

5 Language (English, Kituba, Lingala, French, Swahili Dictionary)

Kituba & Lingala Pronunciation Key

a	as in father
e	as in mesa, sometimes a little softer
i	as in pita
o	as in oh
u	oo as in broom

Consonant combinations often used at the beginning of words

mb	Put your mouth in b position, then say m quickly in the back of your throat, then b as in b
ng	
nt	All the same principle.
nl	
nk	
ns	
y	as in yellow, always used as a consonant, never a vowel as in English baby
c	as in cake, always hard c
g	as in gone, always hard g

English, anglais	Kituba	Lingala	French, français
	Aa		
answer n.	mvutu		réponse
answer v.	vutula	jongisa munoko, kondima, kozongisa	répondre
anyone pron.	ata nki muntu, ata nani	moto nani	n'importe qui
anywhere adv.	ata nki sika, ata wapi	esika nini	n'importe où
apartment n.	apartema	ndako	appartement m.
apostle n.	ntumwa	ntóma	apôtre m.
apple n.	pom	pombo	pomme f.
appointment n.	ntangu ya kutana	elaka	rendez-vous m.
argue v.	kuswana, kunwana	kuswana	discuté
ark (of Noah) n.	maswa	ebeì	arche f.
ark of covenant n.	sanduku ya kuwakana	sandúku	arche f.
arm n.	diboko	loboko	bras m.
arrest v.	kanga	kokanga	arrêter
arrivals n.	kukwisa	boyi, bokomi	arrivée f.
arrive v.	kukuma	kokoma	arriver
art n.	art	ntoki	art m.
ask a question v.	yula, yufula	kotuna	poser une question
ask for something v.	lomba	kosenga	demander
aspirin n.	aspirin	aspirin	aspirine f.
attend v.	kwenda na	jala wâna	assister à

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attention n.	atasio, keba	kotala	attention f., prenez garde m.
attract v.	kubenda	benda	attirer
aunt n.	tata ya bakala, tata ya nkento		tante f.
	Bb		
ba prefix	plural form of verb	//	//
baby n.	mwana ya fioti	mwana	bébé m.
back (body part) n.	mukongo	mokongo	dos m.
back (go back) v.	na nima	na nsima	retourner
back of prep.	na nima ya	na nsima ya	derrière
backpack n.	sakii	saki	sac à dos m.
bad adj.	mbi	mabe	mal
bag n.	sakii	saki, libenga	sac m.
band aid n.	pansement	pansement	pansement m.
banana n.	dikondo, makondo	likemba, bitabe	banane f.
	sika ya kulamba	bulanzeli, esika ya kotumba-	
bakery n.	mampa	mampa	boulangerie f.
baptism n.	mbotika	kobatisa	baptême m.
baptize v.	botika	batísá	baptiser
	ya lendaka kubuta ve	ekómба (woman), na mbuma té (tree)	infertile
barren adj.	yobila	sukola	se baigner
bathe v.	yobila	esukoleli ya nzoto	bain
	sika ya kuyobila	esukeoleli ya nzoto, sale de ba, dushe	salle de bain
bathroom n.	baterie, pil	bateri	batterie f., pile f.
be v.	vanda	kosala	être
beautiful adj.	kitoko	kitoko	jolie
because adv.	sambu na	mpo, te, pamba te	parce que
because of	sambu na	ntina na	à cause de
become v.	kuma	kokoma	devenir
bed n.	mbeto	mbeto	lit m.
bedroom n.	sika ya kulala	ndako ya kolala	chambre f.
	lele ya mbeto	molekano ya mbeto, dala ya mbeto	couver-lit m.
bedsheets n.	ngombe	nyama ya ngombe	boeuf m.
beef n.	na ntwala	liboso	avant
before prep.	yantika	kobanda	commencer
begin v.	na nima	na nsima	en arrière de
behind prep.	kele malade	azali malili	être malade
	kwikila	ndima, yamba, tiya motema na	croire
believe v.	mundimi	mondimi	
believer n.	kubutama		naître

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be blessed v.	vanda ya lusakumunu	pambwa	être béni
become v.	kuma	komata	devenir
beginning n.	kuyantika, luyantiku	ebandeli	commencement m.
below prep.	na nsi ya	na nsé na	en bas, sous
belly n.	divumu	libumu	ventre m.
bend v.	plie	kumba, gumba	ployer
be safe	Vanda na santé	zala malamu	
between prep.	na kati-kati ya	kati na	entre
Bible n.	Bible, Bibila	Bible	Bible, Saint Bible f.
bicycle n.	velo	velo	vélo m.
bill n.	faktur, ladisio	faktur, ladisio	facture f., addition f.
bird n.	ndeke	ndeke	oiseau m.
birth n.	lubutuku	kobotama	naissance f.
black adj.	ndombe	mwindo	noir
blaspheme v.	kufinga Nzambi	kotoka, kofinga	blasphémer
bless v.	sakumuna	pambola	bénir
blessing n.	lusakumunu	lipamboli	bénédiction f.
blind adj.	kufwa meso	na miso makufi	aveugle
blood n.	menga	makila	sang m.
boat n.	bwatu	ebeí	bateau m.
book n.	nkanda	buku	livre m.
bore v. (not know what to do)		mitungissa	ennuyer
borrow v.	defa	kobeka	emprunter
bottom n. (on bottom)	nsi	nse	en bas
bowl n.		libakula, kibakula	bol m.
both conj.	yonso zole	yonso mibale	tout le deux
box n.	sanduku, carto	sanduku	boite f.
boy n.	mwana ya bakala	mwana mobali	garçon m.
braid v.	tunga nsuki		tresser
bread n.	dimpa, mampa	lipa, limpa	pain m.
break v.	pasula, buka	kobuka, kopasola	brisier, casser
breakfast n.	madia ya suka	bilei bya ntongo	petit déjeuner m.
breathe v.	pema	kopema	respirer
bribe n.		madesu ya bana	corruption f.
bring v.	nata	kopesa	apporter
broken adj.	bukana	kobukana	brisé, cassé
brother n.	mbuta (older), leki (younger) ya bakala	ndeko ya mobali	frère m.
brown adj.	kulere ya potopoto	langi ya potopoto	marron
brush n.	bros	bolosi	brosse f.
brush v.	komba		brosser
bucket n.	katin	katini	canteen m., sceau m.
build v.	tunga	kotonga	construire, bâtir
building n.	nzo	ndako	bâtiment m.

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burn v.	zika	kotumba	bruler
bury v.	zika	kunda	enterrer
bus n.	bis	bisi	autobus m.
business n.		mosala	affaire
busy adj.	bisalu mingi	mosala mingi	occupé
but conj.	kansi	kasi	mais
butter n.	manteka	manteka	beurre m.
buy v.	sumba	kosomba	acheter
Cc			
cake n.	gato	gato	gateau
call v.	kubinga	kobenga	appeler
call n.	kubinga	bobeni	appel m.
calm v.	kitisa ntima	tilimisa	calmer
camera n.	apare ya foto	masini ya foto	appareil m.
can v.	lenda	kokoka	pouvoir
can n.	kinanza	engwongolo, linanza	cannette, f. bidon m, boite f.
cancel v.	kukatula, kufwa	kozimisa	annuler, decommander
candle n.	buji	buzi	bougie m.
candy n.	bo-bo	bobo	bon-bon m.
car n.	kamio	motuka	voiture f. camion m.
carpenter n.	sharpentie	sapaté, mokabinda	charpentier m., minuisier, m.
carrot n.	karot	karote	carrotte f.
carry v.	nata	komema, kokumba	porter
cash n.	mbongo	mbongo	en espèces f.pl.
celebrate v.	kumisa, fete	kumisa	célébrer
celebration n.	fete	eyanga, lipati, nteke	fête f.
cell phone n.	toni ya diboko	telefoni ya komema	phonique cellulaire m.
center n.	kati	kati	centre m.
chair n.	kiti	kiti	chaise f.
change n.	mbongo ya me bikala		rendre la monnaie de f.
change v.	balula, pindula	kosenja, kobongola	changer
chapter n.	kapu	kabo	chapître m.
cheap adj.	ntalu ya mbote	mobobe	bon marché, bo prix
cheese n.	fromaj	fromage	fromage m.
chest n. (body)	ntulu	ntolo	poitrine f.
chicken n.	nsusu	nsoso	poulet m.
child n.	mwana	mwana	enfant m.
children n.	bana	bana	enfants m.pl.
choose v.	sola	pona	selectionner, choisir
Christ n.	Kristo, Klisto	Kilisto	Christ m.
Christian n.	Muklisto	na Nkolo Yesu, muklisto	Chrétien gender specific
Christian life	Kiklisto	Kikilisto	Vie Chrétienne f.
Christianity n.	Kiklisto	Kikilisto	Christianisme m.
	nzo-Nzambi, nzo ya bisambu		
church n.	bisambu	ndako na Nzambe	église

