] (Önica).  
**ill (become)** *v* daa öría [LH HHL].  
**ill-fortune** *n* ödaci [HLH].  
**ill-luck (fend off)** *v* gbapü azü [HH LL].  
**ill-mannered person** *n* ugбoko anü [HLL HH].  
**ill-reputed** *adj* öjöö [HHH].  
**illuminate** *v* caa [HH].  
**illumination** *n* iho [LL]; ihu [LL].  
**illustrious** *adj* ama ama [HL LH].  
**image** *n* oyiyi [HHH].  
**imagine** *v* cee [LH]; loo [LH] (Önica); roo [LH].  
**imbecile** *n* ozu [HH].  
**imitate** *v* jee [HH]; nöomie [LHH].  
**imitation** *n* ejije [HLH]; nñomi [HLH].  
**immediately** *adv* kitaa [HLL] (Önica); udua

[LHL] (Ihiala); ubgu a [LHL] (Owere).	indigence <i>n</i> agba [LL] (West Igbo); asü [LL].
<b>immediately after</b> <i>conj</i> ozigbo [LLH]; ozugbo [LLH].	indigene <i>n</i> ama ala [HH LL]; diala [HLL]; ndi obodo [HH LLL].
<b>imminent (be)</b> <i>v</i> ruo [LH].	indigent (become) <i>v</i> daa ogbenye [LH HLL].
<b>immortal</b> <i>adj</i> anwü anwü [HH HH].	indigent person <i>n</i> ogbenye [HLL]; onye üwa [HH LL].
<b>impale</b> <i>v</i> maa [HH].	<b>indigo</b> <i>n</i> alülüü [LHHH]; uli [LL]; uri [LL]
<b>impatience</b> <i>n</i> öhühü [LLL].	<i>Randia maculata; R malleifera.</i>
<b>impatient (be)</b> <i>v</i> hüö [LH].	<b>indiscriminately</b> <i>adv</i> aghara aghara [LHH LHH].
<b>impede</b> <i>v</i> gbabricie [HLHH].	<b>indolence</b> <i>n</i> öbö [HL]; ume ngwü [HH LH].
<b>impede progress</b> <i>v</i> dölaa azü [LHH LH].	<b>induce vomiting</b> <i>v</i> ruo agbö [LH HH].
<b>importance</b> <i>n</i> mukpa [HL].	<b>infant</b> <i>n</i> nwa nta [H HL]; nwa ntakirri [H
<b>important</b> <i>adj</i> nnukwu [HHH].	HLHH]; nwata [HL]; obele nwa [HHH HH] (Önica); obere nwa [HHH HH] (Owere); ogbede nwa [HHH HH] (Owere).
<b>important (be)</b> <i>v</i> dï mukpa [L LL].	<b>infect</b> <i>v</i> bufee [HLH]; bunye oria [LH HLL]; bunye öya [LH HL]; fee [LH]; vunye oria [LH HLL].
<b>impose load</b> <i>v</i> bo [H].	<b>infectious (be)</b> <i>v</i> fee mfe [HH LL].
<b>impossible (be)</b> <i>v</i> lie arü [HH HH]; raa ahü [HH HH].	<b>infertility</b> <i>n</i> aga [LL].
<b>impotence</b> <i>n</i> agbölü [HHL]; agbönü [HHL]; önöghözü [LHLL]; önöözü [LHLL].	<b>infinite</b> <i>adv</i> ebi ebi [HL HL].
<b>impregnate</b> <i>v</i> tüö ime [LH HH].	<b>infirmity</b> <i>n</i> nrüannü [LLLLL].
<b>impression</b> <i>n</i> obibi [LLH].	<b>inflammation</b> <i>n</i> ama afia [HH HHH]; ama ahia [HH HHL]; etu [HH]; etuto [HHH].
<b>imprint</b> <i>n</i> obibi [LLH].	<b>inflate</b> <i>v</i> füö [LH].
<b>imprint</b> <i>v</i> bie [LH]; cie [LH].	<b>inflict injury</b> <i>v</i> melüö arü [LHH LH]; merüö ahü [LHH LH].
<b>imprison</b> <i>v</i> tüö ikoli [HH HH]; tüö mkipörö [HH LHH]; tüö nga [HH HH].	<b>influenza</b> <i>n</i> oke azüzü [HH LLL].
<b>improve upon</b> <i>v</i> kwaa [LH].	<b>inform</b> <i>v</i> zia [LH] (Öhafia).
<b>impudence</b> <i>n</i> anya öca [HH HH].	<b>inform</b> <i>v</i> gwa [H]; zie [LH].
<b>impute guilt</b> <i>v</i> bo [H]; bo [H].	<b>informant</b> <i>n</i> ama [LL]; ama onye [LL HH]; ögba ama [HH LL].
<b>in</b> <i>prep</i> na [L].	<b>informant (be an)</b> <i>v</i> gbaa ama [HH LL].
<b>inattention</b> <i>n</i> aña ntü [HH HL].	<b>information</b> <i>n</i> ama [LL].
<b>incantation (make)</b> <i>v</i> göö [HH].	<b>inhale</b> <i>v</i> ñüö [HH].
<b>incarnate</b> <i>v</i> püta üwa [LH LL].	<b>inherit</b> <i>v</i> halü [HH] (West Igbo).
<b>inception</b> <i>n</i> immalite [HLHH].	<b>inherit widow</b> <i>v</i> kucie [LHH].
<b>incinerate</b> <i>v</i> kpöö ökü [HH HH].	<b>initiated (be)</b> <i>v</i> tüö anya [LH HH]; waa anya [HH HH].
<b>incision (have an)</b> <i>v</i> yie [LH].	<b>initiation</b> <i>n</i> ocici [LHH].
<b>incision (make)</b> <i>v</i> bee uce [HH LH].	<b>injection (have/give)</b> <i>v</i> düö ögwü [LH HL]; gbaa ögwü [HH HL].
<b>incisors (gapped)</b> <i>n</i> awa eze [HL HH].	<b>injure</b> <i>v</i> megide [LHH].
<b>incite</b> <i>v</i> kpasuo [HHH].	<b>inlet</b> <i>n</i> ala aka [LL HH]; ara aka [LL HH].
<b>include</b> <i>v</i> kwürü [HH]; tinye [LH].	<b>innocence</b> <i>n</i> ogu [HL].
<b>inconveniences</b> <i>n</i> mmekpa ahü [HHL].	<b>innocence (assert)</b> <i>v</i> görö önü [HH HH].
<b>incorporate</b> <i>v</i> jiköö [LHH]; jiköta [LHH].	<b>innocent (be)</b> <i>v</i> jide öfö [LH HH]; lie ene [HH HH].
<b>increase</b> <i>n</i> üba [LH].	<b>inquest</b> <i>n</i> igeri [LHH].
<b>increase</b> <i>v</i> bawanye [HHH]; buo [LH]; buo ibu [LH HL]; hie nne [HH HH] (Owere); rie nne [HH HH] (Önica); vuö [LH]; vuö ivu [LH LL]; zie nne [HH HH].	
<b>incubate</b> <i>v</i> kpugide [LHH].	
<b>indecision</b> <i>n</i> obi aböö [HL LHH]; uce aböö [HL LHH]; uce n'aböö [HL HHL].	
<b>indicate</b> <i>v</i> gosi [HH].	
<b>indifference (show)</b> <i>v</i> kpöö n'ubu [HH LHH].	

**inquire** *v* jüa [LH]; jüa asia [HH LLL] (Öka); jüa ese [HH LL]; jüö [LH]; jüö ese [HH LL].

**inquiry** *n* ajüjü [HLH]; ase [LL]; asia [LLL]; ese [LL].

**in-law** *n* ögö [HL].

**insane (be/go)** *v* gbaa ala [HH HH]; gbaa ara [HH HH]; ghaa ala [HH HL] (Önica); güö ala [LH HH] (Önica); wia ala [LH HH]; yia ala [LH HH].

**insanity** *n* ala [HH] (Önica); ara [HH].

**inscribe** *v* dee [LH].

**insect** *n* ahühü [HHH]; arürü [HHH]; ebutu [HHH]; ehühu [HHH]; esusu [HLH].

**insect (kinds of)** *n* aka [LL]; akpili ide [LHH HL]; akpümcka [HLHH]; akpíri ide [LHH HL]; akpíri ida [LLH HL]; akürü [LLL]; apa [LL]; azí [HL]; ifufuu [LLHH]; koloko [HHH]; ngwe [HL]; ntütü [LLL]; nza nza [HH HH]; ökpü [LH]; rím-ri [HH-L]; ükpala [LLH]; ükpana [LLH]; ükpara [LLH].

**inseminate** *v* gbaa [LH].

**inside** *n* ime [HH].

**insignificant** *adj* nkepili [HHHH].

**insinuation** *n* adüdü [HLL] (Owere).

**insolence** *n* mkpari [HHH]; nkötö [HHL].

**inspect** *v* nyocaa [LHH].

**install** *v* cie [HH].

**installation** *n* ecici [HHH]; ocici [LHH].

**instance** *n* ugbolo [LLL]; ugbolu [LLL]; ugboro [LLL].

**instant** *n* ntabianya [HLH HH]; ubu [HH].

**instead** *conj* kama [HL]; nta [HL]; ntam [LLL]; tüma [HL].

**instruct** *v* gbazie [LHH]; küzie [HHH]; zi [H].

**instruction** *n* atü [LL].

**instructor** *n* onye nkuzi [HH HHH].

**insult** *n* akaje [LLL] (loan?); akaji [LLL] (loan?); ikwu [LL]; ikwu [LL]; mkpari [HHH]; nkötö [HHL].

**insult** *v* kparia [HHH]; kwue ikwu [LH LL]; kwuo ikwu [LH LL].

**intelligence** *n* akö na uce [LH L HL]; ama [LL]; uce [HL]; übülü [LHH]; übürü [LHH].

**intend** *v* corö [LL].

**intercourse (have)** *v* dina [HL] (Önica); laa [HH] (Önica); raa [HH] (Owere); waa [HH].

**interest** *n* ömürü nwa [LLL HH]; üma [LL].

**interest (earn)** *v* müö nwa [LH HH].

**interior land** *n* owele [LLL].

**intermarry** *v* lüköö [HHH]; nüköö [HHH].

**intermediary** *n* ükö [HL].

**interprete (law)** *v* kaa iwu [HH LH].

**interrogate** *v* gbaa ajüjü [HH HHH]; jüa [LH]; jüö [LH]; jüö ajüjü [HH HHH].

**intersection** *n* aba ezi [LH HH]; agba üzö [LH HH].

**interval** *n* oghele [LHH]; oghere [LHH]; oyele [LHH].

**intervene** *v* dacie [LHH]; gboo [LH].

**interview** *n* ajüjü önnü [HLH HH].

**intestine** *n* ahö [HH] (Enugwu).

**intestines** *n* abü [HH]; afö [HH]; eriri afö [HHH HH]; ihé afö [HH HH]; mgbiri afö [HHH HH]; mgbürigba afö [HHHH HH]; ngili afö [HHH HH].

**intestines (animal)** *n* ikpürükü [LHLH].

**intestines (small)** *n* afö nta [HH HL].

**intimidate** *v* maja [HL]; menye üjö [HH HH]; yie egwu [LH HL].

**intoxicate** *v* baa n'anya [HH HH]; gbuo [HH].

**intrepid** *adj* üjö atü [HH HH].

**introduce** *v* webata [HLH].

**invade** *v* busö agha [HL HH].

**invent** *v* röö [HH].

**investigate** *v* lelee [LHH]; nenee [LHH]; nyocaa [LHH]; tülee [HHH].

**invitation** *n* oku [LL].

**invite** *v* kpöö oku [HH LL]; kütü [LH] (Öhafia).

**invocation** *n* atütü [HLL].

**invoke** *v* kpöö [HH].

**invoke judgement** *v* göö öfö [HH HH].

**in a manner** *adv* kpa [H] (Owere).

**in numbers** *adv* ntütü [HHH] (Öhafia).

**in short order** *adv* nkenke [HHH].

**in small pieces** *adv* nkenke [HHH].

**in the interest of** *adv* n'iñi [HH]; n'ihi [HH].

**in truth** *adv* n'ezi okwu [HHH HL]; n'ezie [HHHL].

**iroko fruit** *n* üpö öjì [LH HH].

**iroko tree** *n* öjì [HL] *Chlorophora excelsa; Pandanus*: öjì anwü [HL HH] *Antiaris africana*.

**iron** *n* igwe [HL].

**iron (cloth)** *v* dee [LH].

**iron (light)** *n* igwe aga [HL HH].

**iron-monger** *n* ökpü üzü [LH HH].

**iron-mongering** *n* nka [LL].

**iron-shavings** *n* afölö [HHH].

**iron pot** *n* ite igwe [LL HL].  
**iron rod** *n* aba [LL].  
**iron tong** *n* adüdü [HLL].  
**is** *v* bü [H]; wü [H].  
**island** *n* agwa etiti [LL LHL].  
**isn't that so!** *excl* gböö [HL] (Önica).  
**issue** *n* ishi [HH]; isi [HH]; isi okwu [HH HH]; okwu [HH].  
**issue order** *v* tiniye iwu [LH LH].  
**it** *prn* a [H]; E [H]; o [H]; ö [H].  
**it/its** *prn* ya [H]; ye [H].  
**itch** *n* ökö [HH].  
**ivory bangle** *n* ökpüküpü [HHH].  
**ivory bracelet** *n* asama [HHH].  
**ivory horn** *n* okike [LLL].

**J**

**jail** *v* tüö ikoli [HH HH]; tüö m kpörö [HH LHH]; tüö nga [HH HH].  
**jar** *n* ololo [HHH]; olulu [HHH].  
**jaundice** *n* aköm [HLL]; iiba [HL].  
**jaundiced eyes** *n*anya mmānū [HH HHH].  
**jaw** *n* aba öñü [LL HH]; agba [LL]; agba nti [LL HH].  
**jaw (lower)** *n* agba ala [LH LL]; agba aní [LH LL].  
**jaw (upper)** *n* agba eli [LL HH]; agba elu [LL HH]; agba enu [LL HH]; apkö [HH].  
**jaw bone** *n* abuba nti [HHH LL].  
**jealous (be)** *v* kwaa ekwo [HH LLL]; kwaa ekworo [HHLLL]; kwaa ekwo [HH LLL]; tajie anya [HHH HH].  
**jealousy** *n* anya üfü [HH HH]; ekwo [HLL]; ekworo [LLL]; ntaji anya [HHH HH].  
**jigger** *n* ntüpü [LLH].  
**jingle** *v* küö [LH].  
**jingle bell** *n* ikpo [LH]; ökü gam [LH H].  
**join** *v* jiköö [LHH]; jiköta [LHH].  
**joker** *n* efie [HLL]; efio [HLL].  
**journey** *n* ije [HL]; njem [LL].  
**joy** *n* anwöli [HHH]; añöli [HLH]; añüli [HL HLH]; añüli [HLH] (Önica); añüri [HLH] (Owere); öcö [LH] (Bende); öñü [HL]; ütö [LH].  
**jubilation** *n* öñü [HL].

**judge** *n* onye ikpe [HH LH].  
**judge** *v* kpee ikpe [HH LH].  
**judgment** *n* ikpe [LH]; ikpe omümä [LH LHH]; izuzu [LLL]; mkpebi [HHL].  
**judgment (give)** *v* bie ikpe [LH LH]; kpebie [HLH]; waa ikpe [HH LH].  
**jug** *n* aka na aka [HH H HH]; atüma [LLL]; ololo [HHH]; otu [LL].  
**juice** *n* mimili [HHH]; mmiri [HHH].  
**juiceless (be)** *v* gbaa akí [HH HH]; gbaa akü [HH HH].  
**jump** *v* wüö [LH].  
**junction** *n* aba [LL].  
 **juncture** *n* mgba [LL].  
**jungle** *n* oke öhia [HH HHH]; uboko [HLL].  
**just (be)** *v* zie [HH].  
**just as** *conj* otu [LL].  
**jute** *n* ahihüara [HHHH]; ahühara [HHHH]  
*C. olitorius*.

**K**

**kapok tree** *n* apkü [HH] *Ceiba pendandra*; *B. buonopozense*.  
**keep** *v* debe [HH]; dobe [HH]; jide [LH].  
**keep animals** *v* doo [HH].  
**keep an eye on** *v* dee [LH] (Öhafia); lepü anya [HL HH]; nepü anya [HL HH].  
**keep company of** *v* nönye [LH].  
**keep doing** *v* daa [HH]; naa [HL].  
**keep holy** *v* doo nsö [HH HH].  
**Keep it up!** *excl* Da alü [H LH]; Da eme [H LH]; Daalü [LHH]; De eme [H LL]; Nda alü [LH LH]; Nde eme [LH HH].  
**keep trying** *v* jisie ike [LHH HH].  
**keg** *n* atüma [LLL]; mbele [LLL] (Owere); mbene [LLL].  
**keratitis** *n* anya ökü [HH HH].  
**kernel** *n* agba [LL]; akí [HH]; apkürü [HHH] (Afikpo); akü [HH]; icele [LLL]; icere [LLL]; mkpürü [HHH].  
**kernel (twin-seeded)** *n* akü mkpi [HH HH].  
**kettle** *n* aria mmiri ökü [LLL HLL HH].  
**key** *n* igodo [LHH]; ugodi [LHH].  
**kick** *v* fia ökpa [HH HH]; gbaa ökpa [HH HH]; gbaa ükwü [HH HH].  
**kidnap** *v* hara [HH]; kere [HH]; kpaa mkpa

[LH LL]; ralü [LH]; rara [LH]; törö [LH].  
**kidnapping** *n* mkpa [LL]; nkere [HHH].  
**kidney** *n* akölö [LHH]; akülö [LHH]; akürü [LHH].  
**kill** *v* gbuo [HH]; gbuo mmadü [HH HHH]; gbuo mmüö [HH HHH] (Öhafia); tagbuo [LHH]; tigbuo [LHH]; tipü ndü [HL HL].  
**kill ritually** *v* jügbuo [LHH].  
**kind** *n* agwa [LL]; üdii [LH]; ükpa [HH].  
**kindness** *n* afö öma [HH HH]; amala [LLL]; amara [LLL]; ebele [LHL]; ebere [LLL] (Owere); obi öma [HL HH]; öögö [LL].  
**kindness (show)** *v* mee öögö [HH LL].  
**kindred** *n* aba aka [LH HH]; abü [LL]; agbürü [LLL]; ebo [HH]; ikwu [HH]; nci [LL]; nguru [LHH]; ngwuru [LHH]; ogbe [LL]; ogo [HH]; önükü [HHH]; önümäma [HHH]; önümara [HHHH]; ümü nna [HL HH].  
**kind of** *n* ikwu [HH].  
**king** *n* eze [HL]; Obi [LH] (Önica).  
**kingdom** *n* ala eze [LL HL].  
**kingfisher** *n* anya nnünü [LL]; nkelu [HHH]; nkenu [HHH].  
**king-crab** *n* abökö [HHH]; abükö [LHH].  
**kinship** *n* öbara [LLL].  
**kinsmen** *n* ikwu [HH]; ümü nna [HL HH].  
**kiosk** *n* ülö ntü [HL HH].  
**kiss** *v* susuo önu [HLH HH]; sutu önu [HLH HH].  
**kitchen** *n* usekwu [LHH]; usokwu [LHH]; üsö ekwu [LH HH].  
**kitchen-chair** *n* mgbada [LLH]; oce mgbada [HH HHH].  
**kitchen knife** *n* mma ekwu [HL HH].

**kite** *n* aga nkwo [LL HH]; agü [HH]; agü nkwo [HH HH]; agwü nkwo [HH HH]; egbe [HH]; ndagbu [LLH]; ükwö [LH].  
**kleptomania** *n* aka-nni ori [HH-HH HH] (Önica).  
**knead** *v* kpüö [HH]; löö [HH]; zöö [LH].  
**knead mud** *v* gbaa ötö [HH HH].  
**knee** *n* ikpele [HLL]; ikpere [HLL].  
**kneel** *v* gbuo ikpele [HH HHH]; gbuo ikpere [HH HHH]; sekpuo [HLL].  
**knife** *n* mma [HL]; ötakü [LHH].  
**knife (kinds of)** *n* agbada [HHH]; akükö [HLL]; mma nküü [HL HH]; mpama [LLL] (Afikpo); nkükö [HLL]; okpome [LHH] (Öhafia).  
**knife (surgical)** *n* agaba [HHH]; agöba [HHH]; agü aba [HH HL]; agüba [HHH]; ukoti [LHH].  
**knit** *v* kpaa [LH].  
**knock** *v* kpöö [HH]; küö [LH]; küö aka [LH HH].  
**knock down** *v* kütuo [LHH].  
**knock hole through** *v* küpuo [LHH].  
**knock into shape** *v* kpüö [HH]; küzie [LHH].  
**knot** *n* akpü [HL]; elo [LL].  
**knot (tie)** *v* maa akpü [HH HH].  
**know** *v* maa [HH]; mata [LH].  
**kola nut** *n* öjì [HH]; öjì igbo [HH] *Cola acuminata*.  
**kola nut (bitter)** *n* agba ilu [HH HH]; akara [HHH] (Bende); akü ilu [HH HH]; igogoro [LHHH] (Bende); ugugolo [HHHH].  
**kola nut (Hausa)** *n* öjì gworo [HH] *Cola nitida*.  
**kola nut (white)** *n* öjì ugo [HH LL].

## L

- labium major** *n* ibe atü [HH HL]; ibe ötü [HH HL].
- labium minor** *n* nghö atü [HH HL]; nghö ötü [HH HL].
- labour** *n* ölüü [LLL]; ölü [HH]; örü [HH] (Owere).
- labour** *v* lüö [HH] (Önica); rüö [HH].
- lack** *v* gbara aka [HH HH]; köö [HH].
- ladder** *n* igulube [LLLL]; mbe [HH]; mbibi [LLH]; mbube [LLH]; ndubu [LLH]; obe [HH]; obube [LLH] (Afikpo); ubube [LLH].
- ladle** *n* eku [HH]; mbe [HL].
- lagoon** *n* odigiri [LLL].
- lag behind** *v* daa azü [LH HH]; laa azü [LH HH]; naa azü [LH HH].
- lake** *n* ezu [HL].
- lamb** *n* atülü [HHL]; atürü [HHH]; nwa atürü [H HHH].
- lameness** *n* ngwörö [LHH].
- lament** *n* akwa arüri [HH LLL].
- lament** *v* bee akwa [HH HH]; kpöö mkpu [HH LH]; kwa [HH] (Önica); kwa akwa [HH HH].
- lamentation** *n* akwa [HH].
- lament (song of)** *n* uri akwa [HH HH].
- lament (start)** *v* fia üzü [HH LL].
- lame (be)** *v* daa ngwörö [LH HHH]; gwöö [HH].
- lame person** *n* onye ngwörö [HH HHH].
- lamp** *n* ihe ökü [HH HH]; ite ökü [LL HH]; itikpa [LLH]; mpanaka [LHHH]; ori öna [HH HL]; utukpe [LLH].
- lancet** *n* agaba [HLH]; agöba [HLH]; agü aba [HH HL]; agüba [HLH]; ube [HL].
- lance through** *v* wapuo [HHH].
- land** *n* ala [LL] (Owere); ale [LL] (Afikpo); ana [LL] (Önica); ani [LL] (Önica).
- land (sub-fertile)** *n* ala öca [LL HH]; ani öca [LL HH].
- land (under water)** *n* ani olu [LL HH]; mgbökö [LHH].
- language** *n* asüsü [HLH]; okwu [HH].
- lank and trim** *adv* gara gara [HH HH]; garü

gari [HH HH].

**lantern** *n* ederi [HHH]; ihe ökü [HH HH]; ite ökü [LL HH]; itikpa [LLH]; mpanaka [LHHH]; öwa [HH]; uri [LL]; urii [LHH]; utukpe [LLH].

**large** *adj* agadaga [HHHH]; nnukwu [HHH]; oke [HH]; ukwu [HH].

**large (be)** *v* buo ibu [LH HL]; vuo ivu [LH HL].

**large and crooked** *adj* agbagadü [HHHH].

**larynx** *n* akpili ntä [LHH HL]; akpüri üta [LHH HH]; eko [HL]; eko akpüri [HL HHH]; obi akpüri [HL LHH].

**last** *v* kwee [HH]; nätee [HLH].

**last child** *n* ödü nwa [HL HH].

**latex** *n* eri [LL]; eso [HH].

**latrine** *n* ogwe [HL]; ogwudu [HLL]; ülö nsü [HL HH].

**laugh** *v* cia [LH]; cia öci [LH HL]; müö [LH]; müö amü [LH HH].

**laughter** *n* amü [HH] (Önica); öci [HL] (Owere).

**laugh at** *v* cia öci [LH HL].

**launder (cloth)** *v* föö [HH]; süö akwa [LH HL].

**laundry club** *n* aka nde [HH HH].

**laver** *n* efere ukwu [LHH HH].

**lavish** *v* laan'iyi [HH HL].

**law** *n* iwu [LH].

**law (enact)** *v* maa iwu [HH LH]; tinye iwu [LH LH].

**lawyer** *n* öka iwu [LH LH].

**lay claim** *v* zöö [HH].

**lay down** *v* gbötö [HL]; pada [HL]; tögbö [LH].

**lay egg** *v* yie akwa [LH HH].

**lay low** *v* töö [HH].

**laziness** *n* apa [LL]; mba [LL]; mgba [LL]; öbö [HL]; ume mba [HH HL]; ume ngwü [HH LH].

**lazy (be)** *v* tüa öbö [LH HH].

**lead** *n* opu [LL].

**lead** *v* cia [HH]; duo [LH]; duru [LH].

**leader** *n* onye ndu [LH].

**lead-cap** *n* igu [HH].

**lead aright** *v* duzie [LHH].

**lead to** *v* dugä [LH]; pü [H].

**leaf (kinds of)** *n* abüba [HHL]; afifia [HHHH]; ahiliä [HHHH]; ahiliä ofe [HH]; akwükwo [HHH]; akwükwo ndü [HHH HL]; ngwu [LL]; ökasi [LHH]; ökazi [LHH].

- leaf (medicinal)** *n* öra njele [LL HHH].
- leaf (of cocoyam)** *n* ömümü ede [LLL HL].
- leaf grass (edible)** *n* acara [LLL].
- leaf waste** *n* ebumbu [HHHH].
- leak** *n* azili [HHH].
- leak water** *v* gbaa mmiri [HH LLL]; hie mmiri [HH HHH]; lie mmili [HH LH]; rie mmiri [HH HHH].
- lean** *adj* giri-giri [HH-HH].
- lean** *v* huo [HH].
- lean and tough** *adj* alighiri [HLLL]; anighini [HLLL].
- learn** *v* müö [LH].
- learning** *n* mmüta [HLH]; ömümü [LLL].
- learn successfully** *v* müta [LH].
- leather** *n* agbagha [LLL]; akpükö [HHH]; akpükü [HHH].
- leather-bag (small)** *n* mkpuruma [LHLH].
- leave** *v* fiö [HH]; haa [LH]; naa [HH]; püö [HH]; raa [LH]; rapü [HL] (Önica); yaa [LH].
- leaven** *n* oko acäa [HH LLL].
- leaven** *v* koo [HH]; köö [HH].
- leave alone** *v* raa [LH].
- leave behind** *v* ghaa [LH]; ghalü [LH]; ghara [LH]; hapü [HL]; lozö [LHH]; ralü [LH] (Önica).
- leave in place** *v* deta [HH].
- leave off** *v* ghabiri [HLH]; ghalü [LH]; ghara [LH]; ralü [LH] (Önica).
- leech** *n* etu [LL].
- lees** *n* ike mmanya [HL HHH]; üzä [HL].
- left-hand** *n* aka enwe [HH LL]; aka ibite [HH LLH]; ibite [LLH].
- left-handed person** *n* aka ila [HH HL] (Azümini); omena ibite [LHL LLH] (Öhafia/Nsuka).
- left-over food** *n* agbasa [LLH] (Önica); nli öla [HH HL]; nli ölö [HH HL] (Öka); nri öra [HH HL].
- left hand** *n* aka ekpe [HH LL]; aka ikpa [HH LL].
- left over (be)** *v* fö [H].
- leg** *n* apata [LLL]; apata ükwü [LLL HH]; ogwe ükwü [HL HH]; ökpa [HL] (Öhafia/Afikpo); ükwü [HH]; ütakü [LHL].
- legal notice** *n* ökwa [HL].
- legend** *n* akükö anï [HHH LL].
- legislate** *v* maa iwü [HH LH]; tinye iwü [LH LH].
- leg (of animal)** *n* ölü [HH]; örü [HH].
- leg beads** *n* ija [HL]; nja [LL].
- leg deformity (have)** *v* gwöö [HH].
- leisure** *n* ofo [HH].
- lend** *v* bie [LH]; binye [LH]; gbazie [HHH]; gbazinye [HHH].
- lending** *n* mbibi [LLL].
- length** *n* ogologo [HHHH]; ogonogo [HHHH].
- leopard** *n* agü [HH]; awölö [LLL]; awörö [LLL]; eduka [HHL] (Ösömari); eworo [HLL].
- leopard skin** *n* awölö [LLL]; awörö [LLL]; eworo [HLL].
- leper's grave** *n* ütolö [HLL].
- leper** *n* onye ekpenta [HH LH].
- lepers (group of)** *n* ekwili [LLL].
- leprosy** *n* arü öca [LH HH]; ekpenta [LLHH]; ikpenta [LLHH]; opo [LH]; öri öca [HL HH]; öya öca [HL HH].
- lesion (of scalp)** *n* ütü [LH].
- lessen** *v* belata [LHH]; benata [LHH].
- lessening** *n* mbelata [HLHH]; mbenata [HLHH].
- lessen (somewhat)** *v* jüö [LH].
- Let us!** *excl* ngwa [HH].
- leucoderma** *n* agba [LL]; agwa [HL]; ügwa [HL]; ügwö [HL].
- Leviathan** *n* okeagü iyi [HHHL HL].
- levy** *n* egwe [HH] (Owere); nha [HH]; nhu [LL]; nra [LL]; ütü [LH].
- levy (raise)** *v* ree [LH].
- levy (taxes)** *v* ree ütü [HH HH].
- liability** *n* üta [HH].
- liable (hold)** *v* taa üta [HH HH].
- liar** *n* agofü [HHL]; onye asii [HH LH]; onye ufe [HH LH]; ötu asii [LH LH]; ufe [LH].
- libel** *v* katöö [HHH]; mebie aha [HLH HH].
- lick** *v* lacaa [HHH]; racaa [HHH].
- lie** *n* agö [HH]; agüögö [HLH]; ashi [LH]; asii [LH]; ntü [LH]; okwu ügha [HH LH]; oro [LH] (Isikwuatö); ufe [LH]; ügha [LH]; üha [LH].
- lie** *v* shia ashi [HH LH]; sia asii [HH LH]; tüö ast [LH LH].
- lie blatantly** *v* fee ufe [HH LH].
- lie close to** *v* didebe [HLL].
- lie down** *v* die [HL]; dina [HL] (Önica).
- lie in wait** *v* cebido [HLH].
- lie prone** *v* makpuo [HLH].
- lie stagnant** *v* dörö [LH].

- life** *n* ndü [HL]; üwa [LL].
- lift** *v* bulie [LHH]; bunie [LHH]; buo [LH]; buru [LH]; föö [HH]; kwalite [LHH]; maburu [HHH]; paa [HH]; para [HH]; pasa [HH] (Bende); vulie [LHH]; vuo [LH]; vuru [LH]; welie [LHH]; welite [LHH].
- lift and turn** *v* pagharia [HHHH].
- lift up** *v* pago [HH]; palie [HHH].
- light** *adj* efe [HL]; efele [LHL]; ifolo [HLL]; mfe [LH]; ofe [LH]; ofele [LHL]; ofere [HHH].
- light** *n* ife [LL]; ihe [LL] (Owere); iho [LL]; ihu [LL]; ive [LL]; ökü [HH].
- lighten** *v* fee [HH]; gbaa mfe [HH LH]; vee [HH].
- lightness of weight** *n* mfe [LH].
- lightning** *n* amüuma [LLL].
- light (become)** *v* fee [HH]; vee [HH].
- light fire** *v* güö [LH].
- light up** *v* caa [HH].
- like** *adv* ele [LL] (Bende); ele aghü [LL HL] (Öka); elege [LLL] (Bende); eleghe [LLL] (Bende); ka [L].
- like** *conj* etu [HH]; otu [LL].
- like** *v* hü n'anya [H HH]; masi [HH].
- liked (be)** *v* masi [HH].
- likeness** *n* oyiyi [HHH].
- like (be)** *v* yie [HH].
- like a roaring flame** *adv* fulé-fulé [LL-LL] (Öka).
- lily** *n* eko [HL]; ulodi [HLL]; urodi [HLL].
- lily (variety of)** *n* ede ci [HL H]; ede cukwu [HL H]; ede mmüö [HL H]; ede öbasü [HL H] *Crinum giganteum*.
- limb** *n* aka [HH].
- lime (kind of)** *n* üra [LL].
- lime tree/fruit** *n* epe nkirisü [HL HHHH].
- limp** *v* tee ükwü [HH HH].
- line** *n* ahüü [HHH]; akala [HLL]; akara [HLL]; eriri [HHH]; ögbala [HLL].
- lineage** *n* aba aka [LH HH]; abi [HL]; abülü [LLL]; abürü [HLL]; afa [HL]; agbüü [LLL]; aha [HL]; ebo [HH]; ikwu [HH].
- lineage ritual** *n* nru [LL].
- line (boundary)** *n* ökara [HLL]; oke [HL].
- lines** *n* ügbarı [HLL].
- line up** *v* liri [HH].
- lintel board** *n* mgbo [HH]; mgbö [HH].
- lion** *n* agü aba [HH HH]; odum [LHH]; odumodu [LLHL]; ödüm [LHH].
- lip** *n* egbere önü [HLL HH]; egbiligbe önü; ebugbere önü [HLL HH].
- lips** *n* ebubele önü [HHLL HH].
- listen** *v* gee [HH]; gee ntü [HH LL]; ñaa ntü [HH LL]; yee [HH].
- literate (be)** *v* güö akwükwo [LH HHH].
- little** *adj* mpe mpe [HH HH]; nkepili [HHHH]; nta [HL]; ntaküri [HLHH]; ntü [HHH]; nwantiü [HHHH]; obele [HHH] (Önica); obere [HHH]; ogbede [HHH].
- little** *n* mpe [LH].
- little (a)** *adv* ntüntü [HHHH].
- little bits** *n* mkpirisi [HLLL].
- little children** *n* ümürüma [HHLH] (Bende/Afikpo).
- lively** *adv* gara gara [HH HH]; garí garí [HH HH].
- liver** *n* imeji [HHL]; imeju [HHL]; umeji [HHL]; umeju [HHL].
- live in or at** *v* bie [HH].
- live on!** *v* bilikwa [LHH].
- live together** *v* biköö [LHH]; biköta [LHH].
- live with** *v* binyere [LHH].
- lizard** *n* agü ünö [HH HL] *Ptyodactylus gecko*; agwö ülö [HH HL]; alika [HLH]; aniga [HLH] (Önica); anika [HLH]; awüka [HHH]; nce ülö [LH HL]; nceke [LHH]; ngwele [LLL] (Önica); ngwere [LLL] (Owere); ngwesi [LLL]; okoti [HLL].
- lizard (female)** *n* ikpöküri [LHHH].
- lizard (kind of)** *n* olugbulu [HHHH]; ömilö [LHH].
- lizard (male)** *n* akitikpö [HHHH]; öti [HL].
- lizard (small)** *n* atüü [HHH].
- load** *n* ibu [HH]; ivu [HH].
- loan** *v* gbazie [HHH]; gbazine [HHH].
- loan (take on)** *v* ñüö [LH].
- loan (take or give)** *v* zie [HHH].
- lobe of breast** *n* ike ara [LL HH]; mgba ara [LL HH]; mkpa ala [LL HH]; mkpa ara [LL HH].
- location** *n* ebe [HH].
- lock** *n* igodo [LHH]; iga [HH]; ugodi [LHH].
- lock** *v* gbacie [HHH].
- locks** *n* abüba isi [HHL HH]; agiliisi [LLL HH].
- lock of hair** *n* ntutu [HLL].
- lock up** *v* gbacie [HHH]; gbasie [HHH].
- locust** *n* igube [LLL]; nwa igu [H LH].
- locust (swarm of)** *n* igulube [LLLL]; igurube [LLLL]; igwurube [LLLL].

