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- a<sup>1</sup>** [2] *pron.* her (*short object pronoun preceding consonant; cf. ará<sup>3</sup>*): **A tɪn bo** Call her here.
- a<sup>2</sup>** [2] *pron.* her (*short possessive, inalienable*): **a yéi** her husband
- a<sup>3</sup>** [3] *pron.* she (*short subject pronoun preceding consonant; cf. ará<sup>2</sup>*): **A bóyemi** She is coming.
- a<sup>4</sup>** [4] (*ya after i, i; wa after u, u*) *emph.* (*adds emphasis to exclamations*): **Ọ sóoo, ɖuɖ wa!** All of you, a story! (*story-teller's call for attention*)
- a<sup>5</sup>** (*ya after i, i; wa after u, u*) (*shortened form of akí nàà*): **bìbì ya kìmì bii =bìbì akí nàà kìmì bii** ask someone for an explanation: **áru wa ye saì =áru akí nàà ye saì** load something into a canoe
- a<sup>6</sup>** (*-ya after i, i; -wa after u, u*) *conj.* if; when: **Burú Èke koromòà, fì fì sùoghà** When Yam threw Rat, (he) could not manage to eat (him).
- aáà<sup>1</sup>** (*yaáà after i, i; waáà after u, u, aáàn after nasalized vowel*) *emph.* (*adds emphasis to questions*): **I bódou wááà?** Have you come?: **Emí yááà?** Is it there?/Are (you) alive/living? : **Árù boyemi à aáàn?** [or **yaáàn?**] **Ínyò** Is she coming? Yes.
- aáà<sup>2</sup>** (*yaáà after i, i; waáà after u, u*) *emph.* (*adds emphasis to words used in addressing someone*): **Ọtókò aáà!** Mud!: **Ebitimí yááà!** Ebitimi!: **Kosú wááà!** Kosu!
- áàa** *excl.* exclamation of pain
- áàà** *excl.* exclamation of surprise
- aáàn** *excl.* expression of agreement: **Bó èé!** **Aáàn** Come! O.K.
- áaan** *excl.* call to attract attention of a group of people: **Áaan ẓẓon!** O ẓẓon! (*rallying cry when ẓẓon people are gathered together for a purpose*)
- áàɪn** *excl.* no, (it is) not so

- áàn-án-bìbì** *n.* uncalled-for trouble: **Áàn-án-bìbì i gban bọọ** Let no uncalled-for trouble befall me!
- aánsà** *excl.* of course; as a matter of fact
- abá<sup>1</sup>** *n.* most highly-valued fish (*Gymnarchus niloticus* Cuvier GYMNARCHIDAE); **abá ifiyọun** juvenile *Gymnarchus*
- Abá<sup>2</sup>** (=Ọbá) *n.* Ọba (of Benin): **Abá àma** Benin (*esp.* in folk stories): **Abá fìrì wẹnì báj kì, Abá fìyaj fì báj** The day you work for the Ọba is the day you eat the Ọba's food.
- ába** *conj.* if; when: **U boghá aba, ebighá** If he does not come, it is not good.
- abaá** *n.* heron (*Ardea* spp.); **bou abá** Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*); **dirima abá** Black-headed Heron (*Ardea melanocephala*); **pína àba** Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*) (all ARDEIDAE)
- abaaraí** [5] *v.t.* **A.** tie ends of cloth behind neck in informal dressing, *usu.* **bìdẹ àbaaraí**; **B.** hang object by string over head and one shoulder: **akpaá àbaaraí** hang bag in this way
- ababá kọrì** *v.p.* be in a state of indecision
- abábùrú** *n.* cassava (*Manihot esculenta* Crantz EUPHORBIACEAE): **abábùrú ùngbou** cassava stem [**Abá<sup>2</sup> + bùrú** Ọba's *yam*]
- ababù** *n.* place where bark of tree encroaches on what should be solid wood; (*fig.*) **bára àbabù tɔa** exaggerate
- abadá<sup>1</sup>** [4] *n.* wax block print (cloth) [*cf. Igbo àbàdà* 'Dutch print', *Edo àbàdà* 'skirt, part of a garment' *Imasuen 1998/99:43*]
- Abadá<sup>2</sup>** [4] *n.* female personal name
- abadabídà** *n.* a complete fool; an idiot
- abadí** *n.* ocean; sea
- abadí-aká** *n.* sea-coast
- abadí-arú** *n.* ocean liner; sea-going vessel
- abadìbení** *n.* seawater
- abadìdọ́n** *n.* seasickness
- Abadí-eré** *n.* female personal name ['sea-woman']
- abadí-eférù** *n.* sea breeze

- abadi-indí** *n.* sea fish
- abadi-okólàì** *n.* bird, the curlew (*Numenius arquata* CHARADRIIDAE)
- abadi-okólàì** *n.* seabird, probably a tern (*Sterna* spp. STERNIDAE) [???
- abadi-òdúṣon** *n.* ocean waves
- abadi pẹlẹ** *v.p.* cut (wood/stick) slantwise
- abadi-ugú** *n.* money ['ocean-iron']
- abaghaí** *v.i.* turn or move round in confusion, or in a state of dizziness: **Kama abághàì kị abaghajémèè** (S/he) is moving about and muttering in confusion or annoyance (like a bee buzzing near a source of nectar).
- abálà** *n.* sapwood, *i.e.* soft wood newly formed under the bark
- abálaba** *n.* "turner"; large wooden spatula or paddle used for stirring starch and gari
- abálagbùdu** *a.* numerous (as of casualties): **Suṣubọ fì otumọ abálagbùdu** The people who died in the fight are very many.
- abalígùè** *n.* kind of hoe
- abali pẹlẹ** *v.p.* cut a (concrete) object in a slanting way
- abamú** *n.* **A.** ceiling of house; **B.** shelf in yam-barn
- Ábamụ** *n.* male personal name
- abáni** *n.* bonga-fish or bonga shad, from brackish-water areas, sold on racks (*Ethmalosa fimbriata* Bowdich CLUPEIDAE) (=ofoló =kígbo<sup>2</sup>)
- abedí** *n.* Nile Monitor Lizard, 'iguana', (*Varanus niloticus* VARANIDAE)
- abeí** *v.i.* move slowly with some sort of pride
- abélebei** *n.* the leaves of the plant whose stem is called **uté**, used for wrapping food; **eré-abelebei** (*Sarcophrynium ?prionogonium* (K. Schum.) K. Schum., and *S. brachystachys* (Benth.) K. Schum.); **izón-abelebei** (*Marantochloa purpurea* (Ridl.) Milne-Redh. and *M. leucantha* (K. Schum.) Milne-Redh.); **owéi-abelebei** (*Halopegia azurea* (K. Schum.) K. Schum., all MARANTACEAE); **póu-abelebei** variety of above with red underside to leaves, used to cover corpse of those who die accidentally
- aberéi** *n.* basket to contain fish freshly caught in a lake
- abiata** *n.* third-generation slave; **agbaide** *n.* fourth-generation slave; **kpákpò** *n.* fifth-generation slave; **mulukútùbú** *n.* sixth-generation slave
- abiesèni** *n.* African lungfish (*Protopterus annectens* Owen POLYPTERIDAE), a fish of bad omen
- ábì** *excl.* you! (used in addressing a man without using his name, esp. when it is forgotten or unknown)
- abirí** *n.* foot-rot; tinea pedis (= **búọ efen**)
- abirjwá** [4] *n.* a song of joy or sorrow known only by a few (contrasting with **dúma**, a generally known song): **abirjwá gbà** sing such a song
- abíyọu** *n.* name for the dead; **abíyọu fiyai** food without salt and pepper (for ritual use)
- abóò!** *excl.* oh! (expression of surprise at a wrong interpretation of an event)
- aboróu<sup>1</sup>** *n.* light membrane covering eye or sore
- aboróu<sup>2</sup>** *n.* cobweb along a bush path
- Abó<sup>1</sup>** *n.* Aboh, a town on the Niger south of Onitsha and north of Umuoru
- abó<sup>2</sup>** *n.* an oblong basket made of cane-rope [screw-pine?] with a wooden base [*cf.* Igbo **ábọ** 'cane basket with long rectangular wooden base']
- ábò** *n.* thumb-piano; sanza
- abọọ** *n.* scabbard; sheath
- abulúkù** *n.* kilt worn by men for wrestling and processions (**egelé**): **sụụ abulúkù** war-kilt
- adaá<sup>1</sup>** *n.* paint
- adaá<sup>2</sup>** *n.* backwater with the surrounding soft mud
- adáda** *v.i.* grope in the dark; **adáda(à)dada** be groping
- adadáà** *id.* empty, null, and void because something expected is not found there
- adagbaferé** *n.* big heavy breakable dish from which several people could eat
- adákà** *n.* fierce, strong animal like lion

**adakádà** *n.* nonsense: **Béi yè gbanghìbj**, **adakádà** This thing you want to say, it's nonsense.

**adákàyú** *as in adákàyú adákàyú kàámèé* full of complaints about this or that

**adámà** *n.* common rafter

**adamáliká** *n.* unexpected entanglement: **Arí ma bei èsebọọ tẹigha o, adamáliká kị páadọw wòó!** I cannot escape this problem; it's an inextricable situation!

**adamú** *n.* convulsion(s)

**adáyaj** *n.* tree used for yam stakes and for carving canoes (*Pachystela brevipes* (Bak.) Baill. ex Engl. SAPOTACEAE) (=fóunburoteri) [check]

**adedèè** *id.* wide, broad

**Adegbe** *n.* **A.** chief deity of Ogboin **ibe**, whose seat is at Amasómà; **B.** lake in which the deity resides

**adéginá** *n.* tree (*Cercestis afzelii* Schott. ARACEAE)

**adié** *n.* **A.** inland swamp; **adie bení** water collected from the marshlands in the dry season for religious purposes; **B.** (*fig.*) colony; place rich in fish, prawns, etc: **indi adìè/opúru adie** colony of fish/prawns

**adiébèlebe** *n.* crisis; upheaval; uproar; great confusion

**adígba** (=adígba) *n.* fool

**adirimà** *n.* black type of **ogbólò**, found on pepper plants

**adíadi** *n.* head (*used in wise sayings*): **Ọgọ̀n- ofónì ba bó pọ̀nì timidaaba, kírì-ofónì ẹ̀rìdaaba, kírì-ofónì adíadi pìnìmèèè** When a wild bird has been killed and is being plucked, and the chicken has seen it, it gets a headache.

**adij<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* spin; rotate; whirl (*e.g.* of tops)

**adij<sup>2</sup>** *n.* dug-out channel connecting a river to the inland swamps, in which crustacea are caught with lobster-pots when the water is high; **adi bọ̀lọ̀w** entrance to channel from river; **adi diín** clear channel as water begins to rise; **adij pẹ̀lẹ́j** begin to recede (of flood-water from a channel): **Adij pẹ̀lẹ́jọ** The

water has receded from the channel (and it is time to remove the lobster-pots); **adi pítẹ́** fish in a dug-out channel; **adi sóú** dig a channel (work done by men, especially in-laws); **adi sọ̀w** (of water) enter a channel: **Adij sọ̀wọ̀** Water has entered the channel (and it is time to set traps).

**adiká<sup>1</sup>** *n.* a dance from **ukwuani** in Delta State that flourished in the 1940s

**Adiká<sup>2</sup>** *n.* male personal name

**adiriakaá** *id.* very difficult; extremely difficult

**adoó** *n.* basket without flat base

**afánfan** *n.* corkwood; umbrella tree (*Musanga cecropioides* R. Br. CECROPIACEAE)

**afíí** *n.* noose secured by knot

**afílà** *n.* whitish-yellow type of **ogbólò**, very rare; if damaged or lost the culprit would formerly pay the owner an agreed number of tops continuously till the District Officer arrived)

**agáda** *n.* dane-gun, shorter than **asángba**

**Agáda** *n.* nickname for Ekpétíama **ibe**

**agadagbá** *n.* large clupeid, a larger fish than **isóun** (*Odaxothrissa mento* Regan CLUPEIDAE)

**Agadagbábòu** *n.* important historical site from where most Kolokuma towns migrated to their present settlements (=Oruamábòu)

**agakú** *see agokú* male agama lizard

**agalá** *n.* javelin

**agáù** *n.* smaller axe used in hollowing out wooden mortars and plates (= **bìbì-dunụ-ogou**)

**agáùn<sup>1</sup>** *n. used in: Agáùn ghọ tẹ́jọ (He is) free from further attempts (in the game of **ogólo**) (*said when a third player successfully spears the ogólo while it is still in motion, when two other players have already made one hit each*)*

**Agáùn<sup>2</sup>** *p.n.* female personal name

**agbá<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* come alongside (another boat or land); collaborate

**agbá<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* attack; **agbá tẹ̀rí** attack militarily or otherwise

- agbá<sup>3</sup>** *n.* calabash; gourd; (*fig.*) **agbá yọọrọ** become full (of moon)
- agbá<sup>4</sup>** *n.* plate of food, *usu.* **fíyaj agba**; (*fig.*) **agbá teri** entertain a dance group with things
- agbaá<sup>1</sup>** *n.* trigger
- agbaá<sup>2</sup>** *n.* protective “medicine” for war: **agba ghọ bọ** become the exception(s) in a group who suffer some injury, such as a wasp-sting or a hit by a bullet or missile
- agbaá<sup>3</sup>** *n.* funnel-entrance fish-trap
- agbaarú** *n.* long slender fish (*Erpetoichthys calabaricus* (syn. *Calamoichthys calabaricus* Smith) POLYPTERIDAE)
- agbábù** (=gbábù) *n.* wooden cramp for holding sides of canoe together
- agbábùgbabùteereé** *n.* bird sp., the Piping Hornbill (*Bycanistes fistulator* BUCEROTIDAE)
- agbadá** *n.* large shrimp; “lobster” (*Macrobrachium vollehovienii*); **agbada isọy** young “lobster”; **owéi àgbadá** male “lobster” (contrast **eréwèrí** for female with eggs)
- agbádà<sup>1</sup>** *n.* rib (human or animal)
- agbádà<sup>2</sup>** *n.* bier made of a bamboo mat, used for wrapping the bodies of children, witches, and those who die of various serious diseases, etc.
- agbaj<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v. acc.* be in love; make love
- agbaj<sup>2</sup>** [5] *n.* love: **agbaj kọrì** be in love
- agbáj** (=ogbáj) *n.* missile: **agbáj gbein** fight by throwing fresh sticks cut by women (*esp.* between two quarters or towns); **agbáj pele** cut sticks for missiles (by women, who stand behind men to supply them); **idúmu agbaj** empty palm-bunch after extraction of nuts
- agbaj-árày** *n.* girl-friend; (female) lover (=téi-arày)
- agbaj-ówèi** *n.* boy-friend; (male) lover (=téi-ówèi)
- agbajtóbòy** *n.* child born outside wedlock; love-child (=téitóbòy)
- agbajde** *n.* fourth-generation slave
- agbaká** *n.* shoe; **beni-wenì-ágbàka** rainboot; **tín-agbaka** wooden shoe; clog; sabot
- agbalaá** (=agbalalaá) *see* supposed sticky substance
- agbalalaá** (=agbalaá) *n.* supposed sticky substance; (*fig.*) difficult situation; **agbalakimí** image in folk-tale to which Tortoise gets stuck (equivalent of the Tar-baby in the Brer Rabbit story) (=alagbalaá?) [?= agbalálà]
- agbalakókò** *a.* spotted: **agbalakókò obiri** spotted dog
- agbalálà<sup>1</sup>** *n.* herb used as ear medicine (*Cleome ruidosperma* DC. CAPPARACEAE)
- agbalálà<sup>2</sup>** *n.* sticky resin from the **okólólò** tree, *Symphonia globulifera*
- agbalalaá** (=agbalaá) *n.* supposed sticky substance; (*fig.*) difficult situation; **agbala(la)kimí** image in folk-tale to which Tortoise gets stuck (equivalent of the Tar-baby in the Brer Rabbit story); (*used fig.*): **Erí mu ni àgbalala kimí kí gbòlumí** He has gone to box a Tar-baby (*i.e.* he has taken on an adversary who will never let him go).
- agbaná** *n.* matches [*cf.* *Urhobo àgbùnà matches*] (=masísì = kpáarakayè)
- agbára** *v.a.* be wild, rascally
- agbárabou** *n.* burial-ground for anyone whose life is suddenly cut short, through suicide, accident, or any outside agency (**uyó fí**), but not through sickness (=seibóy)
- agbáarakà** *n.* oracle; the act of consulting it: **agbáarakà gbein** cast an oracle and interpret it
- agbararagbúrurù** *n.* thunder
- agbaranmuú** *v.i.* get choked; be half-done; be half-dead (of wood) [check; or **agbaramuú?**]
- agbaramúy** *v.i. or id. ?* as in **agbaramú fíj** be almost dead, withered (of plants, crops)
- agbatọrú** [5] *n.* fog; mist
- agbêi** *n.* coconut shell used as cup (*cf.* **okoó**) [?agbá<sup>3</sup> ‘calabash + yé ‘thing’]
- Agbía ẹdein** (=Ogbía-ẹdein) *n.* dagger (=ogíen =ogían)

**Agbobiri** *n.* the headquarters of **Ọkódjia ibe** in Northern Iẓon

**agbobú** *n.* chest; bosom; courage; six feet (measured against the chest); **agbobú kùrọ** be courageous

**agbobudirí** *n.* Dutchman's pipe (*Aristolochia* spp. ARISTOLOCHIACEAE) [*'chest-medicine'*]

**agbobutítì** *n.* influenza [*'chest-striking'*]

**agbunú** [4] *n.* open rectangular clap-net; **agbunú ìmbi** fish with clap-net

**agbuú** *v.t.* force or propel water with the hand

**agedeú** [4] *n.* trawl-net; **agedeú kọn** fish with trawl-net

**agirimagí** *id.* short, sturdy and bouncy (of person)

**agokú** [4] (=agakú) *n.* male agama lizard (*Agama agama* Linn.)

**agóyà** *n.* processional dance type (**egelé**)

**agué** *n.* bay

**agúì** *n.* crocodile; praise-name or title for someone who is strong (=igeré) [*< Igbo ágú-íyí 'crocodile'*] (*cf.* igeré, atú, segí (archaic), túgu)

**agumpé** [4] *n.* rectangular box-drum used for dancing

**agun-agún** [4] *a.* purple: **Bìdẹbì àgun-agún bẹni ki nanamì** The cloth has a purple colour. [*aguún x 2*]

**agúsi** (=ẹgúsi, egúsi) *n.* egusi, "melon", used as an ingredient of soup (*Cucumeropsis mannii* Naud. CUCURBITACEAE) [*< Yoruba egúsí*]

**aguún** *n.* purple

**agúá<sup>1</sup>** *n.* "bean(s)"; cowpeas (*Vigna unguiculata* (Linn.) Walp. LEGUMINOSAE: PAPILIONOIDEAE)

**agúá<sup>2</sup>** *n.* weakness caused by supernatural power: **Kímìbì àgúá kòrìdọ́.** The man has been seized by supernaturally-caused weakness.

**aguarí** *n.* arbitration; **aguarìsùọ** conduct arbitration; settle a misunderstanding [*< Urhobo àgùàrè 'court'*]

**Agudama** *n.* a town in Ekpétiamá **ibe** of Northern Iẓon

**áìin** *v.i.* go in large numbers; troop out en masse, *e.g.* people

**áiyà** *excl.* oh! (*when something is remembered*)

**ajin** *n.* butterflyfish (*Schilbe* spp., including *Schilbe mystus* and *S. intermedius* SCHILBEIDAE); **ajin ịngólẹ̀** juvenile **ajin** (*cf.* **ekpèlà, ekpéla**)

**aká<sup>1</sup>** *n.* tooth; **aká dei** lose milk-teeth; **aká fì** grind teeth; **aká ovuru** space between two front teeth; **aká tuu dọ̀n/serí** have toothache: **Wo aká tùu dọ̀nyemí** He has toothache; **aká tya** replace tooth that has fallen out; **apáli aka** two teeth growing from the place of one [?]; **buru fì ákà** first four milk-teeth; **ukuka aká** molar tooth

**aká<sup>2</sup>** *n.* edge; side: **aká bai** turn under the edge (of a cloth); hem (a cloth)

**aká<sup>3</sup>** [4] *n.* corn; maize (*Zea mays* Linn. GRAMINEAE); **Iẓon aka** Iẓon maize. Its parts are: **aká àpura** corn shuck or sheath; **aká bọ̀lọ** tip of cob; **aká ịwẹ̀si** silky thread in cob; **aká pọ̀mu** leaf; **aká sẹ̀lẹ** grain; **aká tùu** base of cob; **aká ùngbou** empty maize-cob; **aká wàri** cob

**akaán<sup>1</sup>** [5] *n.* White-nosed or Putty-nosed Monkey (*Cercopithecus nictitans* CERCOPITHECIDAE)

**akaán<sup>2</sup>** [5] *n.* bitter kola (*Garcinia kola* Heckel GUTTIFERAE) [*cf. Urhobo ákán bitter kola*]

**akaán<sup>3</sup>** *n.* a hero

**akáan** *n.* bird, the Yellow-casqued Hornbill (*Ceratogymna elata* BUCEROTIDAE)

**akaanlá** [4] *n.* root of a plant (*Aframomum sceptrum* (Oliv. & Hanb.) K. Schum. ZINGIBERACEAE) used in weaving the weft (*cf.* **ogúzòú**, the fruit)

**akabá<sup>1</sup>** [4] *n.* base of leaf-stalk still attached to stem of palm-tree

**akabá<sup>2</sup>** [4] *n.* type of fish container made of rattan (**ụkpá**)

**akadákà** *n.* tree with thorns both on the bark and the stalk of the leaves; the roots taken medicinally in gin are said to clear the system

**aká-fì-ofoni** *n.* bird, general name for francolins and quail which come to feed on crops [*aká<sup>2</sup> + fì eat + ofóni bird*]

**Akajbiri** *n.* town in Ekpétíama ibe of Northern Iẓon

**aká-ìla** *n.* Job's Tears, a grass with sharp-edged leaves and seeds which are used as beads by children (*Coix lachryma-jobi* Linn. GRAMINEAE)

**akájin** *n.* "thatch" (*i.e. thatching-mat, many of which are used to thatch a house*)

**akákajindà (=kákajindà)** *n.* **A.** face-mask worn by leader of a group of youths, who go around houses stealing dried fish, etc., or sugarcane from nearby farms, to chew while a masquerade is playing in the area; **B.** heavy tribal marks as represented on such a mask

**akalú** [4] *n.* **A.** moon (=díiye = finyé = =ogoneí =ogonoyé =toniyeeé):  
**Akalú lòkò-lòkò-lòkò**  
**Kúraj kúraj yè iné ẹrì yo!**  
 Moon of peace  
 May I see you every time!:  
**Akalú lòkò-lòkò**  
**Bó baj kị, ineé ùkie**  
**Mú baj ya, ineé ùkie kùmọ**  
 Moon of peace  
 When you come, think of me  
 When you go, don't think of me!  
*(children's songs on the appearance of the new moon);*  
**B.** month (=díiye =finyé = muntù =ogoneí =ogonoyé =toniyeeé) [Do all these mean 'month' as well as 'moon'?]