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clean v.	sukula	kopetola	nettoyer
cleaning n.	kusukula	kopetola	nettoyage m.
cleanse v.	sukula	kopetola	laver
climb v.	mata	komata	gravir
close v.	kanga	kokanga	fermer
close adj. (close to me)	penepene, mfinama, mpembeni	penepene, pemberni	près de
clothing	bilele	elamba	vêtements m.pl.
cloud n., cloudy adj.	medinga na zulu	mapata	nuage m.
city n.	cite, vil	vile	cité, ville f.
cockroach n.	mpese	mpese, lompeze	blatte f.
cocoa n.	chocola	kakao	cocoa m.
coffee n.	kafé	kawa	café m.
coffin n.	sanduku	sanduku	cerceuil m.
cold adj. n.	madidi	malili	froid m.
cold n. (illness)	kos-kos	kosukosu	rhume m.
college n.	kafé	kelasi likolo	université f.
color n.	culere	langi	couleur m.
comb v.	kukomba	kosanola	peigner
come v.	kwisa	koya, koyaka	venir
come in v.	kota	kota	entrer
communion n.	mesa ya Mfumu, mbundana	elambo na Nkolo	communion f.
complain v.	bokuta	komilele	plaindre
complete v.	manisa	silisa, sukisa	compléter
complimentary adj. (free)	ya mpamba	complimentaire	complimentaire
condemn v.	tinda na bulungi	kokitisa	condamner
congratulate v.	felisite	kumisa	feliciter
continue v.	landa na ku....	koyenga	continuer
convert v.	balula ntima	bongola, bongola ntema	convertir
cook v.	lamba	kolamba	cuire
conversion n.	kubalula ntima	fongola ntemo	conversion f.
convert v.	balula ntima, pindula mabanza	kobongola	convertir
convert n.	muntu ya me balula ntima	moto ya fongolaki ntemo	converti
corn n.	masangu	mboto	maize m.
corner n.	kwe (short a sound)	litumu lya ndako	coin m.
cost n.	ntalu	ntalu, motuya	prix m.
cough n.	cos-cos	kosukosu	toux f.
cough v.	kosula	kosola	tousser
count v.	tanga	tanga motuya	compter
cousin n.	mpangi (general term- relative)		cousin m., cousine f.
count v.	tanga	kotanga	compter

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create v.	ganga	kojalisa	créer
Creator n.	Mugangi	Mojalisi	Créateur, l'Eternel m.
creature n.	bima ya Nzambi salaka	eloko ya Nzambe asalaki	créature m.
cripple n.	muntu ya makulu kifu	ebosono	infirm m.
cross n.	kulunsi	kuruze	croix f.
crowded adj.	ya bantu mingi penepene	bato ebele, na nkaka	pressé
cry v.	kudila	lela, tangisa mpisoli, konganga	pleurer
cup n.	dikopa	kopo	tasse f.
cut v.	kuzenga	kokata	couper
	Dd		
daily adv., adj.	lumbu na lumbu	mokolo na mokolo	quotidien
dance v.	kina	libina	danse
dangerous adj.	ya boma	likama	dangereux
dark adj.	ya mpimpa	moindo	foncé, sombre
date n. (day)	lumbu	mokolo	date f.
daughter n.	mwana ya nkento	mwana-mwasi	fille f.
dawn n.	ntongo	ntongo	aurore f.
day n.	lumbu, bilumbu	mokolo, mikolo	jour m., journée f.
day after tomorrow n.	mbasi-mbasi	mokolo nsima ya lobi	jour après le lendemain m.
day before yesterday n.	mazono-mazono	mokolo liboso ya lobi eleki	jour avant la veille f.
dead adj.	ya kufwa	mokufi	décess
deaf adj.	kufwa makutu	na motoi makufi	sourd
death n.	lufwa	kufa	mort f.
decide v.	zenga	kozwa mokano	se décider à
defecate v.	nena	kosumba nyei	déféquer
delay n.	retar, kukinga	koumela	retard m., délai m.
demand v.	songa nde muntu fweti	kokoka	exiger
demon n.	mpeve ya mbi	molimo mabe	démon m.
departure n.	kukwenda	bokei	départ m.
depend on v.	tula ntima na		dépendre de
describe v.	songa mutindu kima ikele		décrire
deserve v.	ke lunga na		mériter
diarrhoea n.	diaré	pulupulo	diarrhée f.
die v.	kufwa, fwa	kokufa	mourir
difficult adj.	mpasi, matata	matata	dificile
dig v.	tima ntoto	tima	creuser
dinner n.	madia ya nkokila	bilei bya mpokwa	diner m.

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dirt n.	bosoto	mvindu	
dirty adj.	mvindu	bosote, salite	salle
disabled adj.	muntu ya kifu na nitu	motengoli, moto wa elema	handicapé
disciple n.	mulandi, nlonguki	moyekoli	disciple m.
discuss v.	kusolula	kosolola, kosamba	discuter
dish n.	nzungu	sahani	plat m., vaiselles f.pl.
	lemvuka ve, lemfuka		
disobey v.	ve	kotosa te	désobéir
disturb v.	deranje	bulunganisa	deranger
do v.	sala	kosala	faire
doctor n.	munganga	monganga	medecin m., docteur m.
dog n.	mbwa	mbwa	chien m.
don't mention it (no problem)	kima ve	eza na yango likambo te	il n'y a pas de quoi
donut, donuts n.	mokate, mikate	dikate, mikate	
door n.	kielo	polote	porte f.
double bed n.	mbeto ya bantu zole	mbeto ya mibale na mibale	lit pour deux persons, deux lits m.
	shambre sambu na bantu zole		
double room n.	bantu zole	suku ya mibale na mibale	chambre pour deux persons f.
down adv.	na nsi	na nse	en bas
draw v.	desine	koma elilingi	dessiner
dream v.	lala ndosi	ndoto	songer
dress n.	rob	elamba	robe f.
dress v,	lwata	kolata	vêtir
drink n.	malafu	bimeli	boisson f.
drink v.	kunwa	komela	boire
drive v.	nata	kotambwisa motuka	conduire
drum n.	ngombe	mbonda	tambour m.
drunk adj.	lauka malafu	kwiti	enviré
dry adj.	ya masa ve	ya kokauka	sèche
dry off v.	yumisa	kokakisa	s'essuyer
	Ee		
each adj.	yonso	nyonso, moko	chaque
ear n.	dikutu	litoi	oreille f.
	na ntangu mosi ya mbote, na ntawala	na ngonga malamu, na liboso	
early adj.	mbote, na ntawala	liboso	tôt, de bonne heure
earn v.	sala sambu na kuzwa	kozwa mbongo	gagner, mériter
east n.	est	esti	l'est m.
easy adj.	mpasi ve	mpasi te	facile
eat v.	kudia, dia	kolia	manger
either... or conj.	ata....ata	soko...soko, to...to	soit....soit
education n.	nzo-nkanda	mateya	l'education f.
egg n.	diki	likei	oeuf m.
electricity n.	curant	monii	electricité f.

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electric plug n.	prise de kurant	prise	prise f.
embarrassed v.	nsoni	koyokisa moto soni	honte
emergency n.	mambu ya urgence	likama	l'urgence f.
end n.	nsuka	nsuka	fin f.
endorse v.	sonika zina	kukoma nkombo	endosser
English adj. n.	angle	angle	anglais m.
enjoy v.	kusepela	kosepela	prendre plaisir à
enough adv.	ya kulunga	ekoki	suffisant
enter v.	kota	kokota	entrer
entry, entrance n.	sika ya kukota	molango, ekoteli	entrée
erase v.	katula	kopanja	effacer
	mvu ya mvu, mvula na		
eternal adj.	mvula	na seko, na liboko na liboko	éternel
evangelist n.	evangelist, catekist	mosakoli	evangelist m.
even conj.	ata	ata	même, soit
evening n.	nkokila-mpimpa	mpokwa	soir m.
every adj.	yonso	nyonso	chaque
everyone pron.	bantu yonso	moto nyonso	tout le monde
everything pron.	bima yonso	biloko nyonso	tout
exactly adv.	kaka	lolenge wana	exactement
excuse me	pardo	palado	excusez-moi
exit	sika ya bubasika	ebimeli	sortie
expensive adj.	ntalu mingi	ntalo mingi, motuya makasi	cher
explain v.	tendula	kolimbola ntina	expliquer
eye, eyes n.	disu, meso	liso, miso	oeil, m.s. yeux m.pl.
	Ff		
face n.	ilungi, luse	elongi	visage m.
facing prep.	ya ke tala, na ntwal ya		en face de
fail v.	kubwa, bwa, nunga ve	konlonga te, kokweya	rater, échouer
faith n.	bondimi	lukwikilu	foi f.
fall v.	tomba, tombuka	kokweya	chuter, tomber
family n.	fami, dikanda	libota	famille f.
far adv.	ntama	mosika	loin de
fare (price of ticket)	ntalu ya voyage	mbongo ya kokumba	prix m.
farm n.	bilanga, ferme	bilanga, elanga	ferme f.
farm v.	kusala bilanga	kokata bilanga, elanga	cultiver la terre
fast v, (not eat)	jene	kokila	jeuner
fat adj.	mafuta, monene	mafuta, monene	gros
father n.	papa, tata	tata	père m.
father-in-law n.	bokilo	bokilo	beau-père m.
feel v.	kuwa	koyoka	sentir
feelings n. (emotions)	mpila muntu kuwa na		
feelings n. (emotions)	nsi ya ntima	mayoki	sentiments m.pl., emotions f.pl.