**lodge protest** *v* shie ushi [HH LH].  
**log of wood** *n* oshishi [HHH]; osisi [HHH].  
**loincloth** *n* anam [LLL]; ngödö [LLL]; ögödö [LLL]; ögödü [LLL].  
**loiter** *v* gbee [HH].  
**long** *adj* ogologo [HHHH]; ogonogo [HHHH].  
**long life to you!** *v* bilikwa [LHH].  
**long time ago** *adv* gboo [HH] (Önica).  
**Look!** *excl* lee-ele [HH-HH] (Owere); nedü [LH] (Önica); taa [HL].  
**look** *v* lee [LH]; nee [LH]; nyoo [LH].  
**looking-glass** *n* enyo [LL]; nnyo [LL] (Bende); ugegbe [LLL] (Önica).  
**looks (good)** *n* üha [LH].  
**look after** *v* lezie [LHH]; nee [LH]; nezie [LHH].  
**look at** *v* lee [LH]; nee [LH].  
**look at with wonder** *v* haaanya [HH HH].  
**look cheerful** *v* mesaa ihu [HLL HH]; mesaa iru [HLL HH].  
**look disaffected** *v* carüö ihu [HLH HH]; gbalüö iru [HLH HH]; gbarüö ihu [HLH HH].  
**look for** *v* cöga [HH]; tuo [HH].  
**look for trouble** *v* cöö okwu [HH HH].  
**look in direction of** *v* cee ihu [HH HH]; cee iru [HH HH].  
**look out** *v* lepüanya [HL HH]; nepüanya [HL HH].  
**loom** *n* afia [HHH]; ekwere [HHH].  
**loosen** *v* töfö [HL]; töö [HH]; töpee [LHH]; töpü [HL].  
**loose bowels (have)** *v* gbaa afö [HH HH].  
**lopsided (be)** *v* daa aka [HH HH].  
**lord** *n* odogwu [LHH] (Önica).  
**lose blood** *v* gbaa mmee [HH HHH] (Önica); gbaa öbara [HH HH].  
**lose efficacy** *v* rüö [LH].  
**lose lustre** *v* caböö [HHH]; caghaa [HHH]; cuo [LH].  
**lose sleep** *v* cuo üla [HH HH]; cuo üra [HH HH].  
**lose voice** *v* daa ogbi [LH HL]; daa ogbo [LH HL].

**lose weight** *v* fee [HH]; gboo arü [LH HH]; gbüö ahü [HH HH]; gbüö arü [HH HH]; taa ahü [HH HH]; taa arü [HH HH]; vee [HH].  
**loss** *n* efu [HL]; evu [HL]; ifu [HL]; iwi [HL]; iyí [HL].  
**loss (net)** *n* üsü [LL].  
**loss (sustain)** *v* küö ahia [LH HHH].  
**lost (be)** *v* fuo [LH].  
**lost (get)** *v* jefuo [HLH].  
**lot** *n* ita [LH]; nza [LH].  
**lotion** *n* ude [HH].  
**lot (be one's)** *v* hue [LH].  
**louse** *n* igwu [HH].  
**love** *n* anya öma [HHHH]; ifünanya [HLHH] (Önica); ihünanya [HLHH].  
**love** *v* fü n'anya [H HH]; hü n'anya [H HH].  
**love-child** *n* nwa iko [HL HH].  
**lover** *n* enyi [HL]; iko [HH]; ökwü [LL]; öyí [LL] (Önica).  
**lover (have)** *v* yia öyí [LH LL] (Önica).  
**lover (male)** *n* ösi [HL].  
**lower level** *n* ndida [LLL].  
**lower load** *v* buda [HL]; pada [HL]; vuda [HL]; zee [HH]; zie [HH].  
**lowland** *n* ndida [LLL].  
**low-lying area** *n* ndida [LLL].  
**low-priced** *adj* önu ala [HH LL].  
**low tone** *n* önu ala [HH LL].  
**lubricate** *v* taa [HH].  
**luck** *n* akara aka [HLL HH]; awele [HHH] (West Igbo); ewele [HHH].  
**luck (good- or ill-)** *n* ci [H].  
**lug along** *v* dökpürü [LHH].  
**lump** *n* esisi [HHH].  
**lunch** *n* aziphiie [LL HHL].  
**lung** *n* ngü [LL]; ngügü [LLL]; üfuükporo [LLLL] (Owere).  
**lung disease** *n* ngü ilo [LL LH].  
**lust after** *v* güä [LH]; güö [LH].  
**luxury** *n* uju akü [LH LL].  
**lye** *n* ngo [HH].  
**lyre** *n* übö akwara [LH].

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- machine** *n* igwe [HL].
- madness** *n* ala [HH] (Önica); ara [HH]; isi mgbaka [HH HHH]; mmöö öjöö [LHH HHH]; mmüö öjöö [LHH HHH].
- madness (god of)** *n* Agwü [HL].
- mad (become)** *v* gbaa ala [HH HH]; gbaa ara [HH HH]; ghaa ala [HH HL] (Önica); güö ala [LH HH] (Önica); wia ala [LH HH]; yia ala [LH HH].
- maggot** *n* afufu [HHH]; agam-evu [LH-HL]; ahühü [HHH]; arürü [HHH]; ehuhu [HHH]; esusu [HLH]; ikpulu [LHH]; ikpuru [LHH]; ituru [LLL]; ndu [LL].
- magic** *n* anwa nsi [LL LL]; ihe nzuzu [HH LHH].
- magical change** *n* ecici [HHH]; eriri [HLL].
- magical show** *n* aca ökü [LH HH].
- magician** *n* mgba asii [HL LH].
- magistrate** *n* onye ikpe [HH LH].
- mahogany** *n* aci [HH] *Gossweilerdenaron balsamiferum*; uku [LL].
- maiden** *n* abüghö [LHL]; agböhö [LHL]; agböhö öbia [LHH HLL]; agbüghö [LHL]; ikporo [LLH]; Mgbe [LL]; Mgbo [LH] (Udi); m kpötö [HHL]; okporo [LLH].
- main** *adj* nne [HH].
- main** *n* nne [HH].
- main gate** *n* ekwo ülö [HH HL]; ekwu ülö [HH HL].
- main hall** *n* obi [LH].
- main road** *n* ogigi ala [HLH LL].
- maize** *n* akpa akpa [LL LL] (Ndizögü); apkökpä [LLH] (Afikpo); ikpakpa [LLH] (Öhafia); öka [HL]; ükwa oru [HL HL] (Ökigwe).
- maize (kind of)** *n* amii aca [LH LH].
- maize-pottage** *n* akpa akpa [LL LL] (Ndizögü).
- maize flour** *n* alibö [LLH] (loan).
- maize pap** *n* akamu [LLL]; ogi [LL].
- maize pollen** *n* nza [HH].
- make** *v* mee [LH].
- make-believe** *n* nrürö [LHH].
- make faces** *v* kpuo anya [LH HH].
- make light** *v* gbaa mfe [HH HH].
- make money** *v* kpaa ego [HH HH].
- make music** *n* kpöö [HH].
- make sacrifice** *v* süö [HH].
- make serious effort** *v* gbania [HLH]; kaa arü [HH HH]; nwaa oko [LH LL].
- make war** *v* lüö ögü [LH LL].
- make way** *v* caa [LH]; saa [LH].
- malaria fever** *n* iba [HL].
- male** *adj* oke [HH].
- malediction** *n* akwükwa [LLL].
- male organ** *n* agba ahü [HH HH].
- male person** *n* abia [HLL]; nwa nwoke [H HH]; nwoke [HL].
- male prefix** *n* oko [HH].
- male youth** *n* onye oke [HH HH].
- malign** *v* kötöö [HLH]; kpöö ajö aha [HH HH HL].
- malleable** *adj* nro [HL].
- mammon** *n* akü [LL].
- man** *n* nwa nwoke [H HH]; nwoke [HL]; onye oke [HH HH] (Öhafia).
- mango** *n* apkükpa [HHH]; üpüpa [LHH] (Bende); ugili [HHH]; ugiri [HHH]; *Irvingia gabonensis*; ujuru [HHH] (Bende).
- mango (kind of)** *n* agbölö [LLL]; agböönö [LLL]; ögbönö [LLL]; *Irvinia gaboneensis excelsa*.
- mangrove fly** *n* ijiji önyü-aka [HHH HH-HH].
- manhood ceremony** *n* ökpö [HH].
- manifest (become)** *v* böö [LH]; büö [LH]; vüö [LH].
- manilla** *n* ikpeghe [LLL] (Bende); okpogho [LLL] (Bende); üla [HL].
- manner** *n* aghaa [LHH]; aka [HH]; aña [LHH]; etu [HH]; otu [HH]; üdii [LH].
- manners** *n* agwa [LL]; ezi [LH]; umere [HHH].
- man (of title)** *n* nze [LL]; Ogbu agü [LH HH].
- man (strong)** *n* dimkpa [HLL].
- man (uncircumcised)** *n* apii [LL].
- man (without title)** *n* agbala [LLL] (Önica).
- man-hole** *n* önu mpo [HH LH]; önu ntü [HH HH].
- many** *adj* ada [HH]; nnukwu [HHH].
- many** *n* edege [LLL] (Bende); imeliime [LLHLL]; imeriime [LLHLL]; imilikiti [LLLHH] (Önica); ötüü [LHH].
- man of means** *n* ögalanya [LLLL]; ögaranya [LLLL].
- maple** *n* ebenebe [HLHH] *Triplochiton scleroxylon*.

**mark** *n* ama [HL]; amü [HH]; edide [HLL] (West Igbo).

**mark** *v* hüba ama [LH HH]; hüwa ama [LH HH]; riba ama [LH HH]; rüba ama [LH]; yiwe ama [HH HH].

**market** *n* afia [HHH] (Önica); ahia [HHH]; ogbe [HL].

**market-place** *n* öma ahia [HL HHH].

**market-town** *n* abakpa [LLL] (loan?).

**market (daily)** *n* ogumabiri [LLLHH]; ogwumabiri [LLHHH] (Ijaw).

**market (evening)** *n* ahia ogwe [HHH HL].

**market bag** *n* akpa igbo [LH LL] (Önica).

**market day (names of)** *n* Afö [LL]; Ahö [LL] (Afikpo); Eke [LH]; Nkwö [LH]; Orië [HLL]; Oye [HLL].

**market square** *n* ögbö ahia [LH HHH].

**mark (facial)** *n* ici [LL].

**mark (make)** *v* kaa [LH].

**marksman** *n* di egbe [H-HL].

**marksmanship** *n* nta [LH].

**marks (cosmetic)** *n* agba ala [HH LL]; akika [HLL]; mbubu [HLL].

**mark down** *v* belata [LHH]; benata [LHH].

**marriage** *n* alülü [LHH]; olülü [LHH]; öünü [LHH].

**married (be)** *v* nwee di [HH H]; nwee nwanyi [HH HL].

**married (get)** *v* laa di [HH H]; naa di [HH H].

**marrow** *n* ümii [LL].

**marrow fat** *n* ütörö [HLL].

**marry** *v* löö [HH]; lüö [HH]; nüö [HH].

**marry (for a man)** *v* lüö nwanyi [HH HL].

**marry (for a woman)** *v* lüö di [HH H].

**marsh** *n* ude [LH]; üpitü [HLL]; üpitüri [HHHH]; üpotörö [HHHH]; ürürö [LHH] (Öhafia); ürürü [LHH].

**marshy land** *n* olu [HH] (Önica); oru [HL].

**marvellous** *adj* ngöö [LHH].

**masculine** *adj* oke [HH].

**mask** *n* egwugwu [HHH]; ekpo [HH] (loan); ökpa [LL] (Afikpo); ökwa [HH].

**masked spirit** *n* mmanwü [LHH]; mmöö [LHH].

**masoleum** *n* igbudu [LLL].

**masquerade** *n* aba [LL] (Afikpo); egbele [HLL] (Afikpo); egwugwu [HHH]; ekpo [HH] (loan); mmanwü [LHH]; mmöö [LHH]; ökpa [LL] (Afikpo).

**masquerade** *v* kpuo mmöö [HH LHH].

**masquerade (kinds of)** *n* agaba [HHH]; awudu [LHH]; ekpe [HL]; ijele [LLL]; ijere [LLL]; odo [HH]; ömaba [HLE].

**massacre** *v* gbubiga [HLH] (Ngwa).

**massage** *v* huo aka [LH HH]; kpüküö [HLH]; rüraa [HLH].

**masses** *n* ira [LL]; öha [LL]; öra [LL]; ösa [LL].

**mass migration** *n* öpüpü [HHH].

**master** *n* Dee [HH]; Deede [HHL]; di [H]; nna ukwu [HH HH].

**master-hunter** *n* di nta [H LH].

**master-smith** *n* nna üzü [HL HH]; ome nka [HH LL].

**master-tapper** *n* di oci [H LH].

**master-wrestler** *n* di mgba [H LH].

**masticate** *v* taa [LH].

**mat** *n* aginii [LLL]; eto [HL]; mkpara [LLL]; ute [HH].

**match** *n* okwu [HH].

**matchet** *n* akpa [HH]; mma [HL]; mma oge [HH LL]; obeji [HHH]; ogbu adani [LH HHL]; öpia [LLH]; ötaki [LHH].

**match stick** *n* mkpa ökü [LH HH].

**mate** *n* adiele [HHLH]; ebili [HLL]; ebiri [HLL] (Owere); ede ele [HH HH] (Önica); ibe [HL]; ögbö [LH]; uke [HH]; ulo [HH]; uloo [HLL].

**maternal unit** *n* ogbolodo [LLLL] (Öka).

**maternity ceremony** *n* ömügwö [HLH].

**mat (bamboo)** *n* akirika [HHHH].

**mat (kind of)** *n* aka inya [LH LL] (Öka); akpa ala [LL HH]; ata inye [HH LL].

**matriclan** *n* ikwu [HH].

**matter** *n* ife [HH]; ihe [HH] (Owere); ive [HH] (Aguleri); okwu [HH].

**mature** *v* meruo [LHH]; torue [HHH].

**mature (be)** *v* kaa [HH].

**maw** *v* tagbuo [LHH].

**maybe** *adv* ike kwe [HH H].

**maze** *n* ngöngö [HHH].

**Mbari work-crew** *n* ndi mgbe [HH LL].

**me** *prn* mü [H].

**meal** *n* azi [LL]; erimeri [LHHH]; nli [HH] (Önica); nni [HH] (Önica); nri [HH] (Owere); ökazü [LHH] (Öhafia); üçü [LH].

**meal (morning)** *n* ari [LL].

**meal (prepare)** *v* shie [HH]; sie [HH].

**meandering** *n* ngöngö [HHH].

**meanness** *n* alülü ana [HHH LL]; arürü ala

- [HHH LL]; nta [LH].
- mean to** *v* cörö [LL].
- measles** *n* agwa [HL]; akpata [HLL]; alibala [LHHH]; alübala [LLHH].
- measure** *n* ama [HL]; nkeji [HHH]; üma [HL].
- measure** *v* maa [LH]; sie [LH]; tüö [LH].
- measure (feet)** *n* ama ükwü [HL HH].
- measure depth** *v* tüö oke [HH LL].
- meat** *n* anü [HH]; nta-nta [LL-LH]; unu [HH] (Afikpo).
- meat/fish dish** *n* ngwöngwö [LLHH].
- mediate** *v* gboo [LH].
- medical centre** *n* ülö ögwü [HL HH].
- medicine (from herbs)** *n* ögwü ahihia [HL HHH].
- medicinal plants** *n* iwele [LHH]; iwere [LHH]
- Tephrosia toxicana*; okwuma [LLH]
- Butyrospermum paradoxum parkii*; uke [LL]; üziza [HHH] *Piper guineese*; *Glyphaea lateriflora*.
- medicine** *n* ögwü [HL]; öhaï [LLH].
- medicine (names of)** *n* etili [LLL] (Öka); etiri [LLL]; ori [HL].
- medicine man** *n* dibia [HLL]; ömaba [HLL].
- medicine pot** *n* udu [LL].
- meet** *v* hü [H]; kpöö ihu [HH HH]; kpöö iru [HH HH]; nököö [LHH]; züköö [LHH]; zuköta [HLH]; zuo [LH]; zute [LH].
- meeting** *n* nzukö [HLH].
- meeting place** *n* ibari [HHH].
- meet on arrival** *v* zute [LH].
- melon** *n* ahü [HH] (Bende); anyü [HH].
- melon cake** *n* agbara atii [HHH HHH]; mkpürüsü [LLLH]; ösü [HL].
- melon seed** *n* egusi [LHH] (loan) *Citrullus vulgaris*; *Citrullus lanatus*; egwusi [LHH]; elili [HLL]; eliri [HLL]; enini [HLL]; nwannu [HHH].
- melt** *v* delie [HLH]; derie [HLH]; gbazee [HLH].
- membrane** *n* akpükö [HHH]; akpükü [HHH].
- memory** *n* nceta [HLH].
- mend** *v* dücie [HHH]; kwacie [HHH]; mezie [LHH].
- mend (e. g. thatch)** *v* wacie [LHH].
- mend bone** *v* gbaa ökpükü [HH HHH].
- men (adult)** *n* ikom [HHL].
- menstrual blood** *n* ezi [LH].
- menstruate** *v* gbaa ezi [HH LH]; söö ezi [HH LH].
- menstruation** *n* ezi [LH]; onye nwanyi [HH LL]; öba [LL].
- mental illness** *n* ara [HH]; isi mgbaka [HH HHH].
- merchandise** *n* ngwa ahia [HH HHH].
- merciful (be)** *v* mee ögö [HH LL].
- mercy** *n* amala [LLL]; amara [LLL]; ebele [LHL]; ebere [LLL] (Owere); mgbaghalü [HHLH]; mgbaghari [HHHH]; ögö [LL]; ömikö [HHL].
- mermaid** *n* agbogöhö mmüö [LHH LHH].
- merriment** *n* iko [HH] (Afikpo); ngöli [HLH]; nkölï [HLH]; nnöli [HLH]; nnörï [HLH].
- message** *n* ozi [HH].
- messenger** *n* oje ozi [LH HH]; ükö [HL].
- metal** *n* igwe [HL].
- metal (light)** *n* agbügba [LLL]; ügbügba [LLL].
- metal bar** *n* aba [LL].
- metal ring** *n* önyima [HHH].
- metal spike** *n* ntu [LH].
- meteor** *n* ekili [LLL].
- metre** *n* ngada [LLL].
- middle** *n* ede [HH]; etiti [LHH].
- middle (of road)** *n* ede üzö [HH HL].
- middle of** *n* öma [HL].
- midnight** *n* abalï isi [LLL LL]; etiti ci [LHL H]; nda eli [LL HH]; nda eri [LL HH]; nde eli [LL HH]; nde eri [LL HH].
- mid-afternoon** *n* efifie [LHL].
- mid-day** *n* ogbulo [HHH] (Afikpo).
- mid-rib** *n* ngü na-abö [LL H-HH].
- migraine** *n* adikö [LH].
- mildew** *n* ebu [LL]; efu [LL]; evu [LL].
- mildewed** *v* maa ebu [HH LL].
- mild-mannered** *adj* nwayö [HLL].
- mild paralysis** *n* izizi [LLL].
- military leader** *n* eze ögü [HL LL].
- millet** *n* azizi [HHH]; inyari [LLL].
- million** *num* nde [LL].
- millions** *num* ijeri [LH].
- millions (several)** *n* nde-nde [LL LL].
- millipede** *n* agwönkü [HH HH]; alili [HHH] (Önica); arirï [HHH] (Owere); esu [HH].
- millipede (kinds of)** *n* esu nwali [HH HL]; esu nwara [HH HL]; esu öjü [HH LH]; esu ökpüna [HH LLL]; esu ukoro [HH HLL]; esu ülö [HH HL].
- mimic** *v* jee [HH]; ñomie [LHH].

**mimicry** *n* ejije [HLH].  
**mind** *n* uce [HL].  
**minister** *n* ükô Cukwu [HL HH].  
**minor** *adj* ntakirî [HLHH]; obele [HHH] (Önica).  
**minuscule** *adj* nga nga [HH-HH].  
**miracle** *n* ebelebe [HHHH]; ebenebe [HHHH]; eshi [HH]; ihe ebube [HLL].  
**mire** *n* apiti [HLL]; apitô [HLL].  
**mirror** *n* enyo [LL]; nnyo [LL] (Bende); ugegbe [LLL] (Önica).  
**misadventure** *n* uke [LL].  
**miscarriage** *n* ime öpüpü [HH LLL].  
**miscarriage (avert)** *v* kee ukwu [HH HL]; tee afô [HH HL].  
**miscarriage (have)** *v* kwee ime [HH HL].  
**miscarry** *v* tukwee ime [HHH HL].  
**mischance** *n* öghöm [LHH].  
**mischief** *n* agü [HL]; alülü ana [HHH LL]; arürü ala [HHH LL].  
**miser** *n* ikö [LH].  
**miserliness** *n* mkpikpia [HHLL].  
**miserly (be)** *v* kpikpia [HLH].  
**misfire** *v* jüö ökü [LH HH].  
**misfortune** *n* alili [LLL] (Önica); ariri [LLL] (Owere); ebelebe [HHHH]; ebenebe [HHHH]; ucu [LL].  
**mishap** *n* mberede [LLH]; ödaci [HLH]; öghiï [LHH]; öghö [LH]; üghö [LH].  
**mishap (have)** *v* ghöö [HH].  
**mislead** *v* lafuo [HLH]; rafuo [HLH]; rahuo [HLH].  
**mis-direction** *n* njafu [HHL].  
**mis-understanding** *n* nghötahie [HHLHH].  
**miss** *n* nwa ada [H HH].  
**missing (be)** *v* fuo [LH].  
**misspeak** *v* kwaze öñü [HL HH].  
**miss one's way** *v* fuo üzö [LH HH].  
**miss someone** *v* maa agwa [HH LL].  
**mist** *n* alülü [HLH]; alülüü [HLHH]; ibubo [LHH]; ijiriji [HHHH].  
**mistake** *n* üghö [LH].  
**mistress** *n* iko [HH]; ökwü [LL]; öyi [LL] (Önica).  
**mite** *n* aninï [LHH].  
**mitigate** *v* bee [HH].  
**mix** *v* gbee [HH]; gboo [LH]; gwaa [HH]; gwee [HH]; gwöö [HH].  
**mix together** *v* gwakökö [LHH].  
**moan** *n* ude [HL].

**moan** *v* bee [HH]; bee akwa [HH HH]; rie ude [HH HL]; süa ude [LH HL].  
**moaning** *n* obube [LHH]; ube [HH].  
**mock** *v* cia öci [LH HL].  
**mockery** *n* akaje [LLL] (loan?); akaji [LLL] (loan?); emo [HL]; emu [HL]; öñü [HL].  
**mock with laughter** *v* kwüö ocí [HH HL].  
**modernity** *n* enu azí [HH HL].  
**modify** *v* megharia [LHHH].  
**moi-moi** *n* alele [LLL] (Öka); elele [LLL] (Önica).  
**molar** *n* agbölögada [HHHHH]; agbülügam [HHHHH] (Öka).  
**molars** *n* eze aga [HH HL]; eze nkwaba [HH HHL]; ikere eze [LHH HH].  
**mole** *n* adaka [HHH]; ntüpö ojii [HHH HHH].  
**mole-cricket** *n* abüzü [HHL].  
**mollify** *v* melöö obi [HLH HL]; meruo obi [HLH HL].  
**moment** *n* ntabi anya [HLH HH].  
**money** *n* egö [HH]; ikpeghe [LLL] (Bende); ogidi [HLL]; okpogho [LLL] (Bende).  
**money (make)** *v* kpaa ego [HH HH].  
**money bundle** *n* ngwugwu ego [HLL HH].  
**monitor** *n* aghö [HH]; aghü [HH].  
**monkey** *n* enwe [LL]; enwo [LL].  
**monkey (kind of)** *n* abidi [HLL]; abüdü [HLL].  
**monsoon** *n* iju mmiri [LH HHH]; udu mmiri [LH HHH].  
**month** *n* önwa [HH].  
**monument** *n* ogidi [HLL].  
**moon** *n* önwa [HH].  
**moon halo** *n* ikolo önwa [HLL HH].  
**mope** *v* baa anya [HH HH].  
**morning** *n* ci [H]; ütütü [LHL].  
**morsel** *n* okpoko [LLH]; opoko [LLH]; ökpü [LL].  
**mortar** *n* odo [HH].  
**mortar (large)** *n* ikwe [HL].  
**mortar (small-sized)** *n* osiwe [HLH].  
**mortar (small)** *n* ökwa [HH].  
**mortgage** *n* ibe [HH] (Ihiala); mbe [HH].  
**mosquito** *n* anwü [HH]; anwü nta [HH HL]; anwüta [HHL]; ibüba [HLL].  
**most of all** *adv* nke ka nke [LH H LL].  
**moth** *n* nla [LH].  
**mother's birthplace** *n* umere nne [HHH LH].  
**mother** *n* nne [HH].  
**mother-in-law** *n* nne di [HH H].  
**moth (kind of)** *n* ibube [LLL]; ilokolo übüba

[LLLL LHH]; mbube [LLL]; ubube [LLL]; ukuru übüba [LLLLHH]; urukuru übüba [LLLL LHH]; übüba [LHH]; ere mbubara [LL LHHH].	<b>mud</b> <i>n</i> aja [HH]; apiti [HLL]; apitö [HLL]; atakere [HHHH]; öpotöpötö [LLLHH]; üpa [HH]; üpitü [HLL]; üpitüri [HHHH]; üpö [HH]; üpotörö [HHHH].
<b>motor-car</b> <i>n</i> ügbö ala [HH LL]; ügbö anii [HH LL] (Önica).	<b>muddy</b> <i>adj</i> pötö pötö [LL-HH].
<b>mould</b> <i>n</i> ebu [LL]; efu [LL]; evu [LL].	<b>mudfish</b> <i>n</i> efi [LL]; eri [LL]; eshi [LL]; esi [LL].
<b>mould</b> <i>v</i> kpüö [HH].	<b>mud (kneaded)</b> <i>n</i> ötö [LL].
<b>mould (grow)</b> <i>v</i> maa ebu [HH LL]; maa efu [HH LL]; maa evu [HH LL].	<b>mud-bed</b> <i>n</i> mfpoko [LLH]; mfpokpo [LLH]; obogho [LLH]; ugbo [HH] (Afikpo).
<b>mould to shape</b> <i>v</i> gwöö [HH].	<b>mud-wall</b> <i>n</i> mgba aja [HL HH]; mgbidì [HHH]; ögba aja [HL HH].
<b>moult</b> <i>v</i> gbiö [LH]; nwee [LH]; nwoo [LH]; nwuo [LH]; woo [LH]; woo awölö [HH].	<b>multiply</b> <i>v</i> hie nne [HH HH] (Owere); rie nne [HH HH] (Önica); zie nne [HH HH].
<b>mound</b> <i>n</i> ogidi [HLL]; ogidi ala [HLL LL]; ogigi ala [HLH LL]; ude [LH].	<b>multi-coloured (be)</b> <i>v</i> tüö agwa [LH LL].
<b>mount</b> <i>v</i> nyie [HH]; ria [HH].	<b>multitude</b> <i>n</i> igwe [LL]; uju [LH].
<b>mountain</b> <i>n</i> ugwu [HH].	<b>murder</b> <i>v</i> gbuo mmüö [HH HHH] (Öhafia); tigbuo [LHH]; tipü ndü [HL HL].
<b>mourn</b> <i>v</i> gbaa mkpe [HH HH]; kwaa [HH]; roo uju [HH HH]; ruo uju [HH HL]; ruo uru [HH LL].	<b>murder (commit)</b> <i>v</i> gbuo mmadü [HH HHL]; gbuo öcü [HH HL].
<b>mourning</b> <i>n</i> akwa [HH]; mkpe [HH]; uru [LH].	<b>murmur</b> <i>v</i> takwo [HLH]; tamuo [LH].
<b>mourning cloth</b> <i>n</i> akwa mkpe [HL HL]; ögödö [LLL].	<b>murmuring</b> <i>n</i> ntakwu [HHH]; ntamu [HHL].
<b>mouse</b> <i>n</i> asanii [LLL]; atanii [LLL] <i>Graphiurus spp; oke</i> [LH].	<b>mushroom</b> <i>n</i> elo [HH]; elue [HHH] (Ösömari); ero [HL].
<b>moustache</b> <i>n</i> afa [LL]; afa önu [LL HH] (Önica); aha önu [LL HH] (Owere); ava önu [LL HH] (Anambra).	<b>mushroom (kind of)</b> <i>n</i> ebube [LLL].
<b>mouth</b> <i>n</i> önu [HH].	<b>mushroom (tree)</b> <i>n</i> akülü [HLL].
<b>mouth disease</b> <i>n</i> awaka önu [LHH].	<b>mushy (become)</b> <i>v</i> dee [LH].
<b>move</b> <i>v</i> paghaa [HHH].	<b>music</b> <i>n</i> egwu [HH]; nkwa [HL]; uri [HH].
<b>movement</b> <i>n</i> üñara [HLL].	<b>musical group</b> <i>n</i> otu egwu [LL HH].
<b>move around</b> <i>v</i> pagharia [HHHH].	<b>musical instrument</b> <i>n</i> ekere [HHL]; ekere mgba [HHL LL]; ekpili [LLL]; ekpiri [LLL]; kpönkpö [HHH]; ncakirikpö [LHHHH]; udu [LL]; ufie [HLL]; ugene [LHL]; üyo [LL].
<b>move closer</b> <i>v</i> kpüdebe [HLH].	<b>musicians</b> <i>n</i> ndi egwu [HH HH].
<b>move lower down</b> <i>v</i> gbada [HL].	<b>music (kind of)</b> <i>n</i> ese [LL]; eshe [LL].
<b>move out</b> <i>v</i> föpü [HL]; höpü [HL].	<b>mustiness</b> <i>adj</i> üra [LL].
<b>move stealthily</b> <i>v</i> ghee [HH]; hee [HH]; here [HH].	<b>mute</b> <i>n</i> ogbii [HLL].
<b>move with caution</b> <i>v</i> dee ide [LH HL]; yee [HH].	<b>mutter</b> <i>v</i> takaa ntaka [HLH HHL].
<b>mow</b> <i>v</i> süö [LH].	<b>mutterings</b> <i>n</i> ntaka [HHL]; ntakü [HHL].
<b>muck</b> <i>n</i> nsii anü [HH HH].	<b>muzzle (of gun)</b> <i>n</i> okporo egbe [HLL HL].

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**nail** *n* ntu [LH].

**nail** *v* kpöö [HH].

**nail-scratch** *n* mbö [LH]; mvö [LH].

**nail disease** *n* aka nzo [HH HH]; ama-afia aka [LL-HHH HH].

**nail down** *v* kpöde [LH].

**nail to death** *v* kpögbe [LHH]; kpögbeuo [LHH].

**naive person** *n* olukwu [HLH]; onuku [HLH].

**naked** *adj* ötö [LH].

**nakedness** *n* ötö [HL].

**naked (go)** *v* gbaa ötö [HH LH].

**name** *n* afa [HL]; aha [HL].

**name** *v* baa [LH]; güö afa [LH] (Önica); güö aha [LH]; kpöö [HH]; kupüö [LHH] (Öhafia).

**name (sacred)** *n* aha ci [HH L]; aha üwa [HL LL].

**name-calling** *n* ikwu [LL].

**namesake** *n* agü [HL]; ogbo [LL] (Isikwuatö); ökpö [HH].

**name a child** *v* göö afa [LH HL]; göö aha [LH HL].

**nap (take a)** *v* hie üra [HH HH]; koo üla [HH HH]; larü üla [HH HH]; raha üra [HH HH].

**narrate** *v* kaa [LH]; köö [HH]; kpaï [HH] (Öhafia).

**narrative** *n* akükö [HHH]; eta [HL]; übübö [HLL] (Öhafia).

**narrow** *adj* wara wara [HH-HH].

**narrow (be)** *v* kpaa [HH].

**nation** *n* mba [HL]; obodo [LLL].

**nature** *n* üwa [LL].

**nauseating (be)** *v* nuo agbö [LH HH]; ruo agbö [LH HH].

**navel** *n* akpü otobo [HL HLL]; akpü otume [HL HLL]; akpü otuwe [LL HLL]; otobo [LLL] (Önica); otubo [HLL]; otume [HLL] (West Igbo); otuwe [HLL].

**ne'er-do-well** *n* aghala [LHH]; aghara [LLL]; akara ogiri [LLH LLL] (Ndizögü); ayiliya [LLHL]; ofeke [LHL]; ogholi [HLL]; ogoli [HLL]; ogori [HLL]; oholi [HLL]; ökali'oholi [LLH LLL].

**near** *adv* ndü [HH]; nso [LH].

**nearby** *adv* nso [LH].

**neck** *n* akpili [LHH]; akpiři [LHH]; ekwe [HL]; ekwo [HL]; olu [HH] (Owere); onu [HH] (Önica).

**necklace** *n*anya olu [LL HH].

**necromancy** *n* anwa nsi [LL LL].

**need** *n* mkpa [HL].

**needed (be)** *v* kpaa mkpa [LH HL].

**needle** *n* aga [HH]; agiga [HHH]; alaga [HHH]; anaga [HHH]; asa [LH]; ndü [LH]; ndüdü [LHH]; ntütü [HHH].

**needle-grass** *n* ata [HH].

**need (meet)** *v* gboo mkpa [LH HL].

**negative value** *n* efu [HL]; evu [HL].

**neglect** *n* nleli [HHL]; nnene [HHL]; nneni [HHL]; ölili [LLL].

**neglect** *v* gbaghalü [HLH]; gbaghara [HLH]; gbaghariü [HLH]; ghalü [LH]; ghara [LH]; lelia [HLH]; nenia [HLH]; ralü [LH] (Önica).

**negligence** *n* ölili [LLL].

**neighbour** *n* agbata obi [LLL HL]; ibe [HL].

**neighbourhood** *n* agbata [LLL]; önuma [HHH]; önumara [HHHH].

**nerve** *n* akwara [HHL].

**nest** *n* akpa [LL]; akwü [LH].

**net** *n* ighbö [LH]; übü [HL].

**nether world** *n* ala mmöö [LH HHH].

**net (fishing)** *n* eriri [HHH].

**net (hunter's)** *n* ubgu [LH].

**neutralise** *v* rüö [LH].

**never** *adv* adaa [HHH] (Önica).

**never-dying** *adj* anwü anwü [HH HH].

**never-ending** *adv* ebighi ebi [HLL LL].

**nevertheless** *adv* otumasighi [LLHHH].

**new** *adj* öfulü [HHH]; öhühü [HHH] (Afikpo); öhürü [HHH].

**newness** *n* öhürü [HHH].

**news** *n* ozi [HH].

**new generation** *n* enu azii [HH HL].

**New Yam festival** *n* Ahiajökü [LLLHH]; Fejioku [LHHH]; Ifejioku [LLHHH].

**next** *adv* özö [LH].

**next to** *prep* n'agüga [HLL].

**night** *n* abali [LLL]; abanii [LLL];anya ucici [HH LHL]; anyasi [LHL]; añaasi [LHL]; ucici [LHH]; ujishi [LHL]; ujisi [LHL].

**nightfall** *n* ururu anyasi [LHH LHL].

**night-hawk** *n* egbe abali [HH LLL].

**night-marauders** *n* abali-di-egwu [LLL-LHL].

**night-time** *n* abalí [LLL]; abaní [LLL]; anya ucici [HH LHL]; anyasí [LHL]; añasí [LHL]; ucici [LHH]; ujishi [LHL]; ujisi [LHL].  
**night rat** *n* icici [LLL]; ncici [LLL].  
**nimbleness** *n* ghara-ghara [HH-HH].  
**nine/ninth** *num* itenani [LLHH]; itolu [LHH]; teghete [HHH]; teghite [HHH]; tolu [HL].  
**No!** *adv* mba [HL]; olo [HL]; Oo-lo [LH L] (Owere).  
**noble man** *n* amadi [LHH].  
**noise** *n* mkpötü [HHH]; üñara [HLL].  
**noise (loud)** *n* üzü [LL].  
**non-indigenes** *n* ife [LL] (Abiriba).  
**nonsense** *n* inyo [LH].  
**nook and corner** *n* nci [LL].  
**noon** *n* ehihie [LHLL]; mgba ci [HL H].  
**north-wind (dry)** *n* ügürü [HLL].  
**nose** *n* imi [HH].  
**nose-bleeding** *n* ezi imi [LL HH]; uzu imi [LL HH].  
**nose bridge** *n* utulu [LLL].  
**nostril** *n* imi [HH].  
**note** *n* önü [HH].  
**note well** *v* hüba ama [LH HH]; hüwa ama [LH HH]; rüba ama [LH]; yiwe ama [HH HH].  
**nothingness** *n* ükpörö [LHH].  
**notice** *v* ñaa ntí [HH LL].  
**notice (legal)** *n* ökwa [HL].  
**notwithstanding** *adv* otumasighi [LLHH].  
**not at all** *adv* nca [LH] (Önica).