**akaná** *v.t.* go round; encircle; hence, avoid; evade

**akanaí** [5] *v.p.* turn round; rotate

**akangá** [4] *n.* two-headed barrel drum played with stick in right hand and left palm on

membrane, producing the sound **kpangbú**; bass drum (=kpangbú ẹze)

**Akanranbiri** *n.* town in **Opokumá ibe** of Northern Iẓon

**akara** *n.* fried bean-cake [*<Yoruba, Urhobo àkàrà*]

**akára** *v.t.* glance off; lightly touch and leave:  
**Ine gbeín ìngbekebi wárij akpàkpa kị akara bóomị** The stick that I threw barely hit the wall.

**akáraka** *n.* horse grass (*Setaria megaphylla* (Steud.) Dur. & Schinz GRAMINEAE)

**akaramú** *n.* glutton; gourmand

**akaràngbèlengbe (= akaràngbelengbe)** *n.* bird, the hammerkop (*Scopus umbretta* SCOPIIDAE) (=otúnogòkị)

**akása** *n.* a kind of coarse cloth

**akasí** *n.* chair; seat

**akásijì** *n.* edible fungus; sclerotium of *Lentinus tuber-regium*

**akásòkìye** *n.* toothpick [*aká + sòkị pick out + yé thing*]

**akásòusòu** *n.* yam cultivar

**akáta** *n.* fish, the sailfin or bichir (*Polypterus* spp.), one of the strongest fish; **ebi akátà** *P. senegalus* Cuvier; **sei akátà** *P. ansorgei* Boulenger, *P. endlicheri* Heckel, all POLYPTERIDAE

**akáyènghibáú** *n.* praying mantis (MANTIDAE)

**akíí** *n.* tree which provides good firewood (*Cynometra vogelii* Hook.f. LEGUMINOSAE-CAESALPINIOIDAE, or possibly *Parinari excelsa* Sabine CHRYSOBALANCEAE)

**akíròro** *n.* a wise man; a philosopher; a leader of thought

**akí** *v.t.* **A.** take: **Erí Òlógbòsí nàmamọ akimị.** He took Cat's animals; **B.** use: **Wónì abábùrú àkị nị ọkpúnkọrọ mịeyémi.** We use cassava to make cassava fufu; **C.** (*in rather vague sense, often followed by naá, in a sequence of verbs; can only be translated by 'and' or 'not at all'*): **Erí kẹnị égbèrì gba nị akí nàá ù pịrịmị.** He told him a story.

**akíjakjà** *n.* blood from a slaughtered animal collected and cooked with the food (*usu.* plantain, cut into three) called **námafíyaji** (=asosóú)

**akírìkpókò** *n.* smallpox (=igánran dọ̀n, ọ̀gọ̀nọ̀ dọ̀n)

**akírìkua<sup>1</sup>** [4] *n.* variety of water-yam with red under the peel

**akírìkua<sup>2</sup>** [4] *n.* coloured maize

**akíyòú** *n.* bile; gall-bladder

**akó** *n.* edgeways: **akó tịẹ** stand edgeways

**akolou** *n.* slipknot

**akoó** *n.* a fish (*Mormyrus rume* C. & V. PANTODONTIDAE)

**akóto<sup>1</sup>** *n.* snuff-box

**akóto<sup>2</sup>** *n.* game played with many tops

**akpaá** *n.* **A.** bag; sack; pocket (general term; *cf.* **akpúrù**) ; **B.** belly (of humans); **opu akpá** stomach of animals (*cf.* **opu furóú**)

**akpaaraá** *n.* full-grown green mamba (long green snake)

**akpaí** *v.i.* fret; be shy

**akpaìnkóro** *n.* nickname for edible snail (*osií*) [*< Abọ*]

**akpáka** (=ọ̀kpáka) *n.* shell or carapace (of tortoise or turtle)

**akpákpa<sup>1</sup>** *n.* wall (of house), *usu.* **wárij àkpakpa**; hence, page (of book), *usu.* **fún akpakpa**; (*fig.*) strength: **Béi kịmị kókọ nị akpákpa nanamị** This person really has strength.

**akpákpa<sup>2</sup>** *n.* wooden clappers

**akpakpaí** *v.i.* be versed in evil-doing; be notorious

**akpálà** *v.t.* eat (food) in different places to get one's fill, because not enough is available in one place

**akpálakpa** *n.* plank

**akpálù** *n.* frog; **fúnberi-palì-akpalù** *n.* small tree-frog (*Hypenolius*, family RHACOPHORIDAE) [*'leaf-sticking-frog'*]

**akpangbú** *n.* improvised play-gun prepared with the stem of the Indian bamboo

**akpamúkù** *n.* empty kerosine tin

**akpárabìsá** (=ọ̀kpórọ̀bìsá) *n.* a walker; a person who is fond of walking

**akparakítíyaji** (=kparakítíyaji) *n.* plant which produces yam stakes; its fruit is **bou-ivín** (*Trachypyrnium braunianum* (K. Schum.) Bak. MARANTACEAE)

**akpáarakparà** *n.* large stiff mat woven with the pith (**pínì**) of the bamboo palm (**boyá**)

**akpárambàsi** *n.* iron used by priests of deities; sceptre

**akpáravija** *n.* sponger; someone who goes to inappropriate places in search of food

**akpekpèè** *id.* very large; of considerable size

**akpù** *n.* biting louse; tick; **obiri akpí** tick (found on dogs)

**akpóbìrisi** *n.* tree revered by the Iẓon. It is medicinal, and not commonly seen by people.

**akpórogù** *n.* long dug-out trough used for mashing palm fruits

**akpotú** *n.* trouble (=eseé) [any more synonyms?]

**akpou** [4] *n.* fishnet; **akpou imbi/kọ̀n** fish with **akpou**

**akpọ̀** *see* **ọ̀kpọ̀** world; life [*<Urhobo àkpò 'world, life'*]

**akpúkè<sup>1</sup>** *n.* a kind of fish (*Hemichromis fasciatus* and (?) *Chromidotilapia guentheri* (syn. *Pelmatochromis guentheri*) CICHLIDAE)

**akpúkè<sup>2</sup>** *n.* kind of yellow water-yam

**akpúrù** *n.* bag; sack (*cf.* **akpaá**)

**akúsì** *n.* power of staying alone and receiving sustenance by reason of old age, primarily of an old python ("boa constrictor"), which is believed to remain in one place with its mouth open ready to snap closed on anything that enters: **Uturoówèibi akúsì nanadó** The "boa constrictor" has the power to receive whatever comes its way; (*fig.*) of old people who remain in the house and are supported by gifts: **Kósubọ̀bị àkúsì nanadó** The elderly person is being supported by gifts.

**akuú** *n.* girth; width

**akú<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.a.* be bitter

**akú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* tree with strong wood, often used for canoes; “oak-tree” (*Panda oleosa* Pierre PANDACEAE)

**akúbo** (=akí bo) *v.t.* bring [*‘take come’*]

**akúlà** *n.* leech

**Akumonjì** *n.* town in Okódjia ibe of Northern Iẓon

**akunakúnà** *n.* harlot; whore; prostitute; tart [*cf. Igbo àkwùnakwùná ‘prostitute’*]

**akúratà** *n.* shrub known for its bitterness, used as chewing-stick

**alá<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.a.* **A.** be far, distant; **alá dụ** distant place; **B.** remain for a long time *n.* distance

**alá<sup>2</sup>** [3] *n.* distance

**alá<sup>3</sup>** *n.* used in: **alá fì** enjoy a position of lordship and leadership [*< Eastern Ijọ ála, corresponding to olá*]

**Alábọkọlọ** (=Lábọkọlọ= Lábaọkọlọ) *n.* oldest deity in Kólokùmá ìbe, whose seat is at Okóloba

**alabúmà** *n.pl.* silt (contrast **obúdu**)

**Aláere** *n.* female personal name [*ala<sup>3</sup> + eré woman*]

**alagbá** [4] *n.* gun (= **suboí**)

**alagbátìn** *n.* timber tree (*Milicia excelsa* (Welw.) C. C. Berg, formerly *Chlorophora excelsa* MORACEAE) (*cf. suboí tìn/tìjìn*) [*alagbá + tìn tree*]

**alagbalaá** *n.* paint; gum (*e.g.* from **ọkọlọlọ**) (=agbalaá) ?

**alalá** [4] *n.* **A.** aluminium or enamel plate; **B.** “zinc”; corrugated iron sheet(s)

**alaláìndà** *n.* orange; **alaláìndà tin** orange tree (*Citrus aurantium* Linn. and *C. sinensis* (Linn.) Osbeck) [*<Port. laranja*]

**alálì** (=olálì) *n.* feast; fiesta; **alálì fì** feast

**alámọ** *v.cs.* drag out; lengthen [*alá' + mọ causative*]

**Aláwei** *n.* female personal name [*ala<sup>3</sup> + owéi man*] (=Oláwei)

**alápa** *n.* jellyfish

**alápaogidi** (=alápu-ogidi) *n.* sword (= **ọgbọdọ**) [*cf. Nembe alapụ ogidi sword = ‘chiefs’ matchet’*]

**alegí** *n.* crafty, cunning, artful, wily person (=ikégi)

**alelé** *n.* tail-feathers of cock

**alí** *n.* the hairless portions at both sides of the forehead

**alọ́** (=ọlọ́) *n.* white cotton fabric, shirting [calico?]

**alukpúkpa** *n.* red earth or laterite, used for renovating mud walls

**Alúku** *n.* the title for Kólokùmá ìbe

**amá** *n.* town; village; settlement **amá ọdu**

search the town when looking for suspects;

**amá fì** live as harlot; indulge in

prostitution; **amá kpun** perform a ritual in

which a red-feathered fowl (**asìn-ofónì**) is

tied to palm-fronds and dragged from north

to south of the town to cleanse it from evil

spirits before the farming season begins:

**Amá ì nìmi kùmọ** Let the town(speople)

not know me (said when someone is trying

to deceive people): **Amá gbẹdịbọ kịmị kị**

**àkì bólu ghọ tụanìmí** The person who

abuses a town has a particular person in

mind.

**ámà<sup>1</sup>** *n.* medicine or charm believed to have magnetic force to direct one to one’s destination, or to detect poison or find lost property

**ámà<sup>2</sup>** *excl.* you! (used in addressing a woman without using her name, especially if it is forgotten or unknown)

**-ama** *indef.* (marks the indefinite plural): **kịmịama** people

**amaá<sup>1</sup>** *n.* adultery; **ama ọdu** **A.** be highly-sexed; **B.** commit adultery; **ama sín**

confess adultery or other crimes before the

elders at the ancestral shrine (**Kiríye wàrì**);

**ama wení** be a prostitute

**amaá<sup>2</sup>** *a.* right; **ama angá** right side; **ama**

**bará** right hand: (*fig.*) **Te bará à? Ama**

**bará!** How was it? Victory/Success!

**amádaa-owei** *n.* chief of a town recognized by Government [*‘town-rule-man’*]

**amádii-owei** *n.* sanitary inspector [*‘town-inspect-man’*]



**Amadóṣù** *n.* chief male deity of Ekpétíama **ibe**  
**amá-ì-nimi-kúmọ** *n.* grub (**dọ̀ùn**) which inhabits young live wine-palms; (*fig.*) someone who does things secretly, claiming not to be known (=loí)  
**amákiri** *n.* ground, soil, land of the town: **amákiri fẹ́** carry a sickly child to a priest who for a fee mixes earth with water and marks the child's forehead (=amá-ogbo) [*'town-land'*]  
**amákọ̀tọ̀kọ** *n.* clay for moulding  
**amámìjẹ̀mìyẹ** *n.* customs and accepted institutions of a town [*'town-do x2-thing'*]  
**amánanaaraṽ** *n.f.* female head of village, responsible for women's affairs in the town; queen [*'town-own-female'*]  
**amánanaowei** (=amánanoowei) *n.* the oldest **bẹ̀rẹ̀ tọ̀bọ̀** in the town, responsible for ancestral rites [*'town-own-man'*]  
**amá-ogbo** *n.* land of the town (=amákiri)  
**amá-ogbokìmì** *n.* an indigene of a town [*'town-land-person'*]  
**amá-ọ̀dọ̀guma** *n.* domestic duck  
**amaraín** [5] *v.i.* turn round and round on the spot  
**amarán<sup>1</sup>** *n.* paddle (=yọ̀wẹ̀) [*< Igbo àmàlà 'paddle'*]  
**amarán<sup>2</sup>** *n.* trace  
**amásẹ̀dìrì** *n.* herb used for curing headaches (*Hyptis lanceolata* Poir. LABIATAE) [lit. 'town-whole-medicine']  
**Amasómà** *n.* headquarters of Ogboin **ibe** in Southern Iẓon  
**amatá** [4] *n.* married woman who has been circumcized; any woman who has been circumcized; **amatá ìkirika** older married women; **amatá ìla** bead worn by married woman when she goes to her husband's house; **amatá ìṣọ̀** wife who has borne two or three children; **amatá sùọ̀** become **amatá**  
**amátẹ̀mẹ̀suo** *n.* collective spirit of a town, expressed in its formal praise-title [*amá + tẹ̀mẹ̀suo collective spirit*]

**Amátòlò** *n.* town in Ogboin **ibe** of Southern Iẓon  
**amátọ̀rọ̀** *n.* rainclouds  
**amá-ùbọ̀umọ** *n.* sacrificial ceremony performed before the ancestors to mark the beginning of the planting season. On the day of the ceremony, nobody is allowed to go to bush. The belief is that the gods and the ancestors do their first bush-going on that day.  
**ambáú** his/her daughter  
**ambírèí** his/her "brother" (*cf.* **wo bìnáòwèi**, his "brother"; **ará bìnáowèi**, her "brother")  
**ambúràú** his/her "sister" (*cf.* **wo bìnààraú**, his "sister", **ará bìnáaraú**, her "sister")  
**ámẹ̀ẹ̀ẹ̀** (*in older works sometimes ghámẹ̀ẹ̀ẹ̀*) *conj.* that (*introducing reported speech*): **Erí gba amẹ̀ẹ̀ẹ̀: "Kímìjọ̀ bọ̀dọ̀ wèè"** He said: 'The people have come': **Erí gba amẹ̀ẹ̀ẹ̀, erí bonghimi** He said that he would come: **Áràú gba amẹ̀ẹ̀ẹ̀, ọ̀ tịn bó èè** She said that (someone) should call him.  
**ghámẹ̀ẹ̀ẹ̀** *conj.* that (*introduces reported speech*)  
**angbaá<sup>1</sup>** *n.* cheek  
**angbaá<sup>2</sup>** *n.* barrel  
**angbalókù** *n.* mumps  
**aminikaá** *n.* antelope species, probably the Yellow-backed Duiker (*Cephalophus sylvicultor* CEPHALOPHINAE), now almost extinct in the area (probably = **ìsagháì-tùu-nama= ódèè**)  
**amú** *n.* dizziness; giddiness  
**amudé** *n.* bird, the African Green Pigeon (*Treron calva* COLUMBIDAE)  
**amúsù** *n.* A. "vampire"; nocturnal bird which enters and makes a noise inside roof of buildings; **B.** hence, a bird believed to be housing the spirit of a witch; when shot down, it is not to be touched but burnt to ashes, after which the witch is believed to die within a few days [*cf.* Igbo **ámúsu**, **ámóosú** 'witch(craft)']  
**Ánàkìrì** *n.* village in **Ọ̀kódjía ibe** of Northern Iẓon

**andá<sup>1</sup>** *v.acc.* wrestle  
**andá<sup>2</sup>** *n.* wrestling; **andá bii** invite someone to wrestle: **andá mọ òwou mọ** with struggle and strain  
**andarí** *v.i.* roar  
**andéi** [4] *n.* small tsetse-fly  
**andí** *n.* face; front of head; grimace; visage  
**andú** *v.t.* twist; bend  
**angá<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** live in a place, *usu.* **yọ anga**; **B.** live as husband and wife, *usu.* **wárij ànga**  
**angá<sup>2</sup>** *n.* side; place; spot; (*tech.*) plane; face (of figure)  
**angaá** *n.* egg; roe (of fish); berry (of shrimp, etc.)  
**angábolọ** *n.* name given to the internal part of the body behind the ribs  
**angála<sup>1</sup>** *n.* charcoal  
**angála<sup>2</sup>** *n.* mangrove  
**angalangaá t̀ngboí (=t̀ngbeí)** *v.p.* somersault: **Erí àngalangaá t̀ngboíyemi.** He is turning a somersault.  
**Angálapẹ** *n.* a masquerade [*mangrove-tree cutter*]  
**angaluú** *id.* eyeing somebody with disapproval: **Angalu kí àkí i diiméèè** He looked at me disapprovingly.  
**angásaraj** *n.* side of ribs  
**angeré** [4] *n.* agama lizard (*Agama agama* Linn.); **eré angere** female agama; **owéi angere** male agama (=agokú)??  
**ánghàin** *see* **énghèin** no  
**angírù** *id.* coming in a group  
**angí<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* always **fúróú àngí** draw in stomach  
**angí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* sedge (*Kyllinga erecta* Schum. CYPERACEAE), also called **eré angí** [*‘female sedge’*]; **óru angí** (*Mariscus* sp.) [*‘gods’ sedge’*]; **owéi angí** (*Cyperus distans* Linn. f. CYPERACEAE and *Mariscus alternifolius* Vahl CYPERACEAE) [*‘male sedge’*];  
**angílì** *n.* smallest size of pellet for gun (*cf.* **gbólù, ọfúrú, ụkpárù, okpókirikpó**)  
**àngìrì** *n.* auger [*<English auger*]  
**angó** *see* **angógo**

**angógo (=angó)** *n.* tree used for carving and for chewing-sticks (*Carapa procera* DC MELIACEAE)  
**angólo** *n.* **A.** grass (*general*); **B.** (*specifically*) = **berisọnléi** (*Eleusine indica* (Linn.) Gaertn. GRAMINEAE)  
**anií<sup>1</sup>** [4] (=énií) that; **anií dùo ni** as a result of that; **anií òiia** instead; instead of that; **aniíghà** not that [*<ani/éni iyé ‘that thing’*]  
**anií<sup>2</sup>** [4] (=énií) *int.* so: **Aní, yé pàa barabì.** So it happened.  
**ani** (=éni) *dem.* that (*cf.* **sọọ**); **ani ába** that being so; **anibí** that is; **ani kọọ, aníghá kpọ** if not; **ani kpekeni barabì** in the same manner; **ani kí nì ani ébẹ kpọ** even if it is so; **ani kpọ** even then; **ani ní** so; therefore  
**anjá** [4] *int.* so; then; now; **anjá timiya** if not so; but for that  
**anjó** *see* **onjó** [not in; meaning?]  
**anjò** *see* **onjó** female **opúru**  
**aníyain** his/her son  
**apaán** *n.* **A.** basket used for storage, which can be completely sewn up; **B.** large wicker trap to keep fish alive in river; **C.** small basket for keeping tops, *usu.* **ogbólò-apan**  
**apaín** *n.* vow; promise; **apaín t̀ta** vow; promise; make an undertaking before a deity  
**apálà** *n.* slap; **apálà famu** (give a) slap  
**apálì (=opálì)** *n.* twin (of plantain), *usu.* **apálì beriba; apálì puu** ceremonially break tie between living and dead before burial  
**apapá** [4] *n.* groundnut (*Arachis hypogaea* Linn. LEGUMINOSAE-PAPILIONIOIDEAE)  
**apapátùo** *n.* herb (*Desmodium adscendens* (Sw.) DC LEGUMINOSAE-PAPILIONIOIDEAE) [*‘groundnut-herb’*]  
**apatímà** *n.m.f.* simpleton  
**apíe** *n.* **A.** “cane-rope”; rattan-palm; **B.** one of the plants from which “cane-rope” or rattan is derived (*Calamus deeratus* Mann. and Wendl. PALMAE); other plants are **bóru** and **ụkpá**  
**apíe-ẹngẹlẹj** *n.* the remains after preparing the cane-rope for use

**apíe-furou** *n.* pith removed from **apíe** cane-rope, used inside pot before boiling **Iẓon-odu** overnight, to prevent it sticking to the pot

**ápilé** (=ápùló) *n.* cart-wheel; **ápilé fin** turn a cart-wheel [tone?]

**apíanpian** *n.* bird, the African Pied Hornbill (*Tockus fasciatus* BUCEROTIDAE) [cf. *Igbo* **ápíá** [‘Black-and-White-Tailed Hornbill’], *Urhobo* **ápíápíá** ‘hornbill’] (=egúlegulé)

**apínà** *n.* **A.** pinkish **ogbólò**; **B.** (fig.) fair-skinned person: **Apínàbì dọu mú wèé** Go to the fair-skinned man [**píná** ‘be white, light’]

**apó** *excl.* oh! (expressing surprise)

**apolóu** *n.* shoulder

**apoó** [4] *id.* flat (e.g. of hungry belly)

**apóo** *n.* scoop for bailing canoe (made of plantain stem, etc.)

**ápùló** *see* **ápilé**

**apúra** (=opúra) *n.* skin; bark; peelings

**ará<sup>1</sup>** *pron.* her (*possessive, alienable*): **ará fun** her book

**ará<sup>2</sup>** [3] *pron.* she (*short subject pronoun preceding vowel*), cf. **a<sup>3</sup>**

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**araghaí** *v.i.* be restless; be over-active

**aranráàn** *id.* shallow; not deep; (fig.) not intensive

**aránran** *v.t.* pass (smoked fish) lightly over the fire to warm up

**áràú** *pron.* she (*indep. pronoun*)

(**araú**) *n.f.* (*female agent; never used alone*); **bólọ́araú** elder sister; **eréaraú** woman; **nanaaráú** female owner

**arawarí** [5] *n.* period before the umbilical cord has dropped off

**arawarí** [5] the short period of about three days from the time a child is delivered to the time the umbilical cord remains fall off. During this period, the woman is expected to put a small object in her mouth to warn or ward off those women who suffer from **eréamini donyo**. [sp?] It is believed that if

such a woman talks to the newly delivered woman, the disease is communicated to her.

**areré** *n.* profit; gain; **arere sùp/paá** make profit (of trade): **Fọ̀ubì àrere paamí/suomí** The trade made a profit.