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fear v.	kuwa boma	kobanga	croire
female adj.	ya nkento	ya mwasi	feminine
fever n	tiya na nitu	fefele	fièvre f.
few adj.	mingi ve, ndambu fioti	moke	moins
fight n.	kunwana	etumba	lutte f., battaille f.
fight v.	nwana	kobunda, kobetene	se battre
fill v.	fulusa	kotondissa	remplir
fine adv. (well)	mbote	malamu	bien
finger n.	musapi ya diboko	mosapi na loboko	doigt m.
finish v.	manisa	kosilisa	finir, terminer
fire n. (heat)	tiya	moto	feu m.
first	ya ntete	ya liboso	premier
first-aid kit	boite ya secur	trousse de secours	trousse de secours f.
fish n.	mbisi ya masa	mbisi	poisson m.
flat adj.	ya nivo mosi	ndako	plat
flight n.	vol	vol	vol m.
floor n.	ntoto	mabele	plancher m.
flour n.	farin	fufu, farin	farine f.
flower n.	kintuntu	fololo	fleur f.
flu n.	grip	grip	grippe f.
fly v.	pombuka	kompumbwa	voler
foggy adj.	masa na mupepe	londende	nuageux
follow v.	landa	kolanda	suivre
food n.	madia	bilei, biloko ya kolia	nourriture f.
foot n.	dikulu	lokolo	pied m.
forest	mfinda, foret	zamba	forêt f.
forever adv.	mvu ya mvu, mvula na mvula	libela	éternellement
forget v.	kuvila, kuvanda na kidiba	kobosana	oublier
forgive v.	lolula	kolimbisa	pardonner
forgiveness n.	ndolula	kolimbisa	pardon m.
fork n.	furchet	likanya	fourchette f.
free adj. (at liberty)	libre, ya kimpwanza	lipanda	libre
free adj. (no cost)	ya mpamba	ya lofele	gratuit
fresh adj.	ya bubu	ewiti na bilanga	fraîche
friend n.	nduku	moninga	ami (gender specific)
from prep.	na	uta, epayi, ya	de
fruit	mbuma	mbuma	fruit m.
fry v.	lamba na mafuta	kokalinga	frire
full adj.	kufuluka	etondi	rempli
full-time adj.	kusala konso lumbu	mosala ya mikolo nyoso	en plein temps
fun adj.	ya kusepela	ya kosekisa	amusant
funny adj.	ya kuseka	ya kosekisa	drôle, comique
furniture n.	meuble	biloko ya ndako	meubles m.pl.

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future n. adj.	ntangu ke kwisa	mikolo mikoya	futur m.
	Gg		
game n.	nsaka	lisano	match m., jeux m.
garbage n.		ekunde, bosoto	poubelle f.
garden v.	sala bilanga	elanga ya ndunda	jardiner
gasoline n.	esens, petrol (diesel)	gaze	essence f., pétrole (diesel) m.
gauze n.	gaze	gaze	gaze f.
	muntu ya kele		
Gentile n. adj.	Muyuda ve	moto ya nazali Muyuda te	Gentil m.
get v. (obtain)	kuzwa	kozwa	obtenir
get up v.	telama	telema	faire lever, monter
get off, get down v.	kita	kita	descendre
gift n.	kado, matabisi	kado, libonza, likabu	cadeau m.
girl n.	mwana ya nkento	mwana mwasi	fille f.
give birth v.	buta	bota	naître
give v.	pesa	kopesa	donner
give birth v.	buta	kobota	naître
glass n.	ver	ver, kopo	verre m.
glue n.	tula kol	colle	colle f.
go v.	kwenda	kokende, bokende	aller
goat n.	ntaba	nkombo	chèvre
go to bed v.	lala, kwenda na kulala	kwenda na mpongi	se coucher
go out v.	basika	kobima	sortir
go up v.	kumata	kobuta	monter
go to church v.	kwenda na bisambu	kwenda na ndako ya Nzambe	assister au culte
God n.	Nzambi	Nzambe	Dieu, l'Eternel m.
gold n.	wolo	wolo	l'or m.
good adj.	mbote	malamu	bon
government n.	leta	guvernema, leta	l'état m.
grandchild n.	ntekolo	mwana na mwana	petit-enfant m.
granddaughter n.	nkoko	nkoko	petite-fille f.
grandfather	nkaka ya bakala	tata-nkoko	grand-père m.
grandmother	nkaka ya nkento	mama-nkoko	grand-mère f.
grandparent	nkoko	nkoko	grand-parent m.
grandson	nkoko ya bakala	nkoko	petit-fils m.
grass n.	matiti	matiti	herbe f.
	vanda na ntima ya		
grateful adj.	lutondo	natondi	reconnaissant
grave n.	maziamu	lilita	tombe n., tombeau f.
gray adj.	ndambu ndombe	langi ya mbwe	gris
green adj.	coleur ya saka-saka	langi ya mayi ya mpondu	verre
greet v.	pesa mbote	pesa malamu	saluer
grow v.	yela	kokola	croître, pousser, grandir

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guess v.	kumeka	komeka	supposer, conjecturer
guitar n.	gitar	gidar, lindanda	guitare f.
gun n.	munduki	mondoki	fusil m., pistole f.
	Hh		
hair n.	nsuki	nsuki	cheveux m.pl.
half	demi	ndambo	demi
hand n.	diboko	liboko	main f.
handbag n.	saki ya diboko	saki ya maboko	sac à main m.
handkerchief n.		mosualo	mouchoir m.
handsome	kitoko	kitoko	beau m.
happy adj.	kiese	esengo, bolamu	content, heureux
hard adj. (firm)	ngolo	makasi	dur
hat n.	mpu	ekoti	chapeau m.
hate v.	zola ve ata fioti	koyina	détester
	Ikele na, kele na, ke		
have v. (as is to own)	na	kozala na	avoir
have fun v.	kusepela, kusakana	komisepelisa	s'amuser
have to v.	fweti	koka, bonga	devoir
he pron.	yandi	a (prefix before v.), ye	il
head n.	ntu	moto	tête f.
headache n.	ntu mpasi	moto mpasi	mal à la tête
heal v.	belula	kobikisa	guérir
heal someone v.	belula	kobikela	guérir
healed v. part.	beluka	ya kobikisa	guéri
health n.	sante	nzoto kolongonu	santé f.
hear v.	kuwa, wa	koyoka	entendre
heart n.	ntima	motema	coeur m.
heat n.	tiya	molunge	chaleur f.
heat v.	tula tiya na		chauffer, rechauffer
Heaven n.	Zulu	Liboso	Ciel m.
heavy adj.	kilo	kilo, bozito	poids lourds
Hell n.	bulungi, zanga ya tiya	lifelo	enfer m.
hello	mbote	mbote	bonjour, salut
help v.	sadisa	lisalisi, salisa	aider
her pron.	yandi	wa ye, ya ye	son, sa, ses
herb n.	dititi	lititi	herbe f.
here adv.	awa	awa	ici
hide v.	bumba	kobomba	cacher
high school n.	ecole secondaire	lise	lycée m.
highway n.	nzila ya nene	balabala	grande route f.
hike v.	kutambula	kotambola	randonner
hill n.	ngumba	ngomba ya moke	racine
hire v.	baka na kisalu	kofutela	engager
his pron.	na yandi	wa ye, ya ye, na ye	son, sa, ses

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history n.	histoire	isitwale	histoire f.
hit v.	bula	kobeta	agresser
hold v.	simba	kokamata	tenir
holiday n.	fete	bopemi	jour de fête m.
holiness n.	longo, santu	mosanto	sainteté f.
holy adj.	ya longo, ya santu	bulee, mosanto, na Nzambe	saint
Holy Spirit n.	Mpeve ya Nlongo, Mpeve Santu	Molimi Mosanto	Esprit de Dieu, Saint Esprit m.
home n.	nzo	ndako	domicile, m. chez moi, chez nous etc.
honey n.	bwiki	mafutu ya nzo	miel m.
honor n.	nzitusu, lukumu	lokumu	honneur m.
honor v.	zitisa, pesa lukumu	pesa lokumu	honorer
hope v.	tula ntima	kolikya	espérer
horse n.	mpunda	mpunda	cheval m.
hospital n.	hopital	lopitato	hôpital m.
hot adj.	tiya	moto	chaud
hotel n.	otel	otele	hôtel m.
house n.	nzo	ndako	maison f.
how adv.	nki mutindu	boni	comment
how many, how much adv.	ikwa	natalo boni, ntalo nini	combien
hug v.	simba	koyambana	embrasser
humanity n.	bomoto	kimuntu	humanité
humid adj.	masa na mupepe	mai mai	humid
hungry adj.	nzala	nzala	avoir faim
hunt v.	zomba	kobengana	chasser
hurt someone v.	pesa mpasi na	koyokisa	faire mal, blesser
hurry v.	sala nswalu	kotambola mbango	se dépêcher de
husband n.	bakala	mobali	mari m.
	ii		
ice n.	glas	glase	glace f.
ice cream n.	kreme glase	kreme ya malili	glace f.
ID card n.	carte identificatio	carte	carte d'identification f.
idiot n.	muzoba	zoba	idiot m.
idol n.	banzambi ya fioti, banzambi ya bantu salaka na maboko	ekeko	idol m.
if conj.	kana	siki	si
illness n.	maladi	malali	maladie f.
image n.	kifwani	elilingi	image f.
important adj.	ya mfunu	ntina, monene	important
impossible adj.	mpila ve	ekoki te	impossible
improve v.	kuma kuluta mbote	kobongisa	s'améliorer
injection n.	ntunga	ntonga	piqûre f.
in prep.	na, na kati	na, na kati	dans, en

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a	as in father		
in a hurry prep phr	kuvanda na ntangu ve	koza na lombangu	pressé
in front of prep.	na ntwala ya	na liboso	devant
included v. part	na kati	kosangisa	inclu
indoor adj.	na kati ya nzo	na kati ya	intérieur
information n.	nouvel, informatio	sango	renseignement m.