**not even** *adv* ma [L].  
**novelty** *n* öhürü [HHH].  
**novice** *n* ogbodo [LLL] (Ihiala).  
**now** *adv* kitaa [HLL] (Önica); udua [LHL] (Ihiala); ubua [LHL] (Owere); üdaa [LHH] (Isu); üdüa [LHL].  
**nude** *adj* ötö [LH].  
**nude (be)** *v* gbaa ötö [HH LH].  
**nudity** *n* ötö [HL].  
**nuisance** *n* ifufuu [LLHH]; igiri [LLL]; ikpa [LH]; ügbalügba [HLHH].  
**nuisance (be)** *v* waa isi [HH HH].  
**number** *n* ole [LH]; one [LH]; önü ögögü [HHHH].  
**number of times** *n* mgbolo [LLL] (Ösomari); ugboro [LLL]; ugboron [LLL].  
**numbness** *n* izizi [LLL].  
**numeration** *n* ögögü [HHH].  
**numerous** *adj* imelime [LLHL]; imerime [LLHL]; imilikiti [LLLHH] (Önica); nnukwu [HHH].  
**nurse** *v* nye ala [L HH]; nye ara [L HH]; zügaaf [LHH].  
**nurse (a baby)** *v* kuo nwa [LH HH].  
**nurse wound** *v* riä önya [LH HH].  
**nursing period** *n* ömögwo [HLH].  
**nurture** *v* kuo [LH]; zügaaf [LHH]; züö [LH].  
**nut** *n* aki [HH]; akü [HH].  
**nut (kind of)** *n* oze [HH] (Udi).  
**nut (of wild pear)** *n* ösa [LH].

## O

- O!** excl daa [LL].
- o'clock** n elekele [HHHH]; elekere [HHHH].
- oar** n amala [LLL] (Önica); amara [LLL].
- oath (take)** v düö isi [LH HH]; fituo iyi [LHH HH]; nüö iyi [HH HL].
- oath-bound (be)** v gbaa iyi [HH HL].
- obdurant (be)** v kacie obi [HHH HL].
- obedient (be)** v huwe isi [LH HH]; rube isi [LH HH] (Önica); ruwe isi [LH HH].
- obesity** n ibu [HH].
- objection** n agügö [LLL].
- object to** v hihie isi [LHL HH]; rühaa [HHH] (Öhafia).
- obliteration** n aja [LL].
- obsequies** n akwa [HH].
- obstacle** n egwe [LL] (Öka); ödaci [HLH].
- obstinacy** n isi akwara [HH HH].
- obstinate (be)** v gbaa isi akwara [HH HH]; kacie obi [HHH HL]; nyaa isi [LH HH].
- obstruct** v dacie [LHH]; gbabricie [HLHH]; nöcie [LHH].
- obtain** v data [LH].
- occasion** n oge [HL].
- occiput** n ekwe [HL]; ekwo [HL].
- occupation** n mbici [HHH].
- occupy by force** v bicie [HHH].
- ocean** n orimili [LLLL]; oshimirí [LLLL]; osimili [LLLL]; osimiri [LLLL].
- ochre (yellow)** n edo [LL].
- odds and ends** n ngwa [HH].
- odd set** n üma [HH].
- ode** n ugoli [HHH].
- odour** n isi [HL]; isisi [HLL]; ushi [HL]; usi [HL].
- odour (have)** v shie [LH]; shie ushi [LH HL]; sie [LH]; sie isi [LH HL].
- of** prn nke [LL].
- Off!** excl caa [HL].
- offence** n ete [HH].
- offend** v mejöö [LHH].
- offering** n aja [LL].
- offer kola** v cee öjii [HH HH]; süö öjii [LH HH].
- offer sacrifice** v cüa [HH].
- office** n ökwa [HH]; ülö örü [HL HH].
- off-record** adv n'azü [LHH]; n'okpuru [LLHL].
- offspring** n azi [HL] (Önica); nwa [H].
- offspring (have)** v müta [HH].
- of age to (be)** v tozue [HLH].
- of which** prn nke [LL].
- oh!** excl a-a [H-L]; E-woo! [LHH]; E-wu [LH]; lee-ele [HH-HH] (Owere); nedü [LH] (Önica); Wee-wu [HH-L] (Ökigwe); caä [HL].
- oil** n mmanü [HHH]; ofe igbo [HH LL] (Oguta); übara [HHH].
- oil** v tee mmanü [LH HHH].
- oil (congealed)** n agbadi [HLL] (loan?).
- oil (hand-squeezed)** n akwü nrö [HH HL].
- oil (seed)** n ude [HH].
- oil (thin)** n agülü [HLH].
- oil-bean** n akpaka [LHH]; ügba [LH]; ügbaka [LHH]; ügbakala [LHHH]; ükpaka [LHH]; *Pentaclethra macrophylla*.
- oil-seed (black)** n ükpö [HH].
- oil lamp** n mpara ökü [LLL HH].
- oil palm** n nkü [HH] *Elaeis guineensis*.
- ointment** n ude [HH].
- okra/okro** n ökölö [HLL] (Önica); ökwülü [HLL] (Önica); ökwürü [HLL] *Hibiscus esculentus*.
- old** adj ocie [HHL].
- older than (be)** v söö [HH].
- oldest "nwa-ada"** n ada ünö [LH HL] (Önica).
- old (be)** v kaa [HH].
- old age** n nka [HH].
- old person** n agadi [HHH].
- omen** n ehihi [HLL].
- omit** v gháa [LH].
- on** prep na [L]; na [L].
- once** n mbö [LH]; mbü [LH].
- once more** adv ödö [LH]; ödüö [LLH]; özö [LH]; özö kwa [LH H].
- one** dem ofu [LH] (Önica).
- one** n nge [HH].
- one** num ofu [LH] (Önica); otu [HL].
- one** prn a [H]; anï [HH]; otu [HL].
- one more time** n özö [LH].
- one only** n nnaa [HHH]; otu [HL].
- one shilling** n ngwugwu ego [HLL HH].
- one who** n onye [HH].
- onion** n ayabas [LLHL]; ayím [LLL] (Bende); ayö [HL].
- only** adj naaní [HHL]; yaaní [HHH] (Öhafia).

- only** *adv* karia [HHH]; sō [L]; söösö [LHL].
- only child** *n* ökpö olu [LH HH].
- on purpose** *adv* n'attü [LL].
- on the occasion of** *adv* amanii [LLL].
- ooze oil** *v* haa mmanü [LH HHH].
- open** *v* gbaghee [HHH]; gbahee [HHH]; gbapee [HHH]; kpughee [LHH]; kpuhee [LHH]; meghee [LHH]; mepee [LHH]; meyee [LHH].
- opening** *n* mkpughe [HLH]; mkpuhe [HLH]; oghele [LHH]; oghere [LHH]; ohere [LLL]; oyele [LHH]; önu [HH].
- opening (narrow)** *n* anya [HH].
- open wound** *n* önya [HH].
- operator** *n* ökwö ügbö [LH HH].
- opportunity** *n* efe [HL]; ehe [HL]; oghere [LHH]; ohere [LLL].
- oppress** *v* cibgu [HH].
- or** *conj* ma [L].
- oracle** *n* afa [HH]; ava [HH] (Anambra); Cukwu [HH].
- orange** *n* ana aghara ndü [LL HHH HL]; epe [HL]. *Citrus spp*; epe nkirisü [HL HHHH]; okpere agbüü [HLL LLL] (Bende); ujiri [HHL] (Bende).
- ordain** *v* cie [HH]; doo [HH]; guzoro [LHH]; were [HH].
- order** *n* iwu [LH]; usoro [HLL].
- order (issue)** *v* maa iwu [HH LH].
- ordinary (be)** *v* gbaa mgbe [HH LL].
- ordination** *n* ecici [HHH]; ocici [LHH].
- organisation** *n* nhazi [HLH].
- organise** *v* dozie [HHH]; hazie [LHH].
- ornament** *n* akülü [HHH]; ulari [LLL].
- ornamental beads** *n* jigida [LLH] (loan).
- orphan** *n* mbii [HL]; mgbii [HL]; nwa mbii [H HL]; nwa ogbei [H HLL]; nwa ogbenye [H HLL].
- osimon plant** *n* ahii igba [LHHL].
- osprey** *n* ugo azü [LL HL].
- os (vaginal)** *n* önu ötü [HH HL].
- ostentation** *n* inyanga [LLH].
- ostracise** *v* rüpurü [HLH].
- ostrich** *n* enyi nnünü [HH HLL].
- others** *prn* ndi özö [HH LH].
- otherwise** *conj* kama [HL]; ntam [LLL]; ntama [HHL]; tama [LL].
- ourselves** *prn* anyi [HH].
- Out!** *excl* caa [HL].
- outdoors** *n* ilo [LH]; iro [LH].
- outer-rim** *n* ebubele [HHLL].
- outer room** *n* enete [HHH].
- outing** *n* ölili [LHH]; öriü [LHH].
- outing ceremony** *n* mbubu [HLL].
- outrun (somebody)** *v* gbalaha [HHH]; gbanari [HHH].
- outset** *n* izizi [LLL] (Önica).
- outside** *n* ezi [LH]; ilo [LH] (Önica).
- outside of** *prep* na [L].
- ovary** *n* akpa nwa [LL HH].
- overbold (be)** *v* waa anya [HH HH].
- overnight** *adj* öra [LL]; üha [HL]; üra [HL].
- over-anxious (be)** *v* hüö [LH].
- over-assertive (be)** *v* kaa anya [HH HH]; waa anya [HH HH].
- over-bold (be)** *v* kaa anya [HH HH].
- over-cooked (be)** *v* ghelie [HLH]; gherie [HLH]; ghetöö [HLH].
- over-exerted (be)** *v* lilia [HLH].
- over-seasoned** *v* büö [LH].
- over-sweet** *adj* bürü-bürü [HH-HH].
- oversee** *v* lepü anya [HL HH]; nepü anya [HL HH].
- overtake** *v* caa [LH]; cafee [LHH]; fee [HH]; gbafee [HLH]; ghaa [LH]; saa [LH].
- overtaking** *n* ncafe [HHL].
- overthrow** *n* mbada [HHL].
- overturn** *v* kpuo [LH].
- overwhelm** *v* rie [LH].
- owe** *v* jide ügwö [LH HH].
- owl** *n* ikwi ikwii [LL LHH]; iyi mpi [HH LL]; okukuu [LHH]; okwukwuu [LLHH]; ukwughu ukwughu [LL LLH]; uzu uzuu [LL LLH].
- owl (kind of)** *n* okwukwuu mpi [LLHH LL]; okwukwuu ukwu [LLHH HH].
- own** *v* nwhee [HH].
- ox** *n* ehi [HH].

## P

**pacify** *v* melöö obi [HLH HL]; meruo obi [HLH HL].  
**package (small)** *n* nkwukwu [LLL].  
**packet** *n* mkpö [HL]; ngugu [HLL]; ngwugwu [HLL].  
**pack away** *v* cilie [HHH].  
**pack full** *v* fōjuo [LHH].  
**pack together** *v* kwaköö [LHH].  
**pact (blood)** *n* ögbügba ndü [LLL HL].  
**pad** *n* ajü [HH].  
**paddle** *n* amala [LLL] (Önica); amara [LLL]; apöpa [LHH].  
**padlock** *n* igodo [LHH]; ugodi [LHH].  
**pain** *n* afifü [HHH]; ahühü [HHH]; mgbu [LH]; üfū [LH]; üfifü [LHH].  
**painful (be)** *v* gbuo mgbu [HH LH].  
**painless (become)** *v* shie [LH]; sie [LH].  
**pain (cause)** *v* gbuo [HH].  
**pain (give)** *v* füö [HH]; füö üfū [HH HH]; gbuo mgbu [HH LH].  
**pain (have sharp)** *v* mia [HH].  
**pain (inflict)** *v* taa ahühü [HH HHH].  
**pain (post-partum)** *n* akükwa [HHH]; önödü nwa [HHH HH].  
**paint** *n* agba [LL].  
**paint** *v* dee [LH]; tee [HH].  
**painter** *n* ome nka [HH LL]; onye nka [HH LL].  
**pair** *n* okwu [HH].  
**paired (be)** *v* gbaa m kpü [HH HH].  
**pairing knife** *n* mma ekwu [HL HH].  
**palace** *n* ülö-ukwu eze [HL-HH HL].  
**palate (soft)** *n* okpo [LH].  
**palaver** *n* agbö [HH].  
**palm** *n* nkwü [HH] *Elaeis guineensis*.  
**palm (fan)** *n* übülü [HLL] (Öka).  
**palm (of hand)** *n* öbö aka [HL HH].  
**palm branch** *n* ogu [HL]; ogugu [HLL].  
**palm chaff** *n* ahiriha [HHHH].  
**palm fibre** *n* abüba [HHL]; abübü [HHL]; abülü akwü [HLL]; abürübü [HLL]; avirivü [HLL]; avürivü [HLL]; avivü [HHL].  
**palm frond** *n* igu [HL]; öfölö [HLL]; öförö [HLL]; igbegulu [LLLL]; igbeguru [LLLL].  
**palm frond (tender)** *n* ömü [LH].

**palm husks** *n* aghirigha [HHHH].  
**palm kernel** *n* aki [HH]; akü [HH].  
**palm kernel (twin)** *n* akü m kpikö [HH HHH].  
**palm kernel (white)** *n* akü ugo [HH LL].  
**palm nut** *n* akwü [HH]; nkwü [HH].  
**palm nut (with soft core)** *n* ösü [LH].  
**palm oil** *n* mmanü [HHH]; ofe igbo [HH LL] (Oguta); übara [HHH].  
**palm oil (fried)** *n* elo [LL].  
**palm oil (grade of)** *n* akötökpo [HHHH]; akpüdi [HHH]; akpötö [HHH]; ; akpütü [HHH]; akwü nrö [HH HL]; eketeké [HLHH]; ogoli [HLL]; ogori [LLL]; ogori akwü [LLL HH]; öglü akwü [LLL HH] (Önica).  
**palm shoot** *n* ömü [LH].  
**palm tree** *n* akwü [HH]; nkwü [HH] *Elaeis guineensis*.  
**palm tree (kinds of)** *n* nkwü ala [HH LL]; öjükü [HHH] *E. guineensis idolatrica*; ösükü [LHH] *E. guineensis communis*.  
**palm tree disease** *n* uhi ama [LH LL].  
**palm wine** *n* mmaä [HHH]; mmanya [HHH].  
**palm wine (kinds of)** *n* akülu [LLL]; akürü [LLL]; akpo [LL]; iti [HL]; ögadöga [HLHH]; ögölö [LLL].  
**palm wine keg** *n* ite otu [LH LL].  
**pandemonium** *n* aghara [LHH]; ögba aghara [HH HHH].  
**pangolin** *n* aka mbö [LH HH]; aka m kpö [HH HH]; akabö [HLL]; akabü [HLL]; akamkpö [HLL].  
**pantry** *n* usekwu [LLL]; usokwu [LLL].  
**papaya** *n* egu mmöö [HH LHH] (Asaba); mbimbi [LLLL] (Ümüahia); mgbiridi [LLLL] (Bende); nni ezi [HH HL]; ökwürü bekee [HLH LL] (Owere); ökwürü oru [HLL HH]; unere ezi [HLL HL] *Carica papaya*.  
**paper** *n* akwükwo [HHH].  
**paralysis of limb** *n* ngwölö [LHH]; ngwörö [LHH].  
**paranoid (become)** *v* caaanya [HH HH].  
**parasite (kind of)** *n* alü [LH]; ari [LH]; ariri [LHH].  
**parasitic worm** *n* nje [LH].  
**parcel** *n* ngugu [HLL]; ngwugwu [HLL]; nkwukwu [LLL].  
**Pardon!** *excl* Biko [HL]; Kaa [HL].  
**pardon** *n* mgbaghälü [HHLH].  
**pardon** *v* raa [LH]; yaa [LH].

**parrot** *n* ice-oko [LH-LL]; ice-oku [LH-LL]; icoku [LHL]; oko [HH].

**parsimonious (be)** *v* kpia [LH].

**part** *n* akükü [HLL]; ibe [HH]; önwa [HL].

**participate in** *v* gbaa [HH].

**partition** *v* kebie [HLH]; kee [LH].

**partitioning** *n* nkebi [HHL].

**part (tiny)** *n* ibekere [HHHH].

**partridge** *n* ökwa [LL] *Francolin*.

**party to (be)** *v* kwürü [HH].

**pass** *v* caa [LH]; cafee [LHH]; fee [HH]; ghaa [LH]; nyafee [HHH]; saa [LH].

**pass by** *v* pio [HH].

**pass gas** *v* nyüö ahühü [HH HLL]; nyüö ahürü [HHHLL].

**pass out** *v* tüböö [HHH].

**pass on secret** *v* gbaa ama [HH LL].

**pass on to another** *v* bufee [HLH]; fee [LH].

**pass urine** *v* nyüö mmamiri [LH HHLL].

**paste unto** *v* nyado [HH].

**path** *n* nzö ükwü [LL HH].

**path (make)** *v* gbuo üzö [HH HL].

**path (to village)** *n* ama [HH].

**patience** *n* ndidi [LLL]; nkiti [LHL].

**patient (be)** *v* die [LH]; gbaa nkiti [HH HHL].

**patriarch** *n* nna [HL].

**patrol** *n* nce [HH].

**patterns (weave)** *v* kwee [HH].

**pauper** *n* onye üwa [HH LL].

**paw** *v* böö [HH].

**pawpaw** *n* egu mmöö [HH LHH] (Asaba); mbimbi [LLLL] (Ümüahia); mgbiridi [LLLL] (Bende); nni ezi [HH HL]; ökwürü bekee [HLL HH] (Owere); ökwürü oru [HL/L HH]; unere ezi [HLL HL] *Carica papaya*.

**pay** *v* kwüö ügwö [LH HH].

**pay attention** *v* gee ntü [HH LL]; lee [LH].

**pay bride price** *v* gbaa akü [HH LL].

**pay condolence visit** *v* gaa mgbaru [HH HHH]; gbaa mgbaru [HH HH]; jee mgbalu [HH HHH].

**pay debt** *v* kwüö ügwö [LH HH].

**pay dowry** *v* gbaa akü [HH LL].

**pay due collection** *v* gbaa ego [HH HH].

**pay fine** *v* daa nha [LH LH]; daa nra [LH HH]; raa nra [LH HH].

**pay for education of** *v* züö [LH].

**pay off debt** *v* saa [LH].

**pay penalty** *v* kwüö ügwö [HH HH].

**pay salary/wages** *v* kwüö ügwö [HH HH].

**peace** *n* ndokwa [HHH]; udo [LH].

**peaceful (become)** *v* doo [HH].

**peace feast** *n* orikö [HHL]; orikörö [HHLL].

**peace rite (perform)** *v* gbaa orikö [HH HHL].

**peacock** *n* ekwuru ülö [LLL HL].

**peak of** *n* udu [LH].

**peanut** *n* ahü ekere [LH HHH]; akpa [LL]; apüpa [LLH]; öpa [HL]; öpapa [HHH]; öpöpa [LLH].

**pear (kinds of)** *n* ube [LH] *Dacroydes edule*; ube mgba [LH HH]; ube okwe [LH LL] *Canarium schweinfurthii*; ube öca [LH HH]; ube öhia [LH HHH]; ube ökpökö [LH HHH]; ube ösa [LH HH].

**peas (chicken)** *n* akiidü mpkishü [LHH HHH].

**pebble** *n* ajirija [HHHH]; iyi [HL].

**pebbles (ögbanje)** *n* iyi üwa [HH LL].

**peck clean** *v* tücaa [LHH].

**peel** *v* baa [HH]; bacapü [HLH]; bee [HH]; kpee [HH].

**peeling off** *n* mbacapü [HHLH].

**peel away** *v* kpekapü [HLH].

**peel off** *v* kpekapü [HLH].

**peep** *v* nyoo [HH]; nyoo [LH].

**peer into** *v* nyoo [LH].

**peg** *n* mkipö [LH]; mkipörö [LHH].

**pelican** *n* ökwölö [LLL]; ökwöri [LLL].

**pellet (iron)** *n* agidü [LLL]; agili [LLL]; agini [LLL]; agiri [LLL].

**pelvis** *n* aci [HH]; acili [HHH].

**penalty** *n* nha [HH]; nhu [LL].

**penis** *n* agba ahü [HH HH]; amü [HL]; utu [HL].

**penis with foreskin** *n* akpi [HH] (West Igbo); apia [HHH].

**people** *n* ira [LL]; mba [HL]; mmüö [LHH] (Öhafia); ndi ife [HH LL] (Öhafia/Bende); öha [LL]; ösa [LL].

**people of prn** *n* ndi [HH].

**pepper** *n* ose [HL]; oso [HL].

**pepper (kind of)** *n* üziza [HHH] *Piper guineense*; *Glyphaea lateriflora*.

**pepper-mortar** *n* ökwa ose [HH HL].

**pepper-soup** *n* ngwöngwö [LLHH]; üsara ofe [HLL HH].

**perambulate** *v* gagharia [LHLH].

**perceive** *v* hüö üzö [LH HL].

**perch** *v* bee [LL]; bere [LH].

**perform "oro" song/dance** *v* gbaa oro [HH HH].

**perform "okpösi"** *v* buo ökpösi [HH-HLL].  
**perform "ömügwö"** *v* lee ömügwö [HH HHL].  
**perform a rite** *v* cuo [HH] (Isu).  
**perform a song** *v* göö egwu [HH HH]; güö egwu [HH HH].  
**perform a wake** *v* kwaa [HH].  
**perform divination** *v* gbaa afä [HH HH].  
**perform maiden rites** *v* nöö mg'ë [HH LL].  
**perform nuptial rite** *v* ruo mgbede [LH LHH].  
**perform rite of innocence** *v* tüö ogu [LH HL] (Önica).  
**perform wedding rite** *v* gbaa nkwü [HH HH].  
**perhaps** *adv* ike kwe [HH H].  
**perimeter wall** *n* mgbä aja [HL HH]; ögbä aja [HL HH].  
**period** *n* oge [HL]; ubolo [LLL]; ubolu [LLL]; uboro [LLL]; ubgu [HH].  
**period (menstrual)** *n* ezi [LH].  
**periphery** *n* ebubele [HHLL].  
**periwinkle** *n* isam [HHH]; isha [HH].  
**persevere** *v* jisie ike [LHH HH].  
**person** *n* mmadü [HHH]; mmanü [HHL] (Owere); onye oke [HH HH] (Öhafia).  
**personal effects** *n* mkpörö [LHH].  
**perspiration** *n* öhihere [LHHH]; ösösö [LHH]; ösüsöö [LHHH].  
**pertaining to** *adv* gbasara [HHH].  
**pertain to** *v* gbasa [HH].  
**pester** *v* nögide [LHH].  
**pestle** *n* aka ikwe [HH HL]; aka ngwe [HH HH]; aka odo [HH HH]; ngwe [HL]; ödü [HH].  
**petty trade** *n* mgbele [HHH]; mgbere [HHH].  
**phallic totem** *n* agba [HH].  
**pharynx** *n* nkölö [LHH].  
**pick** *v* ghöö [HH].  
**pick and choose** *v* höö [HH].  
**pick away** *v* kpato [HLH].  
**pick clean** *v* tücaa [LHH].  
**pick out** *v* tere [LH].  
**pick up** *v* tu.ñö [HLH]; tu.ñta [HLH].  
**picture (take)** *v* see [LH].  
**piece** *n* mkpürü [HHH]; ogbe [HL].  
**piece (sizeable)** *n* ökpürükö [HLLL]; ökpürükü [HLL].  
**piece (small)** *n* ibekere [HHHH].  
**pieces** *n* aghirigha [HHHH]; iberibe [LLHL]; irighiri [HHHH]; urughuru [HHI H].  
**pied** *n* agwa agwa [LH LL].

**pierce** *v* düö [HH]; düpuo [HHH]; waa [HH]; wapuo [HHH].  
**pierce (with stake)** *v* maa [HH].  
**pierce to death** *v* dügbuo [HHH].  
**pig** *n* ezi [HL].  
**pigeon** *n* ekulu [LLL]; kpalakwükü [LLHH]; ndo [HL]; nduri [HLH]; nduru [HLH]; nnünü ezi [HLL HH]; obi idegele [LH LLLL] (West Igbo).  
**pigeon (wild)** *n* ekulu öfia [LLL HHH].  
**piggy-back (carry)** *v* kwöö [LH].  
**pigment** *n* anünüü [LLLL].  
**pig-iron ore** *n* igwe aga [HL HH].  
**pig-tail** *n* isi ekwe [HH HL].  
**piles** *n* ökpü [LL].  
**piles disease** *n* aci [LL].  
**pilferer** *n* akpírima [LLLL] (loan).  
**pillar** *n* agba [HH]; ajü [HH]; azö [HH] (Öka); azü [HH] (Öka); ede [HH]; ide [LL]; ogidi [HLL]; oke azü [HH LH].  
**pimple** *n* nje [LH].  
**pin** *n* ndü [LH]; ndüdü [LHH]; ntütü [HHH].  
**pincers** *n* ejimba [LLHL]; mkpa [LL]; ndüdü [LHH].  
**pinch** *v* tüö mbö [LH LH]; tüö mvö [LH LH].  
**pineapple** *n* aci [HH]; acöö [HHH]; akwü olu [HH HL]; nkvwü aba [HH HL] (Owere); nkvwü ölü [HH HL] (Öka); nkvwü örü [HH HL] (Önica); ökwürü ükwa [HLL HL].  
**pin (metal)** *n* aba [HH].  
**pin on** *v* turu [HH].  
**pipe** *n* efenja [LLH]; opi [LL]; öja [LL]; ökü [LL].  
**pipe (tobacco)** *n* ökpökö [LH].  
**pit** *n* ikoro [HLL]; ogwugwu [HLL]; olu [HL]; olulu [HLL]; onunu [HLL]; ukoro [HLL].  
**pitch** *n* üda ume [LL HH].  
**pitcher** *n* ite [LL]; ite immiri [LL HHH].  
**pity** *n* amala [LLL]; amara [LLL]; ömikö [HHL].  
**place** *n* aka [HH]; ebe [HH]; eka [HL]; nga [LL].  
**place** *v* deta [HH].  
**placenta** *n* ici [HL].  
**place beyond** *n* ofe [LL].  
**place correctly** *v* dezie [HHH].  
**place in sequence** *v* doo [HH].  
**place of worship** *n* öyö [LL].  
**place on top of** *v* tükwasa [HLH]; tükwasí [HLH].

<b>place where</b> <i>n</i> aka [HH]; eka [HL]; nga [LL].	<b>play</b> <i>n</i> egwu [HH]; nrürö [LHH]; üra [HL].
<b>plague</b> <i>n</i> öria öjoo [HLL HHH].	<b>play</b> <i>v</i> gwuo [LH]; gwuo egwu [LH HH]; küö [LH]; röö [HH]; züö [LH].
<b>plait</b> <i>v</i> kpaa [LH].	<b>playfulness</b> <i>n</i> egwuru egwu [HLL HH].
<b>plan</b> <i>n</i> atümätü [HLLL].	<b>play (satiric)</b> <i>n</i> ökümkpa [LLH].
<b>plank</b> <i>n</i> ama ala [HH LL]; ibo [HL]; obe [HH]; ogwe [HL]; ubiri [HLL].	<b>play "oro" game</b> <i>v</i> kpuo oro [LH HH].
<b>planning</b> <i>n</i> nhazi [LH].	<b>play "udu" drum</b> <i>v</i> suo udu [HH LL].
<b>plant</b> <i>n</i> edo [LL]; oshishi [HHH]; osisi [HHH].	<b>play flute</b> <i>v</i> gbuö öja [HH LL].
<b>plant</b> <i>v</i> döö [HH]; gboo [LH]; köö [LH]; küö [HH]; soo [HH]; zöö [LH].	<b>play instrument</b> <i>n</i> kpöö [HH].
<b>plantain</b> <i>n</i> abirika [LLLH]; anüm üyölö [LLH HLL] (Öka); eze egede [HH LLL]; ji ara [H HH] (Bende); ji efuri [H HHH]; ji elele [H HHH]; ji oko [H HH]; ogede [LLL] (loan) <i>Musa paradisica</i> ; ükpöci [HHH]; öpirüma [HHHL] (Ijaw?); une nta [HL HL]; unine [HLL];ükam [HHH] (Bende).	<b>play pranks</b> <i>v</i> ghöö aghüghö [LH HLL].
<b>plantain (flakes)</b> <i>n</i> acica [LLL] (Önica).	<b>play the drum</b> <i>v</i> tie igba [HL LL].
<b>plantation</b> <i>n</i> abö [LH]; ubi [HL].	<b>play the fool</b> <i>v</i> megherie [HLHH]; mezerie [HLHH].
<b>plantation (section of)</b> <i>n</i> ödö [LH].	<b>play the whistle</b> <i>v</i> füö öja [LH LL].
<b>plant (cassava)</b> <i>v</i> maa akpü [HH HH].	<b>play tricks</b> <i>v</i> ghöö aghüghö [LH HLL].
<b>plant (kinds of)</b> <i>n</i> aba [HL]; aga [HH]; agaba [HHH]; agölö [LLL]; agülü [HHH]; ahüigba [LHHL]; ahüihüara [HHHH]; ahühara [HHHH] <i>C olitorius</i> ; akata [HHH]; akörö [LHH]; ala nkita [HH HHL] (Önica); ara nkita [HH HHL]; <i>D saxatilis</i> ; ebi [HL]; ede ala [HL LL] <i>Cynastrum cordifolium</i> ; etere [LLL]; ikporoto [LHHH]; ji nkara [H LHH] <i>Tetrapha</i> ; kpörökpo [HHH] (Üzükölli) <i>Bandiera simplicifolia</i> ; ncü anwü [HH HH]; nzö [HH]; ogo [HH]; ogbu njiji [HH HHH] (Önica) <i>Thumbergia vogeliana</i> ; ogilisi [HHLL]; ogirisí [HHLL] <i>Neobouldia laevis</i> ; okpoto [HHH]; okwuma [LLH] <i>Butyrospermum paradoxum parkii</i> ; opete [HLL]; opoo [HHH]; owulu idu [LHH LH] <i>Jatropha curcas</i> ; öma [HL]; öma apü [HL HH]; ötiri [LLL]; ububa [HLL]; uduko [LHH]; ududu mmiri [LLL HHH]; ugbolu [HLH] <i>Jatropha curcas</i> ; uke [LL]; übübara [HHHH]; ügbö ögürü [HH LLL]; ükö [HL]; üza [HL].	<b>plea</b> <i>n</i> aririo [HLHH]; ayiyö [HLH]; ekpele [LHH]; ekpere [LHH].
<b>plant (medicinal)</b> <i>n</i> üdö nwa akpüta ike [LL H HL HH].	<b>plead</b> <i>v</i> huo [LH].
<b>plate</b> <i>n</i> afere [HHH]; agbügba [LLL]; anya [HH]; aya [HH]; efele [LHH] (Önica); efere [HHH] (Owere); ügbügba [LLL].	<b>plead for mercy</b> <i>v</i> kpee ire [HH HH].
<b>plate (tin/metal)</b> <i>n</i> gbam-gbam [HH-HH].	<b>plead innocence</b> <i>v</i> lie ene [HH HH].
<b>platform</b> <i>n</i> ukpo [LH] (West Igbo).	<b>plead with</b> <i>v</i> riö [HH]; yöö [HH] (Önica).
	<b>plea (desperate)</b> <i>n</i> ekpe [HH].
	<b>plea (make)</b> <i>v</i> kee ekpe [LH HH]; kpee [HH]; riö [HH]; yöö [HH] (Önica).
	<b>pleasant</b> <i>adj</i> öma [HH].
	<b>Please!</b> <i>excl</i> Biko [HH]; Kaa [HL].
	<b>pleasing (be)</b> <i>v</i> tüö öma [LH HL].
	<b>pleasure</b> <i>n</i> ngöli [HLH]; nköli [HLH]; nñöli [HLH]; nñöri [HLH]; obi ütö [HL LH]; öcö [LH] (Bende); ütö [LH].
	<b>pledge</b> <i>n</i> agba [LL]; nkwa [HL].
	<b>pledge</b> <i>v</i> kwee [HH].
	<b>pledge (make)</b> <i>v</i> kwee agba [HH LL].
	<b>plentiful (be)</b> <i>v</i> hie nne [HH HH] (Owere); rie nne [HH HH] (Önica); zie nne [HH HH].
	<b>plenty (period of)</b> <i>n</i> uju [LH].
	<b>pleurisy</b> <i>n</i> ngü ilo [LL LH].
	<b>plot</b> <i>n</i> arümärü [LHHH]; ekwerékwe [LHHH]; izu öjöö [LL HHH].
	<b>plot</b> <i>v</i> kwee [HH]; röö [HH].
	<b>plough</b> <i>v</i> köö [LH]; marie ala [HLH LL].
	<b>ploughshare</b> <i>n</i> ndüdü [LHH].
	<b>plover</b> <i>n</i> ekulu mmili [LLL HHH].
	<b>pluck</b> <i>v</i> ghöö [HH].
	<b>pluck out</b> <i>v</i> kwöö [LH].
	<b>plug up</b> <i>v</i> picié [LHH].
	<b>plum</b> <i>n</i> ubene [HLL]; ugbene [HLL].
	<b>plumage</b> <i>n</i> abiba [HHL]; abuba [HHL].
	<b>pneumonia</b> <i>n</i> akö [HH]; efi obu [HL LL].
	<b>pocket</b> <i>n</i> akpa [LL].

- pod** *n* ökpö [LH].  
**pointed (be)** *v* pia önū [HH HL].  
**point at/to** *v* tüö aka [LH HH].  
**point out** *v* gosi [HH]; zi [H].  
**poison** *n* nsi [HH]; nshi [HH].  
**poison** *v* buo nsi [HH HH]; küö nsi [LH HH]; vuö nsi [HH HH].  
**poison (for arrows)** *n* edide [HLH].  
**pole (forked)** *n* aba [HH].  
**pole (hooked)** *n* ngö [HH]; ngu [HH]; nguru [HLL]; ngü [HH]; ngwuru [HLL].  
**pollen** *n* ifulu [LHH]; ifuru [LHH]; ütu öka [HH HL].  
**polygamist** *n* ögalanya [LLLL]; ögaranya [LLLL].  
**pond** *n* ehiri [HLL]; ogwugwu [HLL]; ödö mmiri [HH HHH]; ögödö [LLL] (West Igbo); ömī [LH]; ümī [LH].  
**pool** *n* ödö mmiri [HH HHH].  
**poor (become)** *v* daa ogbenye [LH HLL].  
**poor person** *n* ogbenye [HLL].  
**popular** *adj* ama ama [HL LH].  
**porch** *n* mgbemgbe [LLL].  
**porcupine** *n* anī [HL]; ebi [HL]; ebi nta [HL HL]; ebi olu [HH HL]; ebi ogwu [HL HH].  
**pork** *n* ezi [HL].  
**portico** *n* atanī [HHH]; mgbemgbe [LLL].  
**portion** *n* mmaji [HHH]; mpaghara [HHHH]; nketa [HLH]; oke [LL].  
**position (change)** *v* tughaa [HHH].  
**possess** *v* jie [HH]; nwee [HH].  
**possession** *n* ökü [HL].  
**post** *n* azü [HH] (Öka); ede [HH]; ide [LL]; ökwa [HH].  
**postpone** *v* yigharia [LHHH]; yipü [HL].  
**post-harvest season** *n* udu nri [LH HH].  
**pot** *n* ite [LL].  
**potash** *n* akanwü [LHH]; akawa [LHH] (Bende); ngü [HH].  
**potash dressing** *n* ngü [HL].  
**potato (sweet)** *n* ekomeko [LLHL]; nduku [HLH] (West Igbo); ndükwü [HHH]; okoko nduku [HHH HLH] (West Igbo); ötöli [LLHL].  
**potency (have)** *v* lee elele [LH LLL]; lee ile [LH LL]; ree erere [LH LLL]; ree ire [LH LL].  
**potency (lose)** *v* rüö [LH].  
**pot (clay)** *n* ite [LL]; ite oko [LL HH]; mbö [LH]; mgbadöga [HHLH]; nja [LL]
- (Afikpo); ökü [LL; udu [LL]].  
**pot-stand** *n* akwükwa [HLL]; ekwu [HH].  
**potsherd** *n* eju [HL]; epekele [HHHH]; epekere [HHHH]; mpekere [HHHH].  
**pottage** *n* ikpö [LH]; ikpökiri [LH]; ipö [LH].  
**pouch** *n* akpa [LL]; ede [LL]; mkpö [HL].  
**pound** *v* suo [LH]; süö [LH].  
**pounder** *n* aka ngwe [HH HH]; ngwe [HL].  
**pound (sterling)** *n* pam [HL] (loan).  
**pour away** *v* kwafuo [HLH]; wüfuo [HLH].  
**pour grain** *v* wüö [LH].  
**pour into** *v* gbanye [HH]; hunye [LH].  
**pout** *v* buo iru [LH HH]; mie önū [LH HH].  
**poverty** *n* asü [LL]; ogbenye [HLL].  
**powder (incendiary)** *n* önünü [LLL].  
**power** *n* ike [HH]; ikike [HHH]; ile [LL] (Önica); ire [LL] (Owere); oko [LH].  
**practical judgment** *n* nzu [LL].  
**praise** *n* otito [LLH]; otuto [LLH]; ufo [LH] (Önica).  
**praise** *v* jaa [HH]; too [LH]; tuo afa [HH HL].  
**pranks (play)** *v* ghüö aghüghö [HH HLL].  
**prawn** *n* akpata [HLL] (Abö); iga agü [LL HH].  
**pray** *v* riö [HH].  
**prayer** *n* ariröö [HLHH]; ayiyö [HLH]; ekpele [LHH]; ekpere [LHH].  
**pray over** *v* göö [HH].  
**preacher** *n* onye ozi [HH HH].  
**precious metal** *n* ole [HL] (Bende).  
**precisely** *adv* kpöm kwem [HH LL].  
**predestination** *n* eke [HL].  
**preference** *n* ihö [LL]; nhö [LL].  
**pregnancy** *n* afö ime [HH HH]; ime [HH]; ime mkpuke [HH LLH]; izu [HL].  
**pregnancy (last)** *n* mbihi ime [HLH HH].  
**pregnant (become)** *v* diri ime [HH HH]; maa upo [HH LH]; rijuo [HHH]; türü ime [HH HH].  
**pregnant (make)** *v* tüö ime [HH HH].  
**prejudice** *n* ihö [LL]; nhö [LL].  
**premature** *adj* eru eru [HH HH].  
**preparation** *n* njikere [HHHH]; nkawado [HHH].  
**prepare** *v* jikere [LHH]; jikwaa [LHH]; kwadebe [HHH]; kwado [HH].  
**prepare meal** *v* see nni [LH HH] (Önica).  
**prepare medicine** *v* gbuo udu [HH LL].  
**prepare mixed food** *v* gbee [HH].  
**prepare soup** *v* sie ofe [HH HH]; tee ofe [HH HH].