**arerèè** *id.* feeling empty, as of someone recovering from a sickness

**arejín** (=arijín) *n.* pocket knife; penknife

**ári** (=éri) *n.* trick

**áriaan** (=áriyaan) [4] *id.* huge

**árigidi** *n.* Kano cloth; handwoven cloth from the North, used as “cover-cloth” or worn over shoulder

**arigó** [4] *n.* African nutmeg (*Monodora myristica* (Gaertn.) Dunal ANNONACEAE)

**arí** [5] *pron.* I (*indep. pronoun*)

**ári** *pron.* you (*singular, indep. pronoun*)

**arijín** (=arejín) *n.* pocket knife; penknife

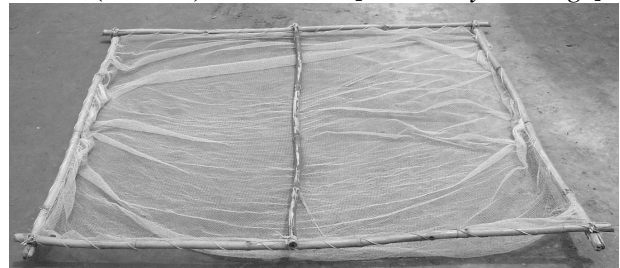
**áru** *n.* canoe; boat; vehicle; **áru beni sin** bail water out of a canoe; **áru akì** bring home unfinished canoe from the bush; **áru igbe** moor canoe; **áru kiri kọ̀rì** (of canoe) go aground; **áru zuu** unload canoe; **bálà-arú** sailing boat; canoe with sail; **beké-àru** European boat, ship; **dúweji-arú** canoe carrying corpse; **fin-arú** aeroplane; **Igbon-arú/Ikètè-arú** Northern canoe with rounded woven roof; **ofóni-arú** canoe with thatch or zinc roof on top; **óru-arú** sacrificial canoe with music and dancing; **okọ-arú** canoe used for hiring out; **omúu-arú** war-canoe; **séj-arú** dance-canoe; **tára-ukou àru** three-seat canoe; [what of 4-seat canoe??] **tọ̀ru-yọ̀u-arú** canoe used for trading: **Árúzàú bará zàú bará, tára ukou** However small a canoe is, it must have three seats: **Tẹ̀jìn arù nimi kọ̀rì káamí** (said when someone finds that a person who has suffered a loss or injury finds out that the person responsible is a relative or friend, and lets him go free).

**áru-aka** *n.* edge of canoe

**árubiri** *n.* middle of canoe: **Súomọ̀ nì ì saí kì árubiri** The person who asks to be carried in a canoe sits in the middle.

**árugbọlụ** *n.* bird, any woodpecker (family PICIDAE) [*'canoe-chisel'*]  
**áru-igba** *n.* rope for mooring canoe; **áru igba kaka** tie rope to mooring-post  
**áru-igbaai** *n.* chips from **igbumú**  
**árúkiri** *n.* floor of canoe  
**arúṣà** *excl.* greeting for a woman who has recently given birth to a child  
**árutoun** *n.* bottom of canoe which touches water  
**áru-ukou** *n.* canoe seat  
**áru-ukure** *n.* stern of canoe  
**áru-ukulo** *n.* bow of canoe  
**áru-upiri** *n.* space between seats of canoe  
**áru-zuu-uru** *n.* drink offered by traveller on his return to those who help him unload  
**asaá** *n.* side of the river which comes down steeply, subject to erosion, opposite to the sandbank side (**itóbo**)  
**asaalaá** *n.* **A.** bushbuck; harnessed antelope (*Tragelaphus scriptus*); **B.** female sitatunga (*Tragelaphus speki*) (both BOVIDAE) (*cf.* **utúbùrà**, male sitatunga)  
**asába** *v.i.* stand astride; **asába bejin** step across  
**Asába-bejin-uge** *n.* Feast of Passover  
**asábalaba** [4] *n.* paddle-wheel  
**asáin** (= **osáin**) *n.* grove or hut containing war-medicine  
**asákà** *n.* insect which enters wood floating on water  
**asakalá** *n.* straw hat; boater  
**asakírìbúmọun** *n.* sole (probably *Cynoglossus senegalensis* Kaup CYNOGLOSSIDAE)  
**Asangbá** *n.* male personal name  
**asángba** *n.* dane-gun, longer than **agáda**  
**asángbafìni** *n.* gun-caps (= **suboifìni** = **kíapìsì**)  
**asanghá** *n.* seed-pod of **ogírìzì** (*Newbouldia laevis* (P.Beauv.) Seemann ex Bureau BIGNONIACEAE)  
**asará** *n.* stage of oil-palm at which it has to be harvested with ladder (*cf.* **lìjì**)  
**asasá** *n.* expert; an adept

**asía** *see* **osía**  
**asíin** *n.* blood (*general term, as opposed to ọbará, human blood from wounds, or akíakjà or asosóú, blood from a slaughtered animal collected and cooked with the food*); blood relationship; genetic inheritance  
**asín-ofónì** *n.* fowl with feathers of a deep red colour [*'blood-fowl'*]  
**asíma** *see* **osúma** work as blacksmith  
**asímaopopo** [4] *n.* bird, any small brightly coloured kingfisher (*Ceyx, Alcedo* and perhaps *Halcyon* spp. ALCEDINIDAE)  
**asínó** (= **osínó**) *n.* bird, the Black-Winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus* RECURVIOSTRIDAE) (= **keni-bùò-tíe**)  
**asísá** *n.* umbrella  
**asosóú** *n.* blood from a slaughtered animal collected and cooked with the food (*usu.* plantain, cut into three) called **námafiyajì** (= **akíakjà**)  
**asú** *n.* bamboo pole for punting  
**asúbaj** *see* **osúbaj** hoe  
**asúma** *see* **osúma** work as blacksmith  
**atábala** *n.* clapnet  
**atáinkọlì** *see* **itáinkọlì** something which comes to nothing after a long struggle  
**atáinzèlé** *n.* galena [*cf.* **Ọtánjélé** *'galena'*]  
**atála** *v.i.* fish with a lift-net formerly woven of strips of **ukpá** and cane-rope (by two people, usually from a canoe)  
**atála-arụ** *n.* canoe with four or five seats, big enough for lift-screen fishing  
**atálei** (= **atélei**) *n.* lift-net [*atála + yé* *'thing'*]



**atáma** *n.* medicinal herb (*Rinorea* sp. VIOLACEAE)  
**atámàmí** *n.* any water spirit that enriches human beings) (= **mamíwòtá**) (*cf.* **beniperé**)

**atamatámà** *n.* spider  
**atamatámàwari** *n.* spider's web [*'spider-house'*]  
**atángbà** magical poisoning; **atángbà tein** poison magically  
**atangbalá** [4] *n.* black ant, one of the castes of soldier ant (*Dorylus*)  
**atangbalá-ànga** *n.* rice (= **oròsì** = **sìkápà**) [*'ants' eggs' (joking name from its appearance)*]  
**atángbara** *n.* club (long)  
**atánjbolou** *n.* armpit  
**atári** *n.* farmland left fallow for a year; **atári bari** plant farmland for a second year in succession before allowing it to lie fallow  
**Atásàì** *n.* Atisa (Atissa) **ibe** in Northern Iẓon  
**atélei** *see* **atálei** lift-screen  
**atílà** (= **atúlà**) *n.* mudskipper (*Periophthalmus koelreuteri* PERIOPHTHALMIDAE)  
**atírà** *n.* damask  
**atú** *n.* crocodile (*poetic, cf. igeré, agùì, segì* (archaic), **túgu**)  
**atútà** *n.* constipation; **Atútà ụ kọrìmì** He suffered from constipation; **owéi atuta** severe constipation  
**atú** *n.* net fastened to a round framework of **ụkpá**, supported by sticks shaped like a dome; **atú pou** fish with **atú**  
**aún** *v.i.* yawn  
**áụ imbiowei** *n.* Red-lined Snake (*Bothroptalmus lineatus* Peters COLUBRIDAE) [any beliefs about it?]  
**avarán** *n.* hole or cavity in a tree, or a hole covered by a light skin  
**avàrà** *n.* (*anat.*) anterior surface of axilla  
**avaránvàn** *id.* skinny  
**avíaranyoro-ogbọlọ** *n.* **ogbọlọ** whose inside has been scraped out after removing the flesh, resulting in a very light top.  
**awá** *n.* tree with hard wood (*Rinorea brevircemosa* Chipp VIOLACEAE, or possibly *Massularia acuminata* (G.Don) Bullock RUBIACEAE)  
**áwà** *n.* hour [*< English hour*]  
**awaán** *n.* coconut fibre cut up for loading gun

**awabú** *id.* (of tree) easily split or broken  
**awalá** *n.* ritual object displayed in war canoe  
**awánrà** *n.* "August break"; dry spell in rainy season from late July to August: **Awánrà** **bíyenyemi** It is raining (*said only in the "August break"; lit. 'Awánrà is defecating'*): **Awánrà fúruyemi** (The bush) smells of Awánrà (*referring to the smell of rotting vegetation when the water recedes during Awánrà*).  
**awéré** *n.* oxbow lake; **awéré imbi** fish in an oxbow lake  
**awúrù** *n.* gourmand; glutton  
**Awúsa** *n.* Hausa (*cf. Igbon, Ikétè*)  
**ayá** *v.a.* be new; **ayá kuraì** New Year  
**ayàà** *n.* name given to a new-born baby [*< ayá 'be new'*]  
**Ayamábèlẹ** *n.* town in Oḱódjia **ibe** of Northern Iẓon  
**ayámpítí** *n.* small black flat frog which is seen during rain, especially the first rain of the dry season (found in small streams) [*? < Abọ*]  
**ayán** *n.* face (= **kóro**)  
**ayánfaran-bara-dii** (= **ayánfanran-bara-dii**) *n.* shrimp type, "prawn" (*cf. opúru*)  
**ayápití** *n.* newborn baby  
**ayátòbòú** *n.* baby [*'new child'*]  
**ayáùùn** (= **ayáùn** ?) *n.* first new yam of the yam harvest season; **ayáùùn-pù-eké** praise-name given to it when it is first seen  
**Áyè** *n.* male personal name  
**Ayíba** *n.* God (= **Wóyenghi, Áyòú, Ogínaaraụ, Súoaraụ /Soaraụ Tẹmẹaraụ, Zibaaraụ**)  
**Ayibabiri** *n.* town in **Kólokùmá** **ibe** of Northern Iẓon  
**Ayíbadìgìèneni** *n.* female personal name [*'God's pity'?*]  
**ayibo** *n.* imbecile person; nincompoop  
**ayó** *emph.* marks emphasis (*usually placed at the end of reported speech*): **Áràù mọ kị gbàmi ayó!** This is what she said!  
**áyò** *excl.* shout of fear, sorrow, regret, surprise

**ayóro** *n.* newly-circumcized woman or boy  
(*esp. used to address them*)

**Áyòú** *see* **Áyù** God

**ayó<sup>1</sup>** *n.* earthen pot

**ayó<sup>2</sup>** *n.* black headtie

**Áyù** (=Áyòú) *n.* God (= **Wóyenghi**, **Ayíba**, **Ogínaaraṽ**, **Súoaraṽ** /**Soaraṽ** **Témeṽaraṽ**, **Zibaaraṽ**)

**ayumú lèlẹmọ fí** *excl.* what a sponger!

**azarí** *see* **oẓarí** champion

**azaríwari** *n.* place or period of suffering  
(opposite of **ẹdẹṽere**)

**azé** (=ezé) *v.i.* roam about aimlessly

**azúzu** *n.* fan (*for people, as opposed to* **fónfónbàṽ** *for fire*) [cf. Urhobo **àdjùdjù**]

**azùà** *n.* hook on punting-pole; forked stick  
(?=okóba-tṽa-asu)

## B

**baá** [4] *n.* abura, a timber tree (*Hallea ledermannii* (K Krause) Verdc. or *H. stipulosa* (DC.) Leroy RUBIACEAE)

**báa** *v.t.* **A.** kill; **báa tṽa** kill in vengeance or retaliation: **Bábọ mọ baabọ mọ** The killer dies with the killed; **B.** capture piece in game; **ogbólọ baa**; capture a top in the game of **ikóso**

**baààn** *id.* full to the brim (of discrete flat objects, in a large container, spread out evenly) (*cf.* **utú seri**, **bíbí peṽe** ?)

**báabou** *n.* virgin land; primary forest

**Báabọ** *p.n.* female name [*shortened from* **Indibaabọ**, ‘Fish-killer’ or **Námabaabọ** ‘Animal-killer’]

**Báakìbìná** *p.n.* female name [‘The (fish/animal-) killer attracts relations’]

**báan<sup>1</sup>** (=bán) [3] *v.a.* be blind, *usu.* **tọru ban**; **inda baán** have very poor sight

**báan<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* be angry (*usu.* **bólou ban**, **báan tẹrí**) be annoyed, angry

**báan<sup>3</sup>** *n.* juvenile or smallest size of the fish *Heterobranchus bidorsalis* and *H. longifilis*

(CLARIIDAE) (sizes: 1 **báan**, 2 **poyounbaú** 3 **toriyéé**)

**baaraá** *n.* dry season, roughly from January to May

**baara-angbá** *n.* traditional form of compound interest, in which the amount borrowed is doubled at the end of every year; (*tech.*) compound interest at any agreed rate [‘interest-barrel’]

**baarayé** *n.* lending with interest, *usu.* compound [‘interest-er’]

**bababaá** *id.* spellbound; dumbfounded; flabbergasted

**bábala<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* proceed by trial and error; attempt to do something

**bábala<sup>2</sup>** *n.* bamboo mat used as blind to close verandah, or for drying kernels, palm-nuts, etc.

**bábarabàbara** *id.* doing things in a confused way, with uncertainty

**bádjì** *v.i.* subside, contract (as when a swelling on the body decreases): **Ará oin timi barabì** **badìyemi**. Her hand that was swollen is going down.

**badìyọ́<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* subside (of swelling): **Oóin timi bàrabì bó bàdìyọ́dọ́** The swollen arm has gone down.

**badìyọ́<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* lose one’s sense of taste: **Ofirì fìyàìbì ine bíbì mìẹ badìyọ́** The hot food has made my mouth numb.

**báfù** *n.* basin [< English **bath**?]

**báí<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** hit; beat thoroughly; **B.** crush so as to fray (plantain midrib or peduncle, etc.); **C.** crack; **ivín baj** crack palmnuts; **ivín baj bara** hammer; iron tool for cracking palmnuts; **ivín baj masìnjì** machine for cracking palmnuts; **ivín baj yenghi** log on which palmtree is set for cracking

**báí<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* dawn; arrive (of day): **Eréin bajdọ́ wèè** The big day has come!

**báí<sup>3</sup>** *n.* day; **báí pèkèì** early morning; **anjì baj** that day; **bírìbaj** the third day of the four-day week; **bọṽ baj** the ‘weak days’ (second and fourth) of the four-day native week, associated with female activities, on which

one can go to all farms, forests, lakes, etc.; **fọ̀u bai** market-day (=Eḱenbai); **kuro bai** the 'strong days' (first and third) of the four-day native week, associated with male activities, on which one can go to only certain farms, forests, lakes, etc.; **túka bai** next day; another day; **ví bai** day before yesterday

**báimọ** [3] *v.cs.* keep overnight; **báimọ benì** A. water kept in the house overnight, which is cool; B. (*fig.*) applied to a person who is cool and collected: **Erí baimọ benì bara kí emi** He is cool and collected: **báimọ fiyàì** food kept overnight

**bajin, bajinpeléi** *see* **banghí, banghipeléi**

**báinghitimi** *n.* period before daybreak (about 4 a.m. to 6 a.m.)

**báka** *v.i.* be confused, confounded, bewildered, puzzled

**bakabàka** *id.* in a confused way

**bákala** *v.t.* twist; bend; distort; **bíbi bakala/egberi bakálà** distort a story: **Árì egberi bakála kaamì** You distort stories a lot.

**bakalabákala** *id.* twisted; bent; askew

**bakalabàkala** *id.* unreliable; untrustworthy

**bákèin** *n.* pink berry relished by monkeys

**bakû** *id.* dark

**balá** *v.t.* mind; take notice of (*usu.* negative):

**Kímì ù bala kúmọ** Don't mind him.

**bálà** *n.* sail (of boat); **bálà tjemọ** set up sail;

**bálà tja** set sails [*< Portuguese vela 'sail'*]

**bála** *v.i.* be naughty, troublesome: **ù ma**

**bálayemò** He is being troublesome.

**bálà-arụ** *n.* sail-boat

**balabalá** *id.* conspicuously white or pale (e.g. of corn shucks thrown away at the waterside, or people dressed in white): **Wo ọngọ sẹ bó balabala kí pàadọ** His body has become pale (as a result of sickness).

**balabálà** *n.* very early (period); dawn:

**Balabálàbì wó mudọ wèé** We shall go very early.

**balakáà** *id.* cross-eyed (of person) (=maaláà, malakáà)

**bálàtìn** *n.* mast for ship ['sail-stick']

**bálatọbọ** *n.* newly-born baby

**balí** *v.t.* blaze (tree) to mark way, *usu.* **tin balí**

**bálì** *n.* keg; cask; **fọ̀un bálì** keg of gunpowder

**Báma** *n.* **Búmọ ibe** in Southern Iẓon; **báma sụ** unending war

**bán<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.a.* be blind, *usu.* **tọ̀rụ ban; inda baán** have very poor sight

**bán<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* be angry (*usu.* **bólou ban, bán tèrì**) be annoyed, angry

**banghí** (=bangí=bajin) *v.i.* run; **banghìmọ** **bụọ mọ** run and walk alternately

**banghìmọ** (=bangimọ=bajinmọ) *v.cs.* cause to run

**banghipeléi** (=banghipeléi =bajinpeléi) *n.* athlete's foot

**bánmọ** *v.cs.* cause to be blind

**Bánzama** *n.* Bachama; **Bánzama-otu** Bachama people

**bára<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* forget; **bára fàá** forget; **bára (fàá) sjanmụ** forget entirely: **Arí kẹ̀nì bo ní ègberí bàra sjanmụdọ** I have entirely forgotten the story.

**bára<sup>2</sup>** [3] *n.* arm; hand; foreleg of animal;

**bára àbabụ** exaggerated: **bára àbabụ tja** add falsehood and exaggeration to a story;

**bára àkì** shake hands; **bára a (akì) tijn**

beckon; **bára bara** with hands only (esp. in fight); by hand; **bára bènì** all hands on

deck! (a summons to action): **Kímì kìmì**

**bára bènì! Fìrì wẹ̀nì láadọ.** All hands on

deck! It's time for the work; **bára bọ̀u**

**dọghá** be lazy or ineffective in farming or

exploiting the environment; **bára mọ bụọ**

**mọ bọ̀u laagha** be idle (*esp.* of women) by

not going to farm ['hand and foot do not

enter bush']; **bára bọ̀/bụọ** be dislocated

(of arm); **bára bọ̀/bụọ** mistakenly; **bára**

**deì** change in intensity (as rain from single

drops to shower, or vice versa; or as a war

escalating or winding down); **bára dọ̀** look

for trouble [check meaning]: **Béi paàyebi,**

**ọ̀mìnì kì bara káàà dọ̀mì** This disaster,

they asked for it; **bára èbìí** A. win or be

vindicated, as in a case; **B.** have good handwriting; **C.** hold something good in the hand openly, seen by everyone; **bára fà ese** uncalled-for trouble; **bára fì** **A.** bite the nails; **B.** become familiar with a job; become experienced in a job; **bára fun kpọu** thief; steal; **bára kaà (=kì àkì) biẹn kaan** tear one's hair [lit. 'buttocks'] in exasperation; **bára koròmọ** begin, start, commence any piece of work; **bára kùrọ** be hard-working; **bára mọ buọ mọ batein** dumbfounded; flabbergasted; **Bára mu, bára bo** (*fig.*) Kindness begets kindness (*lit.* 'hand go, hand come'); **bára nì angba tujá** cup one's face in one's hand; **bára paa** be prosperous financially; be fairly wealthy; **bára poumọ** make a thumbprint; **bára sara** be quick at doing things (of persons); **bára saramọ** hurry up; be quick; make haste; speed up; **bára sèí** bad hand-writing; **Bára sèibọ́, bára finà** Anyone with a bad hand should bandage it (statement by town-crier meaning that no one is excused from manual work); **bára tiẹ** throw or shoot at accurately, as in marksmanship and in fishing; **bára tọlọ** produce or give scantily, in a miserly way; **bára tujà** taste food before offering it to guests; **B.** join others to eat when asked to do so, even though one is not hungry; this is done as a customary sign of love; **C.** use finger to help spin top out of hole; **bára wai** **A.**; **B.** react; **C.** retaliate ['turn hand']; **bára walàmọ** try at many sides or look for help from many hands, *e.g.* as in donation, or as when something is lost and one needs the help of many people to look for that lost thing; **bára yajnmọ** crack one's knuckles; **bára zùwẹí** (*fig.*) struggle for something with the hands; **ama bará** right hand; **kála barà** **A.** small hand; **B.** (of clock) hour-hand; **C.** small or younger person provoking a bigger or older one: **Kála barà nì opu barà dọu** The small hand provoked the big one (reply to child who has provoked a bigger one and appeals

for help when he is beaten); **Kèní baragbasa tìbì ghọ ùgú bagha** One finger alone cannot kill lice on the head; **kọnọ bara** left hand; **Maa baramọ dudu kí sùuruyémi** The two hands wash each other (*i.e.* One good turn deserves another); **páa bara** empty-handed (*tech.*) **kála barà** little hand (of clock); **opu bará** (of clock) minute hand; big hand  
**bára<sup>3</sup>** *n.* **A.** share; portion (*usu.* used with possessive): **orọ baramọ** your shares; **bára bara diẹ** share among those present; **B.** narrow strip of woven "Kano" cloth, *usu.* **biđẹ bará**  
**(bára<sup>4</sup>)** *n.* way; **bìsá bàra kí** in that way: **ví òfoni bara kí** like the other birds; **páa bara** how it happened  
**bára biì** *v.p.* consult one's intuition to avoid danger (of humans or the leader of a group of animals)  
**bárabirì** *n.* upper arm ['arm-belly']  
**bárabolòu** *n.* inside of hand  
**bárabọlọu** *n.* fingertip  
**báradei** *n.* fishing-rod (including hook and line)  
**bárafirì** *n.* work done by hand; handiwork; personal work  
**bára-fun-kpọu** *n.* roguery  
**bárafuròu** *n.* ventral side of forearm  
**báragbasà** *n.* finger; **inima bara gbásà** forefinger; **kúnoun baragbasa** little finger; **perẹ baragbasà** middle finger; **zibau baragbasà** ring finger  
**bára-ìmemein** *n.* fingernail  
**bára-ingbe** *n.* forearm; hence, a measure using the forearm  
**bára-isenlei** *n.* space between two fingers; web  
**bára-ìgalì** *n.* lump on the elbow; (*med.*) ulnar cyst  
**bára-ìkọkì** *n.* elbow  
**bára-ìkọlì** *n.* elbow-bone  
**bárain** (=párain) *id.* free; with no restrictions; manifest; clear; distinct; **mịẹ baráinmọ** make clear; make free