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ingredient n.	kima mosi na kati	ingredient	ingrédient m.
injury n.	kulwala	pota	blessure f.
innocent adj.	inocen	kozanga boyebi	innocent
inside prep.	na kati ya nzo	na kati	dans, dedans, dans l'intérieur
interesting adj.	interesant	malamu	intéressant
insult v.	finga	kofinga	insulter
introduce v. (people)	songa	koyebanisa	présenter
invite v.	binga	kobenga	inviter
is (to be) v.	ikele, kele, ke	azali, ezali	être
island n.	kisanga	esanga	île f.
it pron.	yo	e prefix before v, yango	Il, elle
itch v. n.	makwanza	mokosa	démanger
Jj			
jacket n.	kasaki	kasaka	veste f.
jail n.	boloko	boloko	prison m.
jar n.	mulangi	kopo	jarre f.
jaw n.		mbanga	mâchoire f.
jeep n.	kamio jip	motuka ya Jip	Jeep m.
Jesus n.	Yesu	Yesu	Jésus m.
jewelry n.	biju	biju	bijoux m.
job n.	kisalu	mosala	travail m.
jogging n.	joging	kokima mgangu	jogging m.
joke v.	sakana	likeki	plaisanter
judge n.	mfundisi, zuzi	mosambisi, juji	juge m.
judge v.	fundisa, sambisa	kosambisa	juger
juice n.	masa ya mbuma	mayi ya mbuma	du jus
jump. v.	pumbuka	kopombwa	sauter
Kk			
key	nsapi	fungola	clé f.
keyboard n. (music)		clavier	clavier m.
kind adj. (sweet)	ya mbote	boboto malamu	gentil
kingdom n.	kimfumu	bonkonje	royaume m.
kill v.	fwa	koboma	tuér
king n.	ntotila, mfumu	mokonzi	rois m.
kiss n.	bez	beze	baiser m.
kiss v.	kupesa bez	beze, kpwepwé	baisser
kitchen n.	kikuku	kuku	cuisine f.
knee n.	kibolongo	libolongo	genou m.
kneel v.	fukama	kokumba mabongo	s'agenouiller
knife n.	mbele	kanifi	couteau m.
know v.	zaba	koyeba	connaître, savoir

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ko prefix	//	prefix for infinitive form of verb (to ...)	//
ku prefix	prefix for infinitive form of verb (to ...)	//	//
	L		
lake n.	lak	laki, etima	lac m.
land n.	ntoto	mboka	terre f.
language n.	ndinga	lokota	langue f.
laptop n.	ordinatere portable	ordinateur portable	ordinateur portable m.
large n.	nene	monene	grand
last adj. (final)	ya nsuka	ya nsuka	final
last adj. (previous)	me luta	eleki	dernier
laugh v.	seka	koseka	rire
law n.	nsiku	mobeki	loi f.
lawyer n.	avoka	avoka, mosambeli	avocat m.
lazy adj.	bumolo	goigoi	paresseux
leaf, leaves n.	likasa, makasa	dititi, matiti	feuille f.
lead v.	twadisa	kokamba	amener, diriger
leader n.	ntwadisi	mokambi, mokonzi	dirigent m.
learn v.	longuka	koyekola	apprendre
leave v.	kwenda	kokende	partir
left adv. (direction)	diboko ya kibakala	ya mwai, loboko ya mwasi	gauche
leg n.	dikulu	likolo	jambe f.
legal adj.	legal	legale	légal
lemon n.	sitro	ndimo ya ngai	citron m.
lend v.	defisa	kodefisa	prunter
leper n.	muntu ya maladi ya lepre	moto ya maladi ya mbala	lèpre m.
less adj.	kuluta fioti	moke	moins
let me pass, please	Pesa mono nzila, SVP	limbisa nga naino na leka	Laissez-passez
lettre n.	letre, nkanda	mokanda	lettre f.
lettuce n.	salad	salade	laitue f.
liar n.	muntu ya luvunu	mobuki-lokuta, moto wa lokuta	menteur m.
library n.	bibliotek	biblioteke	bibliothèque f.
lie (tell a lie) v.	kusa, tuba luvunu	kobuka lokuta	menter, tricher
lie n.	luvunu	lokuta	mensonge m.
life n.	luzingu	bomoi	vie f.
light n.	mwinda	mwinda	lumière f.
light adj. (pale)	ngolo mingi ve, peti-peti	saa	clair
light adj. (weight)	kilo mingi ve	pepele, bozito te	léger
light bulb n.	mwinda	mwinda	ampoule f.
like v.	zola (be careful- also means love & like.)	lokola	aimer

a	as in father		
lime n.	sitro ya kulere saka saka	ndimo	limon m.
lip n.		mbebu	levre f.
lipstick n.		rouge a levres	rouge à levres m.
listen v.	kuwa	koyoka	écouter, entendre
little adj. (few)	ndambu fioti	moke	un petit peu
little adj. (small)	fioti, mwa	mwa, moke	petit
live v.	zinga	kobika	vivre
live at v.	zinga na	kofanda	habiter
liver n.		libale	foie m.
local adj.	ya bwala	ya mboka	local
lock v.	kukanga	fungola	fermer
locked adj.	ya kukanga	ekangemi	fermé
long adj.	ya nda	molai	longue
look v.	kutala	kotala	regarder
look for v.	kusosa	koluka	chercher
lose (something) v.	vila	kobungisa	perdre
lose (not win) v.	bwa	kokita	rater
lost adj.	ya kuvila	kobungisa	perdu
lot (a lot)	mingi	mingi	beaucoup
loud adj.	ya makelele	na makelele, makasi	fort
love v.	zola	bolingo	aimer
low adv.	ya nsi	na nse	en bas
lower v.	kulumusa, kukitisa	kokitisa	baisser
luggage n.	bagaj	mokumba	bagages m.pl.
lump n.	mbuma	nzoto kovimba	bloc m.
lunch n.	madia ya midi	bilei bya midi, bilei bya moi	déjeuner m.
lung n.		mpululu	poumon m.
luxury n.	ya mbongo	ya mbongo	cher, pas nécessaire
Mm			
machine n.	masini	masini	machine f.
mail v.	kutinda mukanda	kotinda mokanda	envoyer une lettre
main adj.	ya nene, ya mfunu	ntina	grand
main road n.	nzila ya nene	balabala monene	grande route f.
make v.	sala	kosala	faire
make a mistake v.	sala kifu	kosala foti	se tromper
make-up v.	kusala bima ya kitoko	monzele	se maquiller
man n.	bakala, muntu	mobali, moto	homme m.
many adj.	mingi	mingi	beaucoup, plusieurs
map n.	carte geographiki	map	carte géographique f.
mark v.	kutula sini	kokoma	marquer
market	marche, zandu	zando	marché
marriage n.	makwela, dibala	libala	mariage m.
marry v.	kwela, bala	kobala	épouser

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matches n.	alumeti	alimetí	allumette
mattress n.	matela, eponge	matela	matelas m.
maybe adv.	mbala ya nkaka	ntango mosusu	peut-être
me pron.	mono	ngai	me, m', moi

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meal n.	madia	bilei, biloko bya kolia	repas
meat n.	mbisi	nyama	viande f.
medicine n.	nkisi	nkisi	médicament m.
meet v.	tana, vukana	kotana	se recontre
meeting n.	kuvukana	likita	rencontre f.
memorize v.	longuka, tula na ntima	tula na kokanisa	memorizer
menstruate v.	sala kisalu ya bamama	komona makila ya bomwasi	avoir ses règles
metal n.	kibende	ebende	métal m.
mi prefix	plural form of verb starting with mu	//	//
midday n.	midi	midi	midi m.
midnight n.	minuit, na kati-kati ya mpimpa	na kati ya butu	minuit m.
military n.	basoda, militaire	basoda	militaire m.
milk n.	mabele	mabele, miliki	lait m.
minute n.	minut	monuti	minute f.
miracle n.	kimpa, mambu ya yituka	ekamwisele	miracle m.
mirror n.	tala tala	tala-tala	miroir m.
mistake n.	kifu	foti	erreur m.
mix v.	balula ...na kati ya ...	sanganissa	mélanger
modern adj.	ya bubu	ya sika	modern
money n.	mbongo	mbongo	argent m., monnaie f.
month n.	ngonda	sanja, sanza	mois m.
moon n.	ngonda	sanja, sanza	lune f.
more adv.	kuluta mingi	mingi, kamwa	plus de
morning n.	suka	ntongo	matin m, avant midi m.
mosque n.	mosk, nzo ya bisambu ya bamusilman		mosque m.
mosquito n.	mbembele	monkungi	moustique m.
mother n.	mama	mama-nkoko	mère f.
mother-in-law n.	bukilo	bokilo mwasi	belle-mère f.
motorbike n.	moto	tukutuku, moto	moto m.
mountain n.	ngumba ya nene	ngomba	montagne f.
mouse n.	mpuku	mpoko	souris f.
mouth n.	munoko	monoko	bouche f.
movie n.	sinema	sinema	cinéma m.
Mr.	Papa	Papa	Monsieur
Mrs., Ms.	Mama	Mama	Madame, Miss
mud n.	potopoto	potopoto	boue f.
murder v. n.	kufwa muntu na luzolo	koboma	tuér, meutre m.
muscle n.	misuni	mosuni ya nzoto	muscle m.
music n.	miziki	miziki	musique f.