**prepuce** *n* apküpö [HHH]; `kpüküpü [HHH].  
**pre-nuptial rite** *n* mgbede [Li.H]; mkpu [LL]; oruru [LLL].  
**present** *n* onyinye [LLH].  
**present** *v* nye [L].  
**present kola** *v* cee öjí [HH HH]; süö öjí [LH HH].  
**preservation** *n* ncekwa [HHH].  
**preserve** *v* cekwaa [HHH]; debe [HH]; dozie [HHH].  
**press** *v* pia [LH].  
**press (cloth)** *v* dee [LH].  
**press hard** *v* cie [LH]; daa [LH].  
**press on** *v* bie [LH].  
**press open** *v* bipuo [LHH].  
**press together** *v* biköta [LHH].  
**prestige** *n* ugwu [LL].  
**pretend** *v* megherie [HLHH]; mezerie [HLHH].  
**prevaricate** *v* kögheri [HLH].  
**prevent** *v* gbocie [LHH]; nabie [HLH].  
**previous** *adj* ocie [HHL].  
**previous day** *n* ünya ahü [LL HL].  
**price** *n* önu [HH]; önu ahia [HH HHH].  
**price** *v* kwee önu [HH H †].  
**prick** *v* düö [LH].  
**prickly plant** *n* akürü ügba [LLL LL].  
**prick open** *v* düpuo [HHH].  
**pride** *n* inyanga [LLH]; ngala [HLH]; nganga [LLLL].  
**pride (act with)** *v* kpaa ngala [HH HLH].  
**priest** *n* Ata ama [HH HH] (Nsüka); eze [HL]; ncü aja [LH LL]; ükö Cukwu [HL HH].  
**priest (traditional)** *n* ozi oko [HH HL].  
**print** *v* bie [LH].  
**prison** *n* ikoli [HHH]; mkpölö [LHH]; mkpörö [LHH]; nga [LH].  
**privacy** *n* nzuzo [LHH]; nzuzu [LHH].  
**privilege** *n* nzere [HLH].  
**probe** *n* ndu [LH].  
**probe** *v* nwalee [LHH]; nwanee [LHH].  
**problem** *n* mkpa [HL]; mmekepa ahü [HHL].  
**problem (become a)** *v* waa isi [HH HH].  
**procedure** *n* etu [HH]; otu [HH]; usoro [HLL].  
**process** *n* usoro [HLL].  
**proclamation** *n* ökwa [HL].  
**procure abortion** *v* kee ime [HH HH]; tee ime [HH HH]; tukwee ime [HHH HH].  
**produce oil** *v* gbaa mmanu [HH HHH].  
**profess the law** *v* kaa iwu [HH LH].

**profit** *n* elele [LLL]; erere [LLL]; ulu [HL] (Önica); uru [HL]; üma [HH].  
**profitable (be)** *v* baa uru [LH HL].  
**progeny** *n* ümü ümü [HL HL].  
**prognosis** *n* ehihi [HLL].  
**prognosticate** *v* gbaa [HH].  
**prohibit** *v* macibido [HLHH].  
**prolong** *v* gbatia [HHH].  
**promiscuous (be)** *v* gbaa ezi [HH HH].  
**promise** *n* nkwa [HL].  
**promise** *v* kwe [H]; kwee nkwa [HH HL].  
**prompt (be)** *v* kpuo obu [LH HL].  
**prone** *adj* aba [LH].  
**pronounce** *v* kpöpüta [HLH].  
**pronounce a curse** *v* kwaa iyi [HH HH].  
**propagate (seed)** *v* ghaa [HH].  
**properly** *adv* öfuma [LHH].  
**property** *n* akü [LL]; ngwa [HH].  
**property (household)** *n* aria [HLL].  
**property (landed)** *n* ökwü [HH].  
**prophecy** *n* amüma [HHH].  
**prophesy** *v* gbaa asa [HH HH]; gbaa aja [HH LL]; gbaa amüma [HH HHH]; maa amüma [HHHH].  
**prophet** *n* onye amüma [HH HHH].  
**propitiate earth** *v* kwaa ala [HH LL].  
**proposal** *n* atümüti [HLLL].  
**propose buying price** *v* kwee önu [HH HH].  
**propose to** *v* cöö [HH].  
**prop for building** *n* nza ülö [HH HL].  
**prop up** *v* hie [HH]; malie [HH]; manie [HH].  
**proscribe** *v* macibido [HLHH].  
**prosper** *v* baa [HH].  
**prosperity** *n* üba [LH].  
**prostitute** *n* akwüla [LLL]; akwüna [LLL]; akwüna akwüna [LLL LHL].  
**protect** *v* cedo [HH]; cee [HH]; gbaa ifu [HH LL].  
**protection** *n* ncedo [HHH]; ncekwa [HHH].  
**protection (seek)** *v* tikuo [HLH].  
**protest (lodge)** *v* sie usi [HH LH]; shie ushi [HH LH].  
**protest note** *n* usi [LH]; ushi [LH].  
**provender** *n* nri anü [HH HH].  
**proverb** *n* ilu [HH]; ilulu [HHH]; inu [HH] (Önica); ita [LH].  
**provoke** *v* kpasuo [HHH].  
**provoke a conflict** *v* cöö okwu [HH HH].  
**provoke laughter** *v* kpaa amü [HH HH] (Önica); töö amü [HH HH]; töö öci [HH HL].

**provoke vomit** *n* lia agbō [LH HH]; rüö agbō [LH HH].

**prune** *v* cee [HH].

**prune palm branch** *v* tuo nkwü [LH HL].

**pry open** *v* figaa [HHH]; tüpuo [LHH].

**psalm** *n* abü [HL] (Önica); avü [HL] (Önica).

**psychosis** *n* isi mgbaka [HH HHH].

**puberty rite** *n* mkpu [LL].

**pubic hair** *n* akü [HH].

**public** *n* ira [LL]; öha [LL]; öha na eze [LL LHL].

**publicise** *v* desaa [HLH]; gbasaa [HLL].

**public (become)** *v* püta ihe [LH LL].

**public place** *n* ögbö [LH].

**puff-adder** *n* ajü ala [HH LL]; ajü anü [HH LL]

*Bits arietans*; alö [HH].

**pull** *v* döö [HH].

**pullet** *n* adidi [LLL].

**pull along** *v* kpüö [LH].

**pull out** *v* kwüpüta [HLH]; mia [HH]; sepüta [HLH].

**pull out (from set)** *v* sere [LH].

**pulse** *n* akpili aka [LHH HH].

**pulverise** *v* gwee [HH]; kwöö [HH].

**pumpkin** *n* anyü [HH]; anyü nda [HH LL]; ebele [LLL] *Lageriana vulgaris*; öfi [LH] (West Igbo); ügbögü [HH]; ügbögürü [HH]; ügü [HH] *Telfaria occidentalis*.

**punch** *n* ogboli [HHH]; ökpö [LH].

**punch** *v* küö ogboli [HH HHH]; küö ökpö [HH HH]; tie ogboli [HH HHH].

**punctual (be)** *v* maa üzö [HH HH].

**puncture** *v* bipuo [LHH].

**punish** *v* gbaa ose [HH HL]; küö [LH]; taa afüfü [HH HHH]; taa ahühü [HH HHH].

**punishment** *n* afüfü [HHH]; ahühü [HHH]; apipia [HHHH]; öpipia [HHHH].

**pupa of beetle** *n* apa [LL]; eruru [HLL].

**purchase** *v* goo [HH].

**purchase oil** *v* köö mmanü [HH HHH].

**pure** *adj* öca [LH].

**purge clean** *v* saa [HH].

**purity** *n* üca [LH].

**purlins** *n* akü ülö [LL LL].

**purple** *n* odo odo [HH HH].

**purpose** *n* isi [HH]; üma [LH].

**purse** *n* akpa ego [LL HH].

**pus** *n* abü [HH]; anünü [HHH]; ati [HL]; avü [HH].

**push** *n* nkwa [LL].

**push** *v* kwaa [LH]; nuo [LH].

**push into** *v* kwaba [HL]; waba [HL].

**push down** *v* kwada [HL].

**push up** *v* kwalite [LHH]; welie [LHH]; weite [LHH].

**put aside** *v* dobee [HHH]; dowe [HH]; dewe [HH].

**put away** *v* delie [HHH].

**put down** *v* deta [HH].

**put in** *v* tinye [LH].

**put in writing** *v* detuo [HLH].

**put on (e. g. dress)** *v* nyie [HH] (Afikpo); yie [LH].

**put together** *v* doküba [HLL].

**python** *n* awülü [LLL] (Afikpo-Edda); egurugu [HLLL]; egwulugwu [HLLL]; egwurugwu [HLLL]; eke [HH] *Python regius*; eke ögba [HH LL]; ewulu [HLL]; ogugu [HLLL]; ogwulugwu [HLLL].

## Q

**quake** *v* hüö [LH].

**quarrel** *n* ese [LL]; okwu [HH]; üka [HL].

**quarrel** *v* koo [LH]; koo isi [LH HH]; koo okwu [HH HH]; koo üka [LH HL]; see [LH]; see okwu [HH HH] (Önica).

**quarrel (minor)** *n* agbö [HH].

**queen mother** *n* Omu [HL] (Önica).

**quench** *v* kwönyüö [HHH]; nyüö [HH].

**question** *n* ajüjü [HLH]; ase [LL]; asiä [LLL]; ese [LL].

**question** *v* gbaa ajüjü [HH HHH]; jüa [LH]; jüa asiä [HH LLL] (Öka); jüa ase [HH LL]; jüö [LH]; jüö ese [HH LL]; lüö üka [LH HL]; rüö üka [LH HL].

**queue** *n* ahüü [HHH]; ögbala [HLL].

**queue up** *v* liri [HH].

**quickly** *adv* ngwa [HH]; ngwa ñgwa [HH HH]; ösi-isö [HH-HH]; ösö-ösö [HH-HH].

**quick-handed** *adj* nkö [HH].

**quietly** *adv* duu [LL].

**quietness** *n* owu [LL].

**quiet (be)** *v* daa jüü [LH LL].

**quiet (keep)** *v* gbaa nkiti [HH HHL].

**quiver** *n* akpa akü [LH HH].

## R

- rabbit** *n* dike [HH]; edi [HH]; ewi [HH]; eyi [HH]; oke bekee [LH LHL].
- rabbit-hole** *n* aci [HH].
- rabies** *n* alankita [HH HHL] (Önica); ara nkita [HHHH].
- race** *n* abülü [LLL]; abürü [LLL].
- race** *n* ösö [HH].
- race (run)** *v* gbaa ösö [HH HH].
- radiate heat** *v* kpee ökü [LH HH]; kpoo ökü [LH HH].
- raffia cloth** *n* mkpulu [LLL].
- raffia fan** *n* ubili [HLL] (Önica).
- raffia mat** *n* aka ianya [LH LL] (Öka); ata inye [HH LL].
- raffia palm** *n* agwö [HH]; igwü [HL]; ngwö [HL] *Raphia vinifera*.
- raft** *n* ibom [HHH].
- rafter** *n* mbe [HH]; mbibi [LLH]; ntütü ülö [LLL LL]; obe [HH].
- rag** *n* abübü [HHL].
- ragged** *adj* ncekara [HHHH]; ncikara [HHHH]; nkilika [HHHH]; nkirika [HHHH].
- raggedness** *n* ökika [LHH].
- ragged (become)** *v* kaa [HH].
- rain** *n* mmili [HHH]; mmiri [HHH].
- rain** *v* doo [HH]; zoo [HH].
- rainbow** *n* egbo mmiri [LL HHH]; egurugu [HLLL]; egwugwu [HLL]; egwulugwu [HLLL]; egwurugwu [HLL]; ejiji [LLL]; eke na egwurugwu [HH L LLLL]; ekeleke [HLHH]; ogugu [HLLL]; ogwulugwu [HLLL].
- rain-shield** *n* etere [LLL].
- rain-soaked (be)** *v* maa [HH].
- rains (early)** *n* ida mmiri [HL HHH].
- rainstorm** *n* ebi [HL] (West Igbo).
- rainy season** *n* udu miniri [LH HHH].
- raise** *v* bulie [HHH]; bunie [HHH]; kpaa [HH]; kwalite [LHH]; vulie [LHH]; welie [LHH]; welite [LHH].
- raise alarm** *v* kpöö mkpu [HH HH]; tie [HH]; tie mkpu [HH HH]; tia [HH] (Öhafia).
- raise fire** *v* fühuo [LHH].
- raise mound** *v* köö [LH].
- raise uproar** *v* kwüö ukwu [HH LL].

- rake** *v* kpükpa [HLL].
- ram** *n* atakana [HHHH]; ebele [LLL]; ebili [LLL]; ebule [LLL]; ebulu [LLL]; ebunu [LLL]; evule [LLL]; evunu [LLL].
- rancidity** *n* aghö [HH]; üka [HH].
- rancid (become)** *v* gbaa üka [HH HH].
- randomly** *adv* aghara aghara [LHH LHH].
- rank** *n* ekwu [HH]; nzere [HLH]; ökwa [HH].
- ransom** *v* gbaa [HH].
- rape** *n* mba [LL].
- rape** *v* baa mba [LL LL]; yia [LH] (Önica).
- rascal** *n* aghala [LHH]; aghara [LLL]; aliaka [HLH]; ikpa [LH].
- rascality** *n* aghirigha [LLHL]; ibara [HLL].
- rash** *n* akpimkpa [HLHH]; ihee [LHH]; ihii [LHH]; ökö [HH]; ükö [HH].
- rather** *conj* nta [HL]; ntam [LLL].
- rather than** *conj* tüma [HL].
- rat (kinds of)** *n* eyi ngana [HH HLL]
- Cricetomys gambianus*; eyi ucu [HH HH]
- Cricetomys gambianus*; ewi [HH]; icici [LLL]; mbe [HL]; ncici [LLL]; nkakwü [LHH]; nkapi [LHH]; odu [LH]; ogili [LLL]; öginü [LLL] (Udi); oke [LH]; oke okwe [HH LL] *Epimys rattus*; okiri [LLL].
- rattle** *n* ekpili [LLL]; ekpiri [LLL]; idé [HL]; icaka [LLL]; njagha [LLH]; njaka [LLH]; ösha [HL]; öyö [LL]; üyö [LL].
- rat trap** *n* ite mfü [LL LL].
- raven** *n* ugolo öma [HLH LL].
- razor blade** *n* agaba [HHH]; agöba [HHH]; agü aba [HH HL]; agüba [HHH]; mma akwa [HL HL]; uce [HH]; ugele [HLL].
- reach** *v* luo [LH]; lute [LH]; ruo [LH]; rute [LH].
- reach destination** *v* garuo [LHH].
- reach there** *v* jelue [LHH]; jeruo [LHH].
- read** *v* güö [HH]; güö akwükwö [HH HHH].
- reading** *n* ögügü [HHH].
- really** *adv* nnöö [LHH].
- rear** *n* otele [LLL]; otile [LLL]; otule [LLL]; ike [HL].
- reason** *n* ifi [HL]; ihe [HH]; ihi [HL]; ivi [HL]; uce obi [HL HL].
- reason** *v* cee uce [HH HL].
- rebel** *v* nupü isi [HL HH].
- rebuke** *n* emo [HL]; emu [HL]; mba [LH].
- rebuke** *v* baa [HH]; kwaa emo [HH HL]; kwaa emu [HH HL].
- rebuke (form of) excl** Ntöö [HLH].
- rebuke (with eyes)** *v* röö anya [HH HH].

**rebuttal (make)** *v* saa [LH].  
**recalcitrant (be)** *v* gbaa isi akwara [HH HH HHL].  
**recall** *v* ceta [LH]; kpögighaa [HLHH]; kpögihaci [HLH].  
**receive** *v* nara [HH].  
**recent** *adj* öfülü [HHH]; öhühü [HHH] (Afikpo); öhürü [HHH].  
**recessed area** *n* nsüla [HLH].  
**recitation** *n* mbem [LLL].  
**recitative** *n* ugoli [HHH].  
**recitative (perform)** *v* tuo eye [HH LL].  
**recite** *v* güö [LH].  
**recite (e. g. genealogy)** *v* tuo eye [HH LL].  
**recite praise-name** *v* tuo aha [HH HH].  
**reckon** *v* pia [HH].  
**reckon bride price** *v* tuo ngö [HH HL].  
**recognise** *v* inata [HH].  
**recognise a chief** *v* lie eze [HH HL]; ruo eze [HHHL].  
**reconcile account** *v* pia [HH].  
**reconsider** *v* cegharia [LHHH]; zuo [LH].  
**record** *v* detuo [HLH].  
**recount** *v* köö [HH].  
**recount dream** *v* zuo nlö [HHH HH]; zee nrö [HHHH].  
**recover (health)** *v* dihi [HH]; gbakee [HHH]; rihi [HH]; rizi [HH].  
**recur** *v* gbaa ülü [HH HH].  
**redeem** *v* gbaa [HH]; gbapüta [HLH]; zöpüta [HLH].  
**redeem pledge** *v* saa [LH].  
**redemption** *n* mgbapüta [HHLH]; nzöpüta [HHLH].  
**red (deep)** *n* odo odo [LH LL].  
**red-eye** *n*anya uhie [HH HHH]; anya ufifie [HHHHH].  
**reduce** *v* bee [LH].  
**reduce in intensity** *v* jüö [LH].  
**reduction** *n* mbelata [HLHH]; mbenata [HLHH].  
**redwood** *n* abösí [HLL] *Baphia nitidis*; awala [LLL].  
**red colour** *n* ugo [LL].  
**red earth** *n* ajali [HHH]; ajara [HHH]; ajari [HHH]; ncara [HHH].  
**reed** *n* amii [HL]; ikporoto [LHHH].  
**reflection** *n* ecice [HLL]; enyunyo [HLH]; inyogho [HLH]; inyogo [HLH]; uce obi [HL HL].  
**reflect on** *v* cee [LH].

**refrain** *n* oro [HH].  
**refrain from** *v* büa [HH]; büö [HH]; vüö [HH].  
**refuge** *n* ösö ndü [HH HL].  
**refuse** *n* ebuñbu [HHHH]; mbumbu [HHHH]; mkpumkpu [HHHH].  
**refuse** *v* see isi [HH HH]; jü [H]; jüö [HH]; löpü [HL].  
**refuse collaboration** *v* gbaa oleru [HH LHH].  
**regain consciousness** *v* tütee [HHH].  
**regard** *v* weré [LH].  
**regarding adv** banyere [LHH]; gbasa [HH]; maka [LL]; n'ifi [HH]; n'ihi [HH].  
**regulation** *n* iwü [LH].  
**reincarnate** *v* löö üwa [HH LL].  
**reject** *v* jü [H]; jüö [HH].  
**rejoice** *v* galaa [LHH] (Önica); ñüö [LH]; ñürü [LHH]; röpü [HL] (Öhafia).  
**rejoicing** *n* anwöli [HHH]; añöli [HLH]; añüli [HL HLH]; añüli [HLH] (Önica); añürü [HLH] (Owere); öñü [HL].  
**rekindle fire** *v* fühuo [LHH].  
**relation** *n* nwa nnadi [H HHH]; nwa nne [H HH].  
**relations (maternal)** *n* ikwu nne [HH HH].  
**relative** *n* nnadi [HHL]; nwa nnadi [H HHH].  
**release** *v* haa [LH]; hapü [HL]; raa [LH]; yaa [LH].  
**release spring** *v* figaa [HHH].  
**relic** *n* öñünü [LLL].  
**relief** *n* ume [HH].  
**relieve** *v* nahapü [HLH].  
**religion** *n* ofufe ci [LLH H]; okpukpe [LLH]; okwukwe [LLH].  
**relocate settlement** *v* lüpü [HL].  
**remain** *v* di [L]; duu [LL] (Owere); dü [L]; fö [H]; förö [HH]; nödü [LH]; nörö [HH]; ri [L].  
**remainder** *n* ibe [HH]; ugwu [HL]; üfö [LH]; üma [HH].  
**remain erect** *v* kwüö ötö [LH HH].  
**remain with** *v* nögide [LHH].  
**remember** *v* ceta [LH].  
**remembrance** *n* nceta [HLH].  
**remonstrance** *n* mba [LH].  
**remonstrate** *v* baa [HH]; fee isi [HH HH].  
**remonstrate with** *v* baa mba [HH LH].  
**remorse** *n* ariri [LLL].  
**removal** *n* mwepü [HHH].  
**remove** *v* cipü [HL]; düpü [HL] (Obowo); kpatuo [HLH]; kwoo [LH].

<b>remove (e. g. dress)</b> <i>v</i> gbüpü [HL]; kpupü [HL]; yifü [HL] (Mbaise); yipü [HL].	<b>responsible (hold)</b> <i>v</i> taa üta [HH HH].
<b>remove skin</b> <i>v</i> bacapü [LH].	<b>responsorial</b> <i>n</i> aziza [HLH].
<b>renowned</b> <i>adj</i> ama ama [HL LH].	<b>rest</b> <i>v</i> zuo ike [LH HH].
<b>rent</b> <i>v</i> goo [HH].	<b>restfulness</b> <i>n</i> ndokwa [HHH].
<b>repair</b> <i>v</i> dozie [HHH]; mezie [HHH].	<b>rest house</b> <i>n</i> ülö ute [HL HH] (Afikpo).
<b>repeat</b> <i>v</i> megharia [HHHH].	<b>result in</b> <i>v</i> püta [LH].
<b>repent</b> <i>v</i> cegharia [LHHH]; logharia [LHHH].	<b>resurrect</b> <i>v</i> tütee [HHH].
<b>repentance</b> <i>n</i> nlogha [HLH].	<b>retail (trade)</b> <i>n</i> ügbala ahia [LLL HHH]; üghala ahia [LLL HHH].
<b>replace</b> <i>v</i> nöcie anya [LHH HH].	<b>retail trade (do)</b> <i>v</i> gbaa üghala ahia [HH LLL HHH].
<b>replacement</b> <i>n</i> nnöciri [LLLL]; önöcili [LLLL] (Önica).	<b>retaliate</b> <i>v</i> megwara [LHH].
<b>replicas</b> <i>n</i> ümü [HL].	<b>retaliation</b> <i>n</i> mmegwa [HHH].
<b>reply</b> <i>n</i> aziza [HLH]; üsara [HLL].	<b>retard</b> <i>v</i> dölaa azü [LHH LH].
<b>reply</b> <i>v</i> saa [LH]; zaa [HH].	<b>rethink</b> <i>v</i> cegharia [LHHH].
<b>report to</b> <i>n</i> zia [LH] (Öhafia); zie [LH].	<b>retire for the night</b> <i>v</i> laba [HL]; lakpuo [LHH]; naba [HL].
<b>represent</b> <i>v</i> kwutere [LHH].	<b>return</b> <i>v</i> cighaa [LHH]; kpöcighaa [HLHH]; kpöghaci [HLH]; lö [L]; naa [HH].
<b>reprimand</b> <i>n</i> mba [LH].	<b>reunion (festival)</b> <i>n</i> otite [LHH] (Öka).
<b>reprimand</b> <i>v</i> baa [HH]; baa mba [HH LH].	<b>reveal</b> <i>v</i> kpuhee [LHH].
<b>reproach</b> <i>n</i> emo [HL]; emu [HL]; üta [HH].	<b>reveal secret</b> <i>v</i> gbaa ama [HH LL]; gbaa ohi [HH HH]; gbaa osi [HH HH].
<b>reproach</b> <i>v</i> kwaa emo [HH HL]; kwaa emu [HH HL].	<b>revelation</b> <i>n</i> mkpughe [HLH]; mkpuhe [HLH].
<b>reptile skin</b> <i>n</i> awörö [LLL].	<b>revenge</b> <i>n</i> mbö [HL]; mbölü [HLH]; mimegwa [HHH]; öbö [HL]; übö [HL]; übübö [HLL]; ügwa [LH].
<b>repulsive (be)</b> <i>v</i> kpaa oyí [HH HH].	<b>revenge</b> <i>v</i> büö mbö [LH LL]; gwaa [HH]; mee mbölü [HH HLH]; megwara [LHH].
<b>reputation</b> <i>n</i> afa [HL]; aha [HL]; ewu [HL]; nde nde [LH LL].	<b>revenge (take)</b> <i>v</i> .
<b>request</b> <i>n</i> arüriö [LHHH]; ayiyö [HLH].	<b>reverberation</b> <i>n</i> mgbam ejije [LHH HLL]; üda [LL].
<b>reschedule</b> <i>v</i> yigharia [LHHH]; yipü [HL].	<b>revere</b> <i>v</i> fee [LH].
<b>rescue</b> <i>n</i> nzöpüta [HHLH].	<b>reversal</b> <i>n</i> ntüghari [HHHH].
<b>rescue</b> <i>v</i> zöö [HH]; zöpüta [HLH].	<b>reverse</b> <i>v</i> ghaa [HH].
<b>resemble</b> <i>v</i> yie [HH]; yie [LH].	<b>review</b> <i>n</i> ntüle [HHH].
<b>resentment</b> <i>n</i> mbö [HL]; öbö [HL]; öbüö [HL] (Oru); übö [HL].	<b>revolt</b> <i>n</i> nnupü isi [HHL HH].
<b>resentment (bear)</b> <i>v</i> düö übö [LH HL].	<b>revolt</b> <i>v</i> nupü isi [HL HH].
<b>reservoir (shallow)</b> <i>n</i> ümí [LH].	<b>reward</b> <i>n</i> ügwö [HH]; ügwö ölü [HH HH]; ügwö örü [HH HH].
<b>residence</b> <i>n</i> obibi [LHH].	<b>rheumatism</b> <i>n</i> agba [LL]; eguru [HLL]; ogugu [HLL].
<b>reside at</b> <i>v</i> bie [HH].	<b>rib/rib cage</b> <i>n</i> ngidü [LLL]; ngili [LLL]; ngirü [LLL]; ngü [LL]; ngügü [LLL]; ökpükü obi [HHH HL].
<b>resinous discharge</b> <i>n</i> atü [HL].	<b>rice</b> <i>n</i> osikapa [LLHH] (loan) <i>Oryza sativa</i> .
<b>resolve</b> <i>n</i> ntaci obi [HHH HL].	<b>rice (wild)</b> <i>n</i> ötösí [HHH] <i>Oryza staphii</i> .
<b>resonator</b> <i>n</i> nda [LL].	<b>riches</b> <i>n</i> akü [LL]; Eru [LL]; üba [LH].
<b>respect</b> <i>n</i> nsöpülu [HHLH]; nsöpüfü [HHHLH]; ugwu [LL].	<b>rich (get)</b> <i>v</i> baa [HH].
<b>respect</b> <i>v</i> söö [HH]; söpülu [HLH]; söpürü [HLH].	
<b>respect (pay)</b> <i>v</i> buo ihu [LH HH].	
<b>respect for (have)</b> <i>v</i> huwe isi [LH HH]; rube isi [LH HH] (Önica); ruwe isi [LH HH].	
<b>respond to</b> <i>v</i> zaa [HH].	
<b>response</b> <i>n</i> aziza [HLH].	
<b>responsibility</b> <i>n</i> ölü [HH]; örü [HH] (Owere).	

**riddle** *n* agwügwa [HLH]; gwam-gwa gwam [HH-LH]; ilu [HH]; ilulu [HHH].

**ridicule** *n* akaje [LLL] (loan); akaji [LLL] (loan); mkpari [HHH].

**ridicule** *v* kwaa emo [HH HL]; kwaa emu [HH HL]; meböö [HHH]; metöö [HLH].

**rifle** *n* egbe [HL].

**righteousness (wand of)** *n* öfö [LH] *Deterium Senegalense; Deterium elastica*.

**right (make)** *v* zie [HH].

**right hand** *n* aka nni [HH HH]; aka nri [HH HH]; aka ütara [HH HLL] (Öhafia/Nsüka).

**Right now! excl** ngwa [HH].

**right now** *adv* kita a [HLL] (Önica); udu a [LHL] (Ihiala); ubgu a [LHL] (Owere); üda a [LHH] (Isu); üdü a [LHL].

**rigid (make)** *v* gbasie [HLH].

**rim** *n* ebubele [HHLL]; egbere [LLL]; ekiki [HLL]; ekpelü [LLL]; ekpere [LLL]; ikpele [LLL] (Önica); ikpere [LLL].

**rim (outer)** *n* ebugugbele [HHLL]; ebugugbere [HLLL].

**ring** *n* mgba aka [HH HH]; ole [HL] (Bende); öla [HL]; öna [HL]; üla [HL].

**ring** *v* küöö [LH].

**ring worm** *n* ngwö [HL].

**rinse** *v* gbügbüö [HLH].

**rinse (e. g. cloth)** *v* sacaa [HHH].

**rinse (e. g. mouth)** *v* maa [HH].

**riot** *n* ögbö aghara [HH HHH].

**ripen** *v* caa [HH]; jie [LH].

**rise** *v* füöö [LH]; gbalie [HHH]; too [HH]; töa [HH] (Öhafia).

**rise in haste** *v* canie [HHH] (Önica); malie [HHH].

**ritual confession** *n* isa ifi [HL HL].

**ritual staff** *n* öfö [LH] *Deterium Senegalense; Deterium elastica*.

**ritual staff (Nri)** *n* ötö nsi [HH HH].

**river's edge** *n* ikpere mmiri [LHH HHH].

**river** *n* anyim [LLL]; iyi [HH]; mmili [HHH]; mmiri [HHH]; orimili [LLLL]; osimili [LLLL]; osimiri [LLLL]; oshimirí [LLLL].

**riverine land** *n* aní olu [LL HH]; mgbökö [LHH].

**riverine people** *n* ndí olu [HH HH]; ndí oru [HH HH].

**riverside** *n* otu [HH].

**river bank** *n* ikpere mmiri [LHH HHH]; otu [HH].

**river flood** *n* ide iyi [HL HH]; iji [HL].

**river sand** *n* ibom [HHH]; ubom [HHH].

**river source** *n* öñü mmili [HH HHH]; öñü mmiri [HH HHH].

**river swamp** *n* mpata [LLL].

**road** *n* ilo [LH]; iro [LH]; uzo [HL]; ülö [LH]; üzö [HL].

**road (main)** *n* ogidi ala [HLH LL]; okporo üzö [HLL HH].

**road-clearing** *n* mböm üzö [LLL HL].

**road-side** *n* ede üzö [HH HL].

**road block** *n* okwelagha [LHHH].

**road crossing** *n* aba ezi [LH HH]; agba üzö [LHHL].

**road junction** *n* aba [LL].

**roar** *n* üja [LL]; üzü [LL].

**roar** *v* gböö üja [HH LL].

**roast** *v* hüö [HH].

**roast (in ash)** *v* dee [LH] (Nsüka); luo [LH]; ruo [LH].

**robber** *n* ekpelima [HHLH] (loan); ekperima [HHLH]; onye ohi [HH HH]; onye ori [HH HH] (Önica).

**robbers** *n* abali-di-egwu [LLL-L-HL].

**rock** *n* nkumwe [LHL]; okwute [LHH] (Önica).

**rodent (kind of)** *n* ikili [LLL].

**rod (wooden)** *n* mkpanaka [LLHH].

**roll** *n* ukwu [LL].

**roll and rock** *v* nyaa [LH].

**roll up** *v* füköö [HLL].

**roofing-mat** *n* akanya [LHH]; akanye [LHH]; ökiyi [HHH].

**roofing sheet (iron)** *n* gbam-gbam [HH-HH].

**roof edge** *n* egbe [HH].

**room** *n* ada aní [HH LL]; obi [LH]; ohere [LLL].

**room (private)** *n* mgbe [LL].

**root** *n* akwala [HHL]; akwara [HHL]; ikere [LHH]; ikikere [LHHH]; mgbörögwu [LLLL]; mkpörögwu [LLLL].

**rope** *n* akwara [HHL]; anya [LL]; aña [HH]; apalí [LLL]; ekwere [HHL]; elili [HHH]; eriri [HHH]; eriri [HHH]; ~~eté~~ [LL] (Önica); öbü [HH]; ögbü [HH]; üdö [LL].

**rope (climber's)** *n* abali [LLL]; agbö [HH]; agbü [HH]; apari [LLL] (Ölü); ete [LL]; öti [LL].

**rope-bridge** *n* akwa [LL]; ikpeke [LHL].

**rot** *n* ule [LH] (Önica); ure [LH] (Owere).

**rot** *v* lee [HH]; ree [HH].  
**rot (dry)** *n* ütü [LH].  
**round** *adv* ehirimehi [LLLHL].  
**round and round** *adv* ehirimehi [LLLHL]; okirikiri [HHH-HH].  
**rout** *v* lakasia [LHHH] (Öhafia); nakasia [LHHH].  
**row** *n* ahíri [HHH]; akala [HLL]; akara [HLL]; ögbala [HLL].  
**row** *v* nyaa [LH].  
**rub** *v* cie [LH]; tee [HH].  
**rub down** *v* huo aka [LH HH]; kpüküpüö [HLH]; rüraa [HLH].  
**rub hard** *v* cie [LH]; shie [LH]; sie [LH].  
**rub in pepper** *v* gbaa ose [HH HL].  
**rub off** *v* hicaa [HHH]; hicapü [HLH]; hie [LH]; yie [LH].  
**rub (e. g. oil)** *v* tee mmanü [LH HHH].  
**rudder** *n* ümara [LLL].  
**ruin** *n* mbibi [HHH]; mmebi [HHL].  
**ruin** *v* bibie [HLH]; mebie [HLH]; rüö [LH].  
**rule** *n* iwü [LH]; öcici [LHH].  
**rule** *v* cüa [HH].  
**rulers** *n* ndi öcici [HH LHH].  
**rulership** *n* öcici [LHH].  
**run** *v* gbaa [HH]; gbaa ösö [HH HH]; gee [HH].  
**running nose** *n* azüzü [LLL].