- bára-ìza** *n.* span
- báarakòlò** *n.* lower part of forearm
- báarakòrì** *n.* tree used for carving hoe handles  
(*Memecylon memecyloides* (Benth.) Exell  
MELASTOMACEAE)
- báarakubù** *n.* **A.** palm of the hand; **B.** whole  
inside of closed hand; handful
- báaramọ** *v.cs.* make forget (*used with miẹ*): **Ì  
mánì ẹrẹ timi ní ù miẹ báaramọghìdọ**  
**wò** If you talk like this, you will make him  
forget (what he is saying).
- baramọ̀** *id.* escaping the memory: **Yébi sẹ  
bo ni ìnọ̀ báaramọ̀ kị paadọ̀ wèé** The  
matter has just slipped my memory.
- bárapalà** *n.* palm of the hand; **bára palà  
anga ọkụ** side of the hand
- bárapelèi** *n.* sleeveless singlet (=peleji)
- bárasin** *v.loc.* leave; let go
- bára subò** *v.p.* menstruate (*cf. tiri paá*);  
**bárasubò** menstruation; **bárasubòye**  
menses
- báratìbì<sup>1</sup>** *n.* thumb
- báratìbì<sup>2</sup>** *n.* independence; **báratìbì nana**  
have independence
- báratòùn** *n.* back of hand
- bára tọ̀lọ̀ yé miẹ** [meaning?]
- báratọ̀rù** *n.* **A.** wrist-joint; **B.** (*fig.*) effort
- báratuù** *n.* shoulder-joint
- báratuà** *v.i.* help; assist; give a hand (*Note:*  
*normally this would be written in two*  
*words, but it has become conventional to*  
*write as one.*) [**bára + túa** put]
- báratuàpìrìyè** *n.* aid; help; assistance
- báratuàye** *n.* bangle; bracelet
- bárayainmọ** *n.* **A.** inside of elbow; **B.** arm  
from elbow to wrist, used to measure cloth
- barì** [4] *v.i.* do something again: **Barì gba**  
Say it again. [tone?]; **barì miẹ** **A.** do again;  
repeat; **B.** help: **Erí fìrìbọ̀ ì barì miẹmì**  
He helped me with the work. [also *v.t.*?]
- bári<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* do something an extra time beyond  
the normal number of times; *e.g.* 1. plant  
land for a second year before allowing it to  
lie fallow, *usu.* **atári barì**; 2. give an extra  
portion after the normal share: **indóu barì**  
wrestle a second time (as a return match)
- bári<sup>2</sup>** revoke; unsay something previously said;  
**bìbì barì** recant the destiny one previously  
chose, *i.e.* change one's destiny; **bìẹn barì**  
take off a curse previously invoked
- barìbári** *id.* repeatedly; again and again: **Erí  
barìbári kị nì woó ùkiemọmì** He  
reminded him repeatedly.
- bárimọye** *n.* concomitant; accompaniment:  
**Bèi ifiyan barimọyè** This something (*e.g.*  
drink) to go with the snuff.
- bárou** *v.t.* add cold water to cool down (hot  
water) to the desired temperature; make  
tepid
- bá sàì** *v.p.* load (anything leafy or powdery)  
into a canoe loose (not in a container) (*e.g.*  
**boyá** fronds, garri, “farina”, but not discrete  
items like yams, plantains, etc.)
- bataráàn** *id.* clustered together, as of rotten  
teeth
- bátein** *id.* frozen motionless in disbelief or  
confusion: **Erí kẹ̀nì ẹ̀gberì nàa mọ, búọ mọ  
kiri mọ batein** As soon as he heard the  
story, his feet were rooted to the ground in  
confusion.
- bá timiya** (shortened form of **anì (tu)bìghà  
tìmiya**) if not: **Erí bei tuùbi múmèè; bá  
tìmiya, arì ù famunghì timimi** He later  
went; if he had not, I would have beaten  
him.
- bauu** *id.* of cold water when drunk; cool (of a  
shade)
- baú** *n.f.* **A.** daughter; girl: **imbaú** my  
daughter: **imbáú** your daughter: **ambáú**  
his/her daughter: **B. n.m.** tuber, as of  
cocoyam, *usu.* **odú bàú**
- baumaá ò** *excl.* a courteous way of addressing  
a girl or woman
- bébu** *n.* medicinal herb, used for malaria, fits,  
cough, and hernia (*Piper umbellatum* Linn.  
PIPERACEAE)
- béere** *v.i.* be free from danger, sorrow; be safe  
from trouble; feel easy: **Erí fìrì wẹ̀nì sin ní**

**bo beeredo** Now that he has finished the work he is free and relaxed.

**beí** *n.* luck in farming (*cf.* **osúà** for fishing); **beí èbií** have good luck in farming; **Béi èrema beí èbinimí** This woman has good luck in farming; **beí sèí** have bad luck in farming

(**beí** [3]) *dem.* this; **beí barà** this way; thus: **Béi barà timi** Stay like this; **beí gbáyembi** meanwhile

**bêi** this (*shortened from beí iye*, this thing)

**béingbàí** *n.* today

**béin<sup>1</sup>** *v.t. and v.loc.* **A.** fill; **Bení ùngúbò** **béindò** Water has filled the pitcher. (*More commonly in 'passive': Ungúbi bèni beindò* The pitcher is full of water.); **Olulumò bo warí bèindò** The driver ants have filled/taken possession of the house; **B.** *v.i.* be numerous; **Kímimò kèní bein** The people are very many.

**béin<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* bear fruit: **Ogboinbí beinyemi** The mango is fruiting.

**béin<sup>3</sup>** *n.* bunch (of oil-palm, etc.); **lìj bein** oil-palm bunch

**béinmò<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* make full; complete: **Ungú zù béinmò** Fill the pitcher with water: **I bebí akí káragha yò beinmòdò** I have added this to the place that was not complete (*e.g.* when bringing a small share up to the standard of the rest).

**béinmò<sup>2</sup>** *n.* medicinal herb used for malaria and in pregnancy (*Momordica cissoides* Planch. ex Bak. CUCURBITACEAE)

**béinmòdirì** *n.* medicine believed to be transmitted by charming, enchantment or magic.

**béinye** fruit (*of trees in general*) *pl.* **béinyeàma**; **tínbeinye** fruit (of tree)

**beké** [5] *n.* **A.** English; European; **Bekéàma** Europe; **Beke béèlì/bíbi** English/European language; **B.** *qualifies plants, etc., introduced or believed to be introduced from Europe: beké àpapa* “breadnut”, and **beke búrù** breadfruit (both *Artocarpus communis* J.R. and G. Forst.); **C.** “coast”,

urban areas (*originally coastal towns visited by European traders*); **beke fírì** salaried job; **beke kírì** trading station; **beke sùò** go to “coast”, *i.e.* go to work in the modern urban sector; (*tech.*) **beké èkèṅ-ovuru** week (of seven days); **beké ògònei** calendar month

**béke** *v.i.* totter; fall

**Bekekírì** *n.* personal name [*European settlement*]

**beké-ùndu** *n.* pawpaw (*Carica papaya* Linn. CARICACEAE) (*lit.* ‘European pumpkin’); varieties are: **dánghajin beké-undú** ‘long pawpaw’; **ikísa beke-undú** ‘short pawpaw’; **owéi beke-undú** ‘male pawpaw’ (=pòpò)

**bénebene** *adv.* never

**bení<sup>1</sup>** *n.* water; **beni bilé** dive; **beni birí** **A.** bathe; **B.** be circumcized; **beni birimò** circumcize; **beni faá** be drowned; **beni fa kímì mò wo yowéj mò** someone who refuses to change his ways [‘drowned man and his paddle’]; **beni fa tú** source of river; **beni iyéri** (of flood water) go down; **beni koró** **A.** be circumcized; **B.** (*fig.*) pass one’s prime; reach menopause (of women); **beni okí** swim (in water); **beni pèlè** (of “flood”) recede, abate; **beni saí** bail water (from fishpond or lake); **beni sèrí** (of “flood”) begin to rise; **beni siin** bail out water (from canoe); **beni tabú** soak in water; (*fig.*) be in abeyance; **beni tié** (of water) collect in one place, making it water-logged or flooded; **beni tuá** **A.** bring water out of larger container with smaller one; **B.** duck (*e.g.* children) in the water; **C.** exaggerate; **beni zuú** draw/fetch water; **fúu beni** salt water; brine; **igíná beni** pepper soup; **ofírì** **bèní/tuò bení** hot water; **osuo bení** rainwater; **ogòṅò bení** water in the sky

**bení<sup>2</sup>** *n.* dress for special occasion; **andá beni** wrestling-dress; **andá beni birí** dress for wrestling

**bení<sup>3</sup>** *n.* age; time: **wó benibi** in our age, time

**bení<sup>4</sup>** *n.* colour: **isèle beni** red colour; **odon** **bèni** yellow colour

**benibéni** *id.* watery; juicy; succulent [*bení* + *bení*]

**benibouyé** *n.* cup [‘water-drink-thing’] [*bení* + *bóu* drink+ *yé* thing]

**beni-ékè** *n.* catfish (*Synodontis filamentosus* MOCHOKIDAE) (*cf.* **ìkpòkí**) [*bení* + *ekeé* rat]

**beni-eré** *n.* water-nymph [*bení* + *eré* woman]

**benikòṣṣ** *n.* Smyth’s Water Snake (*Grayia smythii* COLUBRIDAE) **bení** + **kòṣṣ**<sup>7</sup> neck?]

**Benikúrukuru** (=Kùròfaghá) *p.n.* deity of Odoní and Abúwarí in Opokumá, believed to be black [*bení* + *kúrukuru* black]

**beni-óbìrima** (=beni-óbùruma) *n.* mole cricket (*Gryllotalpa africana*), used as bait [*bení* + *obírima*<sup>2</sup> mole-cricket]

**beni-ókòba** *n.* pond-skater [*bení* + *okòbà* money]

**beni-orú** *n.* water deity [*bení* water + *oru* deity]

**beniperé** *n.* water-deity (male or female) associated with wealth, such as “mammy-water” [*bení* + *peré* wealth]

**Beniudéin** *n.* deity of Igbedi, believed to have power to recover things lost in the water [*bení* + ?]

**benizuuyé** *n.* bucket [*bení* + *zúu* draw + *yé* thing]

**beré** *v.i.* sing alone in a pensive, reminiscent way, or to encourage someone in wrestling:  
**Erí bèrè kí bèreyémèé** He is singing in an emotional way.

**béremu** *v.i.* lie face upward, supine

**beremusá** (=birémùkàsà) *n.* deep floating net

**beréú** *v.i.* sing a dirge [same as **beré**?]

**berí** *n.* **A.** ear; **berí kùrò** be hard of hearing;  
**Beri naaghá fìjì kì ukúla-owei baamì** It is not hearing the danger that killed the lame man; **Fánù tụabò bèrì ghò fánù tụagha** Someone who builds fences cannot fence round the ears (an exhortation to listen well); **B.** simple leaf (contrast **pomú**); **C.** handle (of basket, but not of pot, cup, etc.); **D.** barb (of harpoon)

**beribaá** *n.* plantain. Its parts are: **beriba apó** false stem; **beriba apùrà** pericarp; **beriba arù** bract; **beriba bení** sap; **beriba birí** clump; false stem; **beriba bọlọ** crown of leaves; **beriba egbé** inflorescence; **beriba fuún** lamina; leaf blade; **beriba gbasá** single fruit; **beriba gbasá sààn** distal end of fruit; **beriba gbasá tìbì** proximal end of fruit; **beriba imbíyou** flower stalk used ritually; **beriba iffì** vascular bundle, used in the old days as thread for sewing and as fishing-line for shrimps; **beriba ìkòlì** fruit stalk; **beriba ìlá** aborted ovule; **beriba ìmọlọ** unexpanded leaf; **beriba itáu** sucker; **beriba iyángì** aborted fruit; **beriba kọmú** rachis or peduncle; **beriba oróun** flower stalk; unbranched stem; **beriba óu** (=beriba ói) latex; **beriba pomú** leaf; **beriba pomu fúròu** upper side of leaf; **beriba pomu kónù** lower side of leaf; **beriba poú** fruit-bunch; hand of plantain; **beriba saán** bottom, youngest part of bunch; **beriba tìbì** oldest end of bunch; **beriba tìjìn** bunch; infructescence; **beriba ukúkà** sheath; **beriba umbú** youngest part of inflorescence, bearing male flowers; **beriba ungbóu** petiole plus midrib; **apálì beriba** two fused fruits; **otí beriba** abnormally large finger of plantain

**beriba-ìgbá** *n.* woody herb used as medicine for the foot and stomach; children use the seed-pods as earrings (*Asystasia gangetica* (Linn.) T. Anders. ACANTHACEAE) [‘plantain-creeper’] (=obiri-owei =okúro) [Do these 3 names refer to the same plant?]

**beriberí** *id.* fat; plump; corpulent

**beridọṣ** *n.* ear-ache; pain in the ear

**beri-ezé** *n.* ear-drum

**beri-iffì** *n.* ear-wax

**berisoṣnléi** (=berisoṣnlọyè) *n.* goosegrass, grass used in cleaning the ear (*Eleusine indica* (Linn.) Gaertn. GRAMINEAE) [*berí* + *sọṣnlọ* poke + *yé* thing] (=angólo)

**beritekeléi** (=beritekeléyè) *n.* earring [*berí* + *tékele* hang + *yé* thing] (=beritayé)

**beritūayé** *n.* earring [*berí +túá put +yé thing*] (=beritekeléi)

**bériya** *v.t.* welcome joyfully: **Áràú bọ̀dẹ̀j nì, ọ̀rọ̀ a bériyajmì** When she came, they welcomed her joyfully.

**béruu** *id.* dirty and covered in dust, due to disuse (like an old car) (>**bérūū**)

**besenaín** *v.i.* turn away disdainfully

**bẹ̀bẹ̀** (=bíbẹ̀) *a.* different; **bẹ̀bẹ̀ tọ̀rú bẹ̀bẹ̀ tọ̀rú** of various kinds: **Beni biribí bẹ̀bẹ̀ tọ̀rú bẹ̀bẹ̀ tọ̀rú ùwọ̀yama kọ̀ọ̀ kímì zuọ̀yemi** Bathing cures a person in different ways.

**bẹ̀bẹ̀bẹ̀bẹ̀** *id.* different: **Bìdẹ̀mọ̀ sẹ̀ bẹ̀bẹ̀bẹ̀ kì emi** The cloths are of different kinds.

**bẹ̀bẹ̀** *id.* different

**bẹ̀dẹ̀bẹ̀dẹ̀** *id.* calmly; gently; without fuss: **ù mọ̀mọ̀ bẹ̀dẹ̀bẹ̀dẹ̀ mọ̀ mìẹ̀** Treat him gently.

**bẹ̀dẹ̀** [1] *id.* gently; calmly: **Bẹ̀dẹ̀ tímí nì egberí pòì** Listen to the story calmly: **Bẹ̀dẹ̀ kí àkì indíí kọ̀rì** Hold the fish gently.

**bẹ̀ẹ̀<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* say, order, command

**bẹ̀ẹ̀<sup>2</sup>** *quant.* some

**bẹ̀ẹ̀** *n.pl.* bleating of a goat or sheep

**bẹ̀ẹ̀lì<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* test whether a deceased person was free from witchcraft while alive

**bẹ̀ẹ̀lì<sup>2</sup>** *n.* language: **Iẓon bẹ̀ẹ̀lì** Iẓon language

**bẹ̀ẹ̀lìí** [5] *v.i.* (of eye) change colour from normal to abnormal, as in someone about to die; turn red (as from inflammation or bathing too long in the river); turn eyeball in order to get rid of a foreign body

**bẹ̀jìn<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** cross; **bẹ̀jìn yọ̀wẹ̀j** paddle (with extra force) across (river): **Bẹ̀jìn yọ̀wẹ̀j!** Pull harder to cross the river!; **B.** (*fig.*) complete, do successfully; pass (exam); cross a boundary or border; violate a rule

[any difference in meaning **sába** and **bẹ̀jìn?**]

**bẹ̀jìn<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* fall into a trap

**bẹ̀jìn<sup>3</sup>** *v.i.* die; pass away; pass on: **A kpọ̀ fì angá bẹ̀jìndọ̀** She too has passed on.

**bẹ̀jìnmọ̀<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.t.* **A.** cause to cross, *esp.* of canoe; **áru bẹ̀jìnmọ̀** take canoe across river; **B.** place an obstruction across; **C.** poison

magically by placing “medicine” across someone’s path which will affect him if he crosses it [discuss: causative or directional?]

**bẹ̀jìnmọ̀<sup>2</sup>** [3] *n.* opposite bank

**bẹ̀lẹ̀** *n.* pot, *i.e.* three-legged metal cooking-pot, as opposed to clay water-pot (which is **ungú, kúu, or búu**); **bẹ̀lẹ̀ puu** begin to cook separately (of people who were previously eating together); **alalá bẹ̀lẹ̀** aluminium pot; **ugu bẹ̀lẹ̀** iron pot (*general*); **ikóli tũa bẹ̀lẹ̀** iron pot with (three) legs; **ogbobẹ̀lẹ̀** large pot for big numbers; **ogbúdu bẹ̀lẹ̀** age group or communal cooking (by boys or men), especially when the mothers and wives have gone to bush or to bed. The food and other ingredients or the money are usually provided by the men. Sizes of pot include: **lìjì-tuò-bẹ̀lẹ̀** > **ogbobẹ̀lẹ̀** > **ọ̀kpurubiyáí** > **ọ̀pìrìsìkì** > **kẹ̀nge**. *A beautiful type, obsolete since the 1930s, is sankpúrukèkpurubé.* [OAE **sankpúrukè** or **kpuruké**]

**bẹ̀lẹ̀mọ̀** (=bẹ̀lẹ̀mọ̀) *v.t.* start and warm up, *e.g.* music or **ikóso** game

**bẹ̀lẹ̀tuu** *n.* bottom of pot; food remaining at bottom of pot; **déin bẹ̀lẹ̀** hush-hush dish with selected fishes prepared in the night by fishermen when they return from fishing, and eaten with the inmates of the house. [‘pot-bottom’]

**bẹ̀nìjì** [5] *v.p.* gather together

**bẹ̀nìmẹ̀jìn** *v.i.* be gathered or come together

**bẹ̀nìmọ̀** *v.dir.* gather together; heap or brush the firewood towards the centre of burning fire to encourage more burning

**bẹ̀rẹ̀<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* marry a wife under the big bride-price system of marriage

**bẹ̀rẹ̀<sup>2</sup>** *n.* “case”; misunderstanding; big problem: **Bẹ̀rẹ̀ ò!** What a problem!

**bẹ̀rẹ̀-ere** *n.* wife married under the big bride-price system; “big dowry wife”

**bẹ̀rẹ̀ sìgimọ̀** unless: **Ì dísegha kpọ̀, arí mị̀ngghìmi – Wóyenghi bẹ̀rẹ̀ sìgimọ̀** Even if you don’t like it, I’ll do it – unless God (prevents me).

**béřetọbọ** *n.* child born of a big bride-price marriage  
**béří** *v.t.* open very wide  
**béřimó** *v.cs.* widen  
**béřu** *id.* dirty and dusty, as cloth (<**béřuu**)  
**béřeríbéřerí** *id.* everlasting; for ever and ever:  
**Béí òkpọbị tími bẹřeríbẹřerí kì langhími**  
 This world will never come to an end.  
**bẹřù** *id.* smooth; level  
**beyó** [4] *n.* a floating mass of grass, waterweeds and foam flowing down with the current (*rarely used, except in connection with divination*)  
**-bi** *see -bị*  
**biémì** *adv.* now  
**bigí** *v.t.* twist, bend, towards the wrong side;  
**bára gbasà bigi** twist the finger  
**bíí** *v.t.* **A.** request; **bịbị bíi** ask question; **sọonlọ bíi** extract by careful questioning; **B.** ask (question); **C.** consult oracle or deity, *usu.* **yé bíi**; **yébioweí** diviner; soothsayer; **D.** ask after; greet  
**biibịbị** *n.* question  
**bíín** *v.a.* be many, plentiful; **yé bíín** (of things) be many; **kịmị bíín** (of people) be many  
**biyé** *n.* request  
**bilabilá** *id.* describes freshly growing leaves  
**bilé** **A.** *v.t.* dive, *usu.* **beni bilé**; **B.** *v.i.* sink, drown, *usu.* **bilé fàá**; **C.** *v.i.* be flooded; **yọ bilé** (of place) be flooded  
**bilemó** *v.dir.* dive towards [tone difference between this and next?]  
**bilemọ** *v.cs.* make sink; flood  
**biné<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* play (bugle, flute, etc.) (*cf.* **fáři**)  
**biné<sup>2</sup>** *v.i., v.t.* beat (of heart); (*fig.*) beat (someone)  
**binmọ** *v.cs.* make many, plentiful  
**bíou** *see bíyou* mind; courage; will-power  
**biógbò** *v.loc.* trouble (someone); be troublesome: **Kịmị ìne ghọ biógbò kụmọ**  
 Let no one trouble me.  
**birémùkàsà** (=beremusá= brúmkasà) *n.*  
 deep floating net; seine (net); ; **birémùkàsà kọn** fish with seine net

**bíri<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* wash (oneself); bathe, *usu.* **beni bíri**  
**bíri<sup>2</sup>** [3] *v.t.* be circumcized; **beni bíri** be circumcized; **bíri erè** newly circumcized woman; *n.* circumcision; **bíri warị** the house in which the circumcized woman and her followers stay; **bíri warị dumaama** songs of rites of passage; **bíri warị erewọqama** girls attending the circumcized woman  
**bíri<sup>3</sup>** *n.* ward or quarter (of town); compound (*cf.* **wáři**)  
**bíri<sup>4</sup>** *n.* **A.** belly; **bíri baan** be terribly annoyed; be vexed; **B.** trunk (of tree); stem; **tịn biri** trunk of tree  
**bíri** [5] *n.* middle; **tọrụ biri** middle of river  
**bíri<sup>6</sup>** *n.* value; price; cost [Does this need to be expanded? *Cf.* its use in **ukúbiri** weight, **tónbiri** dimension, etc.]  
**bíri<sup>7</sup>** *n.* degree; gravity  
**bíri<sup>8</sup>** *n.* period  
**bíribaj** *n.* third day of traditional four-day week ['middle day']  
**Bíribaj** *n.* female personal name  
**bíribẹjín** *n.* part of animal carcass between forequarters and hindquarters, after removal of guts  
**biribirí** *id.* silently (shedding tears)  
**biríí** [5] *v.p.* dress  
**bíri-igba** *n.* half, middle  
**bírimọ<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* bathe (someone)  
**bírimọ<sup>2</sup>** *v.cs.* circumcize  
**bírimọ<sup>3</sup>** *v.cs.* dress someone for a special occasion: **A bírimọ** Dress her up.  
**bíritemesuo** *n.* collective spirit of a ward, quarter, expressed in its formal praise-title [**bíri<sup>3</sup>** + **tẹmesuo** collective spirit]  
**bisèi** (*shortened form of bįsá yè*) that thing  
**Bíseni** *n.* **Bíseni ibe** in Northern Iẓon. Its towns are (from north to south) **Túburụ**, **Akpédè**, **Egbébìri**, **Tẹjín** (headquarters), and **Kálama**. Its **ibe tẹmesúò** is **Síyaa Biseni**. Its **ibe orú** (deity) is **Ibázọ**; **Bíseni pọon** **Bíseni** dialect  
**bísou** *n.* mooring-post, *usu.* **pọu bisou**  
**biyaí<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.t.* hold discussion, meeting