a	as in father		
Muslim n. adj.	musilman	musilman	Musselman m.
mustard n.	mutarde	mustard	moutarde f.
mute adj.	muntu ya ke tuba ve	mongongo te	muet
my adj.	ya mono	na ngai, ya ngai	mon, ma, mes
	Nn		
nail clippers n.	kima ke zenga manzanza	coupe-ongles	coupe-ongles m.
name v.	pesa zina	nkombo	appeler
napkin n.	serviet	serviette	serviette f.
nature n.		lizali	nature f.
nausea n.	nzala ya kuluka	mposo ya kosanza	nausée f., mal au coeur m.
near adv.	penepene, mfinama	penepene	près
necessity n.	mambu necesaire	esengeli	nécessité f.
neck n.	nkingu	nkingo	cou m.
need n.	mfunu ya	kosengela na, kulingi	besoin m.
needle n.	nsengele	kosengela na	aiguille f.
negative adj.	negatif, ve	negatif, te	negatif, ne...pas
neither...nor conj.	ata...ata....ve	ni...ni	ni...ni...ne
nephew m.		mwana mobali na ndeko mobali	neveu m.
New Testament n.	Kuwakana ya Mpa	Boyokani ya Sika	Nouveau Testament m.
net n.	bukondi	filet	filet m.
never adv.	ata mbala mosi ve	mokolo moko	jamais
new adj.	ya mpa	sika, ya sika	nouveau
news n.	nsangu	nsango	nouvelles f.pl.
newspaper n.		zulunalo	journal m.
next adj.	ke kwisa	ekoya, ekolanda	prochain
next to prep.	kaka penepene na	ekoya	à coté de
nice adj.	kitoko, mbote	kitoko, malamu	bon
nickname n.	nkombo ya banduku ke binga nge, nkombo ya bwala	nkombo ya lokuta	sobriquet m.
niece n.		mwana mwasi na ndeko mobali	nièce f.
night n.	mpimpa	butu	nuit
no	ve, ikele ve, kele ve	te, azali te	non
noisy adj.	makelele	makelele	
none pron.	muntu ve, kima ve	moko te	personne
nonsmoking adj.	kunwa makaya awa ve	kobenda likaya te	defense de fumer
no one pron.	muntu ve, ata muntu ve, ata muntu mosi ve	na moto te	personne
none pron.	muntu ve, kima ve	moko te	personne
noon n.	midi	midi	midi m.

a	as in father		
north n.	nord	epayi ya likolo	nord m.
nose n.	mbombo	zolo	nez m.
not adv.	ve	te	ne...pas
not a bit prep phr	ata ndambu ve, ata fioti ve		pas de tout
not enough prep phr	ya kulunga ve		ne...pas assez
not even a little bit	ata fioti ve		nullement
not yet	ntete ve		ne...pas encore
notebook n.	cahier	kaye	cahier m.
nothing pron.	ata kima ve, ata kima mosi ve	eloko te	rien, rien de tout
now adv.	sesepi yai, ntangu yai	sika awa, sika oyo	maintenant
number n.	nombre	limelo, motangi	nombre m.
nurse n.	infirmier	lifulume	infirmière f.
nut n.	nguba	nguba	noix f.
Oo			
obey v.	lemfuka, lemvuka	kotosa	obéir
office n.	buro	biro, bilo	bureau
often adv.	mbala mingi	mbala mingi	souvent
oil n.	mafuta	mafuta	huile f.
ointment n.	nkisi ya kupakula	nkisi ya kopakola	pommade f.
old adj.	ya ntama	kala	vieux
Old Testament n.	Kuwakana ya Ntama	Boyokani ya Kala	Ancien Testament m.
on prep.	na zulu ya	na, o	sur
on time prep. phrase	na ntangu	na ntango	à l'heure
once adv.	mbala mosi	mbala moko	une fois
one 1 adj.	mosi	moko	un
one-way adj.	kwenda nzila mosi kaka	nzela moko	sens unique
only adj.	kaka mosi	se, nde	seul
open v.	kangula	kofungola	ouvrir
opinion n.	mabanza ya muntu	maloba	opinion f.
opposite adj. prep.		bokeseni	contraire de
or conj.	to	too	ou
orange n. (fruit)	dilala	lilala	orange
order n.	komande	molongo	commande f.
ordinary adj.	ordinaire	ordinaire	ordinaire
original adj.	ya ntete	ya bosolo	original
other pron.	ya nkaka	mosusu	l'autre
our prep. adj.	ya beto	na biso	notre, nos
outside n. prep.	na nganda	na libanda	à l'extérieur, dehors
oven n.	ful	fulu	four m.
overnight adv.	sala mpimpa ya mvimba	ya butu	la veille, la nuit, du jour au lendemain
overseas adv.	na mputu	mboka mopaya	outre-mer

a	as in father		
owner n.	nku-kima	nkolo, mokolo	possesseur m., propriétaire f.
	Pp		
package n.	kolis	liboke	emallage m., colis m.
packet n.	pake	pake	colis m., packet m.
padlock n.	nsapi	fongula	cadenas m.
pagan n. adj.	mpani	mopakano	paien
page n.	dititi	lokasa	page f.
pain n.	mpasi	mpasi	douleur f.
	untu ya dessiner na penture, muntu ya tula mpembe		
painter n.	mpembe	mopakoli langi	peintre m.
painting n.	tablo	tableau	tableau m.
pair n.	zole-zole	mibale	couple m.
pan n. (pots & pans)	nzungu	pane	batterie de cuisine f.
pants n.	pantalon	kaleso	pantalon m.
paper n.	papier	lokasa	papier m.
parents n.	bibuti	baboti	parents m.p.
park n.	parc	libanda ya kotelemisa mituka	parc m.
part (of something)	ndambu	ndambo	partie f.
	sala ntangu yonso ve, sala ndambu		
part-time		mosala ya tango ya ndambo	mi-temps
party n. (celebration)	fete	feti	soirée f.
party n. (political)	parti	parti	partie politique f.
pass v.	kuluta	koleka	passer
	muntu ya ke tambula na bus, muntu ya ke tambula na avion		
passenger n.		moto wa mobembo	passager m.
		pasepor, mokanda ya mobembo	
passport n.	passeport		passeport m.
past n.	ntangu me luta	eleki	temps passé m.
path n.	nzila	nzela	chemin m.
pay n.	lufutu	kofuta	paie f.
payment n.	lufutu	lifuta	paiement m.
peace n.	ngemba	boboto	paix f.
peach n.	peche	peche	péche f.
peanut n.	nguba	nguba, nkalanga	arachide f.
pear n.	pwar	poire	poire
	muntu ke tambula na		
pedestrian n.	nzila	moto wa makolo, matamboli	pedestrien
pen n.	bik	biki, ekomeli	stylo m.
pencil n.	crayo	kiliyo	crayon m.
people n. pl.	bantu	bato	peuple m.
pepper n.	pidi-pidi	pilipili	poivre m.
per prep.	par	par	pour

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per cent n.	pourcent ya kitoko yonso, mbote yonso, kukonda kifu	pourcent	pourcentage m.
perfect adj.	masa ya nsudi ya	parfait	parfait
perfume n.	mbote	malasi	parfum m.
permission n.	kangula nzila	ndingisa	permission f.
person n.	muntu, bantu	moto, bato	personne f.
petrol n.	esanse	esanse	essence f.
petrol station n.		etemelo ya esanse	terminus petrol
pharmacy n.	farmasi	famasi	pharmacie f.
photo n.	foto	foto, elili	photo m.
photographer n.	untu ya ke kanga foto	moto ya kokanga foto	photographeur m.
pigeon n.	pigio	ebenga	pigeon m.
pie n.	tarte	tarte	tarte f.
piece n.	kitini	eteni	part de
pig n.	ngulu	ngulu	cochon m., porc m.
pigeon n.	pigio	ebenga	pigeon m.
pill n.	mbuma ya nkisi	pilule	pilule f.
pillow n.	kusen	kuse	cushion f.
pillowcase n.	kitambala ya kusen	kitambala ya kuse	taie d'oreiller f.
pineapple n.	ananas	ananasi	ananas m.
pink adj.	roz	roze	rose
place n.	sika	esika	place f., endroit m.
plane n.	ndeka, avio	ndeke	avion m.
planet n.	planet	mokili	planet f.
plant v.	kuna	molona	planter
plantains n pl		makemba	plaintains
plastic adj.	plastik	plastique	plastique
plate n.	nzungu (general term-dishes)	sani	assiette f.
play v.	sakana	kosakana	jouer de
play music v.	bula misiki	kosana, kosakana	jouer à
play n.	theatre	theatre	théâtre
please v.	pesa kiese	kosepelisa, nanu ko	plaire
pleased to meet you	anshante		enchanté
plow v.	bandula ntoto		labourer
plug n. (stopper)		boucher	bouchon m.
plural nouns, to make	ba prefix, mi prefix w words starting with mu	ba prefix	//
pocket n.	poshe	libenga	poche f.
poisonous adj.	poisoo	eza na ngenge, pwazo	poisonneux
police n.	polisi	polise	police f.
police station n.	buro ya polisi	bilo ya polisi	bureau du police m.