**run after** *v* cüö ösö [HH HH].  
**run around and about** *v* gbakilie ana [HLH LL] (Önica); gbakirie ala [HLLH LL]; gbakirie ana [HLLHLL].  
**run away** *v* gbafuo [HLH]; gbalaga [HHH]; gbanaga [HHH].  
**run a short way** *v* gbakege [HLH]; gbakeje [HLH].  
**run far** *v* gbabiga oke [HLH HL]; gbamie [HLH].  
**run home** *v* gbalaa [HHH].  
**run into** *v* kpöö ihu [HH HH]; kpöö iru [HH HH].  
**run in circles** *v* gbaa gburu-gburu [HH LL-HL].  
**run off** *v* bökapü ösö [HLL HH]; gbalie [HHH].  
**run over** *v* gbagbuo [HHH].  
**run past** *v* gbafee [HLH].  
**run to for help** *v* gbaga [HH]; gbaköö [H: L].  
**rush** *n* übü [LH]; üvü [LH] (Owere); üzö [HH].  
**rush** *v* büö übü [LH LH].  
**rust** *n* ajali [HHH]; ajara [HHH]; ajari [HH I]; ekiko [HLL]; ncara [HHH].  
**rust** *v* taa ajali [HH HHH]; taa ajara [HH HHH]; taa ajari [HH HHH]; taa ncara [HH HLL].  
**rusty (become)** *v* tanwüö [HHH].

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**sabotage** *n* mgbügbä [HHH].  
**sack** *n* akpa [LL].  
**sack** *v* cüö [HH].  
**sack-cloth** *n* akwa mkpe [HL HL].  
**sacred** *adj* asö [HH]; nsö [HH].  
**sacred (hold)** *v* söö [HH].  
**sacred awe** *n* nsö [HH].  
**sacred idols** *n* igbudu [LLL].  
**sacred watchplace** *n* mgbe [LL].  
**sacrifice** *n* aja [LL]; aja uke [LL LL]; ntö aja [LH LL].  
**sacrifice (make)** *v* cüa aja [HH LL]; cüö aja [HH LL]; cüpü aja [HL LL]; süö aja [HH LL]; süpü aja [HL]; tüö aja [HH LL].  
**sacrilege** *n* alü [HH] (Önica); arü [HH] (Owere).  
**sadness** *n* nwute [HHH].  
**safeguard** *v* cee [HH]; cekwaa [HHH].  
**Safe trip! excl** Da eje [H LL]; De eje [H LL]; Nda eje [LH LH].  
**salary** *n* ügwö [HH]; ügwö ölü [HH HH]; ügwö önwa [HH HH]; ügwö örü [HH HH].  
**sale (day's first)** *n* aka ahia [HH HHH].  
**saliva** *n* asö [HH]; asü [HH].  
**salmonella poisoning** *n* ogbu n'orie [HH LHLL].  
**salt** *n* nnu [HH].  
**saltpetre** *n* akanwü [LHH]; akawa [LHH] (Bende).  
**salutation** *n* ekele [LLH]; ekene [LLH].  
**salute** *v* kelee [LHH]; kenee [LHH].  
**salvation** *n* mgüpüta [HHLH]; nzöpüta [HHH].  
**same** *adj* ofu [LH] (Önica); otu [HL].  
**sanction** *n* apipiä [HHHH]; öpiä [HHHH].  
**sanctity** *n* nsö [HH].  
**sand** *n* aba aja [HH HH]; ada ani [HH] (Oguta); aja [HH]; igwugwu [LHH]; uzuzu [HHL]; üzä [HH] (Ahöada).  
**sandal** *n* agbagha ükwü [LLL HH]; akpükö ükwü [HHH HH].  
**sandfly** *n* ibüba [HLL]; ntanta [LL-LH].  
**sand-bar** *n* ubom [HHH].  
**sap** *n* agölö [HHH]; eso [HH]; mmili [HHH]; mmiri [HHH].

**sapling frond** *n* ome [HH]; ömü [LH].  
**sasswood** *n* aci [HH] *Gossweilerdendron balsamiferum*; ini iyi [LL HH] (Önica); inyi [LL] *Erythrophleum guineense*.  
**satan** *n* ekwensu [HHHH].  
**satisfied (be)** *v* ju afö [H HH]; zuo [LH].  
**save** *v* delie [HHH]; doküba [HLL].  
**save (redeem)** *v* gbapüta [HLH]; zöö [HH]; zöpüta [HLH].  
**saw** *n* mma nkwo [HL HH].  
**saw (e. g. timber)** *v* kwöö [HH]; waa [HH].  
**say** *v* kaa [LH]; kwuo [HH]; shi [H]; si [H].  
**saying (wise)** *n* ilu [HH]; ilulu [HHH].  
**say "No"** *v* jü [H].  
**scabbard** *n* öbö [HH].  
**scabies** *n* akpükpa [HHH]; ükö [HH].  
**scabies (on animals)** *n* akölikö [HHHH].  
**scaffolding** *n* igulube [LLLL]; mbe [HH]; mbibi [LLH]; mbube [LLH]; ndubu [LLH]; obe [HH]; obube [LLH] (Afikpo); ubube [LLH].  
**scales** *n* ikerike [HHHH]; ikiriko [HHHH]; ikoriko [HHHH].  
**scales (of fish)** *n* mkpekere azü [HHHH HL].  
**scalp infection** *n* agü isi [HH HH].  
**scamper off** *v* bökapü ösö [HLL HH]; ghelie [LHH].  
**scapula** *n* ökpö [LL]; ökpü [LL].  
**scar** *n* apa [LL]; ökpü [LL].  
**scarce (be)** *v* köö [HH].  
**scarcity** *n* üga [HL]; üganü [HLL]; ükö [LH]; ünwü [HH].  
**scare** *v* hüja [HL]; küja [HL]; maja [HL]; menye üjö [HH HH]; yie egwu [LH HL].  
**scared (be)** *v* tüö egwu [LH HH].  
**scarf** *n* icafü [LLL] (loan); kafü [HL] (loan).  
**scarification mark** *n* amü [HH]; ici [LL]; mbibi [LLL]; mbubu [HLL]; mgbiriei [LHHH].  
**scarify face** *v* waa ihu [HH HH]; waa iru [HH HH].  
**scar (swollen)** *n* afüfü [HLL].  
**scatter** *v* cüsa [HLH]; gbasaa [HLL]; kpasa [HHH]; kposaa [HLH].  
**scattering** *n* mgbasa [HHL]; ncüsa [HHL].  
**schedule** *v* hazie [LHH]; yie [HH].  
**scheme** *n* arümarü [LHHH]; elo [HL].  
**school** *n* ülö akwükö [HL HHH].  
**school building** *n* ülö akwükö [HL HHH].  
**school (attend)** *v* gaa akwükö [HH HHH].

<b>scissors</b> <i>n</i> ejimba [LLHL]; mkpa [LL]; mma mkpa [HL LL].	<b>second burial (perform)</b> <i>v</i> kwaa ozu [HH HH].
<b>scold</b> <i>v</i> baa [HH].	<b>secrecy</b> <i>n</i> nzuzo [LHH]; nzuzu [LHH].
<b>scope</b> <i>n</i> efe [HL].	<b>secretary</b> <i>n</i> ode akwükwo [LH HHH].
<b>scorpion</b> <i>n</i> akpi [HL]; akpi özala [HH LLL]; akpi özara [HH LLL]; odogwu özala [LHH LLL] (Önica).	<b>secret (in)</b> <i>adv</i> n'azü [LH]; n'okpuru [LHL].
<b>scoundrel</b> <i>n</i> ome-ka-ome [LL-H-LL].	<b>secret agreement</b> <i>n</i> ekwerekwe [LHHH].
<b>scourge</b> <i>n</i> itali [LLL]; nsogbu [HLH].	<b>secret consultation</b> <i>n</i> izu [LL].
<b>scourge</b> <i>v</i> pia [HH].	<b>secret trial</b> <i>n</i> ikpe azü [LH HH].
<b>scramble</b> <i>n</i> übü [LH]; üvü [LH] (Owere); üzö [LH].	<b>sect</b> <i>n</i> otu [LL].
<b>scramble for</b> <i>v</i> büö übü [HH HH]; vüö üvü [HH HH].	<b>section</b> <i>n</i> impaghara [HHHH].
<b>scraps</b> <i>n</i> mkpekere [HHHH].	<b>secure</b> <i>v</i> data [LH].
<b>scratch</b> <i>n</i> akika [HLL]; ökö [HH]; ükö [HH].	<b>secure (business)</b> <i>v</i> hüta [HH].
<b>scratch</b> <i>v</i> böö [HH]; vöö [HH] (Mbaise); yee [HH]; yoo [HH].	<b>secure services of</b> <i>v</i> kuo [LH].
<b>scratch (with paws)</b> <i>v</i> . gaa [LH].	<b>seduction</b> <i>n</i> nlanye [HLH] (Önica); nranye [LHL].
<b>scream</b> <i>v</i> tie mkpu [LH LH].	<b>see</b> <i>v</i> fü [H]; hü [H]; hüö üzö [LH HL].
<b>scribe</b> <i>n</i> ode akwükwo [LH HHH].	<b>seed</b> <i>n</i> abi [HL]; abülü [LLL]; abürü [HLL]; aki [HH]; akpürü [HHH] (Afikpo); akü [HH]; mkpürü [HHH].
<b>script (kind of)</b> <i>n</i> nsibidi [LLLL] (Aröcukwu); nsibiri [LLLL] (Aröcukwu).	<b>seed yam</b> <i>n</i> apkü [HL]; apkü ji [HH H]; asili [LHH]; awa ji [HH H].
<b>scrotum</b> <i>n</i> akpa amü [LL HL]; utu [HL].	<b>seek information</b> <i>v</i> jüa asia [HH LLL] (Öka); jüa ase [HH LL]; jüö ese [HH LL].
<b>scrubland</b> <i>n</i> özala [LLL]; özara [LLL].	<b>seek safety at</b> <i>v</i> gbaga [HH].
<b>scrutinise</b> <i>v</i> lelee [LHH]; nenee [LHH]; nwalee [LHH]; tülee [HHH].	<b>seek succour</b> <i>v</i> tikuo [HLH].
<b>sculpt</b> <i>v</i> kpüö [HH].	<b>seek to</b> <i>n</i> cöö [HH].
<b>sculptor</b> <i>n</i> ome nka [HH LL]; onye nka [HH LL].	<b>see (somebody) home</b> <i>v</i> dulaa [LHH].
<b>scurvy</b> <i>n</i> awaka [LHH].	<b>seer (become a)</b> <i>v</i> waaanya [HH HH].
<b>sea</b> <i>n</i> orimili [LLLL]; oshimir [LLLL]; osimili [LLLL]; osimiri [LLLL].	<b>seize</b> <i>v</i> jibie [HLH]; jicie [HHH]; zelü [HH]; zere [HH].
<b>seal</b> <i>v</i> kecie [HHH].	<b>seize (property)</b> <i>v</i> kwaa ngwa [HH HH] (Öhafia).
<b>sea-bird</b> <i>n</i> ekulu mmili [LLL HHH].	<b>seizure</b> <i>n</i> njibi [HHL].
<b>sea-gull</b> <i>n</i> nnünü oke osimiri [HLL HH LLLL]; ügbala [HLL]; ügbana [HLL].	<b>seizure (epileptic)</b> <i>n</i> di mgba [H LH]; ose [LL]; üzö [HH].
<b>sea-storm</b> <i>n</i> ebi [HL] (West Igbo); ebili [LLL].	<b>select</b> <i>v</i> höö [HH]; höpüta [HLH]; hörö [LH].
<b>search about</b> <i>v</i> wagharia [HHHH].	<b>selection</b> <i>n</i> nhöpüta [HHLH]; nröpüta [HHLH]; öhöhö [LLH].
<b>search for</b> <i>v</i> cöga [HH]; cöta [HH]; tuo [HH].	<b>sell</b> <i>v</i> ree [HH].
<b>season</b> <i>n</i> aba [LL]; agba [LL]; udu [LH].	<b>sell fast</b> <i>v</i> gbaa ahia [HH HHH].
<b>seasoning seed</b> <i>n</i> efulu [HLH] (Öka); ehiri [HLL] (Owere); ehuru [HLL] <u>Monodora myristica</u> .	<b>sell to</b> <i>v</i> lebe [HH] (Önica); resi [HH].
<b>season (dry)</b> <i>n</i> ököci [HHL].	<b>semen</b> <i>n</i> ezere [HLL]; mbumbu mmiri [HHH HHH]; osoni [LLL] (Bende); ure [LH]; uze [LL]; uzi [LL].
<b>season of plenty</b> <i>n</i> udu nri [LH HH].	<b>send</b> <i>v</i> zie [LH].
<b>seat (four-cornered)</b> <i>n</i> agbala [LLL] (Önica).	<b>send as delegate</b> <i>v</i> dunye [LH].
<b>sea waves</b> <i>n</i> ebiri [LLL] (Owere).	<b>send down</b> <i>v</i> zida [HL]; zite [LH].
<b>second</b> <i>num</i> aböö [LHH]; abüa [LHH]; abüö [LHH].	<b>send forward</b> <i>v</i> dunye [LH].
	<b>send home</b> <i>v</i> dulaa [LHH]; kpölaa [LHH].
	<b>send out</b> <i>v</i> zipü [HL].

**send s/one shopping** *v* tüö afia [HH HHH].  
**send s/one shopping** *v* tüö ahia [HH HHH].  
**send to** *v* zite [LH].  
**sense** *n* akölö [LHH]; uce [HL].  
**sentry** *n* nce [HH]; uce [HH].  
**separate** *v* gaa [HH].  
**septum of nose** *n* utulu [LLL].  
**serenely** *adv* jülüü [LLL].  
**serious (become)** *v* shie ike [HH HH]; sie ike [HH HH].  
**sermon** *n* okwu Cukwu [HH HH].  
**serpent** *n* agwö [HH].  
**servant** *n* edibo [LLL]; odibo [LLL] (Önica).  
**servant (be)** *n* gbaa edibo [HH LLL]; gbaa odibo [HH LLL] (Önica).  
**servant (indentured)** *n* ohu [HL] (Owere); oru [HL] (Önica); oru ama [HL HH] (Nsüka); oruma [HLL] (Nsüka).  
**serve** *v* fee [LH]; gbaa ifu [HH LL]; pasa [HH] (Bende).  
**serve (wine)** *v* küö [HH].  
**Serves you right!** *excl* Ntööö [HLHH].  
**serve as** *v* baa uru [LH HL].  
**session (be in)** *v* gbaa [HH].  
**set (e. g. trap)** *v* kwee [HH].  
**setting (of sun)** *n* ödida [LLL].  
**settle** *v* doo [HH]; gbadoo [HLH]; gbulie [HLH]; kwubie [HLH].  
**settlement** *n* ama [HH]; ebe obibi [HH HHH]; ibom [HHH] (Aröcukwu); mgboro [LLL]; nguru [LHH]; ngwuru [LHH]; obom [HHH] (Mbaanö).  
**settle (dispute)** *v* bie ikpe [LH LH]; dokwaa [HHH].  
**settle bride price** *v* gbaa ngö [HH HL].  
**set a date** *v* yie agba [HH LL].  
**set on fire** *v* gbaa ökü [HH HH]; kpöö ökü [HH HH]; lee ökü [HH HH]; ree ökü [HH HH]; suo ökü [LH HH].  
**set out en masse** *v* turu [HH] (Öhafia).  
**set right** *v* dezie [HHH].  
**set trap** *v* gbaa önya [HH HL]; haa önya [HH HL].  
**seven/seventh** *num* asaa [LHL]; issaa [LHH] (Önica).  
**sever** *v* cabiri [HLL].  
**several** *n* ötütü [LHH].  
**sew** *v* düö akwa [HH HL]; gbaa akwa [HH HL]; kwaa [HH]; kwaa akwa [HH HL].  
**sew up** *v* dúcic [HHH].

**sex (have)** *v* laa [HH] (Önica); raa [HH] (Owere).  
**sexual assault** *n* mba [LL].  
**shackles** *n* iga [HH].  
**shade** *n* agwa [HH]; iku [LL]; ndo [LL].  
**shade tree** *n* öbü [HH]; ögbü [HH] *Ficus vogelii*.  
**shadow** *n* enyunyo [HLH]; inyogho [HLH]; inyogo [HLH]; inyunyo [HLH]; onyunyo [HLH]; oyoyo [LHH].  
**shadow** *v* dee [LH] (Öhafia).  
**shake** *v* hüö [LH]; kwagharia [LHHH].  
**shaker** *n* öyü [LL]; üyü [LL].  
**shake dry** *v* fecaa [HHH].  
**shake head** *v* fifie isi [HLH HH]; hihie isi [HLH HH].  
**shake with fear** *v* maa ebube [HH LLL].  
**shame** *n* ifele [HHH]; ifele [HHH]; ihere [HHH].  
**shame** *v* mecuo ihu [HHH HH]; mecuo iru [HHH HH].  
**shame (cause)** *v* mee ihere [HH HHH]; menyé ihere [HH HHH].  
**shape** *v* gwöö [HH]; kpüö [HH]; pia [HH].  
**shard** *n* epekele [HHHH]; epekere [HHHH]; ibeghiri [HLHH]; mkpekere [HHHH]; mpekele [HHHH]; mpékere [HHHH]; ökpökörö [HHHH].  
**share** *n* mmaji [HHH]; nketa [HLH]; oke [LL].  
**share** *v* böö [LH]; hahaa [HHL] (Öhafia).  
**share in** *v* keta [LH].  
**share inheritance** *v* lie ekpe [HH HH]; rie ekpe [HH HH].  
**shark** *n* aja [LL].  
**sharp** *adj* nkö [HH]; nkö [HH].  
**sharpen** *v* müö [HH]; pia [HH].  
**sharp-shoot** *v* gbaa aka-nde [HH HH-LL].  
**sharp-shooter** *n* di egbe [H-HL].  
**shatter** *v* tiwaa [HHH].  
**shave** *v* kpüö [LH]; laa [LH]; laa isi [HH HH]; raa isi [HH HH].  
**shaving knife** *n* mma akwa [HL HL].  
**she** *prn* o [H]; ö [H].  
**she/her/hers** *prn* ya [H]; ye [H].  
**sheaf** *n* ütü [LL].  
**sheath** *n* öbö [HH].  
**shed** *n* akpata [HHH].  
**shed (old) skin** *v* gbüö [LH]; nwhee [LH]; nwwoo [LH]; nwuo [LH]; woo [LH]; woo awölö [HH].

**shed leaves** *v* gbüö [HH].  
**shed skin** *v* gbüö [HH].  
**shed tears** *v* gbaaanya mmiri [HH HH HHH];  
 gbüö [HH].  
**sheep** *n* atülü [HHL]; atürü [HHH].  
**sheet (of paper)** *n* akwükwo [HHH].  
**shelf** *n* oce nkwago [HH HHH].  
**shell** *n* icele [LLL]; icere [LLL]; okpokoro  
 [HHHH].  
**shell (empty)** *n* ibeghiri [HLHH].  
**shell of snail** *n* nkilike [HHHH]; nkilikü  
 [HHHH].  
**shelter** *n* ndo [LL].  
**shield** *n* öta [HH].  
**shield (of straw)** *n* egbeje [HHH].  
**shilling** *n* sini [HL].  
**shin** *n* egedege ükwü [HLLL HH]; igo [LHH];  
 igo [LL]; igölö [HLL]; ike ükwü [HL HH];  
 igödö [LHH]; igölö [LHH].  
**shine** *v* caa [HH]; caa [HH]; gbuo [HH]; zaa  
 [LH].  
**ship** *n* ügbö mmiri [HH HHH].  
**shiver** *v* hüö [LH].  
**shock** *n* iböbö [LHH].  
**shoe** *n* agbagha ükwü [LLL HH]; akpükö  
 ükwü [HHH HH].  
**shoot** *n* ala [HH].  
**shoot** *v* gbaa [HH]; gbaa egbe [HH HL].  
**shoot (of seed)** *n* ömi [LL] (West Igbo).  
**shoot arrow** *v* gbaa akü [HH LH].  
**shoot a bull's eye** *v* gbaa aka-nde [HH HH  
 LL].  
**shoot down** *v* gbada [HL]; gbatuo [HLH].  
**shoot to death** *v* gbagbuo [HHH].  
**shoot up** *v* gbalie [HHH].  
**short** *adj* m kpümkpü [HHHH].  
**shorten** *v* belata [LHH]; benata [LHH].  
**shorten speech** *v* bee okwu [HH HH].  
**short-statured** *adj* m kpümkpü [HHHH].  
**shot-gun** *n* egbe [HL].  
**shoulder** *n* ubu [LH]; ubu aka [LH HH].  
**shout** *n* mkpu [LH]; ube [HH].  
**shout** *v* gböö [HH]; tie [LH]; tia [HH] (Öhafia).  
**shout down** *v* bigböö [LHH].  
**shove** *n* nkwa [LL].  
**shove** *v* kwaa [HH]; nuo [LH].  
**shovel** *n* oseke [LHL].  
**show** *n* ife nkili [HH HHH]; ife nnene [HH  
 HHH]; ihe nkiri [HH HHH]; ihe nlere [HH  
 HHH].

**show** *v* gosi [HH]; zi [H]; zi [H].  
**shower** *v* büö [LH]; ghüö ahü [HH LH]; vüö  
 [LH]; wüö ahü [HH LH].  
**show-deference** *v* sööanya [HH HH].  
**show disgust** *v* maa ösö [HH HL]; maa ösü  
 [HH HL].  
**show fear** *v* tüö üjö [LH HH].  
**show no respect** *v* kpöría [LHH].  
**show off** *v* ree ure [HH HL]; tüö üña [LH LL].  
**show respect** *v* sööanya [HH HH].  
**shred** *v* dökaa [LHH].  
**shrimp** *n* agada [LLH]; akpata [HLL] (Abö);  
 oporo [LLH].  
**shrine** *n* egburu aja [HLL HH]; okpo [LH];  
 okpu [LL]; okwo [HH]; ögwa [HL]; öyö  
 [LL].  
**shrine (family)** *n* ala ezi [LL LH].  
**shrine (kind of)** *n* mbari [LHH]; Öma [HL].  
**shrine (of kindred)** *n* obu ama [LL HH].  
**shrine guards (Mbari)** *n* ndi mgbe [HH LL].  
**shrivelled (become)** *v* kpönwüö [HHH].  
**shrub** *n* übüba [HHH].  
**shrub (fragrant)** *n* ari igbe [LH HL].  
**shrug** *v* kpöö n'ubu [HH LHH].  
**shutter** *n* akü [LH]; akwü [LH]; awa ala [HH  
 LL]; ibo [HL]; mbo [HL].  
**shut close** *v* gbaie [HHH]; gbasie [HHH].  
**shut down** *v* mecie [LHH].  
**shut eyes** *v* mücieanya [LHH HH]; nyicieanya  
 [LHH HH].  
**shut up** *v* mecie önu [LHH HH].  
**shyness** *n* ifele [HHH]; ihere [HHH].  
**shy (be)** *v* mee ihere [HH HHH].  
**sibling** *n* nwa nne [H HH].  
**sibling (oldest)** *n* ime nne [HH HH].  
**siblings** *n* ömö [HL] (Öhafia); ümü [HL]; ümü  
 nri [HH HH] (Öhafia).  
**sickness** *n* agbö [HH]; agbü [HL]; örëa [HLL];  
 öya [HL] (Önica).  
**sickness (constant)** *n* nrëa-nrëa [LLL-LLL].  
**sick (fall)** *v* daa örëa [LH HHL]; daa öya [HH  
 HL].  
**side** *n* agüga [HLL]; akükü [HLL]; mpaghara  
 [HHHH].  
**sideways** *adv* akükü akükü [HLL HLL].  
**side of** *prep* n'agüga [HLL].  
**sieve** *n* üzä [LL]; myö [LL].  
**sieve** *v* zaa [LH].  
**sift** *v* yöö [LH]; zaa [LH].  
**sigh** *n* ösö [HL]; ösü [HL].

**sigh** *v* rie ude [HH HL].  
**sigh (deep)** *n* ude [HL].  
**sigh deeply** *v* süa ude [LH HL].  
**sign** *v* bia aka [LH HH]; tinye aka [LH HH].  
**silence** *n* nkiti [LHL]; owu [LL].  
**silk** *n* nkisi [LHH]; ulari [LLL].  
**silk-cotton tree** *n* akwü [HH] (Bende-Öhafia); apü [HH].  
**silver** *n* öla öca [HL HH].  
**similar to** *adv* ele aghü [LL HL] (Öka); eleghe [LLL] (Bende).  
**similar to (be)** *v* yie [HH].  
**simmer** *v* gböö [HH].  
**simpleton** *n* ofeke [LHL].  
**simple interest** *n* üma [LL].  
**sin** *n* mmehie [HHLL]; njö [LH].  
**sin** *v* mee njö [HH LH].  
**since** *conj* eri [LL]; ka mgbe [H LL]; ke mgbe [H LL].  
**since genesis** *adv* eri ökpü [LL HL].  
**sing** *v* büö abü [LH HL]; göö egwu [HH HH]; güö [HH HH]; güö egwu [HH HH]; kwee [HH]; kwee ukwe [HH LH]; vüö avü [LH HL].  
**singers** *n* ndü egwu [HH HH].  
**single** *n* nge [HH]; nnaa [HHH]; otu [HL].  
**sing discordantly** *v* kwee abüö [LH HHH].  
**sing song** *v* roo [HH].  
**sink** *v* mie [LH].  
**sink deep** *v* mie [LH].  
**sin gravely** *v* lüö anü [HH LL]; rüö ala [HH LL].  
**sip** *v* detü önu [HH HH]; kpütü [LH]; laa [HH] (Önica); raa [HH].  
**Sir** *n* Dee [HH]; Deede [HHL]; Maazi [HLH] (loan).  
**siren** *n* oti mkpu [LH HH].  
**sister** *n* nwa nne [H HH].  
**sit** *v* duu [LL] (Owere); sukwuru [HLH]; tukwuru [HLH].  
**situation** *n* öndüö [HLH].  
**sit down** *v* döörue [HLLH]; kpooru [HLH]; kwosa ödü [LH HL]; nödü [LH]; nöörue [HLHH]; nörue [LHH].  
**six/sith** *n* isii [LHH]; ishii [LHH].  
**sixpenny coin** *n* shishi [HL]; sis [HL].  
**six pence** *n* shishi [HL].  
**size** *n* ogo [HH].  
**skewer** *n* agiga [HHH]; ara [LL].  
**skies** *n* mbara [LHH].

**skill** *n* nka [LL].  
**skin** *n* ahü [LH]; akpükö [HHH]; akpükü [HHH]; akpükü ahü [HHH HH].  
**skin (an animal)** *v* gbaa akpükö [HH HHH].  
**skin-disease** *n* agwa [HL]; ikputu [HLL]; ügwa [HL]; ügwö [HL].  
**skin colour** *n* agba ahü [HH HH].  
**skin decoration** *n* nkiri [LLL].  
**skin disease** *n* agba [LL]; eye [LL].  
**skin parasite** *n* ütü [LH].  
**skin rash** *n* ngwö [HL].  
**skin worm** *n* nje [LH].  
**skip over** *v* wüö [LH].  
**skirt (women's)** *n* okwerike [LLLHH] (Öhaözara).  
**skunk** *n* nkakwü [LHH]; nkapü [LHH].  
**sky** *n* elu-igwe [HL-HH]; enu-igwe [HL-HH]; igwe [HH].  
**sky god** *n* Igwe [HH].  
**slag** *n* afolö üzü [HHH LL]; afülü üzü [HHH LL].  
**slander** *n* ebubo [HLH]; mbubo [HLH]; nkarü [HLH]; nkötö [HHL]; nkötö [HHL]; nkwtö [HHL]; okwu azü [HH HH]; ubo [HL].  
**slander** *v* karüö [LHH]; kpöö ajö aha [HH HH]; kwutöö [HLH]; mebie aha [HLH HL].  
**slap** *n* öla [LH]; üla [LH]; üra [LH].  
**slap** *v* gbaa aka-nti [HH HH-LL]; maa öla [HH HH]; maa üla [HH HH]; maa üra [HH HH].  
**slave** *n* amüdezi [HHHH]; ezi [LH]; nwa anü [H LL] (Ögü); ohu [HL] (Owere); oru [HL] (Önica).  
**slave (cult)** *n* akankolo [HHHHH] (West Igbo).  
**slave village** *n* ugwule [HHH] (West Igbo).  
**slave woman** *n* oru nwanyi [HL HL].  
**sleep** *n* üla [HH]; üra [HH] (Owere); üra [HH] (Owere).  
**sleep** *v* die [HL]; dina [HL] (Önica); hie üra [HH HH]; koo üla [HH HH]; kuo üla [LH HH] (Afikpo); kwoo üra [LH HH]; larü üla [LH HH]; raha üra [LH HH].  
**sleeping mat** *n* eto [HL]; ute [HH].  
**sleep (induce)** *v* tüö üla [LH HH]; tüö üra [LH HH].  
**sleepy (be)** *v* tüö üla [LH HH]; tüö üra [LH HH].  
**sleep close to** *v* didebe [HLH].  
**sleep talk** *n* nzolo [HLL] (Önica).  
**slender** *adj* giri-giri [HH-HH].

- slide past** *v* mĩa [HH].
- slight** *v* lĩa [LH]; nĩa [LH].
- slime** *n* ülö [LL].
- slimy liquid** *n* ülö [LL].
- sling** *n* ebe [HH].
- sling on** *v* nyara [LH].
- slip** *n* ada [HH].
- slip** *v* shia [HH]; sia [HH].
- slippery** *adj* kpere kpere [HH HH].
- slippery (be)** *v* gbüö [HH]; mĩa [HH]; shia [HH]; sia [HH].
- slip out** *v* fio [HH].
- slit-drum** *n* ighbugbo [LHH].
- sliver** *n* mpekele [HHHH]; mpekere [HHHH].
- slope** *n* ndida [LLL].
- sloth** *n* ume ngwü [HH HH].
- slow** *adj* nwayö [HLL].
- slowly** *adv* nwayöö [HL].
- slug** *n* mgbö [HH]; mkpö [HH].
- small** *adj* mpe mpe [HH HH]; nta [HL]; obere [HHH]; ogbede [LLL].
- smallish** *adj* nkepili [HHHH]; ntii [HLH L]; nwantii [HHHH].
- smallpox** *n* akwüma [LLL]; udo [HH].
- small (be)** *v* pee [HH].
- small (very)** *adj* ntakiri [HLHH].
- small pox** *n* ketikpa [HHH]; kpötömkpö [HHHH].
- smear** *v* cie [LH]; fesa [HH].
- smell** *n* isi [HL]; isisi [HLL]; ushi [HL]; usi [HL].
- smell** *v* shie [LH]; shie ushi [LH HL]; sie [LH]; sie isi [LH HL].
- smelt-waste** *n* afölö üzü [HHH LL]; afülü üzü [HHH LL].
- smile** *n* amü [HH] (Önica); öci [HL] (Owere).
- smile** *v* cia [LH]; müö [LH]; müö amü [LH HH].
- smith's chisel** *n* akika oyighoyi [HHH LLLL].
- smith's wood** *n* araba [HHH] (Öka) *Griffonia Barteri*.
- smith** *n* ökpü üzü [LH HH].
- smithing** *n* nka [LL].
- smith (master)** *n* nna üzü [HL HH].
- smithy** *n* özü [HH]; üzü [HH].
- smoke** *n* anwülü [HLL]; anwürü [HLL]; anyülü [HLL]; origoro [HHHH]; uzu [LL].
- smoke** *v* kwüö anwürü [HH HLL]; see [LH].
- smoking pipe** *n* efenza [LLLH]; ökü [LL].
- smooth** *adj* larii [LLL]; nro [HL].
- smoothly** *adv* were were [HH HH].
- smooth talk** *n* ire ötö [HH LH].
- snail's shell** *n* nkilike [HHHH]; nkilikü [HHHH].
- snail** *n* ejii [HL]; ejina [HLL]; eju [HL]; ejuna [HLL]; ile öma [HH HH] (West Igbo); ire öma [HL HL] (West Igbo); mbele [HHH]; njina [HLL]; njuna [HLL] (Ndizuögü); ösa [HL].
- snake** *n* agwö [HH]; alili [HHH] (Önica); ariri [HHH] (Owere).
- snake (kinds of)** *n* aka [LL]; akabiri [HHLL]; eru [LL]; eze agwö [HL HH]; ikputu [LLL]; ubi [HL] *Naja melanoleuca Hall*.
- snap** *v* haa öni [HH HL]; kwaa [HH].
- snap in two** *v* gbabie [HLH].
- snare** *n* önya [HL].
- snatch away** *v* bürü [HH]; vürü [HH].
- sneak about** *v* ghee [HH]; yee [HH].
- sneak out** *v* fio [HH]; ghelie [LHH]; mĩa [HH].
- sneeze** *n* uzele [HHH]; uzere [HHH]; üzü [LL]; üzü imi [LL HH].
- snicker** *v* maa ösö [HH HL]; maa ösü [HH HL].
- snore** *v* kwoo üra [HH HH].
- snub** *v* gbaa igbe [HH LH] (Ngwa).
- snuff** *n* anwürü [HLL]; egweregwe anwürü [LLH HLL]; ötagba [LHL]; ütaba [LHL]; ütagba [LHL].
- snuff-box** *n* mkpö anwürü [LH HLL].
- so** *adv* ele [LL] (Bende); elege [LLL] (Bende).
- soak** *v* baa [LH]; dee [HH]; gbee [HH].
- soaked (be)** *v* ruo immiri [LH HHH].
- soap** *n* nca [HL].
- soft** *adj* gwöli-gwöli [LL-LL].
- soften** *v* dee [HH]; gbee [HH]; luo [LH]; ruo [LH].
- softness** *n* nlö [LL].
- soft (become)** *v* gwöö [LH] (Mbaanö).
- soft (be)** *v* löö [HH].
- soft-to-the-touch** *adj* nro [HL].
- soil** *n* ala [LL] (Owere); ale [LL] (Afikpo).
- soil** *v* metöö [LHL].
- soiled (be)** *v* luo unyi [HH HL]; ruo unyi [HH HL].
- soil (clayey)** *n* üpa ala [HH LL]; üpitii [HLL]; üpitii [HHHH].
- soldier-ant** *n* añasi [HHL]; elughelu [HLH]; elulu [LHL]; eruru [LHL]; ijele [HHL]; ijere [HHL]; iruro [LLL]; iruru [LLL].
- soldiers** *n* ndii agha [HH HH].