**biyaí²** [5] *n.* meeting (= **mítìni**)  
**bíyou¹** *n.* **A.** inland; hinterland; **B.** Isoko;  
**Bíyoukìmi** Isoko person (*not derogatory in Iṣọ̀n usage, but felt to be such by Isoko people*)  
**bíyou²** (= **bíou**) *n.* mind; courage; will-power  
**bíyoubeni** *n.* a form of deliberate trance, sometimes carried to the point of suicide, in which one intentionally seals the body orifices and stops oneself from breathing (mostly practised by women); **bíyoubeni tua** commit suicide by this method  
**bì¹** (**bi** after wide vowels) shortened form of **seribi** ‘(the time) when’, **túubi** ‘the reason (that)’, etc.  
**-bì²** (**-bi** after wide vowels) *def.* the (*masculine singular*) (*Note: does not double vowel after class 1 word*): **tòbòubí** the boy; **kímìbì** the man, person; **burubí** the yam  
**bíá** *v.i.* **A.** be or become ripe or mature; ripen, as of banana, plantain, pawpaw; hence, **B.** (*fig.*) come to a head; break out; erupt (as war)  
**bíangà** (= **béi angà**) this way; this side  
**bíayé** *n.* leprosy  
**bíbe** *see* **bébe**  
**bíbetìbì** *adv.* all alone; sole; solitary; with no companion (= **kúmòtìbì**)  
**bìbì¹** *n.* **A.** mouth; entrance; edge; **bìbì bari** recant; **bìbì danghaimo** pout; **bìbì dei** deny what has been said before; **bìbì dì** talk in a forward way (of a younger person, not showing respect to a senior one); **bìbì inderi/indori** fail to speak out what one has in mind; **bìbì ima** compress the lips; **bìbì imbelemo** eat something as appetizer; **bìbì polo** smack the lips; **bìbì sunmo** pout; make wry mouth; protrude lips as a sign of displeasure; **bìbì tọ̀n** discuss; decide; **bìbì tutu** kiss; **bára mo bìbì mo sùu** eat [‘hand and mouth fight’]; eating; **ingo bìbì** entrance of lobster-pot; **ogidi bìbì** edge of matchet; **B.** speech; word; **bìbì bọ̀mo** interpret; **bìbì olomo** distort someone’s statement; **bìbì pele** make vow before God

or deity; **bìbì sèi** make pungent remarks, using sarcastic or caustic words; **bìbì tìbì** main point of topic or statement; **bìbì tọ̀n** discuss; decide; **bìbì wajimo** retort; **ere bìbì** speech; **C.** case (in court); **bìbì gba** give statement in court; **bìbì pele** give judgement (*contrast lába (general), embracing ugúla (smallest), bìbì (smaller), bére (larger)*)

**bìbì²** *n.* (usu. **dín bìbì**) a portion of grass, strip or line followed directly by a person during manual labour

**bìbì-apura** *n.* lip

**Bìbìbari** *n.* female personal name [‘recant’?]

**bìbìbolou** *n.* inside of mouth

**bìbìbọ̀mo-owe** *n.* (male) interpreter [‘speech-make pass-man’?]

**bìbìdì** *a.* talkative, garrulous

**bìbì-dun-ogou** *n.* a smaller axe used in hollowing out wooden mortars and plates (= **agáù**) [literal meaning?]

**bìbì-ekpere** *n.* great talker

**bìbìfìghá** *a.* not keeping mute over affairs, always directing by talking out [‘mouth does not die’?]

**bìbì-finigha-ègbe** taciturn person[?]

**bìbìforo** *n.* curtain; cloth for screening windows, doors and bed [literal meaning?]

**bìbìgbawari** *n.* court(house) (*cf.* **kòtì**)

**bìbì-inderi** (= **bìbì-indori**) *a.* hesitant or reticent in speech; failing to speak out what one has in mind

**bìbì-imbélé** *a.* full of fine words, flowery [‘mouth-sweet’]

**bìbì-imbẹ̀lemo** *n.* culinary and medicinal herb, used to restore appetite and in pregnancy (*Scoparia dulcis* Linn. SCROPHULARIACEAE) [‘mouth-sweetener’]

**Bìbìkálá** *n.* male personal name, esp. of a hero-warrior of Igbedi [**Bìbì kì àlá** ‘Mouth is king’]

**bìbìkònbóló** *n.* fish (*Marcusenius* spp.) (= **fébele**)

**bìbì-ozari** *n.* someone who talks knowledgeably [‘speech-champion’]

**bìbìpẹ̀lẹ̀bọ** *n.* judge [‘case-end-er’]  
**bìbìpẹ̀lẹ̀wei** *n.* (male) judge  
**bìbìpẹ̀lẹ̀erein** *n.* judgement day  
**bìbìsara** *a.* quick at speech  
**bìbìsèì** *n.* thrush; disease of children marked by fungus growth in the mouth and throat [‘mouth-bad’]  
**bìbìye** *n.* tooth (*euphemism to avoid mentioning aká in relation to babies, as this might prevent them developing*) [‘mouth-thing’]  
**bìdẹ** *n.* cloth; **bìdẹ derí** spin, weave cloth; **bìdẹ gbéin** sew cloth; **ogọ bìdẹ** silk cloth; **ogonogbanabìdẹ** the upper wrapper tied on top of the other around the waist of a woman; **Tọ̀n wẹ̀rì bìdẹ èkpéti ghọ sọgha** The expected cloth does not enter the box (*i.e.* something anticipated did not materialize)  
**bìdẹbará** *n.* narrow piece of Kano cloth used by women to support the weight of children when tied at the back; a similar type is also used by male elders as muffler, but placed over the shoulder  
**bìdẹfiennmó** *n.* “wrapper” of three or four yards of **ínzìrì** or **abadá** cloth sewn together and worn with “jumper”  
**bìdẹgbeyé** *n.* sewing-machine [‘cloth-sewer’]  
**bìdẹkuotá** *n.* one and a half yards of cloth (=kuotà) [‘cloth-quarter’]  
**bìdẹlọsì** *n.* one yard of cloth [‘cloth-headtie’]  
**bìdẹpálì** *n.* creeper (*Triumfetta cordifolia* A. Rich. TILIACEAE) (=igbákọ̀rì) [check if these 2 names refer to the same plant] [‘cloth-sticker’]  
**bìdẹpálì** *n.* herb whose seeds stick to one’s clothes; medicinal herb (*Cyathula prostrata* (Linn.) Blume AMARANTHACEAE) [Is this the same as **tọ̀bọ̀-gbala-túo?**] (=obóri-kọ̀rìgha) [Kaiama 27.07.02]  
**bìdẹtìẹ** *n.* small fish (probably *Leuciscus phoxinus* or *Phoxinus laevis*) [‘cloth-stander’]

**bìyèn<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* defecate; shit: **Bìyèn ì dìsẹ̀yémì** I feel like defecating.  
**bìyèn<sup>2</sup>** *n.* buttocks  
[Is there not also **bìyèn** faeces; excreta; shit?]  
**bìyèn<sup>3</sup>** *n.* something invoked, sworn on, or vowed in the name of the gods; **bìyèn barì** recant or revoke an oath; **bìyèn fì** take an oath; **bìyèn tìn** invoke a curse on; **bìyèn tọ̀lọ̀mọ** make restitution to stop the effect of a curse (by guilty party)  
**bìyèndiri** *n.* purgative [‘shit-medicine’]  
**bìyèndon** *n.* diarrhoea [‘shit-sickness’]  
**bìyèn-opoolo** *n.* anus [‘shit-hole’]  
**bìyèn-paarajì** *n.* one of the buttocks  
**bìyèn-uke** *n.* space between anus and private parts [‘shit ?’]  
**bìyènwari<sup>1</sup>** *n.* latrine; toilet [‘shit-house’]  
**bìyènwari<sup>2</sup>** *n.* (*fig.*) the two buttocks taken together  
**bìyì** *v.t.* ask (someone to do something) (*cannot be used without object*): **ọ̀ bìyì fìní pù** Ask him to split the firewood.  
**bìlá** *n.* elephant: **Ì bìlà tọ̀n kí tọ̀yémàáá?** Are you cooking elephant’s penis? (which is supposed to be very tough; said when people are tired of waiting for food)  
**bìlaberì** [5] *n.* herb (*Brillantaisia owariensis* P. Beauv. ACANTHACEAE) [‘elephant’s-ears’]  
**bìlafùà** *n.* kind of tsetsefly  
**bìlákòró<sup>1</sup>** *n.f.* an imaginary female person taking part in a game  
**bìlákòró<sup>2</sup>** *n.* necklace made with black thread, worn mostly by men  
**bìlatudúò** *n.* large biting fly that attacks man and animals [‘elephant-follower’]  
**bìmẹ̀ín kọ̀** *conj.* because  
**bìmẹ̀ín nì** *conj.* because  
**bìná** *n.* relation, relative (excluding those in direct line of descent): **bìnaowéì** male relative; “brother”; **bìnaaráu** female relative; “sister”  
**bìna baá** *v.p.* cut milk teeth (=tọ̀rọ̀ bẹ̀in)  
**bìna bará** *n.* members of the same family; relatives of the same family: **Bìna bará**

**bẹ̀nì** Let all the members of the family assemble.

**Bìnadeighá** *n.* male [?also female] personal name [‘brother-change-not’, *i.e.* one cannot change one’s brother]

**bìna-ebí** *n.* brotherly kindness; hence, **Bìnaebí** (personal name)

**bìnaí** [5] *v.i.* become reconciled after a period of enmity

**bìnaleṣemóyè** *n.pl.* developing breasts of a girl at the age of puberty [or false breasts?]: **Béi tọ̀bọ̀uma bìnaleṣemóyèmọ̀ páayemi** This girl is developing breasts.

**bìyọ̀** (=béi yọ̀ ghọ̀) here; this spot

**bìsá** [4] *dem.* that **bìsá àraụ̀** that girl, woman; **bìsá bọ̀** that person; **bìsá kìmì** that person; **bìsá òwei** that boy, man (= **anì, eni**; contrast **béi**)

**bìsà** (*shortened from* **béi bìsà**) just of late; recently; a short while ago; not long ago; just now

**bìyaín** [5] *v.recip.* meet in anger: **Ọ̀rọ̀ maá kìmìmọ̀ bìyaínmì** The two of them met in anger.

**bìyán** *v.t., v.recip.* meet in anger: **Arí mu ni ù bìyanmì** I went to meet him in anger; attack (each other): **Ọ̀rọ̀ maá kìmìmọ̀ bó bìyanmì** The two of them attacked each other. [or **bìyaínmì**?]

**bìyọ̀** (*shortened from* **béi yọ̀**) here; this spot

**bìyọ̀** *v.loc.* board (canoe, boat); mount (bicycle, animal); enter (vehicle): **arụ̀ ghọ̀ bìyọ̀** board a canoe

**bó** *v.loc.* come; **bó laa** arrive; reach; **bó paa** come to pass

**bóbomọ̀** *v.t.* pat; stroke tenderly with the hand: **Erí àrá konu bóbomọ̀mì** He stroked her back.

(**bodi**) *see under ifiàn*

**bodiribódiri** *id.* very wrinkled (>**bọ̀diribọ̀diri**)

**bodirî** *id.* wrinkled

**bódù** *n.* herb with broad leaves

**bódù** (=béi dụ̀) this other (side)

**bói** *n.* bird, white egret (*Egretta garzetta, E. alba, E. intermedia, Bubulcus ibis* ARDEIDAE): **Bói bo pẹ̀rẹ̀ sọ̀ ́ába, bói bọ̀ghá nì, asa ọ̀kú kọ̀ (tími nì) otútù gbọ̀luyémi** When Egret was (asked) to become king, he refused, and is pecking shrimps at the steep side of the river.

**bókitì** *n.* bucket (= **benizuuyé, otúwò**) [*<English bucket*]

**bolí** *v.t.* harvest partially (as cocoyam) ( *cf.* **gbíín** for yam)

**bólou** *n.* inside; heart; mind; **bólou dọ̀** be calm, sober; **bólou dọ̀mọ̀ye** comfort; consolation; **bólou èbíí** be kind-hearted; **bólou finì** rehearse; **bólou fùrụ̀** be angry, annoyed; **bólou ìmbelẹ̀** be happy; **bólou ìmbelẹ̀mọ̀** gladden; rejoice the heart; **bólou kọ̀ọ̀n** be angry, annoyed; **bólou kùrọ̀** be brave; **bólou oweitọ̀bọ̀ye** hernia; **bólou sèí** be wicked; **alalá bọ̀lou** inside of pan; **bou bolóu** inside the bush; **tọ̀bọ̀ bolóu** child’s mind

**bólousẹ̀** *n. (tech.)* volume (=vọ̀lumu)

**bólou-ìmbelẹ̀** *n.* happiness

**bólou-ìngbì** *n.* kidney

**Bólounimigha** *n.* personal name [‘(The) mind (of others) is not known’]

**bólousẹ̀** *n. (tech.)* capacity

**bolumọ̀** *v.t.* cover, seal, up; **toún bolumọ̀** keep something back secretly

**bóluu** *id.* chubby; plump

**bómu** *n.* fish-weir; **bómu tị̀mọ̀** fish with **bómu**: **Bómu nanabọ̀ kị̀ bomu tị̀bị̀ tųamị̀** It is the owner of the bomu that sets the first line of it (in weaving).

**boroboró** *v.i.* come to dusk: **Eréin bo bọ̀robroyemì** It is getting dusk: *n.* dusk

**bóru** *n.* durable brown “cane-rope” (*Eremospatha ?macrocarpa* (Mann and Wendl.) Wendl.); **inima ború** stunted type, growing near lakes and ponds, used to tie buckets when bailing fish ponds and lakes (*E. ?hookeri* (Mann and Wendl.) Wendl.) (< **ụ̀kpá** < (often) **apíe**)



**boruu** *id.* plump; fat ; full rounded (of people)

**boú** *n.* **A.** “bush”; forest; **bou bọ́** get lost in forest; **bou ekírímèki** deep in the forest, far from the river; **bou finí** declare the resumption of palm-cutting, rattan-cutting, or **ẹgbẹṅẹ** collecting (*cf.* **tọrụ finí**); **boú, i terí** bush, cover me (said by someone who puts a leaf in the mouth and wishes not to be seen); **bou kọ́n** fish; search for fish; (*gen.*) look for one’s living in the bush; **bou kpotú** surround a portion of bush, cut the grass around, and kill the animals that run out (especially in the flood); **bou mó bòlí** cover up; hush up; **boú sèí** be unlucky (as in hunting, fishing, or top-playing); **bou subó** act as assistant to master by taking care of catch of fish or animals caught, or tops in a game; **bou sùọ** go to “bush”; **bou téín/wẹnị** hunt; **bou terí** close the bush from cutting palm nuts or cane ropes for a period (*cf.* **tọrụ terí**); **B.** area very rich in a particular forest product (*e.g.* palms, firewood): **apíe bou** area rich in **apíe** cane-ropes

**boú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* what has been collected or won during a game of tops, *i.e.* **ikóso**

**boú** *v.t.* drink; dry up; absorb: **beni boú** drink water: **Kírìbì bènì bòudọ́** The ground has absorbed the water: **Bìdẹbị ùruú bòu ni akídọ** The cloth has absorbed the wine.

**bou-aká** *n.* Swamp Arum, a plant resembling maize (*Cyrtosperma senegalense* (Schott) Engl. ARACEAE) [‘bush-maize’]

**boubeké-òdu** *n.* plant with a tuber, used for sacrifice to dead (*Anchomanes difformis* (Bl.) Engl. (*prob.*) ARACEAE) [‘bush European cocoyam’]

**boubìdẹ** *n.* moss (*Pilotrichella communis*) [‘bush-cloth’]

**boudogú** *n.* tree (*Erythrina* sp. LEGUMINOSAE-PAPILIONIOIDEAE)

**bou-ẹdẹin** *n.* sedge with sharp sword-like leaves (*Scleria* spp. CYPERACEAE and *Rhynchospora corymbosa* (Linn.) Britt. CYPERACEAE) [‘bush-knife’]

**bóu fubou** *v.p.* fold the arms across the chest, as when one is morose or feverish

**bou-ivín** *n.* edible fruit of **akparakítíyaji** (*Trachyphrynium braunianum* (K.Schum.) Bak. MARANTACEAE), found *esp.* in flooded lands [‘bush-kernel’]

**bou-obírimà** *n.* pod of shrub used for dyeing (*Euphorbia hirta* Linn. EUPHORBIACEAE)

**boukiri-ólògbo** *n.* medicinal herb (*Sparganophorus sparganophora* (Linn.) C.Jeffrey COMPOSITAE-VERNONIEAE) [bush-bitterleaf] (= **kírì-kùromọ-ní-ì-kọrì**)

[check current name JL]

**boukọ́n** *n.* snake which lives in lakes and fishponds, and feeds on fish

**bóumọ** *v.cs.* make drink: **Beni ní ù boumọ** Make him drink water.

**bounínisèimọ** *n.* snakehead fish (*Parachanna africana* Steindacher CHANNIDAE) (*cf.* **iyóro**)

**bou-óbòri** *n.* Water Chevrotain (*Hyemoschus aquaticus* TRAGULIDAE) [‘bush-goat’]

**bou-ogbóin** *n.* “bush mango” (*Irvingia gabonensis* Baill. IXONANTHACEAE)

**bou-ọdọgùma<sup>1</sup>** *n.* bird, any wild duck (family ANATIDAE), including the White-faced Whistling Duck (*Dendrocygna viduata*) and Hartlaub’s Duck (*Pteronetta hartlaubi*) [**boú** + **ọdọgùmaá** duck]

**bou-ọdọgùma<sup>2</sup>** *n.* medicinal herb (*Heliotropium indicum* Linn. BORAGINACEAE) [**boú** + **ọdọgùmaá** duck]

**bou-ogbólò** *n.* large dark-brown type of **ogbólò**, from forest areas, paid for like **afílà**

**bou-ogúgọu** *n.* plant (*Tristemma hirtum* P. Beauv. MELASTOMATACEAE) [‘bush-berry (of shrimp)’]

**bou-ọkjà** *n.* bird, the Giant Kingfisher (*Megaceryle maxima* ALCEDINIDAE)

**boupulóu** *n.* tree (*Harungana madagascariensis* Lam. ex Poir. GUTTIFERAE) [‘bush-(palm)oil’, named from the red latex]

**bousúú** *n.* fight in the bush, which traditionally has to be separated not with hands, but with sticks

**boutebí** *n.* part of “bush” nearest to town [literally?]  
**bóutèrí** *n.* feast; party [literally?]  
**boutorú** *n.* inland waterway; a river or waterway in disuse which passes through the bush [*‘bush-river’*]  
**boutuú** *n.* **A.** old plantain, cassava or cocoyam farm; **B.** (*fig.*) secrecy [*‘bush-end’*]  
**boutuún** *n.* an impromptu hat, improvised hastily with plantain leaves while in the bush for shelter against rain [*‘bush-hat’*]  
**boutuún** rain-hat made of two layers of woven fronds, between which dried plantain leaves, or nowadays plastic, are fitted; **bouwení** *v.p.* hunt [*‘bush-walk’*]  
**bouyabási** *n.* medicinal plant, used as purgative [*‘bush-onion’*] (*Scadoxus* sp. AMARYLLIDACEAE)  
**boweí** *n.* “flood”; season when river overflows into “bush” (roughly August to October); **boweí birí** (*lit.* ‘middle of boweí’) October [NOTE: if the period is Aug -Oct, the middle ought to be Sept]  
**boyá** [4] *n.* bamboo-palm (*Raphia vinifera* P.Beauv. PALMAE), from which thatch is made  
**(bọ)** *n.m.f.* person; **bịsá bọ** that person; **anị bọ** that person; **burugborobọ** planter of yam; **kenị bọ** someone; **ubọ** any person, that person  
**bọbịyọbọbịyọ** *id.* not firm in gripping things (of limbs)  
**bọdị** *v.i.* shrink, shrivel (as of plants, plantain, etc.): **Wáribọọ timi odumọ bó bọdị fàdọ** The cocoyams that were in the house have shrivelled up.  
**bọdịribọdị** *id.* very wrinkled (<**bodiribodiri**)  
**bọdọbọdọ** *id.* not loud; less audible; gently (of talk)  
**bọlẹ** *v.t.* lend; borrow  
**bọlẹye** *n.* loan [*‘borrowed thing’*]  
**bọlọ** *n.* soft-wooded tree used for canoes (*Mammea africana* Sab. GUTTIFERAE)  
**bọlọbọlọ** *id.* gay; colourful; attractive

**bọlọ**<sup>1</sup> *n.* **A.** front; first place: **Erí bọlọ bọdọ** He has gone in front; **bọlọ dii** look forward or ahead; **bọlọ kọrị** lead the way; **B.** tip; **aká bọlọ** tip of maize-cob  
**Bọlọ**<sup>2</sup> *n.* male personal name [*‘first’*]  
**Bọlọ Ayaama** *n.* name of the first ward in Opokumá from the north  
**bọlọbọlọ** *id.* ? always first or in front; **bọlọbọlọ ifie** in ancient times; **bọlọbọlọ mịemọ** continuous action, development, or improvement [verb or noun?]  
**bọlọbọlọye** *n.* novelty; innovation  
**Bọlọebi** *n.* personal name [*‘first good’*]  
**Bọlọere** *n.* female personal name [*‘first woman’*, usually given to first of twin girls]  
**Bọlọkịmị** *n.* male personal name [*‘first person’*]  
**bọlọkọrị-oweí** *n.* (male) leader [*‘first-take-man’*]  
**bọlọ-mọ-tuu-mọ** *n.* (*tech.*) terminals  
**bọ** (=bụ) *v.t.* agree  
**bọ**<sup>1</sup> (=bụ) *v.t.* **A.** pass; **B.** be too much, very much  
**bọ**<sup>2</sup> (=bụ) *v.t.* **A.** miss; make mistake over; **eré bọ** forget someone’s name; **kịmị bọ** forget someone’s face; **B.** be dislocated; **bụtoru bọ** (of ankle) be dislocated  
**bọ**<sup>3</sup> (=bụ) *v.recip.* match; be equated: **Osi ikpai mọ náma aka mọ bọmị** The little snail and the elephant’s tusk are equated.  
**bọ**<sup>4</sup> (=bụ) *n.* door; entrance (= **ogúga**)  
**-bọ, -bọ** *shortened form of -bị ghọ, -bị ghọ*  
**bọmọ** *v.cs.* **A.** cause, allow, to pass: **ị bọmọ** let me pass; allow or permit me: **Páni bọmọ bó** Pass me the plate; **B.** forgive: **ị bọmọ** forgive me: **Ye iné mịe seibọ ị bọmọdọ** I have forgiven you for your misdeed; **C.** interpret, *usu.* **bịbị bọmọ: Ari kị wò bịbị bọmọmị** I interpreted for him.  
**bọmọye** *n.* forgiveness  
**bọyá**<sup>1</sup> [5] *v.recip.* be equal, equivalent to, equated in value: **Tọru mọ tọru mọ bọyáidọ wèé** An eye is equal to an eye.