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politics n.	politik	politiki	politiques
pollution n.	bima ya mvindu	pollution	pollution f.
poor person n.	nsukami	mobola	pauvre m.
popular adj.	ya bantu mingi zola	populaire	populaire
pork n.	ngulu	nyama ya ngulu	porc m.
port n.	bwa	lonbongo ya masuwa	porte f.
positive adj.	positif	positif	positif.
possible adj.	lenda salama	ekoki	possible
postcard n.	carte postale	kalati ya posite	carte postale f.
post office n.	poste	poste, posite	poste f.
pot n. (& pan)	nzungu	lisaso	batterie de cuisine f.
potato n.	mbala	mbala	pomme de terre f.
pottery n.	poteri	mbele	potterie f.
pound n.	kilo mingi ve	kilo	kilo m.
poverty n.	nsukami	bobola	pauvreté f.
powder n.	poudre	mputulu, pusiele	poudre f.
power n.	ngolo	nguya	pouvoire m., puissance f.
praise v.	kembila	kosima, kosanjola	louer
pray v.	samba, lomba	kosambela	prier
prayer n.	bisambu, lombilu	losambo	prière f.
prefer v.	zola, sola	kopono	préféré
pregnant adj.	divumu	zemi	enseint
prepare v.	yidika	kobongisa	préparer
prescription n.	papier ya nganga ya ke songa nkisi	nkisi	ordonnance f.
present n. (gift)	cado	cadeau	cadeau m., don m.
present n. (now)	ntangu yai	sika	présent m.
president n.	president, mfumu	mokonzi	président m.
pressure n.	presio	pression	préssion f.
pretty adj.	kitoko	kitoko	jolie
price n.	ntalu	ntalo, motuya	prix m.
priest n.	nganga, nganga- Nzambi	nganga, Nganga-Nzambe, sango	prêtre m.
printer n.	imprimeri	imprimante	imprimeur m., imprimière f.
prison n.	boloko, prizo	boloko, prizo	prison f.
private adj.	privé	private	privé, isolé f
produce v.	kusala	kokoma	produire
profit n.	profi	matabisi	profit m., avantage m.
promise n.	lusilu	elako	promis m.
promise v.	sila	kotiya elaka	promettre
prophecy n.	mbikidulu, profesi	liteyo, koteya	prophétie f.
prophesy v.	tuba mbikidulu	kosakola	prophétiser
prophet n.	profete	mosakoki	prophète m.
protect v.	keba, lunda	kobatela	protéger
pull v.	benda	kobenda	tirer
punish v.	pesa ndola	kokambisa, kopesa etumbu	punir, châtier

a	as in father		
pure adj.	pur	mpeto	pur
purple adj.	purpre, viole	langi ya mai ma vino	violet
purse n.	saki ya diboko	potomoni	sac à main m.
push v.	pusa	kopusa	pousser
put v.	tula	kotiya	mettre
put on makeup v.	tula kulere ya kitoko na luse		maquiller
Qq			
quality n.		kalite	qualité f.
queen n.	nkento mfumu	mama-mokonzi, mwai mokonzi	reigne f.
question v.	yula, yufula	motuna	questionner
queue n.	nzila	molongo	queue f.
quick adj	nswalu	na mbongu	rapid
quiet adj.	pima	ekoki	calme
quit v.	kubika, kukanga	koboya	laisser
Rr			
race n. (running)	kubaka ntinu	momekano	course f.
rain n.	mvula	mbula	pluie f.
rain v.	noka	konoka	pleuvoir
raincoat n.	impermeable, kasaki ya mvula	impermeable	impermeable m.
rash n.		evimba	boutons m.pl.
rat n.	mpuku	mpoko	rodent m.
raw adj.	mobisu, ya kulamba ve	mobesu	cru
read v.	tanga	kotanga	lire
read to v.	tangila		lire à
ready adj.	ya kuyilama	komibongisa	près
rear adj. n.	na nima	na nsima	derrière m.
reason n.	raison	ntina	raison f.
receipt n.	resu	resiti	reçu m.
receive v.	baka	koyamba	recevoir
recently adv.	ntama ve, ntangu mingi ve me luta	ya sika	récemment
record v.	enregistrer	enregistrer	enregistrer
recycle v.	sadila diaka, recycler	recycler	recycler
red adj.	mbwaki	montane	rouge
refrigerator n.	frigo	filigo	refrigérateur m.
refund v.	vutula mbongo	kozongisa	rembourser
refuse v.	buya	koboya	refuser
regret v.	vanda na mawa	kobongola	régretter
reimburse v.	vutula yina me bika		rembourser
relative n.	mpangi	ndeko	relation

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relax v.	kupema	kopema	réposer
relic n.	kima ya bambuta	liziba	relique f.
religion n.	lukwikilu	mambi ma Nzambe	réligion f.
remedy n.	kur	mono, nkisi	remède m.
rent n.	luage	lopango	louage m.
remain v.	bikala	kotikala	rester
remember v.	bambuka	kokanisa	se souvenir de
remind v.	bambukisa	kundola motema	rappeler
repair v.	yidika	kobamba	réparer
		koloba lisusu, kozongela,	
repeat v.	tuba diaka	kobandela	répéter
	balula ntima, pindula		
repent v.	mabanza	komisema, kobongolo motema	repentir
	kubalula ntima, kupindula		
repentance n.	mabanza	kobongola motema	repentance f.
	repo, ntangu ya		
rest n.	kupema	bopemi	répos m.
restaurant n.	restara	malewa	restaurant m.
return v.	vutula	kozanga	rendre
rhythm n.	ritimi	rhythme	rhythm m.
rib n.	mupanzi	mopanzi	côte f.
rice n.	loso	loso	riz m.
	mvama, muntu ya		
rich adj.	mbongo	mokumi, moto ya mbongo	rich
	kutambula na moto,		
ride v.	velo, cheval, avio	kotambwisa moto, velo, etc.	promener
right adj. (appropriate)	ya kulunga, ya mbote	ndenge elongobani	approprié
right (direction)	ya droit	ya mobali	à droit
righteous adj.	ya kinzambi, ya longo	na boyengebene	vertueux, juste
righteousness n.	kinzambi, longo	boyengebene, sembo	vertu, droiture f.
ring v.	bula ngonga	kobeta ngonga	sonner
rip-off n.	mpila ya kuyiba	kolalisana	injustice f.
ripen v.	kutela	kotela	
	telama na lufwa,		
rise from dead v.	futumuka	kobima	se lever de la mort, ascendre
river n.	masa,	ebala	rivière f.
road n.	nzila	balabala	rue f., route f.
rob v.	koyiba	koyiba	voler
robbery n.	koyiba	boyibi	vol m.
rock n.	ditadi	libanga	pierre f., rocher m.
romantic adj.	ya luzolo	bolingo	romantique
room n.	shambre	eteni ya ndako	chambre m.
room number n.	nombre ya shambre	nimelo ya eteni	nombre du chambre m.
rope n.	nsinga	nsinga	corde f.
rot v.	pola	kopola	pourrir

a	as in father		
round adj.	ron	zolongana	ronde
rug n.	lele ya ntoto	kitambala	tapis m.
	bima ya bambuta ya me		
ruins n.pl.	bikala na ntoto	libanga	ruines f.pl.
rule n.	nsiku	mobeko	règle f.
run v.	kubaka ntinu	kopota, kokima	courir
run away v.	kutina	kokima	s'enfuir
	Ss		
sad adj.	ya mawa	mawa	triste
	ya mbote, ya kigonsa		
safe adj.	ve	malamu	en sécurité
saint n. , adj.	longo	moyengebeni	saint
salad n.	salade	saladi	salade f.
salary n.	salere	salaire	salaire m.
sale n. (special)	solde	molongo	solde f.
	mpaku ya kusumba		
sales tax n.	kima	ntako ya molongo	impôt m. quand on achète
salt n.	mungwa	mungwa	sel m.
salvation n.	mpulusu, kuguluka	kobika, kobikisa	salvation f.
same adj.	kiteso mosi	ndenge moko	même, soit
sand n.	zelo	zelo	sable m.
sandal n.	sandale	sandale	sandale f.
sauce n.	saus	supu	sauce f.
save v.	gulusa, vulusa	kobikisa	sauver
Savior n.	Mvulusi, Ngulusi	Mobikisi	Sauveur m.
say v.	tuba, songa	koloba	dire
scarf n.	kitambala	litambala	echarpe f.
school n.	nzo nkanda, klas	kelasi, ekole, eteyolo	école f.
science n.	science	nzebi	science m.
scientist n.	muntu ya science	scientifique	scientifique
scissors n.	sizo	sizo	scissors m.pl.
scold v,	nganina	kongangela, kopamela	gronder
sea	masa, dizanga	oseya	mer f.
season n.	ntangu	mikili	saison f.
seat n.	kiti	kiti	chaise f.
second adj.	ya zole	ya mibale	second
see v.	mona	komona	voir
seem v.	monika	komonana	sembler
see you later	na nima	tokokutama sima	à tout à l'heure
	ya kuyindula kaka nge		
selfish adj.	mosi	moyimi	egoïste
sell v.	teka	koteka	vendre
send v.	tinda	kotinda	envoyer