<b>sole (of foot)</b> <i>n</i> öbö ükwü [HL HH].	<b>spine</b> <i>n</i> LLH]: aka ila [HH HL] (Azümini); omena ibite [LHL LLH] (Öhafia/Nsüka).
<b>soliloquy</b> <i>n</i> ntakwu [HHH].	<b>sow (by scattering)</b> <i>v</i> ghaa [HH].
<b>solo</b> <i>prn</i> anĩ [HH].	<b>sow seed</b> <i>v</i> küö [HH].
<b>some</b> <i>n</i> ntinti [HHHH]; ole [LH]; üfödù [LHH].	<b>so that</b> <i>conj</i> ka [L].
<b>something</b> <i>n</i> ife [HH]; ihe [HH] (Owere); ive [HH] (Agülerı).	<b>space</b> <i>n</i> ohere [LLL].
<b>son</b> <i>n</i> nwa nwoke [H HH]; ökpala [HHH]; ökpara [HHH]; ökwara [HHH]; öpara [HHH].	<b>space between</b> <i>n</i> etiti na-abö [LHL L-LH].
<b>song</b> <i>n</i> abü [HL] (Önica); egu [HH]; egwu [HH]; ukwe [LH] (Owere); uri [HH].	<b>sparkle</b> <i>v</i> gbukee [HHH]; mükee [LHH].
<b>song (liturgical)</b> <i>n</i> avü [HL] (Önica).	<b>sparrow</b> <i>n</i> egwele [LHL]; egwulu [LHL]; nza [HH].
<b>song (of childbirth)</b> <i>n</i> üma [LH].	<b>spasm</b> <i>n</i> etuketu [LLHL]; etutuu [LHH]; otutu [LHH]; otutuu [LLHH].
<b>song (satirical)</b> <i>n</i> oro [HH].	<b>spatter</b> <i>v</i> fee [HH]; fesa [HH]; vee [HH].
<b>song of joy</b> <i>n</i> ebu [HL] (Abakiliki/Afikpo).	<b>speak</b> <i>v</i> kaa [LH]; kwuo [HH]; süö [LH].
<b>son (only)</b> <i>n</i> nwa olu [H HL]; nwa onu [H HL].	<b>speak (for oneself)</b> <i>v</i> kpere önö [HH HL].
<b>son (second)</b> <i>n</i> ülü öpara [LH HHH].	<b>speak for s/body</b> <i>v</i> kwutere [LHH].
<b>soon</b> <i>adv</i> nso [LH].	<b>speak in error</b> <i>v</i> kwuze önö [HL HH].
<b>soot</b> <i>n</i> anwülü [HLL]; anwürü [HHL]; anyülü [HLL]; unyi [HL].	<b>speak out</b> <i>v</i> kwupüta [HLH].
<b>soothe</b> <i>n</i> düa [LH].	<b>speak to</b> <i>v</i> ghee önö [HH HH]; gwa [H]; yee önö [HH HH].
<b>soothsayer</b> <i>n</i> ögba afa [HH HH]; ögba aja [LH LL].	<b>spear</b> <i>n</i> agiliga [HLHH] (Önica); agiriga [LHLH] (Owere); arö [HL]; arüa [HLH]; mkpümkpü ubé [HHHH HL]; ngiga [HHH]; öbödö [LLL]; ögbödö [LLLH] (Asaba); ubé [HL]; ukpoo [LHL].
<b>soothsaying</b> <i>n</i> ugiri ama [HHH HH].	<b>spear</b> <i>v</i> gbaa ubé [HH HL].
<b>sorcerer</b> <i>n</i> mgba así [HL LH].	<b>spectacle</b> <i>n</i> ife nkili [HH HHH]; ife nnene [HH HHH]; ihe nkiri [HH HHH]; ihe nlere [HH HHH].
<b>sore</b> <i>n</i> eko [HL]; önya [HH].	<b>spectacles</b> <i>n</i> enyoanya [LL HH] (Owere); ugegbeanya [LLL HH].
<b>sore (with pus)</b> <i>n</i> aba [LL]; agbü [HH].	<b>speech</b> <i>n</i> okwu [HH]; üka [HL].
<b>sorrow</b> <i>n</i> alili [LLL] (Önica); ariri [LLL] (Owere); nwute [HHH].	<b>speedily</b> <i>adv</i> ngwa [HH]; ngwa ngwa [HH HH].
<b>sorrow (deep)</b> <i>n</i> uru [LH].	<b>spend</b> <i>v</i> mefue [HLH]; mefuo [HLH].
<b>Sorry!</b> <i>excl</i> Ndo [LH]; Küö [LH] (Mbaanö).	<b>spices (kinds of)</b> <i>n</i> efu [HL]; ogili [LLL] (Önica); ogiri [LLL]; <i>Parkia clappertonia</i> ; üda [HL] <i>Xylopia aethiopica</i> ; üziza [HHH] <i>Piper guineense</i> ; <i>Glyphaea lateriflora</i> .
<b>sort</b> <i>n</i> agwa [LL]; ikwu [HH]; üdi [LH]; ükpa [HH].	<b>spider</b> <i>n</i> udide [LHH]; udude [LHH]; ududo [LHH]; ugide [LHH]; ugude [LHH].
<b>sort out</b> <i>v</i> hazie [LHH].	<b>spike</b> <i>n</i> agiga [HHH].
<b>soul</b> <i>n</i> mkipürü obi [HHH HL]; obi [HL].	<b>spike</b> <i>v</i> düö [LH].
<b>sound</b> <i>n</i> üda [LL].	<b>spill</b> <i>v</i> kwafuo [HLH]; wüfuo [HLH].
<b>sound</b> <i>v</i> küö [LH]; tüö oke [HH LL].	<b>spill on to</b> <i>v</i> tasa [HH].
<b>sound of relief</b> <i>n</i> orogho [LLL]; oroho [LLL].	<b>spindle</b> <i>n</i> agha [HL].
<b>soup</b> <i>n</i> ofe [HH]; ofe agbada [HH LLH]; ofe akwükwo [HH HHH]; ofe nsala [HH HHH]; ofe ntüruba [HH HLHH]; ohe [HH]; öfö [HH] (Bende).	<b>spindly</b> <i>adj</i> nganga [HHHH]; ngengwe [HHHH] (Udi).
<b>sourness</b> <i>n</i> üka [HH].	<b>spine</b> <i>n</i> ökpükö azü [HHH LH]; ökpükü azü [HHH LH].
<b>sour (go)</b> <i>v</i> gbaa üka [HH HH].	
<b>sour face (have)</b> <i>v</i> carüö ihu [HLH HH]; gbalüö iru [HLH HH]; gbarüö ihu [HLH HH].	
<b>south</b> <i>adj</i> ala [LL].	
<b>south</b> <i>n</i> mgbada [HHL].	
<b>southpaw</b> <i>n</i> aka enwe [HH LL]; aka ibite [HH]	

- spineless-ness** *n* ume mba [HH HL].
- spinning top** *n* edekere [HHHH].
- spinster** *n* ayiliya [LLHL]; idegbe [LLL] (Benin); mgbotö [LLL]; mkpötö [HHL].
- spin yarn** *v* tüö ogbo [LH HH].
- spirit** *n* agbara [HLL]; ama [HH] (Nsuka); egero [HHH] (Afikpo); mmöö [LHH]; mmüö [LHH]; üwa [LL] (Afikpo).
- spirit (carved)** *n* alüsü [HHH] (Önica); arü nsü [HH HH]; arüsü [HHH] (Owere); erisi [HLL].
- spirit (evil)** *n* agbala [HLL] (Önica); ekwensu [HHHH].
- spirit (personal)** *n* ci [H].
- spirit-child** *n* ögbanje [LHH].
- spirit-double** *n* agü [HL].
- spirit maiden** *n* agboghö mmüö [LHH LHH].
- spirit world** *n* ala mmöö [HH LHH].
- spit** *n* asö [HH]; asü [HH].
- spit** *v* büö [LH]; büö asü [LH HH]; gbaa asü [HH HH]; kwapü [HL]; vüö [LH]; vüö asü [LH HH].
- spit out** *v* büpü [HL]; gböpü [HL]; gbüpü [HL].
- spleen (enlarged)** *n* akpölü [HLL] (Önica); ama [HH]; ama afö [LH HH]; apa [LL]; üma [HL]; üma afö [LH HH].
- splendid** *adj* ngöö [LHH]; ömarica [HHHH].
- splendour** *n* ibubo [LHH].
- splenitis** *n* ama afö [LH HH]; üma afö [LH HH].
- splice** *v* kpöwaa [HHH].
- split** *v* gaa [HH]; kpöwaa [HHH].
- split (e. g. wood)** *v* pee [HH].
- split across** *v* kpöwaa [HHH].
- split open** *v* gbawaa [HHH].
- spoil** *v* bibie [HLH]; mebie [HLH]; naa n'iyi [HH HL].
- spoilage** *n* mbibi [HHH]; mmebi [HHL].
- sponge** *n* alü [HH] (West Igbo); asisa [HHH]; elu [HH] (West Igbo); ncica [LHH] (West Igbo); ogbo [LH]; ögbö [LH].
- spoon** *n*.
- spoon (kinds of)** *n* agö [HH]; eku [HH]; mbe [HL]; mkpö [LH]; ngaji [LLL]; ngazi [LLL].
- sports** *n* egwuru egwu [HLL HH].
- spot** *n* ntüpö [HLH].
- spotted** *n* agwa agwa [LH LL].
- spotted (be)** *v* tüö agwa [LH LL].
- sprawl out** *v* gbötö [HL]; tögbö [LH].
- spread information** *v* gbasa [HLL].
- spread out** *v* gbasa [HLH]; ghasaa [HH]; kpasa [HHH]; kpöö [HH]; saa [HH].
- spread the word** *v* kwusaa [HLH].
- spring a leak** *v* puo [HH].
- sprinkle** *v* fee [HH]; vee [HH].
- sprinkle lightly on** *v* fesa [HH]; tasa [HH].
- sprinkle with water** *v* gbaa mmiri [HH LLL].
- sprint off** *v* bökapü ösö [HLL HH].
- sprout** *n* oime [HH]; ume [HH].
- sprout** *v* tuo [LH]; pue [HH]; puo [HH].
- spy** *n* ama onye [LL HH].
- squander** *v* laan'iyi [LH HL]; mefue [HLH]; naa n'iyi [HH HL].
- squandering** *n* üsa [HH].
- square** *n* ibom [HHH] (Aröcukwu); obom [HHH] (Mbaanö); ögbö [LH]; mgbakörö [HHHH] (Owere).
- square (central)** *n* ama ukwu [HH HH].
- squat** *n* ntukwu [HHL].
- squat** *v* sukwuru [HLH]; tukwuru [HLH].
- squeeze** *v* hia [LH]; paa [HH].
- squeeze dry** *v* hicaa [HHH].
- squeeze in** *v* faa [HH].
- squeeze into** *v* föba [HL].
- squeeze out** *v* pia [LH].
- squeeze through** *v* pio [HH].
- squeeze tight** *v* kpagido [LHH].
- squeezing (act of)** *n* nhikö [HHL].
- squint-eye** *n*anya egbe [HH HH];anya ufie [HH LLL];anya ufifie [HH LLL];anya uvie [HH LLL];anya ehie [HH HL].
- squirrel** *n* mbö [HH]; nsü enwe [LH LL]; öghü [LH]; ösa [LH] *Heliosciurus gambianus*; ulili [LLL]; uze [LL]; *Heliosciurus gambianus*.
- stable** *n* ülö eghu [HL HH].
- stab with spear** *v* gbaa ube [HH HL].
- staff** *n* mkpanaka [LHHH]; oji [HH]; ökpa [LL].
- staff (ceremonial)** *n* alö [HL]; alü [HL]; ngwu [LH].
- stain** *n* atütü [HHH] (Önica); ncu [LH].
- stain** *v* cuo [LH].
- stair** *n* nkwa [LL].
- stake** *n* alülü [LLL]; ebe [HH]; ekwo [LL].
- stake** *v* kwoo [HH].
- stake up yam** *v* maa ji [HH H].
- staking pole** *n* ebe [HH].
- stale** *adj* örä [LL]; üha [HL]; ürä [HL].
- staleness** *n* aghö [HH]; üra [LL].

**stale food** *n* nli öla [HH HL]; nli ölö [HH HL] (Öka); nri örä [HH HL].

**stalk** *av* dee [LH] (Öhafia).

**stammer** *n* nsö [HH]; nsü [HH].

**stammer** *v* söö nsö [HH HH].

**stand** *v* guzo [LH]; kwürü [HH].

**standing up** *n* mbilite [HLHH]; mbini [HLH].

**stand firm** *v* kwürü [HH].

**stand for** *v* nöcie anya [LHH HH].

**stand idly** *v* dörö [LH].

**stand up** *v* bilie [LHH]; binie [LHH]; kwüö ötö [LH HH].

**stand up to go** *v* walie [HHH].

**staple** *n* aba [HH]; aba [LL].

**star** *n* kikere [HHH] (Öka); kpakpando [HLLL].

**stare at** *v* baa anya [HH HH]; haa anya [HH HH].

**starlight** *n* mmümü önwa [LLL HH].

**stars** *n* mmümü önwa [LLL HH]; ümü önwa [HH HH].

**start** *n* isi mbido [HH HHH]; mbido [HHH]; mbili [HLH]; mbini [HLH]; mmalite [HLHH].

**start** *v* bido [LH]; malite [LHH].

**starting from** *adv* site [HH].

**startle** *v* hüja [HL]; küja [HL]; maja [HL]; menye üjö [HH HH].

**startled (be)** *v* sepü [HL].

**start in earnest** *v* biri ökü [HH HH].

**start off** *v* hewe [HH] (Mbaise).

**starvation** *n* agülü [HHH]; agürü [HHH]; agüü [HHH]; üsü [LL].

**starve** *v* buo önü [LH HH]; vuo önü [LH HH]; wüö [LH].

**star apple** *n* üdala [HHL]; üdara [HHL]  
*Chrysophyllum africanum*.

**state one's case** *v* koo [LH].

**statuette** *n* igbudu [LLL]; ökpösí [HHH].

**stature** *n* ogo [HH].

**stay** *v* duu [LL] (Owere); nörö [HH].

**stay on** *v* nögide [LHH].

**steal** *v* törö [LH]; zoo [HH]; zuo [HH].

**stealing** *n* aka abüö [HH LHH]; ohi [HH]; ori [HH] (Önica); oshi [HH]; osi [HH].

**stealth** *n* nhe [LL].

**steam** *n* uzu [LL].

**steam** *v* ghuo [HH] (Owere); huo [HH]; nuo [HH]; wuo [HH]; yee [LH].

**steer** *v* kpee [HH]; kwöö [LH]; nyaa [LH].

**steer clear** *v* nyapüta [HLH].

**stem** *n* okporo [HLL].

**step** *n* ama [HL].

**step into** *v* waba [HL].

**step notch** *n* ebubu [HHH]; ebugbu [HHH].

**step on** *v* gwee [HH]; zöö [LH].

**step over** *v* ñee [HH]; ñefee [HHH].

**sterility** *n* aga [LL].

**sterility (male)** *n* ama afölö [LH LLL].

**stern (of boat)** *n* ekwo ume [HL HH]; isi ügbö [HH HH].

**stew** *n* ofe [HH].

**stick** *n* mkpala [LHH]; mkpara [LHH]; mkpisi [LHH]; mkpörö [LHH]; okpili [HLL]; okpiri [HLL]; oshishi [HHH]; osisi [HHH]; ökpa [LL]; öpiripa [LHHL].

**sticky (be)** *v* nyaa anyaa [LH HHH].

**stick into** *v* düö [HH].

**stick to** *v* nyapara [HHH]; takürü [HHH]; tapara [HHH].

**stile** *n* ögba [HL].

**still** *adv* duu [LL].

**still (be)** *v* daa jüü [LH LL].

**still (extremely)** *adv* tii [LL].

**stilt/stilt-dance** *n* ekeleke [HLHH]; ekenike [HLHH].

**sting** *v* düö [LH]; gbaa [HH].

**stingy (be)** *v* kpia [LH].

**stink** *v* shie ushi [LH HL]; sie isi [LH HL].

**stir** *n* üñara [HLL].

**stir-cook** *v* tee [HH].

**stitch** *v* düö akwa [HH HL]; gbaa akwa [HH HL]; kwaa [HH]; kwaa akwa [HH HL].

**stitch up** *v* gaa [HH]; ganye [HH]; kwacie [HHH].

**stock** *n* abi [HL]; abülü [LLL]; abürü [LLL]; agbö [LL].

**stockade** *n* ngiga [HHH]; ögba [HL].

**stockfish** *n* okpoloko [HLHH]; okporoko [HLHH].

**stock** *(take)* *v* haa [HH]; raa [HH].

**stocks** *n* ötösí [HHH].

**stomach** *n* abü [HH]; afö [HH]; ahö [HH] (Enugu); avö [HH]; awö [HH]; ere [HH].

**stone** *n* ajirija [HHHH]; mkpume [LHL] (Önica); nkume [LHL]; nkume [LHL]; okwute [LHH] (Önica).

**stone (cracking)** *n* ömü [LH].

**stone (grinding)** *n* aka ngwe [HH HH]; igu [HH].

**stool** *n* ekwe [HL]; mpata [LHH]; oce [HH].

**stool (chief's)** *n* oce eze [HH HL].  
**stool (kitchen)** *n* nkukwku [LLL].  
**stool (two-handed)** *n* aka aböö [HH LHH].  
**stoop** *v* huda [HL]; hunata [LHH]; runata [LHH] (Önica).  
**stoop past** *v* pio [HH].  
**stop!** *v* coo! [HH].  
**stop** *v* gbee [LH] (Öhafia); kwüsi [HH].  
**stop (conflict)** *v* gboo [LH].  
**stop coming** *v* biadebe [LLHH] (Önica).  
**stop for a while** *v* guzo [LH].  
**stop going** *v* jedebe [LHH] (Önica).  
**stop sign** *n* okwelagha [LHHH].  
**stop talking** *v* kwubiri [HLH].  
**storage** *n* ncili [HHH].  
**storage (kitchen)** *n* uko [LH].  
**store** *v* cilie [HHH]; delie [HHH].  
**store for cowries** *n* aza [LL] (Öka).  
**stork** *n* ügbala [HLL]; ügbana [HLL].  
**story** *n* akikö [HHH] (Önica); akpata önu [HH-HH]; akükö [HHH]; eta [HL]; ita [LH]; übüö [HLL] (Öhafia).  
**stout** *adj* ivu [HL]; m kpümkpü [HHHH]; m kpümkpü [HHHH].  
**stoutness** *n* ubo [LH].  
**stowing away** *n* ncili [HHH]; nkeli [HHH].  
**straight** *adj* ekelesu [HHHH] (Önica); ötö [HH].  
**straighten out** *v* küzie [LHH].  
**straight (be)** *v* zie [HH].  
**strain** *v* yöö [LH]; zaa [LH].  
**strainer** *n* nza [LL].  
**strangers** *n* ndi ife [LL] (Abiriba); ofesi [HHH]; onye mba [HHH]; öbia [HHL].  
**strangle to death** *v* kpagbuo [LHH].  
**straw** *n* okporo öka [HLL HL].  
**straw basket** *n* upelete [HLL].  
**straw shield** *n* ekpeke [LLL].  
**stray** *v* jefuo [HLH].  
**stream** *n* iyí [HH]; mmili [HHH]; mmiri [HHH].  
**street** *n* ilo [LH]; iro [LH]; ülö [LH].  
**street (village)** *n* ama [HH].  
**street-wise (be)** *v* maa nzu [HH LL]; nwee nzu [HH LL].  
**strength** *n* anya nku [HH LL] (Ngwa); ike [HH]; umé [HH]; umele [HH] (Önica); umere [HHH] (Owere).  
**strength (have)** *v* gbasie ike [HHH HH].  
**stretch** *v* gbatia [HHH]; see [LH]; tia [LH].

**stretcher-bed** *n* m kpoko [LLH]; m kpokpo [LLH]; obogho [LLH].  
**stretch out** *v* saa [HH]; tia [LH].  
**strike** *v* küö [LH]; tie [HH].  
**strike at** *v* bie aka [LH HH].  
**string** *n* ekwere [HHL]; elili [HHH]; eriri [HHH]; eriri [HHH]; üdö [LL].  
**strive** *v* gbaa mbö [HH LL].  
**strive hard** *v* jišie ike [LHH HH].  
**stroke** *n* mbam mmüö [LLL HHH].  
**strong (become)** *v* shie ike [HH HH]; sie ike [HH HH].  
**strong (be)** *v* gbasie ike [HHH HH].  
**struggle** *n* ndöli [HHL]; nlilü [HHL].  
**stubbornness** *n* aå ntü [HH HL]; isi ike [HH HH]; ntü ike [HL HH].  
**stubborn (be)** *v* gbaa isi akwara [HH HH HHL]; nyaa isi [LH HH].  
**stubborn person** *n* agbaa anü [LL HH].  
**stuck (be)** *v* tö [H].  
**study** *v* müö [LH].  
**stuff** *v* faa [HH]; facie [HHH]; vacie [HHH].  
**stuff full** *v* föjuo [HLH].  
**stuff into** *v* fanye [HH].  
**stuff up** *v* nyacie [LHH].  
**stump** *n* apkü [HL]; apkü osisi [HL-HHH]; ogwurugwu [HLL]; ögwü [HL]; ögwülgwü [HLL].  
**stump of palm frond** *n* ogu [HL]; ogugu [HLL].  
**stupidity** *n* iberibe [LLHL]; ihuriho [HLHH]; nsokwu [HHL]; nzuzu [HHL].  
**stutter** *v* söö nsö [HH HH].  
**stuttering** *n* nsö [HH]; nsü [HH].  
**style** *n* aka [HH]; nyaji [LL]; ure [LL]; üdö [LH].  
**subject matter** *n* ishi [HH]; isi [HH]; isi okwu [HH HH].  
**submission** *n* isi ala [HH LL].  
**submit** *v* kwee isi ala [HH HH LL].  
**sub-rosa** *adv* n'azü [LHH]; n'okpuru [LLHL].  
**subside** *v* belata [LHH]; benata [LHH].  
**substitute** *n* nnögiri [LLLL]; önögili [LLLL] (Önica).  
**substitute for (be)** *v* nöcie anya [LHH HH].  
**subtraction** *n* mwepü [HHH].  
**subversion** *n* mgba okpuru [HH HHL].  
**subvert** *v* ghaa [HH].  
**succession** *n* ndüdügandü [HLLHHL].  
**suck** *v* laa [HH] (Önica); mia [LH]; raa [HH].  
**suckers** *n* ala [HH].

sucker (of cocoyam) <i>n</i> anünü ede [LLL].	Supreme Being <i>n</i> Cukwu [HH]; Olisa [LLL]; Ükpabí [LHL].
suck out blood <i>v</i> cie oci [HH LL].	surety <i>n</i> ebe [HH]; ibe [HH] (Ihiala); mbe [HH].
suddenness <i>n</i> ntümadi [HHHH].	surface <i>n</i> eli [HL]; elu [HL]; enu [HH].
sue <i>v</i> huo [LH].	surgeon (kind of) <i>n</i> ndí ici [HH LL].
suffer <i>v</i> füjuo anya [HHH HH]; hüjuo anya [HHH HH]; taa afüfú [HH HHH]; taa ahühü [HH HHH].	surgical bag <i>n</i> mkipuruma [LHLH].
suffering <i>n</i> afüfú [HHH]; ahühü [HHH]; mgbu [LH].	surpass <i>v</i> difelu [HLH]; fee [HH]; ghaa [LH].
suffer illness <i>v</i> riä öria [LH HLL]; yaa öya [LH HLL] (Önica).	surprise <i>n</i> ntümadi [HHHH].
suffer together <i>v</i> hüköö ahühü [HLH HHH].	surprise <i>v</i> tüö n'anya [LH HH].
suffer trade loss <i>v</i> süö ahia [LH HHH].	surprise with <i>v</i> yie [LII].
suffice <i>v</i> zuo [LH].	surround <i>v</i> gbaa ehiriméhi [HH LLLHL]; gbaa gburu-gburu [HH LL-LL]; gbaa okiri-kiri [HH LLL-HH].
suffocation <i>n</i> uzu [LL].	survive <i>v</i> hoo [HH]; nyaa [LH]; puo [HH] (Ihiala).
sugar-cane <i>n</i> opkete [HLL] <i>Cestus afer</i> .	survive childhood <i>v</i> gaa [HH].
sugary <i>adj</i> bürü-bürü [HH-HH].	survive illness <i>v</i> díhi [HH]; gbakee [HHH]; ríhi [HH]; rizi [HH].
suggestion <i>n</i> aro [HL]; atümatü [HLLL].	survive the night <i>v</i> büö ci [LH L]; saa ci [HH L].
suicide (commit) <i>v</i> kwüö elili [LH HHH]; kwüö üdö [LH LL].	suspect <i>v</i> söö izi [HH LL].
suit <i>n</i> okwu [HH].	suspect (someone) <i>v</i> kee nke [HH HH] (West Igbo).
suit <i>v</i> kwere [HH]; kwesi [HH].	suspend <i>v</i> koo [LH].
suitable (be) <i>v</i> kwesi [HH].	suspicious of (be) <i>v</i> söö izi [HH LL].
suitcase <i>n</i> akpati [HLL].	sustain injury <i>v</i> melüö arü [HHH HH]; merüö ahü [LHH LH].
suitor's goat <i>n</i> ewu ci [HH H].	sustain trading loss <i>v</i> nyüö ahia [LH HHH].
suit (legal) <i>n</i> ikpe [LH]; okwu [HH].	swab (ear) <i>v</i> gbaa na ntí [HH H HL].
summon <i>v</i> gbötü [LH] (Öhafia); kütü [LH] (Öhafia).	swallow <i>n</i> eleke [HHH]; eleke ntí öba [HHH HL HH]; eneke [HHH]; eneke ntí öba [HHH HL HH].
summons <i>n</i> izu [LL]; oku [LL].	swallow <i>v</i> loo [LH]; noo [LH]; nüö [HH].
sun <i>n</i> anwü [HH]; anyanwü [HHL].	swamp <i>n</i> ürürö [LHH] (Öhafia); ürürü [LHH].
sunbird <i>n</i> nza [HH].	swap <i>v</i> gbanwee [HLH]; gbanwoo [HLH].
sunlight <i>n</i> anwü [HH].	sway <i>v</i> nyaa [LH].
sun-down <i>n</i> ohuru ci [LHH H]; orulu ci [LHH H]; uhuru ci [LHH H]; urulu ci [LHH H].	swear <i>v</i> düö isi [LH HH]; nüö iyí [LH HL].
sun-dry <i>v</i> cekpöö [HHH].	swear on oath <i>v</i> nüö iyí [HH HL].
sunrise <i>n</i> öwüwa anyanwü [LHH HHH].	sweat <i>n</i> ajírija [HHHH]; azíriza [HHHH]; öhihere [LHHH]; ösisö [LHH]; ösusöö [LHHH].
sunset <i>n</i> ohuru ci [LHH H]; orulu ci [LHH H]; uhuru ci [LHH H]; urulu ci [LHH H].	sweat <i>v</i> gbaa ösusöö [HH HHH].
super <i>adj</i> oke [HH].	sweat-fly <i>n</i> ifufuu [LLHH].
supervise <i>v</i> legide [HHH].	sweep <i>v</i> zaa [LH].
supplement <i>v</i> kpöö aka [HH HH]; kwaa [LH]; mezie [LHH]; tükwasá [HLH]; tükwasí [HLH].	sweetheart <i>n</i> iko [HH]; ökwü [LL]; üsö [LH] (Önica).
support <i>n</i> nkawdo [HLH]; ume [HH].	sweetness <i>n</i> öcö [LH] (Bende); üsö [LH] (Önica); ütö [LH].
support <i>v</i> gbaa ume [HH HH]; hie [LH]; kwado [LH]; kwagide [LHH]; malie [LH]; manie [LH].	sweet (be) <i>v</i> töö ütö [HH HH].
support tendrils <i>v</i> kwoo [HH].	
suppose <i>v</i> cee [LH]; loo [LH] (Önica); roo [LH].	

**sweet potato** *n* njakalam afò [LHHHH HH]; njekalam afò [LHHHHHH].

**swell** *v* füö [LH]; hie ehihi [HH HHH]; too [HH]; töa [HH] (Öhafia); zaa [HH].

**swelling** *n* agba [LL]; ehihi [HHH]; esisi [HHH]; evivi [HHH].

**swelling (gross)** *n* inyi [LL].

**swelling (non-pus)** *n* akpù [HL].

**swelling (of joints)** *n* eguru [HLL].

**swelling in armpit** *n* nciri [LLL].

**swelling of breasts** *n* ibi ala [HL HH].

**swelling of labia** *n* ibi nwanyi [HL HL].

**swelling of stomach** *n* uto afò [LH HH].

**swim** *v* gwuo [LH].

**swindle** *v* megbuo [HHH]; zügbue [HHH].

**swine** *n* ezi [HL].

**switch off** *v* gbanyüö [HHH].

**swollen (be)** *v* too [HH]; zaa [HH].

**swoop** *v* kpaa omimi [HH LLL].

**sword** *n* mma agha [HL HH].

**sword (kind of)** *n* agada [HHH]; atüta [LLL]; obejiri [LLLL] (Arö).

**sympathy** *n* ebele [LHL]; ebere [LLL] (Owere); ömikö [HHL].

**syphilis** *n* efie [HLL].

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**table** *n* oce [HH]; oce nkwago [HH HHH].

**table-cloth** *n* agbö [HH].

**taboo** *n* alü [HH] (Önica); arü [HH] (Owere); nsö [HH].

**taboo (be)** *v* söö [HH].

**tail** *n* ödü [HL].

**tail (of animal)** *n* nkam [LH] (Aröcukwu).

**tail (of cow)** *n* nza [HL].

**take** *v* gwere [LH]; nalü [LH]; nara [LH]; welü [LH]; were [LH]; were [LH].

**take aim** *v* tüö [LH].

**take along** *v* kpölü [LH]; kpörö [LH].

**take away** *v* cilü [HH]; cürü [HH].

**take away from** *v* nahapü [HLH]; napü [HL].

**take a break** *v* zuo ike [LH HH].

**take a sip** *v* kpütü [LH].

**take by surprise** *v* yie [LH].

**take down** *v* föda [HL]; höda [HL].

**take flight** *v* tikapü ösö [HLH HH]; waa ösö [HH HH].

**take from** *v* napü [HL].

**take good care of** *v* lezie [LHH]; nezie [LHH].

**Take heart!** *v* küö [LH] (Mbaanö); tasie [HLH].

**take into custody** *v* kpörö [HH].

**take measure** *v* tüö [LH].

**take oath** *v* ñüö iyı [LH HL].

**take off** *v* nyapüta [LHL]; yifü [HL] (Mbaise); yipü [HL].

**take on loan** *v* bie [LH].

**take to** *v* buga [LH]; paga [HH]; vuga [LH].

**take to one's heels** *v* tikapü ösö [HLL HH]; waa ösö [HH HH].

**tale** *n* akpata önu [HH-HH]; akükö [HHH]; ifo [HL]; iro [LH]; übübü [HLL] (Öhafia).

**talent** *n* nka [LL].

**tale-bearing** *n* asilü [LLL]; asirü [LLL].

**talisman** *n* ökpö [LL]; ökpü [LL].

**talisman (kind of)** *n* ekike [HHH]; okike [HHH].

**talk** *n* okwu [HH]; üka [HL].

**talk** *v* kpaa [HH]; kwuo [HH]; süö [LH].

**talkative person** *n* ekwurekwu [HLHL] (Owere); ice-oko [LH-HL]; ice-oku [LH-HL]; icoku [LHL].

- talk in circles** *v* kôgheri [HLH].
- talk in sleep** *v* zoo nzolo [HH HLL] (Önica).
- talk nonsense** *v* gbaa ndu [HH LL].
- talk to** *v* ghee öñü [HH HH]; yee öñü [HH HH].
- talk with** *v* kpayere [HHH] (Öhafia/Bende).
- tall** *adj* ogologo [HHHH]; ogonogo [HHHH].
- tamarind** *n* aba iceku [LL-LHH] *Dialum guineense*; ababa [LHH] *Acida bateri*; iceku [LHH]; *Dialium guineense*; *Tamarindus indica*; öhambele [LLHHH] *Dialium guineense*.
- tangle** *n* agbô [HH].
- tap** *v* cie [HH]; nyie [HH]; tee [HH].
- tape worm** *n* nwa öri [H LH].
- tapioca** *n* akpü [HH] *Manihot esculenta*; *Manihot utilissima*; mpata aka [LLH HH].
- tapioca flakes** *n* abaca [LLL].
- tapper's knife** *n* mma nkü [HL HH].
- tapper's tube** *n* ömí [LL].
- tapper** *n* di oci [H LH]; oci [LH].
- tap (wine)** *v* küö [HH].
- tap-root** *n* mgbörögwu [LLLL]; mkpörögwu [LLLL].
- tardiness** *n* mba [LL]; mgba [LL].
- tares** *n* ata [HH].
- tarnish** *v* cuo [LH]; gbaa ncara [HH HHH]; tanwüö [HHH].
- tarpon** *n* akanya [LHH]; akanye [LHH]; ökiyi [HHH].
- task** *n* ölü [HH]; örü [HH] (Owere).
- tasteless** *adj* ajö [HH].
- taste (bitter)** *n* ilu [HH]; inu [HH].
- taste (drink)** *v* ñütü [HH].
- taste as sample** *v* detü öñü [HH HH].
- tasty (be)** *v* töö ütö [HH HH].
- tattered** *adj* ncekara [HHHH]; ncikara [HHHH].
- tatters** *n* ökika [LHH].
- tattoo** *n* ebugbugu [HHH]; ici [LL].
- tax** *n* egwe [HH] (Owere); nha [HH]; nhu [LL]; nra [LL]; ütü [LH].
- tax (impose)** *v* gbaa egwe [HH HH] (Owere).
- teach** *v* kuzie [HHH]; zi [H].
- teacher** *n* onye nkuzi [HH HHH]; onye ozizi [HHHH].
- tear** *v* dökaa [LHH].
- tears** *n* akwa [HH]; anya mmiri [HH HHH].
- tears (shed)** *v* bee akwa [HH HH]; gbaa anya mmiri [HH HH LLL]; kwaa akwa [HH HH].
- tell** *v* gwa [H]; kaa [LH]; köö [HH]; kpai [HH]
- (Öhafia); kwupüta [HLH]; shi [H]; si [H].
- tell a lie** *v* shia ashî [HH HH]; sia asî [HH HH].
- tell fortune** *v* gbaa afa [HH HH]; gbaa aja [HH HL].
- temper** *n* agwa [LL]; obi [HL].
- tempest** *n* ebi [HL] (West Igbo); ebili [LLL].
- tempt** *v* nwaa [LH].
- temptation** *n* nlanye [HLH] (Önica); nranye [HLH]; önwünwa [LLL].
- ten/tenth** *n* ili [LH]; iri [LH].
- tend** *v* züö [LH].
- tendon** *n* akwara [HHL]; ata [LH]; atü [HH].
- tendon (Achilles)** *n* ata ökpa [LL].
- tendril** *n* aka [HH].
- tent** *n* ülö ikwu [HL HH].
- tent house** *n* akanye [LHH].
- terminate** *v* bee [HH]; bie [LH]; ciö [HH].
- termination** *n* ngwüca [HHH]; njedebe [HHH] (Önica); nküsü [HHH]; obibi [LLL]; ocici [HHH].
- termite** *n* ide [HL] (West Igbo); ido [LL]; mkpu [HH]; mpu [HH].
- terror** *n* ebube [LLL]; egwu [HL]; ewu [HL].
- test** *n* ngo [HH]; ule [LH]; une [LH] (Önica).
- test** *v* gbataa [LHH] (Ututu); lee [LH]; ielee [LHH]; nenee [LHH]; nwalee [LHH]; nwanee [LHH].
- testicle** *n* amü [HL]; mkpülu amü [HHH HL]; mkpürü amü [HHH HL].
- testimony** *n* aka ebe [HH HH].
- testimony (false)** *n* ama ügha [LH HH].
- testis** *n* mkpülu amü [HHH HL]; mkpürü amü [HHH HL].
- tether animal** *v* lie [LH]; maa [HH].
- thank** *v* kelee [LHH]; kenee [LHH].
- Thanks!** excl Nda-ewo [LH-LH].
- thanks** *n* ekele [LLH]; ekene [LLH]; mmamma [HH-HH].
- that** *conj* ka [L]; na [L].
- that** *dem* önwa [HL] (Öhafia); örü [HL] (Öhafia).
- thatch** *n* agiliga [HHHH]; akirika [HHHH].
- that (emphatic)** *dem* afü [HL]; ahü [HL].
- that one** *dem* önwa [HL] (Öhafia).
- that place** *adv* nlee [LHH] (Mbaanö).
- theft** *n* aka abüö [HH LHH]; ohi [HH]; ori [HH] (Önica); oshi [HH]; osi [HH].
- then** *adv* mgbe afü [LL HL]; mgbe ahü [LL HL]; mgbe örü [LL HL] (Öhafia).