**bọyayáí**<sup>2</sup> [5] *v.recip.* **A.** miss each other:  
**Ọmìní bọyayáíḍo** They have missed each other; **B.** contradict each other, be opposed (as in giving evidence)  
**bọrọbọrọ**<sup>1</sup> *id.* warm; tepid  
**bọrọbọrọ**<sup>2</sup> *id.* calmly; softly  
**bọyú**<sup>1</sup> *v.a.* be soft, weak, easy, kind, cheap;  
**bọy saí** be generous, benevolent; **bọy tuá** be kind, generous; **túbo bọy** be cheap (in price): **Indimọ tubo bọy** The fish are cheap.  
**bọy**<sup>2</sup> *v.a.* be low, swampy  
**bọy**<sup>3</sup> *n.* fish sp.  
**bọy mọ** *v.cs.* soften; control one's anger; calm or cool down  
**bọy n** *v.t.* roof (house), *usu.* **wárij bọy n**  
**bọy n** *n.* honey (= **tábèí=tábaye**)  
**bọwẹí** [5] *v.i.* and *v.aux.* be very much, too much; surpass: **Iné sọy dọy bọwẹíḍo** The way you look for fights is too much.  
**brúmkasà** *see* **birémùkasà** seine (net)  
**búa** *v.t.* lease or hire land for farming (= **ingí**)  
**buború** *n.* late afternoon and early evening (roughly 4-7 p.m.); "evening"  
**búbu** *v.i.* eat happily; feast  
**búle** *v.t.* roll someone over [or **búule**, roll objects which are not round, including human beings (*contrast* **múule** *v.t.* roll a round object, such as a log, on ground)]  
**búlee** *id.* big: **Fíḍẹj bílabí búlee koro tímimèé** The dead elephant was enormous as it lay.  
**bunebuné** *id.* woolly (*e.g.* cotton wool)  
**buní** [4] (= **bunú**) *n.* fig tree (*Ficus* spp. MORACEAE)  
**búnì** (= **búnù**) *n.* grey hair  
**bunú, búnù** *see* **buní, búnì**  
**búnìbunì** (= **búnùbunù**) *id.* full of grey hair  
**buntìbì** *n.* region below the abdomen where the pubic hair grows [**buún+tìbì**]  
**burezeé** *id.* (of person) sleepy and dull; drowsy (> **burezeé**)  
**burú**<sup>1</sup> (= **buruú**) *n.* yam; **buru abá** *n.* yam rack; **buru arú mò tọrọ fa** both mother and child dying in the initial stage of delivery;

**buru isábà** small yam tubers which grow out of the main yam, or from the remaining portion of the yam; **ẹbẹbúrù** cassava (*lit.* 'Aboh yam'); **iyọrọbúrù** water-yam;  
**owéibúrù** white long yam  
**burú**<sup>2</sup> *n.* yolk of egg  
**buruduí** [4] (= **buruduwí**) *n.* tree used for chewing-sticks (*Smeathmannia pubescens* Soland. ex. R. Br. PASSIFLORACEAE)  
**buru-ìkpúrù** *n.* yam seedling (= **ùkpúrù**)  
**burukubúrùku** (= **burukubúruku**) *id.* dim; cloudy; not clear (of atmosphere)  
**buruú** *see* **burú**<sup>1</sup>  
**búsou** *see* **bísou**  
**bútuwei** *n.* (*shortened from* **bú ghọ tuá ye** = something put on the body) clothing worn on the upper part of the body (*e.g.* shirt, blouse)  
**búu**<sup>1</sup> be mature, fully grown (of women, plants): **Baumaá buudo** The girl is mature.  
**búu**<sup>2</sup> *n.* pitcher (*arch.*): **Arí buu wààà?** Am I a pitcher (to only drink water and not eat food)? (= **ungú = kúu**)  
**buún** *n.* private part  
**búuruu** *id.* dirty and dusty (> **búururu**)  
**búuruuburuu** *id.* very dirty and dusty (> **búururubúururu**)  
**buuú** *id.* crumbly  
**bubá**<sup>1</sup> *v.i.* be healed (as of wound)  
**bubá**<sup>2</sup> *v.i.* **A.** be ready, mature (*e.g.* as wine-palm for tapping); **B.** be done (of food); **C.** be mature in mind, understanding; be well-behaved  
**bubaí** [5] *n.* yesterday  
**búfì** *v.i.* be accustomed to: **Arí ùkurejín timi ni bo ọngọ ghọ búfìḍo** I have been squatting until it has become my habit.  
**bugizìbugizì** *id.* unsteady in motion; tottery; doddering  
**bugọ** *n.* monkey (*general term*)  
**bukẹbukẹ** *id.* timid; afraid of taking action  
**bulojìjì** *v.loc.* be in abundance, boundless, without limit  
**buloú** *n.* anger; temper; **buloú seí** become angry; lose one's temper

**bùmọ̀jùn** *n.* “bamboo”; midrib of palm frond  
**bùmọ̀jùn** *n.* sandbank; **bùmọ̀jùn warị** house built (very quickly) on a sandbank: **I bùmọ̀jùn warị bara kị kòrìyémì** You are building so quickly (as if on a sandbank).  
**bùmọ̀jùnfịjị** *n.* firewood collected on sandbank; driftwood [‘sandbank firewood’]  
**bùmọ̀jùn-ìtaítàì** *n.* bird, the Grey Pratincole (*Glareola cinerea* GLAREOLIDAE), found on sandbanks  
**Bùmọ̀jùndì<sup>1</sup>** *n.* a town in **Ekpétìama ibe** in Northern Iẓon  
**Bùmọ̀jùndì<sup>2</sup>** *n.* Bomadi, a town in **Mein ibe** in Delta State  
**bunẹ̀bunẹ̀** *n.* describes curly hair (similar to European hair)  
**bùnụ** [3] *v.i.* sleep; *v.acc.* sleep with; have coition, sexual intercourse with  
**bùnụmọ** *v.cs.* lay down (child); lay flat (carton, etc.)  
**bùnụ-òbuna** *n.* sleeping-mat: **Bùnụ-òbuna ebíí** The marriage is blessed with children. [**bùnụ** + **òbuna** mat]  
**bùọ** *see* **bọ**  
**bùọ<sup>1</sup>** *n.* **A.** foot; leg; hind leg of animal; **bùọ asaba** **A.** step over someone’s legs; **B.** have sex with a woman between **toun duú** and the final **dúú**; **bùọ fie** run helter-skelter; run in a disorderly manner, as when there is an accident; **Amábị bùọ fiedọw wèé** The town is in commotion, pandemonium; **bùọ mọ kiri mọ batein** dumbfounded; flabbergasted; **bùọ saramọ** move faster than normal; **bùọ sèrí** suffer from cramp or muscle pain (as athletes); **Bùọ sèibọ́, bùọ fịna** Anyone with a bad foot, bandage it; **B.** step, as in dance; **bùọ tụa** join in a dance for a few steps; **sèibụọ** dance-step; **C.** (*tech.*) foot (in measurement); **fini bùọ ovuru** stride; **kála bùọ ovuru** pace  
**bùọ<sup>2</sup>** *see* **bọ**  
**bùọ-asaba** *n.* small boy who acts as husband to a widow  
**bùọbọlọ** *n.* tip of toe  
**bùọgbanaye** *n.* footstool

**bùọgbasa** *n.* toe  
**bùọgenrein** *n.* back of the ankle; (*anat.*) Achilles tendon  
**bùọ-imemein** *n.* toenail  
**bùọ-isenlei** *n.* space between toes  
**bùọ-itita** *n.* underpart of heel; (*anat.*) calcaneal bulge  
**bùọ-ìkọlị** *n.* ankle bone  
**bùọkọlọ** *n.* part of leg between fleshy part of calf and ankle  
**bùọkubu** *n.* sole of foot [**bùọ kúbu** width]  
**bùọkụọye** *n.* foot-mat  
**bùọpala** *n.* top of foot  
**bùọtịbị** *n.* big toe  
**bùọtoun** *n.* heel  
**bùọtoru** *n.* ankle-joint  
**bùọyainmọ** *n.* inside, back, of knee; (*anat.*) popliteal fossa  
**bùra** *n.* silver catfish (*Clarotes laticeps* Rüppel BAGRIDAE); **bùra ekpe** juvenile silver catfish: **Itúli kpọ kẹnị bùrà wẹrimị** Ituli kept a **bùra**-fish (and did not live to eat it): **Itúli wẹrị bùra, ị kpọ wẹrịnghààà?** Are you going to keep the **bùra**-fish that Ituli kept?  
**bùrafuru** *n.* aromatic herb (*lit.* ‘smell of catfish’) (*Basilicum polystachion* (Linn.) Moench LABIATAE)  
**bùran** *v.t.* slap lightly  
**bùráùn** *id.* flattened (of grass such as **imbẹ̀bẹ̀lẹ̀**)  
**bùrẹ̀zẹ̀é** *id.* of someone weak and walking slowly and quietly [Should this be combined with next word?]  
**bùrẹ̀zẹ̀é** *id.* (of person) sleepy and dull; drowsy (>**burezeé**)  
**bùrọ** *n.* fireplace; hearth; **bùrọ fọun** wood ash; **bùrọ tịbị dụ** part of hearth where fire is lighted  
**bùrú** *v.a.* be rotten; decay; decompose  
**bùrụ** *v.t.* prophesy; **bùrụ sụọ** consult a diviner [also noun?]  
**bùrụbou** *n.* native medicineman’s shrine; **bùrụ bou sụọ** **A.** go to “bush” to collect herbs; **B.** go to another town to practise

one's trade (of medicineman) [recheck this meaning]; **C.** go to another town to employ medicineman to make "medicine" for oneself; consult oracle [“medicineman's "bush""]

**bùrùere** prophetess; female fetish doctor

**bùrùkìmjì** prophet; fetish doctor: **Bùrùkìmjì tòn ẹ̀rìgha** The prophet does not see what is at his back (said of a completely unexpected event).

**bùrùowei** male prophet, fetish doctor

**bùrùmọ́** *v.cs.* ferment by soaking in water

**bùrùn** [4] *n.* tree used for carving canoe seats (*Vitex grandifolia* Gürke VERBENACEAE)

**bùrùnfùrùn** *n.* shrub or tree (*Rauvolfia vomitoria* Afzel. APOCYNACEAE)

**bùú** *n.* yam heap

**bùu-kịẹ̀n** *n.* bird, Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla flava* MOTACILLIDAE) [**bùú** + **kịẹ̀n** count] [check]

**bùú<sup>1</sup>** *n.* fishpond; **bùú saị** bail fishpond; **bùú sou** dig fishpond

**bùú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* body; self; **bùú a kịmjì tìn=bùú ọ̀ngọ́ akị kịmjì tìn** be proud, haughty, obstinate; **bùúbara** personal; one's own; **bùú ịsaịn** be selective; be hygienic; **bùútụa ẹ̀bii** look fresh; become fat; **bùútụa sẹ̀i** be emaciated; become lean

**bùú<sup>3</sup>** *n.* (usu. **eré bùú**) inside of vagina

**bùú-aka** *n.* edge of fishpond

**bùúbeni** *n.* fish-pond water

**bùúrụu** *id.* dirty and dusty (<**búuruu**)

**bùúrụubùúrụu** *id.* very dirty and dusty (>**búuruubuuruu**)

**bùúsoꝛoꝛu** *n.* source of fishpond

**bùútiri** *n.* catchment area which supplies fishpond with fish

**bùúzee** *v.i.* be ashamed of oneself: **Áràú furu ni bùúzeemi** She is ashamed because she stole.

**bùzẹ̀** *id.* looking sickly, inactive, drowsy, wretched

## D

**-dá (-tá)** *conj.* and: **Múda bo** Go and come back.

**dáa<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** lead; **bọ̀lọ̀u d̀àa** take the lead; **B.** dance as leader at stern or bows of war-canoe or dance-canoe (in motion); **ukuréd̀àa** steer (a big ceremonial canoe); **ukuré/ukulọ̀u d̀àa kịmjì** person dancing at the stern/bows; **C.** govern; rule; **amá daa** rule town

**dáa<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* push; pluck (some plantain "fingers") by pushing them down with stick, *usu.*

**beriba daá**

**dáa<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* push off; shove off; **Árụ d̀àa páamọ́** Push out the canoe.

**dáa<sup>4</sup>** *v.t.* bolster up; prop; support

**dáa** [5] *v.t.* **A.** move or "pull" against (*e.g.* current, waves, tide); **omọ̀un daá yọ̀u** "pull" against current; **B.** face, defy wind or rain; **osuo daá** defy rain

**dáa<sup>5</sup>** *v.t.* challenge one's authority; oppose

**dáa<sup>7</sup>** *v.t.* point to, at: **Iné bara nì ị daa kịmọ́** Do not point your finger at me.

**dáa<sup>8</sup>** *v.t.* and *v.loc.* angle; fish with rod; **bára dei d̀àa** angle; **dáaye** fishing-rod (*cf.* **déi**)

**dáa<sup>9</sup>** [tone class 2 or 3?] *v.t.* imitate; copy closely; take as model; **kịmjì daa** imitate someone

**dáa<sup>10</sup>** *v.t.* test; sound (depth of water); **dáa d̀i** test and see; **dáadiyẹ̀** test; examination

**dáa<sup>11</sup>** *v.t.* expand, widen (canoe with sticks while softened by fire) *usu.* **árụ daa**

**dáa<sup>12</sup>** *v.t.* accept; receive; welcome; **yé daa nì akị** accept, receive, something

**-dáaba (=dá aba)** if; on such a condition

**daádà** *see* **dádà**

**dáadi** *v.t.* taste

**dáadirì** *n.* medicine or charm used in testing or finding out

**dáamọ́<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* push out (canoe); **árụ dàamọ́ páamọ́** **A.** push out the canoe; **B.** (*fig.*) offer; present to; give; bestow

**dáamọ́<sup>2</sup>** *v.dir.* bolster up; support

**daán** *v.t.* place foot on; tread on; trample on; massage with feet; **lìj daàn** crush palm nuts with the feet; **Arì sèiyé dàanmì** I trod on a snake.

**dáani** *n.* ceremonial lineage in Kolokuma, all of which participate in the **yéngi dje** ceremony; they are: **Búrùdani, Egbèdani, Abádàni, Isedàni, Oloṣudani, Osúmadani, Opoṣidani (Opoṣidàni)**, and the two which are lost and unrepresented: **Ofoṣidani** and **Egbébiridani**.

**daayaí** [5] *v.acc.* be opposed to; be in competition (with): **Erí ù mómó dàayaímí** He is opposed to him; **Ominí dàayaíyemi** They are competing with each other. [aa or a?]

**dába** *n.* low-lying marshy land; swamp; **dába beni** swamp water; **dába ọ̀tọ̀kọ** hard clay soil

**dába-biri-igoligo** *n.* A. thorny creeping plant used for yam stakes (*Cuviera subuliflora* Benth. (*prob.*) RUBIACEAE); B. (*fig.*) used abusively to call someone ugly

**dába-iyeri** *n.* weight loss in babies, as a result of disease or malnutrition

**dabajáábaj** *id.* A. bloody; blood-covered; wet with blood; B. (*fig.*) used abusively to call someone ugly

**dába-oru** *n.* rich deity; places sacred to a deity from which treasure is extracted, *e.g.* palm, fish, etc.

**dábdàb(dáb)** *id.* freshly cut and oozing

**dábou** *n.* kolanut; **dábou tìj** kolanut tree (*Cola acuminata* (P.Beav.) Schott & Endl. and *C. nitida* (Vent.) Schott & Endl. STERCULIACEAE); **dábou warì bein** a courteous way of saying that one is unable to offer entertainment in the form of drink at that particular moment, but that any moment it becomes possible, it will be provided; **gboro mọ bein mọ dàbou** kolanut tree that yields fruits immediately after it has been planted; (*fig.*) a quick reward

**dádà (=daádà)** *n.* father; daddy; papa

**dáj** *v.t.* A. weave into a bigger thread by intertwining smaller strands; **beriba ifiṣṣi daj** weave plantain fibres; **edé dàj** weave screwpine; **flàádì daj** weave raffia; **kọ̀rọ̀ daj** weave raffia; **urúrufa daj** weave cotton; B. plait

**dáludàlù** *id.* walking in a stumbling way on slippery ground

**dáma** *n.* abuse; **dáma sin kìmì weri** abuse someone unreservedly and personally

**dáma duo** *v.p.* work in exchange for foodstuff (usually with food included) for an agreed period (only by women who are lazy and have no farm of their own)

**dándu** *id.* swollen (of whole body of human, animal, or big fish) and approaching a state of decomposition

**dánghajin** [3] *v.a.* be long, tall; **dánghajin arù** long canoe; **dánghajin kìmì** tall man

**dánghèin** *n.* snake (= **wónii** = **seiyeé** = **tanií**)

**dá nì akí** *v.p.* accept; receive

**dári<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* A. boil (of water, liquid): **Bení darìdọ** The water has boiled; B. (*fig.*) boil in spirit; be angry, infuriated: **Wo bolóu darimì** His heart boiled in anger; C. talk aloud in fury: **Erí bolou kòndèj nì, dáriyemèé** He is angry and talking loudly; D. sound loudly and melodiously

**dári<sup>2</sup>** *a.* handsome; beautiful (*appreciative*); **dári arau** beautiful woman; **dári owei** handsome man

**dárij** *n.* appreciative greeting for a man

**Dárikoro** *n.* name of a shrine [‘boil (and) overflow’]

**dáriṃọ<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* (cause to) boil: **Bení mịẹ dáriṃọ** Make the water boil.

**dáriṃọ<sup>2</sup>** *v.cs.* cause to sound melodiously; beat (*cf. fári<sup>2</sup>*): **Mènj ezemọ dáriṃọ** Now beat the drums melodiously.

**dáriṃọ<sup>3</sup>** *v.dir.* scold in fury: **Áràù tòbọ̀ù dáriṃọmì** She scolded the child in fury.

**dáriṃọ<sup>4</sup>** *v.cs.* talk in a loud, overbearing voice (often with **ẹ̀rẹ̀ẹ̀**): **ù maní wò okóló darimoyémò** See how he is talking in a loud, overbearing voice!

**dasá** *v.t.* stretch; widen: **Ọmìní àgbunú**

**dàsáyemí** They are stretching the **agbunú**-fishnet; **dasa kaí** stretch and nail (as in crucifixion)

**dasaí** [5] *v.p.* be stretched wide apart

**dásì** *v.t.* present gift to someone [*< Pidgin dash*] [also noun?]

**daú** *n.* **A.** father; father's brother; senior and respected man; **daú-otú** fathers; elders (in the sense of age and experience); **B.** male employer (of cook or steward) **Wo daú suonímí** His employer is on overseas leave.

**daú-amá** *n.* fatherland; native country

**daú-angá** *n.* father's side; male side of family

**dauboyé** *n.* bride-price or -wealth due to the father when a daughter gets married; the father's share of the bride-wealth ['father-person's thing']

**daú-eríghà** *a.* posthumous; **daú eríghà tóbou** posthumous child ['father-see-not']

**Daufíí** *n.* female personal name ['father's food']

**Daupkíkpi** *n.* law-breaker (*believed to be a man who, having promulgated a law, was himself the first to break it*); **Daupkíkpi tụa oloko** law which is not observed by the maker (*cf. Samí tụa òloko*)

**daubópùloufúrù** *n.* tilapia species (*Tilapia zillii* CICHLIDAE) ['father-person's-oil-stealer'] [Can **daubó** be a word by itself? We have **yenghibó** in.]

**Daudeighá** *n.* male [?also female] personal name ['father-change-not', *i.e.* one cannot change one's father]

**daú-fàá** *a.* fatherless

**Daunimighá** *n.* male personal name, usually for a posthumous son ['father-know-not']

**dawai** [5] *v.t.* learn; **Erí Iẓon dàwaiyemí** He is learning Iẓon.

**dawai<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* dream

**dawai<sup>2</sup>** *n.* dream; **dawai dụ** dreamland

**Débe** *n.* Nembe; **Débe kìmí** Nembe person

**débe-ogbóló** *n.* common "periwinkle" (*Tympanotonus fuscatus* Linn.)

**debudebú** *id.* round and fat; fresh and robust; plump (of persons or animals) (**>debudébú**)

**debuludébulu** *id.* of fine-looking stature (**>debuludébulu**)

**deé** *id.* circular and brightly coloured (as early morning sun): **Eréin sè dee kí èmi** The early day is bright.

**dée** [3] *v.a.* be proud (in a bad sense): **Béi tóbou dée kaamí** This boy is very haughty.

**deí<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** become; change into: **Dòun kí kórọ-ofoni dèiyemí** It is the grub that changes into the beetle; **B.** exchange for; trade by barter: **Arí ìne burubí àkì nì ará buru dèidó** I have traded my yam for hers: **Áràù ìndi yá bùru deimí** She exchanged fish for yams.

**deí<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* thread: **Áràù ará ìlamọ dèidó** She has threaded her beads.

**déi** (=dàaye) *n.* rod, hook and line; **déi-ìgba** fishing-line; **déipugou** rod (*usu.* of **kórọ**); **déi tụa** tie hook to thread; **déi-ugu** fish-hook; **báradei** rod, line and hook; **fungudei** snaphook; **gbéinmọdei** (=gbéinmọdei) cast-hook; **pígedei** bigger **kpokpóbàù** used in the river; **saradei** trawl-line; **téinmọdei** (=téinmọdei) floating snaphook

**déi-ìgba** *n.* fishing-line

**deîn** *id.* pitch-dark: **Wárí sè deîn ki emi** The house is pitch-dark.

**dein** *see denghí*

**déin** *n.* night; day (in counting time) [give example of this second use]: **Déin baiya, bíbì baimí** When day breaks, the mouth too breaks (*said as justification for an adult eating breakfast before the normal time*); **déin dụwejí dibi** give a bribe to the people judging a case in order to win it ['bury a corpse in the night']; **déin kii/tụa** set a date; **déin naa** wake very early at pre-arranged time; **déin wení** **A.** walk at night; **B.** cause havoc secretly (of witches); **sei deín** dark night

**déinbai** *n.* tomorrow; **déinbai bọmọbai** "next tomorrow"; the day after tomorrow; **déinbai deínbai** daily; every day

- déinbiri** *n.* midnight
- déin-erewou** *n.* spirits of the dead which are believed to be playing or working with people in the late hours of the day and at night
- deinmó** *v.t.* respond (to a speech); retort; reply: **Eri kí à deinmomi** He responded to her speech/talk.
- deinmó** *v.t.* pour out; empty: **bení deinmó** pour out the water
- déin-naa-ofoni** *n.* cock that crows early (about 2 a.m.); (*fig.*) person who wakes readily at any appointed time in the night [‘night-hearing-bird’]
- déinsinsin** [4] *n.* shrill sound heard in the night, believed to be produced by the eggs of a praying mantis
- déintuu** *n.* amount of light available on a moonless night: **Déintuu sèimò** It is a very dark night: **Déin tuu èbimí** It is fairly light tonight.
- déipugou** *n.* fishing-rod (*usu.* made of **koro**)
- déi-ugu** *n.* fish-hook
- déin-wenjarau** *n.f.* witch (*usu.* in *pl.*, **déin-weniotu**) (=póu)
- denghi** [5] (=dein) *inter.* which?: **denghi yò?** where? (*cf.* **te yò?**)
- deréin** (=denreín) *v.i.* descend gently from space, sky
- déri** *v.t.* weave: **ingo déri** weave lobster-pot
- desí** *v.i.* jump
- desi-ní-ùba-béin** *n.* small shrimp, probably *Desmocarís trispinosa*
- desipélé** *n.* cricket sp. (unlike **ikirikiri**, which is edible), which eats leaves of water-yam and other crops
- dèbè** [1] *n.* quiet; calm: **Wó Woyenghi bara gho dèbè kí biyémi** We are asking God for peace: **Léi dèbè timí** Just be calm.
- dèbudèbú** *id.* round and fat; fresh and robust; plump (of persons or animals) (<**debudebú**)
- dèbuludèbulu** *id.* of fine-looking stature (<**debuludèbulu**)
- dèdè** *n.* a moderate amount: **Dèdè fulóubò** **iginá tùa** Only put a moderate amount of pepper in the soup/Don’t put too much pepper in the soup: **Dèdèní ì díí** Don’t stare at me like that.
- dèdè kpó ...gha** (*used for exclamatory phrases*): **Bèi tórúama à, dèdè kpó zàu gha** What tiny eyes these are!: **Búọama òó, dèdè kpó dùba gha** What big feet these are!
- dèdémó** *adv.* moderately: **dèdémó èrè** Talk less.
- dè** *v.t.* set; put; arrange; place; **búu dè** arrange sticks in a fishpond; **gbanafiyé dè** set table
- dèfiye** *n.* table (=tébùlu) [*cf.* *Nembe dèfiwei* ‘table’]
- dèi** [tone class 2 or 3?] *v.t.* carry child on the hip, *usu.* **tòbòu dèi**; **dèi bunu** (of woman) copulate with a boy who is far below her age
- dèin** *see* **denghi**
- dèiin** *id.* intact; unimpaired; without being tampered with
- dèi sè** if (=dà aba)
- denghi** (=dengí=dèin) *v.t.* **A.** tire; be too much for: **Firi weni ì denghidó** I am tired of working; **B.** surpass: **Erí danghain ni a denghimí** He is taller than her/she: **Erí kuro ni ì denghimí** He surpasses me in strength.
- denghileléi** *n.* (*math.*) is-greater-than sign (>)
- denghimó**(=dengimó) *v.cs.* defeat; overcome: **Omíní sùubò ọ denghimómí** They defeated them in the battle.
- dèrì<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* laugh; *v.t.* laugh at; **mié dèrì** ridicule
- dèrì<sup>2</sup>** *n.* laughter; **téi mọ dèrì mọ** always with smiles
- dèrimó** *v.cs.* excite, arouse (laughter)
- dèsimàlì** *n.* (*math.*) decimal; **dèsimàlì ipesi** decimal place; **dèsimàlì lelei** decimal point; **dèsimàlì paarai** decimal fraction [< English **decimal**]
- dibalá** *v.t.* think of someone and rejoice: **A díbala kumọ** Don’t think of her and rejoice/Don’t be too proud of her.