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sensible adj.	ya mabanza ya mbote	bozito	de bon sens
sensual adj.	ya kubenda mabanza ya kimuntu	ya nyama	sensuel
separate v.	kuzenga na bandambu	kokabola	separer
serious adj.	ya mfunu	bozito	sérieux
server v.	sadila	mosali	servir
service n.	kusadila	mosala	service m.
set on fire v.	tula tiya na	kobambola	encendier
several adj.	mingi	mingi	plusieurs
sew v.	tunga, tunga lele	kosona bilamba	coudre
sex n.	sex	kosiba	sex m.
sexy adj.	ya kubenda mabanza ya	bozenga	sexuel
shade n.	madidi	ombre	ombre f.
shake v.	nikisa	ninganisa	osciller, agiter
shake hands v.	pesa maboko	pesana maboko	serrer la main
share v.	kaba, kabula	kokabula	partager
shave v.	kuzenga mandefu, kuzenga nsuka ya nitu	kokata nsuki, kokata mandefu	raser
she pron.	yandi	ye, a prefix before verb	elle
ship n.	maswa	masuwa	bateau m.
shirt n.	simiz	simisi	chemise n.
shoelace n.	nsinga ya zapatu	singa ya sapato	lacet m.
shoes n.	zapatu	basapato	chaussures f.pl., souliers f.pl.
shoot v.	bula munduki	kobeta lisasi	se lancer
shop, n.	magaze	magaze	magasin m., boutique f.
shop v.	kusumba	komisa misolo	faire les courses
shopping centre n.	centre	magaze	quartier commerçant m.
short adj. (low)	nkufi	mokuse	court
shortage n.	manke	eza te	manque m.
shorts n.	kupe	kupe	coupées f.
shoulder n.	dipeka	lipeka	épaule f.
sick person n.	untu ya malade	na malali, na bokono	malade m.f.
sickness n.	maladi	malali, bokono	maladie f.
sin v.	sala masumu, sumuka	masumu	pécher
sinner n.	muntu ya masumu, nkwa-masumu	moto ya masumu	pêcheur m.
sing v.	yimba	koyemba	chanter
sit, sit down v.	vanda	vandi, kofanda	s'asseoir
skit n.	theatre	theatre	théâtre m.
sleep v.	lala mpongi	lala mpongi	dormir
smile v.	kumweta	komunga	sourir
smoke v.	kunwa makaya	molinga	fumer
socks n.	lele ya makulu	basoseti	chaussettes f.p.

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some	ndambu	eloko	quelque
soon adv.	ntama ve	mikol'oyo	bientôt
sore throat n.	mpasi na nima ya munoko	mpasi na nkingo	mal de gorge m.
sorry	pardo	limbisa ngai.	
south	sud	sud	sud m.
spell v.		koma	épeler
spoon n.	lutu	lutu	cuillière f.
start v.	yantika	kobanda	entamer
stay v	bika, bikala	tikala	rester
steal v.	yiba	koyiba, kobotola	voler
stomach n.	divumu	libumu	estomac m.
stomach-ache n.	mpasi na divumu	mpasi na libumu	peine à l'estomach m.
stone	ditadi	libanga	pierre f., rocher m.
stop v.	kanga	kotelema	arrêter
storm n.	mupepe ya ngolo	mopepe makasi, ekumba	tempête f., orage m.
story n.	istwar, mambu ya salamaka	lisolo, lisapo	l'histoire f.
stove n.	ful	rechaud	fourneau m.
straight adj., adv.	nzila mosi, tu dra	alima, semba	tout droit
strange adj.	bizar	ya mopaya, likambo ya kokamwa	bizarre
stranger n.	muntu ya nge zaba ve	mopaya	étranger (gender specific)
street n.	nzila	balabala	rue f.
strength n.	ngolo, kingolo	nguya	force f.
string n.	nsinga	nsinga	cordon m.
strong adj.	ngolo	makasi	fort
stubborn adj.	ntu-ngolo	makasi	entété, obstiné
student n.	mwana ya nzo-nkanda, mwana ya classe	moyekoli	étudiant (gender specific)
study v.	longuka, tanga	koyekola	étudier
succeed v.	nunga	kolonga	réussir
sugar n.	sukadi	sukali	sucre m.
suggest v.	pesa ngindu	kopesa toli	suggérer
suitcase n.	valiz	valize	valise f.
summarize v.	tuba na nkufi, tuba bangindu ya nene		résumer
summer v.	ntangu ya tiya	eleko ya molunge makasi	été
sun n.	ntangu	moi, mwese	soleil m.
sunburn n.	mpasi sambu ntangu me bula		coup de soleil m.
sunglasses n.	lunet ya ntangu	lineti ya moi	lunettes de soleil
sunny adj.é	ya ntangu	ezali moi	ensoleillé, il fait du soleil
sunrise n.	ntongo	kobima ya moi	lever du soleil m.

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sunset n.	kubwa ya mpimpa	kolala ya moi	coucher du soleil m.
surprise n.		kokamwisa	surprise f.
surround v.	ziunga	kojinga	entourer
sweat v.	basika ntangu	kotoka	suer
sweater n.	pull ya madidi	mompila	pull f.
sweep v.	komba	kokomba	balayer
sweet adj.	ya sukadi	elengi	sucré
swelling n.	kuvimba	kovimba	gonflement n.
swim v.	zenga masa	kobeta mai	nager
swimming pool n.	pisin	pisine	piscine f.
swollen adj.	ya kuvimba	ya kovimba	enflé
Tt			
tabernacle n.	nzo ya bisambu ya ntenta		tabernacle m.
table n.	mesa	mesa,meza	table m.
tablespoon n.	lutu ya nene	luta monene	cuillière à bouche f.
take v.	baka	komata, kozwa	prendre
talk v.	kutuba	koloba	parler
tall adj.	ya nda	molai	grand (person) haut (things)
take v.	baka	kokamata, kozwa	prendre
take photos v.	baka foto	kobeta foto	prendre photo
talk v.	solula	koloba, kosolola	la parole f.
tap water n.	masa ya tiyo	mayi ya tiyo ya mayi	eau du tiyeau f.
taste v.	tesa ntomo	komeka	goûter
tasty adj.	ntomo	elengi	bon goût
tea n.	te	yii	thé m.
teach v.	longa	kolatisa, koteya	enseigner
teacher n.	longi	molakisi	enseignant (gender specific)
team n.	ekip	ekipi	equip m.
teaspoon n.	lutu ya fioti	lutu ya yii	cuillière à café f.
teeth n.pl.	meno	mino	dents f.pl.
telephone v.	binga		téléphoner
telephone n.			phonique
tell v.	songa	koyebisa	dire
tell a story v.	songa	koyebisa	raconter
temple n.	tempelo, temple, nzo ya bisambu	ndako ya kosambela	temple m.
tempt v.	kupukumuna	kokosa, komeka	tenter
temptation n.	mpukumunu	kokosa, komeka	tentacion
terrible adj.	ya mbi	mabe	terrible
thank v.	tonda, pesa matondo	kotonda	rémercier
thank you	matondo	matondo, natondi yo, melesi na yo.	merci

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that pron. (that one)	yina	wana	ce...là
their pron. adj.	na bo	na bango	leur
there adv.	kuna	kuna, wana	là
there is, there are	ikele	ezali	il y a
they pron.	bo, bau	bango	il
thick adj.	ya nene	mbinga	epais
thief n.	muyibi	moyibi	voleur m.
thin adj.	ya fioti	nzoto moke	mince, léger (cloth)
think v.	yindula	kokanisa, kobanja	penser
thing n.	kima, bima	eloko, biloko	objet
third adj.	ya tatu	ya misato	troisième
thirsty adj.	nzala ya masa	mposa ya mayi	soif
this pron. (this one)	yai	oyo	ce...ici
threaten v.		kokanelia	menacer
three 3 adj.	tatu	misato	trois
throat n.	mungungu	mongongo	gorge f.
throne n.	kiti ya kimfumu	kiti ya mokonji	trône m.
throw v.	losa	kobwaka	jeter
thunder n.		kongulumia	tonnerre m.
tight adj.	ya ngolo	makasi	étroit
time n.	ntangu	ngonga	heure f., temps m.
	luswanswanu na		
time difference n.	ntangu	bokeseni	différence de l'heure m.
tin can n.	kinanza	engwongolo	cannette f.
tiny adj.	fioti-fioti	moke	pétit
tip n. (at restaurant)	matabisi	kopesa matabisi	pourboire m.
tire n.	pine	pine ya motuka	pneu m.
tired adj.	me lemba	nalembi	fatigué
to prep.	na	na, o	à
toast n.	pa griye	toast	pain grillé m.
today n.	bubu, bubu yai	lelo	aujourd'hui m.
toe n.	mupasi ya dikulu	mosapi mwa lokolo	doigt de pied m.
together adv.	sika mosi	elongo moko	ensemble
toilet n.	wese, toilet, WC	wese	toilette f., WC
toilet paper n.	papier hygienique	papier WC	papier hygiénique m.
tomato n.	tomat	tomato	tomat f.
tomorrow adv n.	mbasi	lobi (one day removed)	demain , lendemain m.
tongue n.	lolemo		
tonight	mpimpa yai	lelo na butu	ce soir m., cette nuit f.
too adv.			
(additionally)	mpi, mpe	mpe	aussi
too (excessively)	kuluta	mingi	plus de
tooth n.	dino	lino	dent f.
toothache n.	mpasi na dino	nyama na lino	mal au dent m.
	brosse sambu na		
toothbrush n.	meno	nzete ya mino, monsoki	brosse à dents f.