<b>there</b> <i>adv</i> ngöö [LHH]; nlee [LHH] (Mbaanö).	<b>three-penny coin</b> <i>n</i> törö [HH] (loan).
<b>they</b> <i>prn</i> fa [H]; ha [H]; owu [HL] (Öhafia); öhü [HL]; va [H]; wa [H] (Öhafia); we [H] (West Igbo).	<b>threshold</b> <i>n</i> önü üzö [HH HL].
<b>thicken</b> <i>v</i> füö [LH].	<b>thriftiness</b> <i>n</i> mkipkpiä [HHLL].
<b>thicket</b> <i>n</i> ekwe [HH].	<b>thrifty (be)</b> <i>v</i> kpikpiä [HLH].
<b>thickness (of build)</b> <i>n</i> ubo [LH].	<b>throat</b> <i>n</i> akpili [LHH]; akpüri [LHH]; olu [HH] (Owere); onu [HH] (Önica).
<b>thick-set man</b> <i>n</i> akakpö [LLL].	<b>throne</b> <i>n</i> oce eze [HH HL].
<b>thief</b> <i>n</i> agafu [LLL]; akpürima [LLLL] (loan); ekpelima [HHLH] (loan); ekperima [HHLH]; onye ohi [HH HH]; onye ori [HH HH] (Önica).	<b>throw</b> <i>v</i> luo [LH]; tüö [LH].
<b>thief (incorrigible)</b> <i>n</i> aka-nni ori [HH-HH HH] (Önica).	<b>thrown down</b> <i>v</i> töö [HH].
<b>thigh</b> <i>n</i> apa [LL]; apata [LLL]; apata ükwü [LLL HH]; ütakü [LHL]; ütakwü ükwü [LHH HH].	<b>throw (in wrestling)</b> <i>v</i> gide [HH]; gude [HH].
<b>thin</b> <i>adj</i> akili [HHH] (Önica); nganga [HHHH]; ngengwe [HHHH] (Udi).	<b>throw away</b> <i>v</i> ghafuo [HLH]; kpofue [HLH]; kpofuo [HLH]; kwafuo [HLH]; tüfuo [HLH].
<b>thing</b> <i>n</i> ife [HH]; ihe [HH] (Owere); ive [HH] (Agüler).	<b>throw beyond</b> <i>v</i> tüfee [HHH].
<b>think</b> <i>v</i> cee [LH]; cee uce [HH HL]; loo [LH] (Önica); roo [LH].	<b>throw down</b> <i>v</i> bada [LL].
<b>think carefully</b> <i>v</i> loo elo [LH HL]; roo ero [LH HL].	<b>throw into</b> <i>v</i> tünye [LH].
<b>thin and long</b> <i>adj</i> giri-giri [HH-HH].	<b>throw loosely</b> <i>v</i> ghasaa [HH].
<b>third</b> <i>num</i> atö [LH]; itö [LH].	<b>throw onto</b> <i>v</i> tünye [LH].
<b>this</b> <i>dem</i> a [L].	<b>throw on top of</b> <i>v</i> tünye [LH].
<b>thorn</b> <i>n</i> ogwu [HH].	<b>throw open</b> <i>v</i> meghee [LHH]; mepee [LHH]; meyee [LHH].
<b>thorn-tree</b> <i>n</i> akpü [HH] <i>Ceiba pendandra</i> ; <i>B buonopozense</i> ; ükö [HL].	<b>throw out</b> <i>v</i> gböpü [HL]; gbüpü [HL].
<b>those</b> <i>prn</i> ndi [HH]; owu [HL] (Öhafia); öhü [HL].	<b>throw past</b> <i>v</i> tüfee [HHH].
<b>thought</b> <i>n</i> ecice [HLL]; elo [HL]; uce [HL]; uce obi [HL HL].	<b>throw up</b> <i>v</i> gböö [LH].
<b>thought (give)</b> <i>v</i> tüö elo [LH LL].	<b>thrust at</b> <i>v</i> söö [HH].
<b>thousand</b> <i>num</i> nnü [HL] (Öhafia); nnü [HL]; puku [HH].	<b>thrust into</b> <i>v</i> söö [HII].
<b>thousands (million)</b> <i>num</i> ijeri [LLH].	<b>thunder</b> <i>n</i> agbalagada [HHHHH] (Önica); akpa ala [HH LL]; egbe igwe [HL HH].
<b>thread</b> <i>n</i> elili [HHH]; eriri [HHH]; eriri [HHH].	<b>tick</b> <i>n</i> akpa [HH]; akpi [HL]; akpi nta [HL HH]; akpimkpa [HLHH]; akülü [LHH]; akürü [LLL].
<b>thread</b> <i>v</i> gaa [HH]; gbaa [HH].	<b>tick (of dogs)</b> <i>n</i> akörö [LHH].
<b>thread (of cloth)</b> <i>n</i> obulu [LHH] (loan); owu [LH] (loan); owulu [LHH] (loan).	<b>tie</b> <i>v</i> füö [HH]; kee [HH]; kee öbü [HH HH].
<b>thread (two-ply)</b> <i>n</i> iyegbe [LLL]; iyagba [LLL].	<b>tie (cloth) loosely</b> <i>v</i> fio akwa [HH HL].
<b>threadworm</b> <i>n</i> abara [HLL]; avara [HLL].	<b>tie a cloth</b> <i>v</i> maa akwa [HH HL].
<b>threaten to rain</b> <i>v</i> ruo mmiri [LH HHH].	<b>tie in knots</b> <i>v</i> hikwöö [LHH].
<b>three</b> <i>num</i> atö [LH]; itö [LH].	<b>tie knot</b> <i>v</i> maa akpü [HH HH].

**times** *n* mgbolo [LLL] (Ösömari).  
**time slot** *n* ohere [LLL].  
**time when** *adv* ekpe [LL].  
**timid (be)** *v* jüö üjö [HH HH].  
**tin** *n* agbügbä [LLL]; ügbügbä [LLL].  
**tinder dry (be)** *v* kpöö nkü [HH HH].  
**tingling sensation** *n* izizi [LLL].  
**tiny** *adj* mpe mpe [HH HH]; nga nga [HH-HH]; nkepili [HHHH]; ntakirí [HLHH]; ntíi [HHH]; nwantií [HHHH]; obele [HHH] (Önica); obere [HHH]; ogbede [HHH].  
**tiny (be)** *v* pee [HH].  
**tin sheet** *n* gbam-gbam [HH-HH].  
**tip (have sharp)** *v* pia önu [HH HL].  
**tire** *v* gbee [HH].  
**tired out (be)** *v* lilia [HLH].  
**tiro** *n* ogbodo [LLL] (hiala).  
**title** *n* ekwu [HH]; ikpo [LH]; nze [LL]; nzere [HLH]; özö [HH].  
**toad** *n* awö [HL]; awönükö [HLHL] (West Igbo); epete [HLL]; ugo [LL].  
**tobacco** *n* anwürü [HLL]; egwerekwe anwürü [LLLH HLL]; ötagba [LHL]; ütaba [LHL]; ütagba [LHL].  
**today** *adv* taa [HL]; taa-taa [HL-HL].  
**toddler(s)** *n* ele [HH]; ngerere [HHHH] (Afikpo); ümü aka [HL HH].  
**toe** *n* mkpisíi ükwü [LHH HH]; mkpisíri ükwü [LHHH HH].  
**Told you so!** *excl* Ntöö [HLH].  
**tolerate** *v* die [LH].  
**tomb** *n* ili [HL]; ini [HL] (Önica).  
**tomorrow** *n* eci [HH].  
**tom-tom** *n* egede [HLL].  
**tone** *n* önu [HH]; üda [LL]; üda ume [LL HH].  
**tone (deep)** *v* olu ukwu [HH HH]; onu ukwu [HH HH].  
**tone (high-pitched)** *n* önu elu [HH HH].  
**tone (of voice)** *n* olu [HH] (Owere); onu [HH] (Önica).  
**tong** *n* adüdü [HLL]; nka [LL].  
**tongue** *n* asüsü [HLH]; ile [HH] (Önica); ire [HH]; ure [HH].  
**tongue-of-fire** *n* ile ökü [HH HH]; ire ökü [HH HH].  
**too** *adv* kwaa [HH].  
**tool (digging)** *n* ngwu [LH].  
**tooth** *n* eze [HH].  
**toothlessness** *n* eze nkwo [HH HH].  
**tooth ache** *n* akü eze [LH HH]; ama afia [HH

HHH]; ama afia eze [LL HHH HH]; ama ahia [HH HHL]; ama azí [HH HH].  
**tooth gum** *n* agbü [HL]; anyürü [HLL]; igbi [HL]; igbili [LLL].  
**top** *n* eli [HL]; elu [HL]; enu [HH].  
**topic** *n* isi [HH]; ishi [HH].  
**top up** *v* kwaa [LH].  
**torch** *n* öwa [HH].  
**torch** *v* gbaa ökü [HH HH].  
**torch (palm fibre)** *n* öwa [HH].  
**tornado** *n* ebi [HL] (West Igbo); ebili [LLL].  
**torn (be)** *v* kaa [HH].  
**torso** *n* öma [HL].  
**tortoise** *n* mbe [HL]; mbeku [HLH]; mbekwu [HLH]; nnabe [HHL].  
**tortoise (female)** *n* anüm [LLH]; anüm [LLH]; anyím [LLL].  
**tortoise (small)** *n* akpa akpa [LL LL].  
**torture** *v* gbaa ose [HH HL].  
**totem (kind of)** *n* ibudu [LLL]; igbudu [LLL].  
**touch** *n* obibi [LLH].  
**touch** *v* bie [LH]; bie aka [LH HH].  
**touching on** *adv* gbasara [HHH].  
**touch (slightly)** *v* bitü [LH].  
**touch on** *v* gbasa [HH]; metüta [LHH].  
**tough (prove)** *v* taa ike [HH HH].  
**town** *n* mba [HL]; obodo [LLL].  
**town-crier** *n* oti mkpu [LH HH].  
**trace** *v* soo [LH].  
**track-mark** *n* nzö ükwü [LL HH].  
**trade** *n* afia [HHH] (Önica); ahia [HHH]; azum ahia [LHH HHH].  
**trade** *v* gbaa üghala ahia [HH LLL HHH].  
**trade (retail)** *n* mgbele [HHH]; mgbere [HHH].  
**trade in** *v* kpaa [HH]; kpuo [HH]; züö [LH].  
**trade insults** *v* köö önu [HH HH].  
**trade in contraband** *n* afia iwü [HHH HH]; ahia iwü [HHHH].  
**trade in oil** *v* köö mmanü [HH HHH].  
**trade retail** *v* tüö mgbere [HH LLL].  
**trade slump (have)** *v* süö ahia [LH HHH].  
**tradition** *n* omenala [LHLL]; ödi be ndí [LL H HH].  
**tragedy** *n* ebelebe [HHHH]; ebenebe [HHHH].  
**trail behind** *v* kpee azü [HH LH]; pee azü [HH LH].  
**train** *v* züö [LH]; züö [LH].  
**training** *n* özüzü [LLL].  
**traitor** *n* ökölí [LLL] (West Igbo).

- trample to death** *v* zögbue [LHH].
- trance** *n* inyogho [HLH]; inyogo [HLH].
- tranquiliser** *n* ajülü [HHH].
- transfer** *v* nyefee [HHH].
- transform** *v* gbanwee [HLH]; gbanwoo [HLH]; nwhee [LH]; nwoo [LH]; nwuo [LH]; woo [LH].
- transformation** *n* ecici [HHH]; ehihi [HLL]; eriri [HLL]; mgbanwe [HHL]; mgbanwo [HHL].
- transformed into** *v* ghöö [LH].
- transgression** *n* mmehie [HHLL]; njö [LH].
- transplant** *v* zöö [LH].
- transplant seedling** *v* döö [HH].
- trap** *n* aga [HH]; akpa agü [LL HH] (Öka); iduma [LLL]; igbudu [LLL]; mkpakana [HHHH]; mkpakara [HLL]; önya [HL]; önya eri [HL HH]; ubgu [LH].
- trapped in (be)** *v* maa [HH HL].
- trap (set)** *v* shie önya [LH HL]; sie önya [LH HL].
- trash** *n* ebumbu [HHHH]; mbumbu [HHHH]; mkpumkpu [HHHH].
- travel** *n* njem [LL].
- travel** *v* jee [HH] (Önica).
- tray** *n* akpara [HLL]; akpata [HHH]; asakala [HHHH]; öda [HL]; ökwa mgbö [HH HH].
- treachery** *n* agbügba [LLL].
- tread on** *v* gwee [HH]; zöö [LH].
- treasure-house** *n* aza [LL] (Öka).
- treasure hoard** *n* igbudu [LLL].
- treat (an ailment)** *v* gwöö [HH].
- treaty (peace)** *n* ögbügba ndü [LLL HL].
- treat fractures** *v* gbaa ökpükü [LH HHH].
- tree** *n* oshishi [HHH]; osisi [HHH].
- tree (kinds of)** *n* aci [HH] *Gossweilerdendron balsamiferum*; agba [HH]; aja [HH]; aji [HL]; akitü [HHH]; akparata [HHHH]; ebenebe [HLHH] *Triplochiton scleroxylon*; ebu [LL]; egbu [HH] *Alstonia congensis*; egbu öra [HH] *Alstonia congensis*; eiägele [HLL]; iceku [LHH] *Dialium guineense*; *Tamarindus indica*; im iyi [LL HH] (Önica) *Erythrophleum guineense*; inyi [LL] *Erythrophleum guineense*; icakara [LHHH]; mkpaku [LHL]; neasi [LHH]; ngu [HH]; ngwu [LL]; odo [HH]; ogbu [LH] *Ficus vogeliana*; *Ficus comptoniaca*; oke [HH] *P. Terocarpus* or *Canna indica L*; okwe [LH] *Riconodendron africamum*; otiñi [LLL]; öbia [HLH]; öfö [LH] *Deterium Senegalense*; *Deterium elastica*; öhüi [LHH]; öji [HL] *Chlorophora excelsa*; *Pandanus*(?); öji anü [HL HL]; ököröbiöm [LLLLL]; ufe [LL]; ufuku [LHH]; uhi [LL]; uru [LH]; uzi [HH]; ücasü [LLL]; üfa [LL]; üga [LH]; üha [LH] *P. Terocarpus*; or *Canna indica L*; üma [LH]; ürü [HH].
- tree-knot** *n* apkü osisi [HL-HHH].
- tree-sap** *n* eso [HH].
- tree branch** *n* aba aka [LL HH]; agalaba [HLL]; ana aka [LL HH]; ngalaba [HLL].
- tree stump** *n* isisi nkü [HLL LL].
- tree trunk** *n* ogwe [HL].
- trek through forest** *v* waa öfia [HH HHH].
- tremble** *v* maa ebube [HH LLL].
- trembling** *n* üjö [HH].
- trench** *n* egbo [HH] (West Igbo); ikoro [HLL]; nkörö [LLL]; ogwugwu [HLL]; olu [HL]; öbö [HL]; ukoro [HLL].
- trepidation** *n* akwükü [LLL].
- trial** *n* anwa [HL]; nlanye [HLH] (Önica); nranye [HLH]; önwünwa [LLL].
- trial (court)** *n* ikpe [LH].
- trial (in secret)** *n* ikpe azü [LH LH].
- tribulation** *n* atüfü [HHH].
- tribute** *n* nha [HH]; nhu [LL]; nra [LL]; ütü [LH].
- trickery** *n* aghö [HL]; aghüghö [HLL].
- tricks (play)** *v* ghüö aghüghö [HH HLL].
- trickster** *n* akiidü [HHL] (West Igbo).
- trickster spirit** *n* ekwensu [HHHH].
- trim (e. g. branches)** *v* cee [HH].
- trim (e. g. hair)** *v* kpaa [LH].
- trip** *n* ije [HL]; njem [LL].
- troop** *n* üsü [LL].
- troops** *n* ndi agba [HH HH].
- troop out** *v* tiru [HH] (Öhafia).
- trouble** *n* ebiri [LL] (Owerre); ese [LL]; igiri [LL]; nnina [HHL] (Öhafia); nsogbu [HLH]; okwu na üka [HH L HL]; ügbalügbä [HLHH]; üna [LH] (Öhafia); ünnina [HHH].
- trouble** *v* sogbuo [LHH].
- trouble (cause)** *v* bute okwu [LH HH]; vute okwu [LH HH].
- trouble-maker** *n* onye igiri [HH LLL].
- troubles** *n* mimekpa ahü [HHL].
- troublesomeness** *n* nnina [HHL] (Öhafia).
- true** *adj* ezi [HH]; ezigbo [HHH].
- truly** *adv* ezie [HHH].

**trumpet** *n* ntu ume [HH HH]; opi [LL]; opi ike [LL HH].

**trunk** *n* igbe [LH]; ogwe [HL]; ogwurugwu [HLLL]; okporo [HLL]; ögwülügü [HLLL].

**trust** *n* ncekwube [HLHH]; ntükwasí obi [HHLH HL].

**trust (give in)** *v* ñüba [LH].

**trust** *v* tükwasí obi [HLH HL].

**truth** *n* ezi okwu [HH HL].

**truthfully** *adv* n'ezi okwu [HHH HL]; n'ezie [HHLH].

**truth and justice** *n* ügwa-na-ogu [HL-L-HL].

**try** *v* gbaa mbö [HH LL]; gbataa [LHH] (Ututu); nwaa [LH].

**tryst** *n* agba [LL].

**try a case** *v* kpee ikpe [HH LH].

**try hard** *v* cuo ucu [HH LH]; gbaa mbö [HH LL]; gbalia [HLH]; gbania [HLH]; kaa arü [HH LH]; nwaa oko [LHLL].

**try to** *n* cöö [HH].

**tse-tse fly** *n* atitä [HLL]; ikere [HLL]; odudu [LLL].

**tube** *n* afö [HH].

**tube (tapper's)** *n* ömí [LL].

**tuberculosis** *n* ükwala nta [HHL HL]; ükwara nta [HHL HL].

**tuber (kinds of)** *n* okpuru [HLL]; umeghuru [LLHH].

**tug at** *v* döö [HH].

**tumour** *n* akpü [HL].

**tunnel into** *v* tüö [LH].

**turn** *v* pagharia [HHHH]; tüghaa [HHH].

**turn back** *v* cighaa [LHH].

**turn into** *v* ghöö [LH].

**turn off** *v* gbanyüö [HHH].

**turn over** *v* kwagharia [LHHH]; paghaa [HHH].

**turn to paste** *v* larü [HH]; raha [HH].

**turn upside down** *v* kpuo isi [LH HH].

**turtle-dove** *n* nduri [HLH]; nduru [HLH].

**tusk** *n* opi [LL].

**twenty** *num* ohu [HH]; oru [HH] (Önica); ögü [HH].

**twice** *num* ugbo aböö [LHH]; ugbo abüä [LHH]; ugbo abüö [LHH].

**twig** *n* aba aka [LL HH]; akana [HHH] (West Igbo); ana aka [LL HH].

**twig (dry)** *n* okpili [HLL]; okpiri [HLL].

**twin** *n* ejima [LLH] (loan).

**twine** *n* akwara [HHL]; ekwere [HHH]; elili [HHH]; eriri [HHH]; öbü [HH]; ögbü [HH]; üdö [LL].

**twinkle** *v* gbukee [HHH]; mükee [LHH].

**twist** *v* röö [HH].

**twisted (be)** *v* gbagöö [HLH]; gbagüö [HLH].

**twisting (act of)** *n* nhikö [HHL].

**twist in knots** *v* fiköö [HLL].

**two** *num* aböö [LHH]; abüä [LHH]; abüö [LHH].

**two hundred** *n* iru [LL].

**type** *n* ükpa [HH]; üdï [LH].

**tyrannise** *v* cïgbuo [HHH].

**tyre** *n* afö [HH].

## U

- ufie music** *n* abia [HLL].
- uglier (get)** *v* jöwanye [HHH] (Önica).
- ugly** *adj* ajö [HH]; öjöö [HHH].
- ugly (be)** *v* jöö [HH].
- ulcer** *n* atü [LL].
- ululation** *n* oro [HH]; üma [LH].
- umbilical chord** *n* alö [HH]; alöö [HHH]; alülö [HHH]; eriri nwa [HHH LL].
- umbilical tree** *n* nkwu alö [HH LH].
- umbrella** *n* etere [LLL]; mbalarï [HLHL] (loan); nce anwü [HH HH].
- unbalanced (be)** *v* daa aka [HH HH].
- unbelief** *n* apa [LH].
- unbolt** *v* gbaghee [HHH]; gbahee [HHH]; gbapee [HHH].
- uncircumcised penis** *n* akpi [HH] (West Igbo); apia [HHH].
- uncircumcised person** *n* icu [LH] (Afikpo).
- uncle** *n* Dee [HH]; Deede [HHL]; mgbogbo [LHH] (Isikwuatö).
- uncle (maternal)** *n* oko nne [HH HH].
- uncover** *v* kpughee [LHH]; kpuhee [LHH].
- underneath of** *n* okpuru [LHL].
- underpants** *n* ipanti [LLH] (loan).
- underpants (for men)** *n* agadagba [HHHL] (Öhaözara); iba [LH]; igba [HH] (Öhaözara); nwa igba [H HH] (Öhaözara).
- underside** *n* okpuru [LHL].
- understand** *v* ghöta [HH]; maa [HH].
- understanding** *n* nghöta [HHH].
- understood (be)** *v* doo anya [LL HH]; wee anya [HH HH].
- underworld gangs** *n* abali-di-egwu [LLL-L- HL].
- undress** *v* düpü [HL] (Obowo); kpupü [HL].
- unfaithful (be)** *v* gbaa ezi [HH LH].
- unicorn** *n* atü [HH].
- unimportant** *n* mpe [LH].
- uninhabited land** *n* ikpa [HH].
- uninitiated person** *n* ogbodo [LLL] (Ihiala).
- unit** *n* ike [LL]; mkpürü [HHH]; nkeji [HHH].
- unite** *v* jiköö [LHH]; jiköta [LHH].

- unity** *n* otu obi [HL HL].
- universe** *n* üwa [LL].
- unless** *conj* belü sö [LH L] (Önica).
- unload** *v* buda [HL]; vuda [HL].
- unlock** *v* gbaghee [HHH]; gbahee [HHH]; gbapee [HHH].
- unscrew** *v* kwüpüta [HLH].
- unseal** *v* keghaa [HHH].
- untether** *v* töfù [HL]; töpü [HL].
- untie** *v* keghaa [HHH]; töfù [HL]; töö [HH]; töpee [LHH]; töpü [HL].
- until** *conj* tupu [HH]; tutu [HH]; tutuu [LLL].
- untruth** *n* okwu ügha [HH LH]; ügha [LH].
- untruth (tell)** *v* tüö asi [LH LH].
- unwrap** *v* keghaa [HHH]; töö [HH]; töpee [LHH].
- up** *adv* n'elu [HL]; n'enu [HL].
- upbringing** *n* özü [LLL].
- upland** *n* agba enu [HH HH]; ala öca [LL HH]; anî öca [LL HH]; igbo [HH].
- upright** *adj* ötö [HH].
- uproar** *n* ukwu [LL].
- uproot** *v* foo [HH]; vöö [HH] (Mbaise).
- uproot completely** *v* fopü [HL].
- up country** *n* enu anî [HH LL].
- urgency** *n* mkpa [HL].
- urgently** *adv* ösi-isö [HH-HH]; ösö-ösö [HH-HH].
- urgent (be)** *v* kpaa mkpa [LH HL]; kpaa mkpa [LH HL].
- urinate** *v* nyüö mmamiri [HH HHHH].
- urine** *n* mma mili [HH HH]; mma miri [HH HH]; nwa mili [H HH]; nwa miri [H HH].
- use** *n* uru [HL].
- used to (be)** *v* malü arü [HH LH]; mara ahü [HH LH].
- usefulness** *n* uru [HL].
- usefulness (have)** *v* baa elele [LH LLL]; baa erere [LH LLL].
- useless** *adj* mkpökörö [HHHH].
- uselessness** *n* inyo [LH].
- useless person** *n* aghala [LHH]; aghara [LLL]; ici [HL]; ökalii oholi [LLH LLL].
- use (be of)** *v* baa uru [LH HL].
- uterus** *n* akpa nwa [LL HH].
- utterance** *n* okwu [HH].
- utter last wishes** *v* kee ekpe [LH HH].

## V

- vacuum** *n* ufo [HL].
- vagabond** *n* aghala [LHH]; aghara [LLL]; akara ogiri [LLHLLL] (Ndizuögü); ökal'oholi [LLHLLL].
- vagina** *n* ahü nwanyi [LH LL]; atü [HL]; nghö atü [HH HL]; nghö ötü [HH HL]; öhü [HH]; öshü [HL]; ötü [HL].
- vaginal dryness** *n* akörö [HHH]; akpölö [HHH].
- vaginal lobe** *n* ibe atü [HH HL]; ibe ötü [HH HL].
- vaginal opening** *n* önü ötü [HH HL].
- valley** *n* aní odede [LL HLL] (Udi); iyere [LHH]; ndagwuru ugwu [LLHH HH].
- valuable (be)** *v* baa ire [LH LL].
- value** *n* elele [LLL]; erere [LLL]; önü ahia [HH HHH].
- value (be of)** *v* baa elele [LH LLL]; baa erere [LH LLL].
- vanish** *v* gbaböö [HHH]; zelaa [HHH]; zulaa [HHH].
- vapour** *n* uzu [LL].
- varicose vein** *n* akpü mmiri [HL HHH].
- variously** *adv* ice ice [HL HL].
- vegetable** *n* akwükwo nni [HHH HH]; akwükwo nri [HHH HH].
- vegetable (kind of)** *n* ahiahia ofe [HH]; ofe [HH]; oko [HH]; öha [LH]; öma apü [HL HH]; öra [LH]; üha [LH]; ükwö ofe [LH HH] (Bende) *P. Terocarpus; Canna indica L.*
- vegetable dish** *n* akwükwo akpü [HHH HH].
- vegetable soup** *n* ofe akwükwo [HH HHH].
- vehicle** *n* ügbö [HH].
- veil** *n* akwa mkpuci [HL HLH].
- vein (varicose)** *n* akpü mmiri [HL HHH].
- venereal disease** *n* mgbuga [HHH].
- vengeance (bear)** *v* böö öböö [LH HL].
- venom** *n* elo [LL].
- verandah** *n* enete [HHH]; mgbemgbe [LLL].
- verdict** *n* mkpebi [HHL].
- verdict (render)** *v* bie ikpe [LH HH]; kpee ikpe [HH HH]; waa ikpe [HH HH].
- verse** *n* ama [HL]; ama ükwü [HL HH].
- very end** *n* ikpe azü [LH HH]; isi njedebe [HH HHHH].
- very small** *adj* obele [HHH] (Önica).
- vessel** *n* ügbö [HH].
- vexation (cause)** *v* kpasuo [HHH].
- vicinity** *n* önümä [HHH]; önümara [HHHH].
- victorious over (be)** *v* melie [HHH]; merie [HHH].
- view** *v* fü [H].
- vigil** *n* üñara [HLL].
- vigour** *n* ume [HH].
- village** *n* ama [HH]; obodo [LLL]; ogbe [LL]; ogo [HH].
- villagers** *n* ndi ogo [HH HH].
- village group** *n* önkü [HHH]; önümä [HHH]; önümara [HHHH].
- village hall** *n* obi ama [LH HH]; obu ama [LH HH]; ülö ute [HL HH] (Afikpo).
- vindicate** *v* göö [HH].
- vinegar** *n* mmanya gbara üka [HHH HH HL].
- viper** *n* abü ala [HH LL]; abü aní [HH LL] (*Önica*); ajü ala [HH LL]; ajü aní [HH LL] (*Bitis arietans*); avü ana [HH LL].
- viper (horned)** *n* alö [HH].
- virgin** *n* ikporo [LLH]; okporo [LLH].
- virgin (male)** *n* oke okporo [HH HLL].
- virtue** *n* mma [HH].
- vision** *n* egugo [HHH]; öhü [HL].
- visitor** *n* öbia [HHL].
- vogue (be in)** *v* kwuo [LH]; wuo [LH].
- voice** *n* olu [HH] (Owere); onu [HH] (Önica).
- voice box** *n* eko [HL]; eko akpíri [HL HHH].
- volume (of sound)** *n* üda [LL].
- vomit** *n* agbö [HH]; agböö [HHH]; agbü [HL].
- vomit** *v* gböö [LH]; gbüö agböö [LH HH]; gbüö agbü [LH HH]; nuo agböö [LH HH].
- vomit (dog's)** *n* anwa [LL].
- votive house** *n* mbari [LHH].
- vowel** *n* üda ume [LL HH].
- voyage** *n* ije [HL].
- vulture** *n* öbia ngwu [HHH LL]; udele [LLL]; udene [LLL]; ugo agwö [LL HH].
- vulva** *n* atü [HL]; ikpu [HL]; ire eju [HH HL]; nghö atü [HH HL]; nghö ötü [HH HL]; ododo atü [LLL HL]; öhü [HH]; örü [HL] (*Önica*); öshü [HL]; ötü [HL].
- vulva-itch** *n* enyi [LL].

## W

- wade through bush** *v* waa öhia [HH HHH].
- wafers** *n* acīca [LLL] (Önīca); acīca mbadamba [LLLHHHH].
- wafers (cassava)** *n* nsisa [HHH].
- wager** *n* ebe [HH]; ita [LH]; ngo [HH].
- wager** *v* fee nza [HH HL]; maa aka [LH HH]; maa ita [HH HH]; tüö aka [LH HH]; züö [LH].
- wages** *n* ügwö [HH]; ügwö ölü [HH HH]; ügwö önwa [HH HH]; ügwö örü [HH HH].
- wage war** *v* buo agha [HH HH]; busö agha [HL HH]; lüsö ögü [HH LL]; vuo agha [LH HH].
- wail** *v* tie mkpu [LH LH].
- wailing** *n* mkpu [LH].
- wailing (general)** *n* ukwu [LL].
- waist** *n* ukwu [HL].
- waist-band** *n* ajii [LLL].
- waist-bead** *n* mgbaji [HHH].
- waist-cloth** *n* ögödö [LLL].
- waist-garment** *n* ekete [LLL].
- wait!** *v* be [H].
- wait** *v* cee [HH]; celü [LH]; cere [LH]; gere [LH]; guzo [LH].
- waiting time** *n* ödü [HL]; üñara [HLL].
- wait for** *v* cee [HH].
- wait in ambush** *v* cebiri [HLL]; cebise [HLL].
- wake** *n* akwa [HH]; uru [LH].
- wake (perform)** *v* kwaa ozu [HH HH].
- wake up** *v* kpötee [HHH]; tee [HH].
- wake up (fully)** *v* teta [HH].
- walk** *n* ije [HL]; ölili [LHH]; öriri [LHH].
- walk** *v* jee [HH] (Önīca).
- walking stick** *n* apkötö [LLL] (Afikpo); alö [HL]; arö [HL]; mkpala [LHH]; mkpanaka [LHHH]; mkpanaka [LLHH]; mkpara [LHH]; mkpö [LH]; mkpörö [LHH].
- walk around** *v* gagharia [LHHH].
- walk clumsily** *v* hikötö [HHH].
- walk on** *v* gwee [HH].
- walk thick bush** *v* waa öhia [HH HHH].
- walk up** *v* rigoro [HHH].
- walk up to** *v* ligolu [HHH].
- walk with a limp** *v* tee ükwü [HH HH].
- wall** *n* aja [HH].
- wall-gecko** *n* agü ünö [HH HL] *Ptyodactylus*

- gecko**; agwö ülö [HH HL]; nceke [LHH].
- wall off** *v* lücie [HHH]; rücie [HHH].
- wall with loopholes** *n* ekpe [HL].
- wand** *n* ökpösi [HHH].
- wander about** *v* wagharia [HHHH].
- wand (of innocence)** *n* ügwa [HH].
- wand of innocence** *n* ogu [HL].
- want** *n* öcicö [LHH]; übia [LLL]; übiam [LLL]; ükô [LH].
- want to** *n* cöö [HH].
- war** *n* agha [HH] (Önīca); aha [HH] (Aröcukwu); aya [HH]; ögü [LL] (Owere).
- ward** *n* ogo [HH]; önkü [HHH].
- ward off** *v* cüö [HH].
- warehouse** *n* ülö akü [HL LL].
- wares** *n* ngwa ahia [HH HHH].
- warm (be)** *v* kpee ökü [LH HH].
- warm oneself in sun** *v* nyaa anwü [HH HH].
- warm self by fire** *v* nyaa ökü [HH HH].
- warm up** *v* kpoo ökü [LH HH].
- warm up food** *v* daa [HH].
- warning** *n* amüma [HHH].
- warning (issue a)** *v* maa ökwa [HH HL].
- war (make)** *v* nüö agha [LH HH]; nüö ögü [LH LL].
- war-knife** *n* öpiä [HHH].
- warrant** *n* ebi [HL].
- warrior** *n* dike [HH]; onye oke [HH HH].
- warriors** *n* ndi agha [HH HH].
- war knife** *n* atita [LLL].
- war leader** *n* isama agha [LHH HH] (loan).
- war strategy** *n* izu ögü [LH LL].
- wash** *v* caa [HH]; kwöö [LH]; kwüö [LH]; saa [HH].
- washing bowl** *n* efere ukwu [LHH HH].
- wash (clothes)** *v* föö akwa [HH HL]; süö akwa [LH HL].
- wash (e. g. tuber)** *v* maa [HH].
- wash body** *v* saa ahü [HH LH]; saa arü [HH LH].
- wasp** *n* ebu [LL]; evu [LL].
- wasp (large)** *n* ebu ünö [HL HL].
- waste** *n* iwi [HL]; iyi [HL].
- waste** *v* bibie [LH]; laa n'iyi [LH HL]; mebie [HL]; mefue [LH]; naa n'iyi [HH HL].
- wasteland** *n* ikpa [HH].
- waste dump** *n* ökpükü ntü [HHH HH].
- waste matter** *n* mpo [LH].
- waste time** *v* gbue oge [HH HL]; gbuo oge [HH HL].