**dibí<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** bury; **dibi sóú** bury and exhume corpse; **dúwẹ́ dibi** bury corpse; **B.** bake by burying in burning charcoal and ashes; **buru dibí** bake yam

**dibí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* (*usu.* **ede dibí**) short strong pillar of “ironwood” on which yam barn rests

**dibíí** [5] *v.p.* be muddy, swampy: **Boubí òbii mí** The bush is swampy. [Is this possible as well as the next word?]

**dibî** *id.* muddy; swampy: **Boubí dibî ki emi** The bush is swampy.

**dibimọ́** *v.cs.* cause to cover up; be covered: **Áràú òpólo dibimọ́mí** She covered up the hole.

**dié** *num.* fifteen (= **ói sọ̀nrọ̀n fìní**); **dia** [1] (qualifying form) **dia kìmí** fifteen people; **dia síí** 300, *i.e.* fifteen score

**digbaa** *id.* fall into water with a heavy sound: **Tínbí mu bènibòò digbaa kí kòromí** [tone?] The tree fell into the water with a heavy splash.

**digilaá** *id.* bulky (>**digilaá**)

**digiladígila** *id.* describes the movement of buttocks swaying (one up, one down) (>**digiladígila**)

**díí** *v.t.* look at; **díí dùbamọ́** respect, revere; **dii gbaá** assess and give judgement impartially; **díí gẹ̀** copy; crib; transcribe; **díí mị́** **A.** imitate; follow example of; **B.** consider; use one’s discretion; **dii muú** **A.** escort; lead out; **B.** safe journey!; **dii ní ẹ̀rẹ̀** scold; rebuke; reproach; upbraid; **dii ni ikpéte** pity; sympathize with; **dii ni iyérimọ́** look down on; snub; **dii ni uwóumọ́** esteem highly; **díí sèimọ́** despise; **díí sìmení** feel pity for; sympathize with; **dii tọ̀rú** appearance; **dii tọ̀rú sîn** overlook; **tọ̀rúdiye** glasses; spectacles

**díí<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.t.* put a taboo on; “forbid” (food): **Wó warí sẹ̀ abedi diimí** All the members of our family “forbid” (*i.e.* are forbidden to eat) the “iguana”; **díí fìyàì** taboo, forbidden, food; **díiye** forbidden act, thing

**díí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* rope from bush; a climbing plant; **díí tụa** commit suicide (by hanging); **pélegha**

**dii** medicinal creeper (*Friesodielsia gracilis* (Hook.f.) Van Steenis ANNONACEAE)

**díí<sup>3</sup>** *n.* black afara, a valuable tree used for canoe carving and planks (*Terminalia ivorensis* A. Chev. COMBRETACEAE)

**díí<sup>4</sup>** *n.* fishing-net; **díí koromọ́** set fishing-net in one place; **díí kọ̀n** fish with net from a canoe (*more general*); **díí tẹ̀jnmọ́** fish with net from a canoe (*for a smaller net*)

**díià** *excl.* please!

**diibọ́** *n.* caretaker

**diinaá** *n.* herb used for time-keeping (*Aneilema umbrosum* (Vahl) Kunth COMMELINACEAE) (?=**diinií**)

**diinií** *n.* herb (*Aneilema* sp. COMMELINACEAE) (?=**diinaá**)

**díí sẹ̀** *n.phr.* the whole group

**díiye** *n.* moon (= **akalú** = **fínyé** = **ọ̀gọ̀nẹ́** = **ọ̀gọ̀nọ̀yé** = **tọ̀niyéé**)

**díkodikọ** *id.* groping (of movement); (*fig.*) clumsy (>**díkodikọ**)

**dílà** *excl.* (expressing sympathy or apology) (*cf.* **káà**, **líkà**)

**díli** *n.* beam; scantling

**díokò** *n.* enmity; **díokò karí** be reconciled; **díokò kìmí** an enemy; **díokò sọ̀** be at enmity

**dipilî** *id.* short and fat; stocky

**dipiyaa** *see* **dupuwaa**

**díri** *n.* “medicine”; **díri guọ́** make “medicine” (for protection or destruction); **díri sin** extract poisonous “medicine” from body; **dáa díri** “medicine” used as a test; **ofóni sei díri** medicine believed to produce a very bad odour if applied to the body, usually applied by women to their “mates” so that they may be disliked by their husbands; **tíjín díri** any “medicine” that draws out thorns, etc., embedded in flesh

**dírighasa** *n.* medicinal wand, rod

**dirimaá** *v.a.* be black (= **kúlukulu**); **dirima ibé** black country; Africa; **dirima kìmí** black person

**dirima-ìkpírìbùìkpìbù** *n.* medicinal herb (*Commelina sp.* COMMELINACEAE) (*lit.* 'black *Commelina*')  
**dirima-ìwónrònron** *n.* shrub (*Psychotria psychotrioides* (DC.) Roberty RUBIACEAE)  
**dirimaowéi** kind of snake, perhaps viper or hoodless cobra  
**dísei (=díseye)** *n.* choice; one's choice  
**Dísei** *n.* personal name [?, *cf.* **Díseye**]  
**diseín<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* sneeze  
**diseín<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** put a pad, cushion, on (head or seat); **B.** line the bottom of a box with paper or cloth  
**disín** *id.* cool; peaceful  
**dísìn** *n.* tree used for canoe carving (of the same family as **ileé** and **ekpéla** EUPHORBIACEAE)  
**diyajin-díyajin** *id.* very wide (*e.g.* ocean, wide mouth); spacious, large (of building)  
**djá<sup>1</sup>** *v.ben.* show: **Iné funbi nì ì djá** Show me your book.  
**djá<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* make suffer: **Mọun yé nì ì diadó** Hunger has made me suffer greatly.  
**djá<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* sacrifice a live goat, sheep or fowl to a deity; **óru dja okoti** he-goat for immolation to the deity  
**dja** *v.t.* dry; sun: **Bìdẹmọ àkì nì uráú dja** Put the clothes out in the sun.  
**djaain** *id.* getting up in anger as a group in order to confront someone  
**djalíí** *id.* conspicuous; showy: **Erí djalíí kí tẹnimí** He is standing in a conspicuous place/way/manner.  
**djamejín** [5] *v.i.* portend something; be ominous: **Ọdúmọ kímí dii timi wẹnyá djamejínmí** When the python moves in someone's presence it is ominous for him.  
**djamejinyé** *n.* omen  
**djẹ** *v.i.* be stunted  
**dídìmọ (=dínimọ)** *v.t.* push  
**djẹ<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* share out; divide: **Indimọọ djẹ** Share out the fish.  
**djẹ<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* begin playing (*e.g.* tops): **Bóda wo ọgbólọ tein; ındaá arí kị bólorọ djẹnghími** Let's play tops; but you will play first.

**djẹ<sup>3</sup>** *n.* **A.** midway; midpoint: **Wó wẹnjí bo ní ùwọbọọ djẹ ladọ** We have gone halfway along the road; **B.** boundary  
**djẹí** [5] *v.recip.* pull apart: **Ọrọ maá kímimọ djẹíđọ** The two men have pulled apart.  
**djẹleleí** *n.* (*math.*) division sign (÷)  
**djẹmẹjín** [5] *v.dir.p.* **A.** be spread; be scattered all over: **Benibí yọ sẹ djẹmẹjín sìnđọọ** The water has spread everywhere; **B.** be parted: **Benibí djẹmẹjínmí** The water has gone in different directions.  
**djẹmọ** *v.dir.* share between, among: **Bẹlẹmọ djẹmọ nì ọ pírí** Share the pots between/among them.  
**djẹmọ** *n.* centre; midway; middle  
**djẹpíríyẹ** *n.* gift; donation; bestowal  
**Djẹpíríyẹ** *n.* personal name, esp. female  
**djẹtibí** *n.* lot; portion; share  
**djẹyaí** [4] *n.* lunar month in which the flood-water usually recedes (from late October to early November)  
**djẹbimọ** *id.* sober; describes someone short, stocky, and not speaking out  
**djẹgílaa** *id.* protruding *e.g.* buttock [*cf.* below]  
**djẹgílaá** *id.* bulky (<**djẹgílaá**) [different from preceding word?]  
**djẹgíladígíla** *id.* describes the movement of buttocks swaying (one up, one down) (<**djẹgíladígíla**)  
**djẹí** *v.aux.* know how to: **Arí òkí djẹmí** I know how to swim/I can swim.  
**djẹkaa** *id.* short and fairly slim, but not tiny, as of person  
**djẹkọdíkọ** *id.* groping (of movement); with dim sight; not seeing well; (*fig.*) clumsy (<**djẹkọdíkọ**)  
**djẹn** *v.t.* clear bush and grass from land (*e.g.* ready for farm) (*cf.* **dúnọ<sup>2</sup>**, **kpókpo<sup>2</sup>**); **kírí djẹn** clear bush (for farming); **túo djẹn** cut grass  
**djẹná** *n.* **A.** semen; urine (*distinguished as sán-djẹná* urine; **ziidjẹná** semen); **djẹna saán** urinate; **ebi djẹná** fertile semen; **B.** seed (as in Biblical use); stock; genes; **djẹná èbíí** have good genes; **djẹná sẹí** have bad genes: **Béí**

**kimìbì dìná èbi kaamèèé** This man's children have a good genetic inheritance.

**dínimọ** *see* **dídímọ** push

**dipilî** *id.* short and full of muscles

**díşẹ** *v.t.* be pleasing to: **Indíí ì díşẹmí** I like fish: **Bení ì díşeyémi**: I feel like drinking water; **díşẹ pẹlẹjì** lose interest in something because of a long wait

**díşẹmọ** *v.cs.* tantalize: **Áràú ìndibí nì ọ díşẹmọmí** She tantalized him with the sight of the fish.

**díşeye** *n.* desire

**Díşeye** *n.* female personal name

**dó** [4] *excl.* a general greeting; **ọ dó** (*plural form, often heard as a dó, as in Western Iẓon*)

**dó-àraụ** *n.* sister-in-law; brother's wife [in Comparative wordlist; is this correct]

**dodó** *int.* when; even; though: **dodó nì wó kpọ la miẹghá bì** when we ourselves are unable to do (it)

**dogudogú** *id.* describes a bass voice: **Wo okólòbì dogudogu kí èmi** He has a bass voice.

**doón** *id.* gazing, looking steadily

**dóon** *id.* straight; undisturbed; without obstacles

**doróú** *v.i.* shout

**doweí** *n.* tenpounder (*Elops lacerta* C. & V., *E. senegalensis* Regan ELOPIDAE), or *Phago loricatus* ICHTHYBORIDAE

**-dọ** (= **-dọụ**=**-tọụ**); *in middle of sentence (except before ába), it takes the form -dẹjì=-tẹjì* *t.m.* **A.** (*immediate past; perfect*); **Erí bodọ** He has come; **Yémọ sẹ faá sìnđẹjì nì, wónì múmì** When everything was finished, we went; **B.** (*habitual*) **Osuo korodọụ aba, erí ùya ikpétèdọụ wèé** Whenever rain falls, he is full of regret; **C.** (*future*) **I fùìn mọ, ye ì fámọdọ** If you dare, I'll beat you: **Wónì múnghidọ** We are just about to go. (*Note: The oldest forms are -tọụ and -tẹjì, now generally replaced by -dọụ and -dẹjì. In absolute final position -dọụ nowadays tends to be reduced to -dọ, but emphasizees and*

*other words which have more than one form take their form with w- after it, showing that the final -ụ is still present in such cases: Ọ mudọụ wèé* They have gone!)

**dọlọ** [4] *n.* a little; a short distance, time; **dọlọàma** a few; **dọlọ dọlọ** little by little: **Pulou dọlọ nì ì pìrì** Give me a little oil: **Dọlọ òmì nì i korú** Wait for me a while/a little.

**dọn-zuọ-wàrì** *n.* hospital

**dọdọ** *v.a.* be cool, calm, peaceful; **dọdọ beni** cool water; **dọdọ kìmì** calm person; **Wàrì sẹ dọdọ kì emi** The house is cool; **Tọrụ bo dọdọ kì paadọ** The river has become calm; **dọdọyọ** shady place

**dọdọdọ** *id.* cold; damp; **Bou bení sẹ dọdọdọ kì èmi** The water in the bush is very cold; **Ekpétibọdọ emi bídẹmọ dọdọdọ kì èmi** The clothes in the box are quite damp; **dọdọdọ beni** cold water

**dọdọn** **A.** *v.i.* be sick, ill; **Eréma dọnyemí** The woman is sick; **B.** *v.t.* hurt; grieve; anger; **Iyébi ù dọnmí** It hurt/grieved/angered him; *n.* sickness; pain; disease; (*fig.*) **bára bọu dọdọn** work hard, so as to have a serious impact on the environment: **Bára bọu dọdọn-ghá aba, yé fìghá èé** If you don't work, you won't eat.

**dọn-kìmí** *n.* sick person; patient: **dọn-kìmì kì burukìmì dọụ muyemi** It is the sick person who goes to see a native doctor.

**dọsì** *see* **dọsụ**

**dọsụ** (= **dọsì**) *v.t.* pour (out); spill: **Bení dọsụ** Pour out the water.

**dọsụmẹjìn** [5] *v.dir.p.* **A.** pour out over: **Puloubí ù dọsụmẹjìnmí** The palm oil poured out over him: **Orosòama ọ dọsụmẹjìnmí** Ants poured over him in large numbers; **B.** (*fig.*) shower (with gifts or blessings)

**dọsụmọ** *v.dir.* pour out upon; anoint with

**dọụ** *v.t.* need; want; look for; **eré dọụ** chase girls/women; **fìjì dọụ** collect firewood: **Erí ì dọyẹmì** He is looking for me: **Arí tọbọụ kì dọụmì** It is children I need/want; **Bóta**

**wo mu fìjì dọ́** Let us go and collect firewood; **dọ́ nì ẹ̀rì** discover; detect; find out

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**dọ́fíyẹ́** n. (tech.) [CHECK] agriculture; **dọ́fíyẹ́ tólumọ́bara** agricultural education

**dọ́n** n. grub living in wine-palm or young oil-palm tree when felled; **kọ́rọ́ dọ́n** grub from wine-palm; **ìtọ́bọ́jì dọ́n** grub from felled young oil-palm tree (general term including **loí, koló**)

**dọ́yẹ́<sup>1</sup>** n. desire [**dọ́+yẹ́**]

**Dọ́yẹ́<sup>2</sup>** n. personal name [**<dọ́yẹ́<sup>1</sup>**]

**dọ́yọ̀** id. describes a smooth, fine and pretty looking person

**dúdu** n. Red-legged Sun-squirrel (*Heliosciurus rufobrachium* SCIURIDAE (>**okpoí** > **kékùrù**))

**dúdumọ́** v.t. warm food on fire (yam, plantain, etc.): **Fíjaimọ́ dúdumọ́** Warm the food over the fire. (= **ọ́fírímọ́**)

**dugbeé** id. leave the tongue outside, or between the lips

**dúgbirigbiri duolo** excl. an endless problem with complicated issues

**dúi** (=dúye) n. chewing-stick; **dúi dụ** chew chewing-stick

**dulukpúù** id. corpulent, fat and at the same time dirty

**dúma<sup>1</sup>** n. hair (of head) (cf. **táma, iwìrì, búni**); **dúma duma** hairy; **dúma kpolu** tuft of hair; **atánìbolou duma** hair of armpit; **tìbì dumà** hair of head; **tọ́rọ́ dumà** eyelash; **tọ́rọ́ ẹ̀kẹ̀kẹ́ duma** hair of eyebrow

**dúma<sup>2</sup>** n. song; hymn; **dúma ogo** raise song (by vocalist) with variations, with the chorus coming in now and then, in traditional style; **dúma saraṣ** answer song; **dúma seri** raise song; **dúma sṣṣ** singing combat; **dúma tun** sing song

**dúma<sup>3</sup>** n. hole in swamp where fishes hide

**dumóún** n. fishing harpoon with one or two prongs; **dumoun gbéin** fish with **dumóún** (contrast **imbíoweí**, with one long prong, and **zózobaṣ**, with several prongs)

**dumuú** id. hot and uncomfortable (of body) and starting to perspire (source of heat from within, contrast **gburugburú**)

**dumuù** id. smelling; stinking

**duó** v.t. **A.** follow; **Ọmìní wò tuú dùomi** They followed him; **B.** go through, from: **Eri àmá dùo wénìmì** He walked through the town; **Béi ẹ̀gberibi ọ kírì kì dùo bómi** This word came from him; **duo paamọ́** expel: **Ọmìní ù duo páamọ́mì** They expelled him; **duo tolu ghọ** because of, for the sake of

**duopaabará** n. (tech.) citizenship; **duopaabará tólumọ́bara** citizenship education

**dupuwaa** (=dipiyaa) id. with a splash: **Eri dùpuyaa kí àkì benibọ̀ kóromi** He fell into the water with a splash.

**durokû** id. pitch dark; cannot be seen through; void of light

**dúru** v.i. grow oversize (of hair, grass): **Ará kiribi duruyemi** Her farm is getting overgrown with weeds; **Tọ́bọ́jì tìbì dúru bọ̀wẹ̀dọ́; mènì kpápu** The child's hair is getting very bushy; have it cut.

**dúruu** id. immense cloud of smoke in an ascending form (>**dúruṣ**)

**duú** *v.i.* escape (*usu.* by running); **baṣin dùú** escape by running

**dúú<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* mourn (husband), usually **yei dùú** (*cf.* **kúnṣu**, *general word for mourn*)

**dúú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* property left by a deceased person, shared after a minimum of one year; inheritance; legacy; **dúú diẹ** share such property; **dúú diẹ-ukuruzi** the three cannon-shots which formally summon the town to the public sharing of a man's property; **dúú fi** have a share of the property; inherit a dead man's wife: **Dúu fiḅọ duu gbaḷigha** He who inherited a widow did not feed her: **Dúu gbaḷiḅọ duu fiḅa** The one who fed a widow did not inherit her; **dúu wala** cannon shots fired the morning after the sharing of the **dúu**, to mark the end of the event; **amá sẹ̀ẹ̀ duu** legacy of a childless person, shared by the whole town; **eré duu** woman's legacy, shared by women only (in her husband's place if she is married, otherwise in her father's place); at the time of sharing, a sample of all crops will be brought by the family to be included in the sharing; **owéi duu** man's legacy, including first the private sharing of his wives (**toun duú**) and then after at least one year the final formal sharing in the presence of the whole town (**dúu diẹ**), who are summoned by three cannon-shots after due notice. At the **dúu diẹ** the wives are called one by one, from the most senior to the most junior, to confirm publicly their new husbands; each new husband is then also called on to confirm that he accepts her, after which he will buy a new necklace and other customary items. When the man and woman have agreed to marry each other, the woman will be asked: **Wo iné buḅomọ̀ àsabamaáà?** (Has he stepped across your legs, *i.e.* slept with you?). She must answer yes or no. If the answer is yes, the man is called on to confirm. If he confirms, he has committed adultery against the former husband and

pays a fine to the whole town. No question is asked about other man, and so no adultery damages are paid in such a case; **póu kiji duu** the legacy of a witch (male or female); when someone dies and is proved to be a witch, his/her **dúu** is shared within that week; **toun duú** allocation of widow(s) to son(s) or other male relatives of the deceased (apart from own son); **toun duu diẹ** allocate widow(s) to son(s) or male relatives (three months after the death for women of child-bearing age, six months for older ones). From the time of the husband's death to the main sharing of his **dúu**, no adultery damages can be claimed, even if she has been informally shared by the **toun duú**. She becomes the wife from the day of the main sharing, when she and the new husband confirm it publicly, and he buys a new necklace for her.

**dúu-ere** *n.* widow; **tibi kadeji dù-ere** woman who has been widowed more than once

**duún** *n.* showiness; ostentation; **duun dúun/duun tujá** show off (*e.g.* clothes, dancing)

**dúùn** *v.i.* be dusty: **Wárij sẹ̀ dúùn ki emi** The whole house is dusty.

**dúùn-yeama** *n.* dust

**duwá, duwé** *id.* describes sound produced while paddling when the paddle is inserted deep into the water, causing little noise on the surface, but the pulling is hard (*cf.* **vamúù**) [Is this correct? Brought in by cross-reference.]

**duweí** [5] *v.i.* get sprained, dislocated: **Wo bujọ̀ dùweimí** He has sprained his foot.

**duweiyó** *n.* dislocation

**duwení** [4] *n.* "long fathom" of cloth (= **opu kubú**)

(**dú**) *n.* part; place; side: **Eréma bogha nì, erí bìsá dù kọ̀ múnimí** As the woman did not come, he has gone to that area.

**dụa** *dem.* some: **Dụa kijiámá bodọ** Some people have come; **dụa seriyá** sometimes (= **dụa baiyá**)

**dúá** *v.t.* help; support: **I dóló nì ì dúanghì**  
Let me help you a little (said by X when he wants to help Y with the point he is making).