a	as in father		
toothpaste n.	nkisi ya kusukula meno	nkisi ya kosukola mino	pâte dentrifice f.
touch v.	simba	kosimba	toucher
tour n.	kutala sika	kokende mobembo	tour m.
tourist n.	muntu ya ke visite	motamboli	tourist m.
towards prep.	na ntwala na	na	vers
towel n.	esume	eswime	essuie-mains m.
tower n.	tour	lingongi	tour m.
trade, trading, n.	comers	mombongo	commerce m.
trade n. (career)	vocatio	mombongo	vocation f.
traffic n.	circulatio	circulation	circulation f.
traffic light n.	feu	feu	feu m.
trail n.	nzila	nzela, nzela moke	chemin m.
train n.	tre	tre, engunduka	train m.
train v.	forme	forme	former
translate v.	balula ndinga	ndimbola	traduire
travel, trip v.	voyaje	mobembo	voyager
tree n.	nti	nzete	arbre m.
Trinity n.	Mosi na Tatu, Person tatu na Muntu mosi		Trinité m.
truck n.	camio	motuka monene	camion m.
trust in v.	tula ntima na	tyela	se confier à
truth n.	masonga, kieleka	solo, sembo	vérité f.
t-shirt n.	triko	tiliko	tricot m.
try v.	meka	komeka	essayer
turn v.	kubalula	kobongola	tourner
turn off v.	kanga	kanga	éteindre
tweezers n.	pincete	pincette	pincette f.
twice adv.	mbala zole	mbala mibale	deux fois
twins n.pl.	mapasa	mapasa	jumeaux (gender specific)
two adj.	zole	mibale	deux
type n.	sorte, mpila ya	ndenge	type m.
typical adj.	bonso ...mingi	ndenge nini	typique
	Uu		
umbrella n.	parpluwi	lingembu, parapluwi	parapluie m.
uncle n.	ngwasí	tata (paternal) noko (maternal)	oncle m.
uncomfortable adj.	kitoko na nitu te	sei te	pas confortable
under prep.	na nsi ya	na nsé ya	sous, en bas
understand v.	kubakisa	koyeba, koyoka	comprendre
underwear n.	lele ya katí	kaleso	sous-vêtement m.
unfair adj.	injust	injuste	injust
unify v.	kumisamosi	kobakisa	unifier, unir
until prep.	tií na	tee kino	jusqu'à
unusual adj.	mutindu ya nkaka	ya momesenó te	différent

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up prep.	na zulu	na likolo	en haut
uphill adj.	na zulu ya ngumba	na likolo	en montant
urgent adj.	mfunu mingi, urgjent	esengeli sika	urgent
urinate v.	suba	kosuba	uriner
use v.	sadila	sala mosala na	utiliser
useful adj.	ya mfunu	ya ntina	util
	Vv		
vacation n.	conge	bopemi	vacances f.pl.
vegetable n.	ndunda, mbuma	ndunda	légume m.
vegetarian adj.	muntu ya ke dia mbisi te, kaka legume	moto aliaka nyama	vegetarien
Venue n. (place)	kisika	esika	venue m.
very adj.	mingi	mingi	très
view v.	kutala	tala	regarder
village	bwala	mboka	village m.
vinegar	vinegre	vinaigre	vinaigre m.
virus	virus	virus	virus m.
visit n.	visit	botali, lipaya	visite f.
vistor v.	tala	mopaya	visiteur m.
voice n.	ndinga	mongongo	voix f.
vomit v.	luka	kosanza	vomir
	Ww		
wage n.	lufutu	mbongo ya suka sanza	paie m.
wait v.	kinga	kozila	attendre
waiter n.	muntu ya ke nata madia na mesa	mwana ya mosala	attendant (gender specifique)
waiting room n.	salle ya kukinga	suku ya kozila	salle d'attente f.
wait for v.	vingila	kojila, kolambela	attendre
wake someone up v.	tedimisa ... Na mpongi	kolamuka	reveiller
walk v.	tambula	kotambola	marcher
want v.	zola	kolingga	vouloir
war n.	ntumba	etumba	guerre f.
wardrobe n.	sika kutula bilele	alumwal, lomwale	garde-robe f.
warn v.		kobebisa	avertir
wash v.	sukula	kosukola	laver
waste v.	kusadila mpamba	kosilisa mpamba	gaspiller
watch v.	tala	kotala	regarder
watch out v.	keba	kokeba	attention f.
way n.	nzila	nzela	chemin m.
we pron.	beto	biso, to prefix before verb	nous
wealthy adj.	mvwama, ya mbongo	kozala na mbongo	riche

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wear v..	lwata	kolata	porter
weather n.	ntangu	eleko	temps m.
wedding n.	makwela, dibala	libala, likwela	marriage m.
week n.	mposo	poso, mposo	semaine f.
weekend n.	wikend	wikendi	fin du semaine f.
weigh v.	kutesa na kilo	kotiya na kilo	peser
weight n.	kilo	bozito, kilo	poids m.
		boyei bolamu, boyei malamu	
welcome v.	yamba	malamu	accueillir
well adv.	mbote	malamu	bien
west n. adj.	ouest	uesti, epayi moi mokolalaka	ouest m.
wet adj.	masa-masa, ya masa	mai-mai	mouillé
what adv.	nki	nini, boni	que
whatever pron.	ata nki mutindu		n'importe comment
wheel n.	pine	pine, lokolo ya motuka, yika	pneu m.
wheelchair n.	kiti ya kutambula	fauteil roulant	fauteil roulant m.
when adv.	nki ntangu	ngonga nini, tango nini wapi, epayi wapi, esika nini, esika wapi	quand où
where adv.	wapi, nki kisika		quel
which adv.	nki	nini, nani	quel
white adj.	mpembe, mundele	mpembe, pembe	blanc
who adv.	nani	nani	qui
why adv.	sambu na nki	mpo na nini	pourquoi
wife n.	nkento	mwasi ya libala, mwasi ya ndako	femme
win v.	nunga	kolonga	gagner
wind n.	mupepe	mupepe	vent m.
window n.	fenetre	linisa	fenêtre f.
wine n.	vinu, masa ya vinu	masanga ya vinu, vino	vin m.
winner n.	shampio	molongi	champion m., gagnat m.
winter n.	ntangu ya madidi	eleko ya mpiyo makasi	hiver m.
wish v.	zodila	elikya	souhait m., désir m.
with prep.	nzila mosi na, mpi, na	mpe	avec
within prep.	na kati ya	ti, kina	dans
without prep.	kukonda	te	sans
wonderful adj.	ya mbote mingi	kitoko, malamu	merveilleux
work v.	sala	mosala	travailler
world n.	nsi-ntoto, ntoto ya mvimba, ntoto	nokili	monde m.
worried adj.	kumona mpasi na ntima	komitungisa	se tourmenter
worship v.	samba	kosanjela, kosambela	adorer
worship service n.	bisambu	kosambela	culte m.

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wrist n.		loboko	poignet m.
write v.	sonika	kokoma	écrire
writer n.	musoniki	mokomi	écrivant (gender specific), auteur m.
wrong adj.	ya mbi, ya kifu	mabe	en erreur
	Yy		
year n.	mvula	mbula	an m., année f.
yell v.	boka	konanga makasi	crier
yellow	jon, mbwaki	langi ya mosaka	jaune
yes	ee	ee	oui
yesterday n,	mazono	lobi, loleki	hier m.
you pron. S.	nge	yo, o prefix before v.	tu, vous
you pron. Pl.	beno	bino, bo prefix before v.	vous
you are welcome	kima ve	likambo te	je vous en prie, il n'y a pas de quoi
young adj.	mwana	elenge	jeune
your adj.	ya beno	na yo, ya yo	votre
yes	ee	ee	oui
yellow	mbwaki	moondo, mutane	jaune
	Zz		
zipper n.		etireti	fermeture f.
zoo n.	jardin ya bambisi	jarde zolojike, esika ya ba nyama	zoo m.
zucchini	zukini	zucchini	zucchini m.

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vunja ungo

msikiti

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sio kidogo

haitoshi

bado

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a	as in father
e	as in mesa, sometimes a little softer
i	as in pita
o	as in oh
u	oo as in broom
le.	Consonant combinations often used at the beginning of words
mb	Put your mouth in b position, then say m quickly in the back of your throat, then b as in baby
ng	
nt	All the same principle.
nl	
nk	
ns	
y	as in yellow, always used as a consonant, never a vowel as in English baby
c	as in cake, always hard c
g	as in gone, always hard g

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I	I
T	T
E	E
U	U
N	N
M	M
B	B
D	D
G	G
H	H
F	F
V	V
Z	Z
CH	CH
SH	SH
W	W
Y	Y
NG	NG
CH	CH
SH	SH
W	W
Y	Y
NG	NG

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G	G
H	H
F	F
V	V
Z	Z
CH	CH
SH	SH
W	W
Y	Y
NG	NG
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	i	as in pita							
	o	as in oh							
	u	oo as in broom							
		Consonant combinations often used at the beginning of words							
almost like one syllable.	mb	Put your mouth in b position, then say m quickly in the back of yo							
	ng								
	nt	All the same principle.							
	nl								
	nk								
	ns								
	y	as in yellow, always used as a consonant, never a vowel as in Eng							
	c	as in cake, always hard c							
	g	as in gone, always hard g							
	agree v.	wakana	kondima	agrreer					

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ur throat, then b as in boat.	Comes out almost like one syllable.
ish baby	

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