**wastrel** *n* aghala [LHH]; aghara [LLL]; efulefu [LLHL]; ökäli oholi [LLH LLL].

**watch** *n* anya [HH]; nce [HH]; uce [HH].

**watch** *v* kilie [HHH] (Önica).

**watch over** *v* cee [HH]; cee nce [HH HL]; legide [LHH].

**watch with pleasure** *v* kirie [HHH].

**water** *n* immili [HHH]; mmiri [HHH].

**water** *v* gbaa mmiri [HH LLL].

**waterfront** *n* ose [LL].

**waterside** *n* ide [LL]; otu [HH].

**watery** *adj* mmiri mmiri [HHH HHH].

**water-hen** *n* okwukwu mpi [LLHH LL].

**water-snake** *n* nsalü [HHL].

**water channel** *n* awala [LLL]; awara [LLL].

**water current** *n* usoro [HLL].

**water jug** *n* aria mmiri [LLL HLL].

**water lily** *n* eko iyi [HL HH].

**water pot** *n* ite mmiri [LL HHH]; udu mmiri [LL HHH]; üdü mmili [LH HHH].

**water yam** *n* abana [LLL]; acilí [LLL]; mbala ji [LHH H].

**wave** *v* fee [HH].

**waves** *n* apköli [HHH] (Önica); ebiri [LLL] (Owere).

**wax** *n* mgba [LH]; öbia [HLL].

**wax-bill** *n* nza [HH].

**wax-print** *n* abada [LLH].

**way** *n* aka [HH]; etu [HH]; ilo [LH]; iro [LH]; otu [HH]; uzo [HL]; ülö [LH]; üzö [HL].

**waylay** *v* cebisie [HLHH].

**wayward (be)** *v* gbaa ezi [HH HH].

**we** *prn* anyi [HH].

**weak** *adj* gwölli-gwölli [LL-LL].

**weak (become)** *v* daa mba [LH LL].

**wealth** *v* akü [LL]; eka [LL]; Eru [LL]; ogidi [HLL]; okpogho [LLL] (Bende); ökü [HL]; oju akü [LH LL]; üba [LH].

**wealthy (become)** *v* baa [HH].

**wealthy man** *n* ögalanya [LLLL]; ögaranya [LLLL].

**wear** *v* füö [HH]; gbaa [HH]; nyie [HH] (Afikpo); süö [LH]; turu [HH]; yie [LH]; yiri [LH].

**weariness** *n* mba [LL]; mgba [LL].

**wear (e. g. bead)** *v* jere [HH].

**wear (hat or cap)** *v* kpuo [LH]; kpuru [LH].

**wear (on neck/arm)** *v* nyara [LH].

**weary (become)** *v* daa mba [LH LL].

**wear around neck** *v* koo [LH]; nyaa [LH].

**wear a loin cloth** *v* maa akwa [HH HL].

**wear cloth** *v* waa akwa [LH HH]; waa ögödö [LH LLL].

**wear loosely** *v* jere [HH].

**wear out** *v* gbee [HH]; kwöcaa [HHH]; ricaa [HHH]; rie [HH].

**weave** *v* kpaa [LH]; kwee [HH].

**weaver-bird** *n* asa [HLL]; asia [HLL] *Ploceus cucullatus*.

**web** *n* önya [HL].

**wed** *v* gbaa akwükö [LH HHH]; löö [HH]; löö [HH]; nüö [HH].

**wedding feast** *n* nrisa [HHL].

**wedge** *n* mkpö [LH]; mkporö [LHH].

**weed** *n* ahihia [HHHH].

**weed** *v* böö [HH]; foo [HH]; rücaa [HHH]; vöö [HH] (Mbaise).

**week (four-day)** *n* izu [HL]; izu nta [LL HL].

**week day (first)** *n* Eke [LH].

**week day (fourth)** *n* Nkwö [LH].

**week day (second)** *n* Orié [HLL]; Oye [HLL].

**week day (third)** *n* Afö [LL]; Ahö [LL] (Afikpo).

**week tomorrow** *n* eci öbülü izu [HH HHH HL]; eci ökö izu [HH HH HL].

**weep** *v* bee [HH]; bee akwa [HH HH]; gbaa anya mmiri [HH HH LLL]; kwaa akwa [HH HH].

**weeping** *n* akwa [HH].

**weevil-infested (be)** *v* gbaa ütü [HH HH].

**weigh** *v* sie [LH].

**weight** *n* alü [HH]; arü [HH]; ibu [HH]; ivü [HH]

**weighty (be)** *v* nyia arü [LH HH].

**Welcome!** *excl* Alüa [LLL] (West Igbo); ilö [HL] (West Igbo); Nnöa [LLL] (Önica); Nnöö [LHH] (Önica).

**welcome** *v* nabata [HLH].

**well** *adv* öfümä [LHH].

**well** *n* isi iyi [HH HL]; olulu mmiri [HLL HHH]; onunu immili [HLL HHH]; ümì [LH].

**well-being** *n* ahü ike [LH HH].

**well-known** *adj* ama ama [HL LH].

**well-rooted (be)** *v* gbaa mgborogwu [HH LLLL].

**well-spring** *n* isi iyi [HH HL].

**well attended (be)** *v* gbaa [HH].

**Well done!** *excl* Da eme [H LH]; De eme [H LL]; Nde eme [LH HH].

**wetlands** *n* ani olu [LL HH]; mgbökö [LHH].

- whale** *n* emii [HHL].
- what!** *excl* a-a [H-L]; gini [HH]; O-o [LH].
- What?** *inter* E-e [L-H].
- what?** *inter* gini [HH]; giri [HH].
- whatsoever** *prn* öbüla [HHL]; öbüna [HHL].
- when** *conj* ehi [LL]; ekpe [LL]; ka [L]; mgbe [LL]; oge [HL].
- when?** *inter* olee [LHH]; onee [LHH].
- where?** *inter* ebee [LHH].
- wherever** *adv* ibe ibe [HL HL] (Bende).
- whether/or** *adv* ma öbü [L LL].
- whetstone** *n* ömü [LLL].
- while** *conj* ka [L].
- whine** *v* tamuo [HLH].
- whip** *n* agba [HH]; agba osisi [LL HHH]; agbala aja [HLH HH]; anya acü [HH HH]; aña [HH]; aňü [HH]; apipiä [HHHH]; ekwe [LL]; itali [LLL]; ütari [LLL]; mkpisi [LHH]; okpili [HLL]; okpiri [HLL]; ütalí [LLL].
- whip** *v* gbaa osisi [HH HHH]; küö [LH]; pia [HH]; pia itali [HH LLL]; tie [HH].
- whirlwind** *n* ivejiökü [LLHHH]; oke ifufe [HH LLL]; oke ikuku [HH LLL].
- whisper** *n* ntaka [HHL]; ntakü [HHL].
- whisper** *v* takaa ntaka [HLH HHL].
- whistle** *n* öja [LL]; ugene [LHL].
- whistle** *v* füö öja [LH LL]; gböö öja [HH LL].
- white** *adj* öca [LH].
- white-man** *n* bekee [LHH]; onye öca [HH HH]; oyibo [LLH] (loan).
- whiteness** *n* üca [LH].
- white ant** *n* akwü aní [HH LL].
- white clay** *n* nzu [HH].
- whitlow** *n* aka mkpu [HH HH]; aka ngo [HH HL]; aka nzo [HH HH]; aka nzö [HH HH]; ama-afia aka [LL-HHH HH].
- whole leg (of meat)** *n* örü [HH].
- whole piece** *n* ogbe [HL].
- whooping cough** *n* ntürü [HHHH].
- whose** *prn* nke [LL].
- why?** *inter* gini [HH]; giri [HH].
- wicked** *adj* ajö [HH]; öjöö [HHH].
- wickedness** *n* alülü ana [HHH LL]; arürü ala [HHH LL]; ürü [LH] (Öhafia).
- wicker-basket** *n* asakala [HHHH]; ngiga [HHH].
- wide** *adj* abadaba [HHHH]; mbadamba [HHHH]; obodobo [HHHH]; öbasara [HHHH].
- widow** *n* ajadu [LLL] (West Igbo); akwü [LL]; ekpe [HH]; isi ekpe [HH HL]; nwanyi ekpe [HL HH]; ogidi [HLL]; ökwa [HL] (West Igbo).
- widower** *n* ekpe [HH]; isi ekpe [HH HL]; oke ekpe [HH HH].
- widowhood** *n* isi ekpe [HH HL].
- wife** *n* inyeme [LLL] (West Igbo); mie [HL] (Öhafia); nwunye [HL].
- wife (have a)** *v* nwee nwanyi [HH HL].
- wife of a chief** *n* löölö [HHL].
- wilderness** *n* akpa [HH]; öma agü [HH HH] (Öka); özala [LLL]; özara [LLL].
- wild dove** *n* ndo [HL].
- wild grass (kind of)** *n* ata [HH].
- wild okra plant** *n* ahühära [HHHH]; ahühära [HHHH] *C. olitorius*.
- wild pigeon** *n* ekulu öfia [LLL HHH].
- wild rice** *n* ötösi [HHH] *Orzya satifl.*
- will** *n* ekpe [HH]; üma [LH].
- wilt** *v* tünwöö [HHH].
- wind** *n* ifufe [LLL]; ifufu [LLL]; ikuku [LLL]; ufere [HHH].
- window** *n* akwü [LH]; awa ala [HH LL]; ibo [HL]; mbo [HL].
- wine** *n* amiri [HHH]; mmaï [HHH]; mmanya [HHH].
- wine (raffia-palm)** *n* apa [LH]; igwü [HL]; ngwö [HL] *Raphia vinifera*.
- wine (special grade)** *n* üfimmania [LL HHH] (West Igbo).
- wine-coloured** *n* odo odo [LH LL].
- wine-cup** *n* mpi [LL]; mpu [LL].
- wine calabash** *n* uge [HH].
- wine pot** *n* otu [LL].
- wing** *n* azia [HLL]; nku [LL]; ubgene [HLL].
- wink** *v* raa anya [LH HH]; rüö anya [LH HH].
- winnow** *v* ticaa [LHH]; yöö [LH].
- win hands down** *v* gbaa igbe [HH LH].
- win outright** *v* gbaa igbe [HH LH].
- wipe** *v* ficaa [HHH]; hiccaa [HHH].
- wipe off** *v* hicapü [HLH]; hie [LH]; yie [LH].
- wisdom** *n* uec [HL].
- wisdom (practical)** *n* akö na uec [LH L HL].
- wisdom tooth** *n* eze nkwaba [HH HHL].
- wise saying** *n* ilu [HH]; ilulu [HHH]; inu [HH] (Önica).
- wish ill-luck** *v* kpöcuo [LHH].
- witch/witchcraft** *n* amusu [HHH].
- withdraw** *v* mia [HH].
- wither** *v* kpönwöö [HHH]; yia anwü [LH HH]

- (Öka).
- withhold** *v* jibie [HLH].
- within** *prep* na [L]; na [L].
- without** *conj* na [H].
- without end** *adv* ebe ebe [HL HL]; ebighi ebi [HLL HL].
- without hitch** *adv* were were [HH HH].
- without motion** *adv* jii [LL]; jüü [LL].
- with exception of** *adv* ewezuga [HLHH].
- witness** *n* aka ebe [HH HH]; ama [LL]; ebe [HH]; ibe [HH] (Ihiala).
- wits** *n* nzu [LL].
- wives** *n* inyom [HLL]; inyum [HLL] (Afikpo).
- wives (have many)** *v* gbaa ezene [HH LLL].
- woman's house** *n* mukpuke [LLH].
- woman** *n* anyi(m) [LLL]; inyeme [LLL] (West Igbo); nwa amī [H LL] (Öhafia); nwanyi [HL]; nwüwa [HL] (Önica).
- woman (adult)** *n* ibili [LLL]; ibiri [LLL].
- woman (male-looking)** *n* ajakpa [HLH].
- woman (menopausal)** *n* aga [LL].
- woman (multiparous)** *n* ibiri aci [LLL HH] (Ölü-Isu).
- woman (sterile)** *n* aga [LL].
- woman (well-to-do)** *n* agbala [LLL] (Önica).
- woman (young)** *n* agböhö [LHL]; agböhö öbia [LHH HLL]; agbühö [LHL]; ikporo [LLH]; Mgbo [LH] (Udi).
- womb** *n* ahö [HH] (Enugu); akpa nwa [LL HH].
- women** *n* ikom [HHL]; inyom [HLL]; inyum [HLL] (Afikpo); nwa üwa [H LL] (Önica).
- womenfolk** *n* ndī omi [HH LL]; omi [LL].
- wonder** *n* ebelebe [HHHH]; ebenebe [HHHH]; ebube [LLL]; eshi [HH].
- wood** *n* ekwe [HH]; nkü [HH]; osisi [HHH]; oshishi [HHH].
- wooded settlement** *n* abö [LH].
- wooden drum** *n* egede [HLL].
- wooden gong** *n* aca [LL].
- wooden peg** *n* oko [LH].
- wooden shutter** *n* mgbo [HH]; mgbö [HH].
- wood (a kind of)** *n* ükpadi [HHH]; ukpi {LL} (West Igbo).
- wood-pecker** *n* ekwuru [HLH].
- woods** *n* öfia [HHH]; öhia [HHH].
- woof** *n* ajī anü [HH HH].
- word** *n* okwu [HH].
- work** *n* ölili [LLL]; ölü [HH]; örü [HH] (Owere).
- work** *v* lüö [HH] (Önica); rüö [HH].
- workshop** *n* ülö örü [HL HH].
- work metal** *v* kpüö üzü [LH HH].
- world** *n* üwa [LL].
- worm** *n* abü [LL]; etu [LL]; nwa örü [H LH]; öti [HL].
- worm (intestinal)** *n* arıkwa [LHH]; mkpürümkpí [LLHL]; mkpürümkpü [LLHL]; okpo [LH] (Önica).
- worm-skin (old)** *n* abögba idide [HLL HLL].
- wormwood** *n* ese ilu [HH HH]; ögbaju [HHH].
- worry** *n* agba na uce [LL L HL].
- worry** *v* sogbuo [LHH].
- worse (become)** *v* jöwanye [HHH] (Önica).
- worship** *v* fee [LH]; sekpuo [HLL].
- worship** *n* ofufe ci [LLH H].
- worthless** *adj* mkpökörö [HHHH].
- worthless person** *n* ikpa [LH].
- wound** *n* önya [HH].
- wound (gaping)** *n* aba [LL].
- wound (ulcerative)** *n* önya ure [HH LH].
- wrap** *v* fücie [LHH]; füö [HH]; kecie [HHH].
- wrapper** *n* ngödö [LLL]; ögödö [LLL]; ögödö [LLL]; ögödü [LLL].
- wrath** *n* iwe [HH].
- wren** *n* nza [HH].
- wrestle** *v* gbaa mgba [HH LH].
- wrestler (expert)** *n* di mgba [H LH].
- wrestle down** *v* bada [LL].
- wrestling match** *n* mgba [LH]; üjü ala [LH LL].
- wrestling music** *n* ekere mgba [HHH HH].
- wrestling technique** *n* ege [HH]; nge [HH]; uge [HH].
- wring** *v* hia [LH].
- wring dry** *v* hícaa [LHH].
- wrinkles** *n* akala iru [HLL HH] (Önica); akara ihu [HLL HH] (Owere).
- write** *v* dee [LH].
- write down** *v* detuo [HLH].
- write to** *v* dega [HL].
- wrong-doing** *n* mmehie [HHLL]; njö [LH].

XYZ

**xylophone** *n* ngedegwu [LHHIH]; übō [LH].

**yam** *n* ji [H]; ndī [HH] (Item).

**yam (kind of)** *n* abi [LH] *D. rotunda*; abiñ [LHL]; acili [LLL]; adaka [HHH]; adū [HL] *Dioscorea spp.*; aga ji [LL H]; akitikpa [LHHH]; aküm ala [HHH LL]; apü ji [HH H]; asükwü [HHH]; awudu [LHL] (loan?); ighu [LH]; iyagha [LLL]; ji abiā [H HLL] *D. praedensilis*; ji aga [H HH]; ji asörí [H LLL]; ji igwe [H HH]; ji ita [H LH] *D. rotunda*; ji ntüma [H LLL] *D. praedensilis*; ji nwaliökara [H HLHH]; ji oko [H HH]; ji ome-ire [H HH-LL]; ji öca [H HH]; njakalam afö [LHHHH HH]; njekalam afö [LHHHH HH]; nwanyi eri [HL HH]; obeke [HLL]; obiashí [LHHH] (West Igbo); ogwo ogidi [HL HLL] *D. praedensilis*; oke okwe [HII]; oko [HH]; oko okwe [LH LL]; okom [LHH]; okpoko [LLH]; opoko [LLH]; ögba n'uhie [LH LLL]; ögbaga [LHH]; ökpü [LL]; oma [HL]; öna [LL]; öna mme [LL HH] (Önica); öna öca [LL HH] (Önica); uke [LL]; ümia [LH]; üna [LL] (Owere) *Dioscorea dumetorum Pax*.

**yam (seed)** *n* anima [HLL].

**yam-beans** *n* ndudu [LLL]; odudu [LLL] (Bende); ukpo odudu [LH LLL] (Bende).

**yam-stack** *n* ekwe [HH]; mgba [LH].

**yam beetle** *n* ebe [HH].

**yam broth** *n* ji ökü [H HH].

**Yam festival** *n* Iri-ji [HH-H]; Öfala [HLL].

**yam flour** *n* alibö [LLH] (loan).

**Yam God** *n* Ahiajökü [LLLHH]; Fejioku [LHHH]; Ifejioku [LLHHH]; Iveyioku [LLHHH]; Njökü [LHH].

**yam haulm (dried)** *n* acica [LLL] (Önica).

**yam leaf disease** *n* idu [HL].

**yam pottage** *n* awa ji [HH H].

**yam sprout** *n* aka ji [HH H]; ome ji [HH H]; ume ji [HH H].

**yam stems (dry)** *n* akilikö [HLHH]; akika [LHL] (Ihiala).

**yam stump** *n* apkü ji [HH H].

**yard** *n* ezi [LH]; ilo [LH] (Önica); mgbala

**yaws** *n* ekpeci [LLL]; ekpeeu [LLL]; ikpeci [LLL]; ofi [HII]; okuma [LLL]; okwuma [LLL]; öfi [LH]; öküma [LLL]; ökwüma [LH].

**year** *n* afö [HL]; ahö [HL]; arö [HL].

**yearly** *adv* kwa afö [L HL]; kwa arö [L HL].

**year (previous)** *n* aka [LH]; aka asü [LH HL]; aka ahü [LH HL].

**year old (be)** *v* gbaa afö [HH HL].

**yellow** *v* tie mkpu [LH LH].

**yellow** *n* edo [LL].

**yellow eyes** *n*anya mmanü [HH HHH].

**yellow fever** *n* aköm [HLL].

**yellow at** *v* gböö [HH].

**Yes!** *excl* eyee [LHH]; iye [LHH]; iyaa [LHH].

**yes** *adv* e-e [H-H].

**Yes?** *int* E-e [L-H].

**yesterday** *n* eci [HH]; ünya ahü [LL HL].

**yield** *v* nye efe [H HL]; nye ohere [H LHH].

**yolk** *n* abübö [HHH]; abübü [HHH].

**You, there!** *excl* gböö [HL] (Önica).

**youngest child** *n* ödü nwa [HL HH].

**youngman** *n* okolo [LHH]; okoro [LHH]; okoro öbia [LHH HLL].

**young (of)** *n* nwa [H]

**young child** *n* obele nwa [HHH HH] (Önica); obere nwa [HHH HH] (Owere); ogbede nwa [LLL HH] (Owere).

**young cock** *n* egbene [HLL] (Öka); nzala [HLL].

**young female bird** *n* adidi [LLL].

**young male** *n* ikoro [HLL].

**you (plural)** *prn* unu [HL]; ünü [HL].

**you (singular)** *n* gi [H]; ngü [HH].

**youth** *n* dimkpa [HLL].

**youth (male)** *n* oko [HH]; okolo [LHH]; okoro [LHH]; okoro öbia [LHH HLL].

**zero value** *n* mkipötörö [HHHHH]; nkütü [HHH].

**zest** *n* ucu [LH].

**zig-zag** *n* ngöngö [HHH].

**zinc (roofing sheet)** *n* agbügba [LLL]; ügbügba [LLL].

**zone** *n* mpaghara [HHHHH]; ödü [HII].

# **Dictionary of the Igbo Language**

## **Appendices**



## Appendix I: Suffixes and enclitics

Suffixes and enclitics occupy a unique place in the Igbo lexicon as important determiners of meaning for many other lexical units. Briefly, suffixes may be said to modify the general meaning of verbs, while enclitics modify the meaning of sentences and utterances. Accordingly, the meanings attached to them in the list below must be understood as only indicating a general tendency or direction of meaning. It is a point of interest to note that the vowels in these suffixes and enclitics are invariably open, the exceptions being in the case of those suffixes which retain the force of verbs, and so take positive imperative inflections. In standard written Igbo, these suffixes and enclitics are written together with the verbs they modify, without the hyphen. The hyphens given below (e.g. **sö·ba** = **söba**) are strictly for the convenience of the reader only.

- ba** sfx [L] (Önica) begin; continue doing -  
*lüba ölü* = *begin working*. var. **-be**; **-wa**.
- be** sfx [L] (Önica) begin; continue doing -  
*mebe* = *begin doing*. var. **-ba**; **-wa**.
- ca** sfx [H] be complete; completed - *imeca* =  
*to finish doing*; *ígüca akwükwo* = *to complete reading*.
- debe** sfx [HH] used to indicate that the action of main verb should continue no further -  
*jedebe* = *go no further*; *ridebe* = *stop eating*.
- dō** sfx [H] attached to interrogative pronoun for additional emphasis. var. **-dü**.
- dü** sfx [H] attached to interrogative pronoun for additional emphasis. var. **-dō**.
- fü** sfx [H] (Önica) used to mark an action that is almost or virtually completed or consummated - *Ögafü abia* = *he will soon come/arrive; he will come any minute from now; he is virtually here*. var. **-ha**.
- ga** sfx [H] used to indicate an action or movement towards a destination or an implied purpose - *gbaga* = *run to a place*, e.g. *for safety*; *buga* = *carry something to a place or person as directed*.
- gha** sfx [LH] (Owere) ruin; spoil - *meghaa* = *act to spoil*.
- ghaa** sfx [HH] reverse direction of action; reciprocate action in opposite direction - *nyegacie ego* = *give back money; return money in full*; *segharia* = *redraw; drawn over; megharia* = *undo, or do over*.
- go** sfx [L] indicates completed action - *gbago* = *has completed running*. var. **-la**.
- gwa** sfx [H] reciprocate; retaliate - *megwara* = *retaliate; kügwara* = *hit back in retaliation*.
- ha** sfx [H] used to mark an action that is almost or virtually completed or consummated - *Ögaha abia* = *he will soon come/arrive; he will come any minute from now; he is virtually here*. var. **-fü**.
- ka** sfx [H] very; very much; more than expected - *O teka* = *It is very distant (in time or space)*; *Omeka* = *He has done very well, even more than expected*.
- keje** sfx [LH] used to indicate movement a little distance from speaker, or from addressee's present position - *gbakeje* = *run up a little distance*; *nökeje* = *sit a little distance away (from speaker)*. var. **-kege**.
- köta** sfx [HH] continue doing something together for some time - *lekötä* = *continued being on the look out*.
- köta** sfx [LL] together; in combination - *weköta* = *bring together; collect*.
- kwa** sfx [H] also; and also; like - *tinyekwa ego* = *put in money also; zurukwa ike* = *make sure you also get some rest*.
- la** sfx [L] indicates completed action - *gbaala* = *has completed running*. var. **-go**.

- la** sfx [L] whatever - *ihe omela* = whatever he does; *ihe okwula* = whatever he says; *ihe ö bülä* = whatever it is, var. **-na**.
- li** sfx [H] able to; can - *Ö ga-emeli?* Can he? Is he able to (do it)?.
- lie** sfx [HH] have the ability or capacity to do something - *delie* = able to write; *bulie* = able to carry.
- lie** sfx [HH] used to indicate upward movement - *gbalie* = kick upwards; *welie* = take up (and stow away).
- lie** sfx [LH] used with other verbs to indicate that the desired action was more than exceeded or was carried too far - *gbulie* = cut up in bits, var. **-rie**.
- na** sfx [L] whatever - *ihe omena* = whatever he does; *ihe okwuna* = whatever he says; *ihe ö büna* = whatever it is, var. **-la**.
- nöö** sfx [HH] used to mark special emphasis on the action of the verb.
- nü** sfx [H] an enclitic attached to a main verb to indicate an intensification of the action of the main verb; the equivalent of the auxiliary "do" in English - *meenü* = go, do it; *bükwanü* = make sure you all come; do, come.
- nwa** sfx [L] emphatic marker for a pronoun - *münwa* = I myself; *yanwa* = he himself; *ününwa* = you yourselves.
- nwöö** sfx [HH] (Önica) used to mark special emphasis on the action of the verb - *ka ödinwöö* = as it is; as things now stand.
- pü** sfx [L] used to indicate separation as a result of the action of the verb to which it is attached - *cüpü* = drive out; expel.
- rie** sfx [LH] used with other verbs to indicate that the action was more than exceeded or was carried too far - *gburie* = cut into many small pieces, var. **-lie**.
- ri(i)** sfx [HH(H)] logical opposite of "-fü"; marks fully actualised actions; event in the "already" category - *O gwülarii* = it's been long since finished; *o mecaalarii* = he has long since completed {the task}.
- ta** sfx [H] bring an action to completion; complete action of main verb - *züta* = purchase; complete purchase, var. **-te**.
- ta** sfx [L] do something well - *müta* = learn well; *sata* = answer well, var. **-te**.
- te** sfx [H] bringing an action to completion, to complete action of main verb - *bute* = successfully carry off, var. **-ta**.
- te** sfx [L] do something well - *mete* = do well; *kwete* = sing well, var. **ta**.
- tuo** sfx [LH] used to indicate movement out of or down from (e.g. perch or station) - *gbatuo* = shoot down; *bu-tuo* = carry down from (e.g. shelf); *wetuo* = take out (as an exception).
- tü** sfx [H] signals action only a bit of which has been completed - *menü/metiüwa* = start doing; begin doing a little bit of [some action].
- wa** sfx [L] (Owere) begin; continue doing - *rüwa* = begin doing, var. **-ba**; **-we**.
- wanye** sfx [HH] used to indicate further continuation of the action of preceding verb - *bawanye* = get even richer; *jöwanye* = get even uglier.
- we** sfx [L] (Owere) begin; continue doing, var. **-ba**; **-wa**.
- zii** sfx [H] (Önica) marks emphatic non-performance, or a negative performance - *omerözi* = it did not happen afterall; he did not perform afterall.

## Appendix II: Numerals

Traditional Igbo numeration went in multiples of twenty. This traditional system has been modernised through decimalisation. This was effected principally by a) the elimination of the numbers 20 (= ögü-**ohu**) and 400 (= **nnü**) and b) the adoption of four numbers: **nari** (= 100), **puku** (= 1,000), **nde** (= 100,000), and **ijeri** (= 1,000,000,000). These numbers are combined with the numbers 1 to 10 to form the new numerals. **Na** is used as the connector in all additions. In certain complex numbers, this can lead to ambiguity, especially when the use of **na** obscures the hierarchy of operations.

**Rule 1:** The following numerals define the numeral system:

otu	=	1
abüö	=	2
atö	=	3
anö	=	4
ise	=	5
isii	=	6
asaa	=	7
asatö	=	8
itolu	=	9
iri	=	10
nari	=	100
puku	=	1,000
nde	=	1,000,000
ijeri	=	1,000,000,000

**Rule 2:** Additions:

Numbers derived from simple additions are formed with the conjunction “na” before the lesser number, as for example:

$$\text{iri na asaa} = 17$$

**Rule 3:** Multiples:

Numbers that are multiples of these cardinal numerals are formed by placing the multiplier number(s) directly after the cardinal number, as for example:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{iri asaa} &= 70 \\ \text{puku asaa} &= 7,000 \\ \text{ijeri asaa} &= 7,000,000,000\end{aligned}$$

**Rule 4:** Complex numbers

Numbers derived from complex factor (i.e. multiples and additions) are represented in units corresponding to bracketed components of the numbers in the addition. In all cases, the smalles number comes last within each set of multiples and additions. For example:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{puku asaa na asaa} &= 700+7 & = 707 \\ \text{puku iri asaa na asaa} &= 1,000 \times 70+7 & = 707,000 \\ \text{puku nari asaa na nari asaa na iri na asaa} &= 700,000+(700+(10+7)) & = 700,717 \\ \text{nde asaa na puku asaa na iri asaa na asaa} &= 7,000,000+(700+(70+7)) & = 7,700,077\end{aligned}$$

Note that, to eliminate some of the resulting ambiguity, the word, **tikwasí** or **tükwasí** (= “plus” or “add”) may replace **na** (= “and”).

## Appendix III: Inkhorn terms

The list below, produced by leading members of the SPILC, is a selection of terms recently introduced to meet the needs of the language especially in the field of linguistics and literature. Working in collaboration with, or under the auspices of the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council, researchers have developed new coinages (for Igbo and the other ‘national’ languages) covering other aspects of national life, most especially, in the areas of politics and public administration. As may be expected, some of the new coinages have not been well received by the general public, and their use has been largely limited to the work of those who coined them. There is considerable skepticism about the true value of these forced attempts to invent words for terms which, indeed, have no fixed meanings in the European languages from which they are derived. For this reason, although many of these “inkhorn terms”, as they could with much justification be called, are ingeniously devised, they do not yet belong in the general lexicon. For more information on these terms, see the Bibliography.

### A

- abbreviation** *n* mkpöbiri [HHLH]
- abbreviation** *n* ndebiri [HHLH]
- abbreviation** *n* nkubiri [HHLH]
- abdominal cavity** *n* uji afö [HH HH]
- absurd** *adj* egeri [LLH]
- accent** *n* ödielu [HHHH]
- acoustics** *n* ümiüda [HHLL]
- Adam's apple** *n* eko akpiři [HL LHH]
- adjective** *n* nköwa [HHH]
- adverb** *n* nkwuwa [HHH]
- adverbial nouns** *n* mkpöaha nkwuwa [HHHLH]
- affixes** *n* mgbakwünye [HLHH]
- allophone** *n* nwunyemkpürüüdaasüsü [HLHHHLLHLH]
- allotone** *n* nrütüaka [HLHHH]
- alphabet** *n* mkpürüedeme [HHHHHHH]
- anathema** *n* mkpömarü [LHHH]
- ancestor** *n* nnanna [HLHL]
- anonymous** *n* amaonye [LHHH]
- answer** *n* aziza [HLH]
- antagonism** *n* adöömokoro [HHHHHH]
- anthem** *n* uriötüö [HHLLH]
- anthology** *n* ukwu [LL]
- arena theatre** *n* obom [HH]

- argot** *n* mgböñü [HHHL]
- artifact** *n* ihenka [HHLL]
- artificial** *adj* akamere [HHLL]
- artist** *n* omenka [HHLL]
- aspiration** *n* m kpönuume [LLHHH]
- asterisk** *n* akara mmüke [HLL HLH]
- aura** *n* anwara [HLL]
- auxiliary verb** *n* nyemakangwaa [LLHHHHL]
- average** *n* agbaetiti [LHHHHL]

### B

- balance** *n* nhatanha [LLHLL]
- bibliography** *n* edensibia [HHLLH]
- biography** *n* aküköndü [HHHHL]
- blackboard** *n* mgböñzu [HHHH]
- blues (music)** *n* akwäüwa [HHLL]
- bracket** *n* mgbodo [HLH]
- bracket (square)** *n* akara igbe [HLL HH]

### C

- caesura** *n* nkwüsinaahiri [HHHHHHH]
- catharsis** *n* nküjüobi [LHHHL]
- chalkboard** *n* mgböñzu [HHHH]
- circumflex** *n* uge [HH]

- clause** *n* nkebiahüri [HHLHHH]  
**clause** *n* nkebiokwu [HHL HH]  
**clause** *n* nkejiokwu [HLH HH]  
**co-ordination** *n* nkwegba [HHL]  
**cognate** *n* nsina [LHL]  
**coincidence** *n* ödakö [HLH]  
**complement** *n* mmejuisiokwu [HHHHHHH]  
**conjunction** *n* njikö [HHL]  
**consonant** *n* mgboçiume [LLHHH]  
**conundrum** *n* ögbara [HHH]  
**cue** *n* arö [HL]  
**cynic** *n* üwagbanjö [LLHHH]

**D**

- danger** *n* asüghara [HHHH]  
**dash** *n* zam [HH]  
**decorum** *n* ndimara [HHHH]  
**demonstrative** *n* nrüaka [LLHH]  
**destiny** *n* akaraaka [HLLHH]  
**diagram** *n* esereese [HHHHL]  
**diograph** *n* mkpürümkpí [HHHHH]  
**dialect** *n* olundi [HHHH]  
**dictionary** *n* nköwaokwu [LHHHH]  
**divination** *n* mgbamafa [LLLHH]  
**drama** *n* ejije [HLH]

**E**

- elegy** *n* abuariri [HLLLL]  
**elegy** *n* akwaariri [HHLLL]  
**enclitics** *n* nsokwunye [HLHH]  
**enigma** *n* agbaragharii [LLLHHH]  
**epiglottis** *n* asha [HL]  
**erotica** *n* ndemedéökwu [LHHHHH]  
**ethos** *n* akara [HLL]  
**experience** *n* ahümihe [HHHH]  
**expert** *n* diöka [HLL]  
**extensional suffix** *n* nsonazü nseti [LLLHH  
HHH]

**F**

- farce** *n* ntööci efu [LHHL]  
**fate** *n* akaraaka [HLHH]  
**fiction** *n* akükö aröröarö [HHH LLLHH]  
**folk** *n* ndiüfe [HHLL]  
**foot** *n* igidi [HHH]

- form class** *n* nkejiasüsü [HLHHLH]  
**full stop** *n* kpom [HH]  
**full stop** *n* ntükpö [HLH]

**G**

- genre** *n* üdii [HH]  
**glottis** *n* eko akpíri [HL LHH]  
**grammar** *n* ütöasüsü [LHHLH]  
**grammatical number** *n* ngü [LH]  
**grammatical tone** *n* üdausoro [LLHLL]

**H**

- hero** *n* dike [HH]  
**hero** *n* odogwu [LHH]  
**heroine** *n* odogwu nwanyi [LHH HL]  
**history** *n* agügüala [HHHLL]  
**history** *n* aküköala [HHHLL]  
**hour glass** *n* dumdum [LLLL]  
**hypothesis** *n* ümaokwu [LLHH]

**I**

- ideophone** *n* nghötasinüda [HHHHLL]  
**imagination** *n* enyouce [LLHL]  
**incest** *n* akatakorö [LLLHH]  
**incest** *n* ndina ügwa [HHH HH]  
**indigenous** *adj* nsinaala [LHLLL]  
**inflectional affix** *n* mgbakwünje mmüba  
[HLHH HHH]  
**inflectional suffix** *n* nsonazü mmüba [LLLH  
HHH]  
**intelligibility** *n* nghötadinaoluonye  
[HHHHLHHHH]  
**interfix** *n* nnönaetiti [LLLLHL]  
**interjection** *n* ntimpku [LHHH]  
**interrogative** *n* njü ajüjü [LH HHH]  
**intonation** *n* ndebeolu [LHHHH]  
**intuition** *n* nsinammüö [LHLLHH]  
**irony** *n* ögharækwu [LLLHH]

**J-L**

- juncture** *n* mgba [L.L]  
**letters of alphabet** *n* mkpürüedemede

- [HHHHHHH]  
**lexical tone** *n* üdaokwu [LLHH]  
**library** *n* öba akwükwo [HH HHH]  
**line** *n* ahüri [HHH]  
**literaturé** *n* agümagü [HHHH]  
**logic** *n* uenso [HHLL]

**M**

- maestro** *n* diegwu [HHH]  
**membrane** *n* akpükpo [HHH]  
**metalinguage** *n* ökaasüsü [LLHLH]  
**metaphor** *n* mbürü [LHH]  
**metaphor** *n* oyiri [LLL]  
**metonymy** *n* ahaönöci [HLHLH]  
**morpheeme** *n* m kpürüasüsü [HHHLH]  
**morphology** *n* ödidi m kpürüasüsü [LHH  
HHHLL]  
**musical note** *n* m kpürü egwu [HHHHH]  
**musician** *n* onye egwu [HH HH]  
**myth** *n* ifuru [HLL]

**N**

- negative** *n* nju [LH]  
**negative suffix** *n* nsonazü mfuseisi [LLF  
HHLHH]  
**neologism** *n* okwuöhürü [HHHHH]  
**nominal** *n* m kpöaha [HHHL]  
**nominal modifiers** *n* nköwaaha [HHHHL]  
**notation** *n* akara [HLH]  
**novel** *n* iduuazi [HHLHH]  
**numerals** *n* önüögügü [HHHHH]

**O**

- ode** *n* ugoli [HHH]  
**orator** *n* ökaokwu [LLHH]  
**oxymoron** *n* nhagideokwu [LHHHH]

**P**

- page** *n* ihu akwükwo [HHHHH]  
**pair** *n* mpi [HH]  
**palate (hard)** *n* akpö ime [LL HH]  
**palate (soft)** *n* anyürü [HLH]  
**parable** *n* ükabülu [HLHHH]

- parenthesis** *n* ögba [HL]  
**part of speech** *n* nkejiasüsü [HHHHHLH]  
**particle** *n* ome kangwaa [LHLHHL]  
**patois** *n* asüsü ogbedu [HLH LLL]  
**penultimate** *n* osongwüca [LLHHH]  
**periphrasis** *n* ökötöokwu [LHHHH]  
**pharynx** *n* nkölö [LHH]  
**phoneme** *n* m kpürüüdaasüsü [HHHLLHLH]  
**phoneme** *n* oke m kpürüüdaasüsü [HH  
HHHLLHLH]  
**phonetic instruments** *n* ngwamkpöpüta  
[HHHHHLH]  
**phonetics** *n* üdaasüsü [LL HLH]  
**phonology** *n* ödidi m kpürüedemedé [LLL  
HHHHHHH]  
**phrase** *n* nkebiokwu [HHL HH]  
**phrase** *n* nkebiokwu [HHLHH]  
**poem** *n* abü [HL]  
**poetry** *n* abü [HL]  
**prefix** *n* nganihu [LLHHH]  
**preposition** *n* m buözö [LHHL]  
**prologue** *n* okwumbido [HHHHH]  
**pronominal modifiers** *n* nkeonyé [LLHH]  
**pronoun** *n* nnöciaha [LLHHL]  
**pronunciation** *n* m kpöpüta [HHLH]  
**prosody** *n* ngweolu [LLHH]  
**pun** *n* üröokwu [HLHH]  
**purgation** *n* nküjuobi [LHHHL]

**Q**

- qualification** *n* nzere [HLL]  
**quantifier** *n* nkpököta [HHLH]

**R**

- resonator** *n* nda [LL]  
**rhapsody** *n* ojolima [LLLL]  
**rhythm** *n* ndanuusoro [LHHHL]

**S**

- semantics** *n* nghötaasüsü [HHHHHLH]  
**sentence** *n* ahüriokwu [HHL HH]  
**sentence (finite)** *n* ahüriñsö [HHHHH]  
**simile** *n* ndika [LLL]  
**singular number** *n* m kpöolu [LHHH]

**slang** *n* akükü [LLL]  
**spelling** *n* nsüpe [HLH]  
**structure** *n* ndökö [HHH]  
**subject** *n* isiokwu [HHHH]  
**subject complement** *n* mmejuisiokwu  
 [HHHHHHH]  
**suffix** *n* nsonaazü [LLLLH]  
**suprasegment** *n* nsokwasü nke [HHLH LL]  
**syllabic nasal** *n* ödikäudaume [LLLLLHH]  
**syllable** *n* nkejinkuumé [HHHLLHH]  
**syllable** *n* nkejiokwu [HHH HH]  
**symbol** *n* ödimara [LLHH]  
**syntax** *n* ödidi ahiriokwu [LHH HHHHH]

**T**

**theatre** *n* ekwuru [LLL]  
**tilde** *n* akara mpöniimi [HLL LHHHH]  
**tone** *n* üdáolu [LLHH]  
**tone (lexical)** *n* üdací [HLH]

**tone (low)** *n* üdaala [LLLL]  
**tone (low-high)** *n* üdanseli [LLHLH]  
**tone change** *n* mgbanwesinüda [HHLHLLL]  
**tone construction** *n* mgbanwesinüda  
 [HHLHLLL]  
**tone language** *n* asüsü üdaolu [HLL LLHH]  
**tone mark** *n* akaraüda [HLL LL]  
**tone mark** *n* akaraüdaolu [HLL LLHH]  
**trachea** *n* opi akpíri [LL LHH]

**U-Z**

**university** *n* mahadum [HHL]  
**verb/verbal** *n* ngwaa [LHL]  
**vocabulary** *n* akpaokwu [LLHH]  
**voice box** *n* eko akpíri [HH HHH]  
**wind pipe** *n* opi akpíri [LH HHH]  
**word** *n* mkpürüökwu [HHL HH]  
**xenophobia** *n* asimba [LLLL]