**dùbá** *v.a.* be big, fat, great (in rank, less common than **opuú**): **dùba burú** big yam; **dùbá dènghì** biggest, largest; **dùba dọ́n** obesity; excessive fatness; **dùba kìmí** big man; fat man; great man: **Béi dùba kìmí** This is a great man; **tìbì dùbá** be great in rank, position

**dùbamọ́** *v.cs.* enlarge; exaggerate: **Erí ègberí gbà dùbamọ́ kaamí** He exaggerated the story a lot.

**dùbùdùbù** *id.* impatient (of small people, esp. children, bursting to talk)

**dùdù-miẹ-béinyè-tuayemi-bara** *n. (bot.)* cross-pollination

**dùdùdù<sup>1</sup>** *part.* each other; one another; **dùdù mó** with each other: **Wó baratùà dùdù pìrì** Let us help each other/one another.

**dùdùdù** *id.* shabby; wretched; unattractive (*e.g.* of attire, clothing)

**dùgú** (=dùkú) *v.t.* “jam”; hit; butt against; **Erí ùgbélébi akì nì ì dùguméèè** He hit me with his walking-stick (contrast **dùú**, touch gently)

**dùguyaí** *v.recip.* clash; meet; be in opposition; butt against (*e.g.* rams, fowls) (=dùkuyaí)

**dùjì** *v.i.* meet someone on the way

**dùkèìnkèìn dùkèìn** *excl.* a slogan used by the talking drum and spectators when two rival forces meet in a duel or contest, usually in wrestling, and usually when there is a draw

**dùkú** (=dùgú) *v.t.* “jam”; hit; butt against; **Erí ùgbélébi akì nì ì dùkuméèè** He hit me with his walking-stick (contrast **dùú**, touch gently)

**dùkú-ìkoso** *n.* a game played with palm nuts

**dùkuyaí** (=dùguyaí) *v.recip.* clash; meet; be in opposition; butt against; lock horns (as rams)

**dùlùkpùù** *id.* dirty (clothes, people)

**dùmùù** *n.* upright ascending column of smoke

**dùnjì** [5] (=dùnuí) *v.acc.* quarrel with: **Erí à mọ́mọ dùnjimí** He quarrelled with her.

**dùrùù** *id.* immense cloud of smoke in an ascending form (<dúruu)

**dùnoyùn** *n.* fishing lake; **dùnoyùn imbi** fish on a lake; **dùnoyùn san** arm of lake; **dùnoyùn tìbì** main part of lake

**dùnu<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** pull out (as matchet from sheath, nail with pincers, feather from fowl, etc.); **ipíyọ́ùn dùnu** pluck single feather; **túru dùnu** pull out nail; **B.** uproot (grass, weeds) (by hand, as opposed to matchet): **Áràù tuomọ kpùn dùnumí** She uprooted the grass; **C.** pull, tug at (as fish in net or on hook): **Indíí ìgbòbọ̀ dùnuyemi** A fish is tugging at the cast-net.

**dùnu<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* weed (with matchet); **túo dùnu** weed (out) grass (*cf.* **dìn**, **kpókpo<sup>2</sup>**)

**dùnu<sup>3</sup>** *v.i.* cause trouble (of deity or dead person who is angry at failure to keep promise or obligation): **Dùweí/Óru dùnuyemi** The dead person/deity is causing trouble. *n.* misfortunes caused in such a way

**dùnu<sup>4</sup>** *v.t.* argue, usually **bìbì dùnu**

**dùnu<sup>5</sup>** [3] *v.i.* be convulsed, *i.e.* feel a violent muscular spasm; : **Tọ̀bọ̀ dùnuyemi** The child has convulsions.

**dùnuđọ́n** *n.* convulsions

**dùnuí** *see* **dùnjì**

**dùọ́** *n.* **A.** mound made with hoe; **dùọ́ gboró** make mounds for planting yams; **B.** yam farm (*cf.* **bùú**); **dùọ́ serí** stake growing yams and coil tendrils round; **dùọ́ sóú** harvest yams

**dùrùí** *v.i.* come to a standstill

**dùrùmọ́** *v.t.* join or place together parts of a broken solid object like plate, pot, etc.

**dùsì** *v.i.* paddle in a hasty, competitive way (mostly of women) when going fishing far away from home

**dùú** *v.t.* **A.** touch: **Wo bọ̀bọ̀ tìn dùumí** His foot touched the wood (*gentler than* **dùgú** =**dùkú**); **B.** butt; bump into with head: **Ará**

**tìbìbì tìn dùùmì** She bumped her head on the tree

**dùù** *n.* principal rafter

**dùù<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.t.* chew (*e.g.* chewing-stick, sugar-cane, “medicine”): **ukpun/ukpu dùù** chew sugar-cane

**dùù<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* light fire, *usu.* **fìni dùù**

**dùù<sup>3</sup>** [3] *v.i.* go upstream; paddle against the current; *n.* upstream (*cf.* **tùbùrù**): **Erí dùù kị dùùmì** He went upstream/north; **dùù àngà** northern side; **dùù benì** upstream; unfavourable current or tide; **dùù yọu** paddle upstream

**dùù<sup>4</sup>** *v.i.* end: **Egberí bìdò dùùdò** The story has ended (here).

**dùù<sup>5</sup>** [3] *n.* upstream (*cf.* **tùbùrù**): **Erí dùù kị dùùmì** He went upstream/north; **dùù àngà** northern side; **dùù benì** upstream; unfavourable current or tide; **dùù yọu** paddle upstream

**dùù<sup>6</sup>** *n.* end (*cf.* **túu**); **amá dùù**; end of town (northern or southern)

**dùù<sup>7</sup>** *n.* tale; fable; legend; story; **dùù gba** tell a tale, fable

**dùùmó** *v.t.* be next : **ù dùùmó tịẹ** Stand next to him.

**dùùmó<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* bring to an end

**dùùmó<sup>2</sup>** [3] *v.t.* support; prop up: **Béi tịn kị wári dùùmó tịẹmọ̀nìmí** It is this piece of wood that is propping up the house.

**dùùmó dùùmó** *adv.* one after the other; **dùùmó dùùmó tịẹ** stand one after the other

**dùùtịbìdùùtịbì** *n.* snake sp., the Calabar Ground Python (*Calabaria reinhardtii*)

**dùwáàn** *id.* appearing forcefully

**dùwẹi** *n.* corpse; dead body; dead person; **dùwẹjama** dead bodies; town of the corpses (ghosts) **A.** corpses; **B.** ghosts from the land of the dead; **C.** fable-land; **dùwẹi bẹlị** consult the spirit of the dead; **dùwẹi bii** consult the dead; **dùwẹi bou** burial-ground; cemetery; **dùwẹi dibi** bury corpse; **dùwẹi ekpeti** coffin; **dùwẹi fọkọ bou** swear by the ancestors; **dùwẹi fọun** transfer dead body (by charms) from one burial place

to another; **dùwẹi fùrù** smell like corpse; **dùwẹi gbeila** sing funeral dirges; **dùwẹi kari** worship the dead; **dùwẹi koru** keep wake; **dùwẹi ogugu** grave; **dùwẹi saa** money or drink paid to the ancestors for committing certain crimes against them; **dùwẹi sou** exhume; **dùwẹi sun** lie in state; **dùwẹi sùurù** wash a corpse; **dùwẹi tẹmẹ** honour the dead with the shooting of guns and with dances; **dùwẹi udubu** tomb

**dùwẹi-agụa** *see* **dùwẹi-iyau**

**dùwẹiberisọonlei** *n.* buffalo grass (*Paspalum conjugatum* Berg. GRAMINEAE) (*lit.* ‘dead-men’s berisọonlei’)

**dùwẹifila** *n.* cuckoo-spit (*lit.* ‘dead-men’s spittle’)

**dùwẹifurukana** *n.* herb (*Basilicum polystachion* (Linn.) Moench LABIATAE) spit (*lit.* ‘dead-men’s African curry-powder’)

**dùwẹi-ikpikpi** *n.* inedible eggplant (*Solanum americanum* Linn. SOLANACEAE) (*lit.* ‘dead-men’s eggplant’)

**dùwẹi-ịsusu** *n.* inedible but medicinal “garden-egg” (*Solanum dasyphyllum* Schum. and Thonn. SOLANACEAE) (*lit.* ‘dead-men’s eggplant’)

**dùwẹi-iyau** *n.* inedible herb, fruits used for feeding fowls at Government Agriculture farms (*Psophocarpus palustris* Desv. or *Calopogonium mucuncides* Desv.) LEGUMINOSAE-PAPILIONIOIDEAE) (*lit.* ‘dead-men’s yam-bean’) (= **dùwẹi-agụa** = **kẹnị-àngà**) [Do the 3 names refer to the same plant?]

**dùwẹi-opuru** *n.* discoloured species of shrimp [‘dead-men’s shrimp’]

**dùwẹi-ọvurun** *n.* large poisonous hairy spider; tarantula [‘dead-men’s spider’]

**dùwẹipan** *n.* loofah, used in making sponges (*Luffa cylindrica* (Linn.) M. J. Roem. CUCURBITACEAE) (= **lẹlẹpan**) [‘dead-men’s calabash-cup’]

**dùwẹitawain** *n.* plant with [inedible?] fruit [‘dead-men’s tawain’]

## E

**ebébuu** *a.* the whole; complete; **ebébuu warì sè** the whole family  
**ebéle** *n.* wide drum beaten with the two hands during masquerade or wrestling  
**ebereberé** *n.* astonishment: **Yeé ègberì nàábì, eberebere kí ì kòrìmì** When I heard the story, I was dumbfounded.  
**ebíí** *v.a.* be good, sufficient, fine, beautiful, handsome, holy: **Ebidoḡó** It is enough, sufficient: **Ebinimí** It is good, all right; **ebi bará** in a good way; properly; **ebi bení** good, clean water; good tide for fishing; **ebi bolóu** warm heart; good faith; **ebi doḡu** **A.** look for good (thing); **B.** use artificial aids to beauty; **ebi egberì** **A.** good news; **B.** gospel; **ebi eré** beautiful woman; good wife **ebi eréin** **A.** good, favourable day; **B.** bright weather; **ebi ifiè** good time; **ebi miè** do good; be kind, generous; **ebi otú** **A.** good people; **B.** saints; **ebi owéi** handsome man; **ebi undú** good life; good living; favourable circumstances; *n.* goodness; beauty; holiness; **ebi wení** good venture  
**ebi-bìbì-fìè** *a.* good-hearted; well-intentioned ; surrounded by a good aura  
**Ebieré** *n.* female personal name [‘beautiful woman’]  
**ebieré-tòmu-teighá** *n.* cocoyam [‘a beautiful woman does not go to the open place’]  
**Ebiíbòmó** *n.* personal name [‘Come with fortune’]  
**Ebiíseḡe** *n.* personal name [‘When you are better off, you are for all’]  
**Ebiízìimó** *n.* personal name [‘Born to fortune’]  
**Ebikíyè** *n.* male personal name [‘It is the good that is something’]  
**Ebikí-ìneí** *n.* personal name [‘It is the good that is mine’]  
**Ebikòḡbó** *n.* personal name [‘Come in a good way’]  
**Ebimiè** *n.* personal name [‘Do good’]

**Ebimḡboó** *n.* personal name [‘Come with fortune’]  
**ebimḡó** *v.cs.* make good, beautiful  
**Ebiní-ìmiè** *n.* personal name [‘Do good to me’]  
**ebiní-ì-pebughá** *n.* fish, the silversides (*Brycinus longipinnis* CHARACIDAE)  
**Ebiní-ìpìrì** *n.* personal name [‘Be good to me’]  
**Ebipaadó** *n.* personal name [‘Something good has come out’]  
**ebirí** *n.* gale; storm (*cf.* **kíma**)  
**Ebitemé** *n.* Holy Ghost, Holy Spirit  
**Ebitimí** *n.* personal name [‘good living’]  
**Ebiundú** *n.* personal name [‘good life’]  
**Ebiwení** *n.* male name [‘good venture’]  
**ebulú<sup>1</sup>** *n.* **A.** fleece, mane, round the neck of a ram; **B.** head-covering made from this, used by warriors  
**ebulú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* the flower of a certain grass  
**edé** *n.* screwpine (*Pandanus candelabrum* P. Beauv. PANDANACEAE), from which materials are got for weaving **agbunú**; **edé dàì** make thread out of screwpine ready for weaving  
**ededé** *see* **odedé** flower  
**edédegu** *n.* audience; **edédegu sè** the whole audience  
**edédegu** *n.* a large quantity: **Fíyaji ededegu ki ò mḡó akì bómi** They brought a large quantity of food; **edédegu sè** the whole audience  
**edelé** *n.* temporary canopy, traditionally of wooden posts supporting a covering of mats, erected in the open for a ceremony  
**edídi** *n.* sudden feeling of cold, accompanied by a rise in temperature, preceding a fever; (*medical*) rigor: **Edídi ì kòrìyémèè** I feel cold and shivery.  
**edidunú** *n.* muscle contraction  
**edíe (=odíi)** *n.* cage-trap for fish  
**ediedié** *n.* astonishment; perplexity; **ediedié kòrì** to be puzzled  
**edíí<sup>1</sup>** *n.* throbbing, usually taken as an omen (for good or bad); **ebi edí** good omen; **sei**



**edí** bad omen; **edi dụnú** (of throbbing) be felt: **Tọrụ ẹkẹkẹ edi inọọ dụnuyémi** I feel my eyebrow throbbing.

**edií<sup>2</sup>** *n.* patience; **edi pou** (=eti pou) be patient; **edi kpeké** be nervous [Can the head-word also be **etií?**]

**edií<sup>3</sup>** *n.* fish-trap; **edi pítẹ** set such a fish-trap [Is this different from **edíe** (=odíi) fishcage-trap?]

**edikpeké** (=edikpeké) *n.* palpitation

**edingbilaá** [1/4] (=edingbilaá = odingbilá = odingbilaá) *n.* ram

**eé** [4] (**yeé** after **i, i**; **weé** after **u, u**) *emph.* (adds emphasis to sentence): **Ọ bomèèè** They came!: **Serí yèè** Get up!: **Wó mu wèè** Let's go!

**èè** *excl.* oh! (exclamation of surprise, sometimes mixed with fear)

**èèè** *excl.* that's it! (response by audience to storyteller's exclamation **Egberí yòò!**)

**èèèè** *excl.* (exclamation showing disappointment or sorrow)

**efénù** *n.* a very light top (**ogbólò**)

**eférimefe** [4] *n.* **A.** large but light object; **B.** "medicine" believed to lessen the weight of loads when carried; **C.** (*fig., used attributively*) shallow-minded: **Árì eférimefe kìmì** You are a shallow-minded fellow.

**egbé<sup>1</sup>** *n.* freshwater swamp snail used as bait for fish; apple snail (*Pila sp(p).* and *Lanistes ovum*); **bìbì-finigha-ègbe** taciturn person[?]

**egbé<sup>2</sup>** *n.* opportunity to indulge in a favourite activity; **egbé fìnií** (of opportunity) be there: **Fìyaj egbe fìniídọ wèè** He is overeating (as usual); **Séj egbe fìniídọ** He is indulging in dancing (as usual); **Andá egbe fìniídọ wèè** He is wrestling at his best; **yóu egbe** indulging in one's habit of crying (of child)

**egbé<sup>3</sup>** *n.* container of fruit, foetus: **Beriba egbé dụnudọ** The plantain has developed its inflorescence (before the bracts open); **zii egbé** cervix: **Ará zii egbe fìniídọ** She is

now regularly giving birth (after a period of dormancy).

**egbé<sup>4</sup>** *see under pulou*

**egbébìjì** *n.* someone who doesn't speak out ['water-snail mouth' (always closed)]

**Égbebìri** *n.* town in Bíseni **ibe** of Northern Iẓon

**egbelé** [4] *n.* guffaw of laughter

**egbelegbélè** *n.* musical instrument made from horn of animal or from metal; bugle; trumpet; **egbelegbélè bine** blow horn

**egberí** *n.* word; news; story; history; **egberi gbaá** tell story; **egberi lulumó** exaggerate a story; **oru egbèrì** history: **Egberí dùba naá gba dẹnghiya, gbá ghọ paaghà** When a story surpasses telling, it is beyond words.

**Egbèrì** *n.* male personal name ['story'??]

**Egberibîn** *n.* male personal name ['story'??]

**Egberiké** *n.* male personal name ['the story'? (from West)]

**Egberimí** *n.* male personal name ['the story'? (from South)]

**Egberipóu** *n.* male personal name ['listen to a story'??]

**Egbésù** *n.* chief deity/deity of a clan, such as Kólokùmá, Opokumá Ègbesu, the Egbésù of Kólokùmá and Opokumá clans

**egegeí** *v.i.* talk in a distracted way, moving about from one person to another, lamenting the loss of someone very dear

**egelé** [4] *n.* moving dance accompanied by music; processional dance; **egelé gbà** dance in procession; **amá fìni egele** dance round the whole town by post-menopausal women to open the town the day before a festival; **omú egele** processional war dance

**egelegeé** *n.?* a word of exclamation

**egí** *n.* ganglion

**egidé** *n.* place; area

**egiri kèinkein** *v.p.* be careful (with a thing); be confident

**egúe** *n.* bird, possibly a red-breasted bush-shrike (LANIIDAE)

**egúgumọ** *v.t.* cheer person, group, or team during performance

**egúsi** *see* **agúsi**

**ehé** (=ehèè) *excl.* oho!

**ehèè** *see* **ehé**

**éiyà** *excl.* oh! (exclamation of fright or surprise)

**eké** *n.* tree producing a very light wood, used mostly for making drums and utensils

**ekeé** [5] *n.* rat; **wárij kpalì eke** domestic mouse; (*fig.*) thief; **eke tórù tụa/kíjón:** be watchful, alert, shrewd; **Béi tòbòbì eke tórù tụa wónì mí – kílibukilibu** This boy has a rat's eyes – crafty.

**ekéké** *n.* a style of shaving the hair (of boys) whereby the hair near the ears is merely shaved round with no trimming; **ekeke pèlè** shave in this way

**ekeleí** [5] *v.i.* go about without purpose or destination; wander: **Erí tórù duo nì ekeleiyemi** He is paddling about the river from town to town.

**ekére<sup>1</sup>** *n.* wooden slit-gong; “tomtom”

**ekére<sup>2</sup>** *n.* (*usu.* **ekére fulòy**) soup without okro, “bush mango” seeds, or “egusi”, usually thickened with **owéibùrú**

**ekéregù** *see* **ekérekù**

**ekérekù** (=ekéregù) *n.* water lettuce (*Pistia stratiotes* Linn. ARACEAE)

**eke-súoghà** *n.* a store made of mud above the fireplace, *usu.* for fish [‘rat does not enter’]

**eketé** *n.* roundish basket

**ekílekilè** *n.* stilt(s); **ekílekilè wenj** walk on stilts

**Ekine** *n.* name of the chief deity of **Búmọ** (Boma) **ibe**, whose seat is at Opuamá (formerly Séibiri) in Southern Iẓon

**ekiri-ekíri** *id.* to be in parts or groups; confusion

**ekirimékí** *n.* core, middle, heart of a thing; **bou ekirimèki** the heart of the forest

(**ekpe**) *see* under **búra**

**ekpé** *n.* chin; **ogonọ ekpé** area above chin; **kíri èkpe** area below chin; lower jaw of animals

**ekpébukpebù** *id.* describes one who cannot speak out where it is necessary to say something

**ekpébùmékpee** *id.* emptied; nothing

**Ekpéin** *n.* the name of the founder of Kaiama

**Ekpéinbiri** *n.* former name of the town of Kaiama, named after the founder, which still exists and is called when performing some traditional and customary rites

**ekpékpé** *n.* small wooden slit drum with handle, used for proclamations and as musical instrument; **ekpékpé gbele** make proclamation, announcement

**ekpékpéglewei** *n.* town-crier

**ekpékpòòlọ** *n.* a bird found on sandbanks, the White-Headed Lapwing (*Vanellus albiceps* CHARADRIIDAE), named after its long hanging eye wattle

**ekpéla** *n.* tree used for building or firewood (*Klaineanthus gaboniae* Pierre ex Prain EUPHORBIACEAE)

**ékpèla** *n.* largest size of the **ain** fish (*Schilbe* spp. SCHILBEIDAE)

**Ekpésùsù** *n.* chief deity of **Ọkọdja ibe**, whose seat is at Agbobiri

**ekpéti** *n.* box; chest; case

**Ekpétiamá** *n.* Ekpétiamá **ibe** in Northern Iẓon. Its towns are Ikibiri, Búmọundi (headquarters), Akaibiri, Tómbia, Agudama, and Gbanrantorubó. Its **ibe tẹmẹsùò** is **Agáda bara kùrọ**. Its **ibe orú** (deities) are Amadóşù (male) (at Búmọundi), and Ekpétiamá Zibaara (female) (at Búmọundi); **Ekpétiamá pọon** Ekpétiamá dialect

**ekpétifurumọ** *n.* camphor

**ekpú** [4] *n.* the body minus the head, *i.e.* the trunk and limbs

**ekpunekpúù** *id.* not covered with clothes; with nude body

**ekpúrutè** *n.* medium mortar (*cf.* **oguná**)

**ekpú-tèri-bìdẹ** *n.* cloth used to cover the corpse and then sent to the **yábi biri** of the deceased

**ekú** *n.* dreaded occurrence; an apparently impossible happening; a false story; **ekú wò!** God forbid!

**ekúe** *n.* row of mounds, *usu.* of yam, in a farm (*opp.* of **iminí**)

**ekuekúè<sup>2</sup>** *n.* alarm: **Ekuekúè fíedọ** An alarm has been raised/sounded; **ekuekúè tọ** give alarm

**ekúe-odu** *n.* reddish variety of cocoyam

**ekúlèí (=okúlèí)** *n.* bird, African Black Kite (*Milvus migrans* ACCIPITRIDAE)

**ekúlèí-ùngbọ (=okúlèí-ùngbọ)** *n.* seed (*Dioclea reflexa* Hook.f., *Mucuna flagellipes* Hook.f., *M. pruriens* (Linn.) DC. LEGUMINOSAE-PAPILIONIOIDEAE)

**ekuré** *n.* stubbing of one's toe: **Ekuré ị kpọumí/Arí ekure kpọumí** I have stubbed my toe.

**ekurekuré [1/5]** *n.* cliff going down towards the river

**elé** *n.* chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes* PONGIDAE); "gorilla"

**elê** *n.* fish (*Brycinus macrolepidotus* CHARACIDAE)

**eleké<sup>1</sup>** *n.* name given to a person who wanders about

**Eleké<sup>2</sup> [4]** *n.* name of a powerful deity at Korokorosei which is generally addressed as **Ikpíri pọ̀n pọ̀n**

**eléle [3]** *v.i.* behave wildly; be aggressive

**elému [3]** *v.a.* be old, be aged

**elémulemù** *n.* well

**elú** *n.* land-crab

**eméin [4]** *n.* manatee; sea-cow (*Trichechus senegalensis* Link SIRENIA); **Eméin nama ukie baj ghọ ùwóughá** Manatee meat does not come on the expected day (*saying used on the arrival of an unexpected visitor*); **Eméin nama wo furu kọ̀ọ̀ fímí** The manatee died because of his theft (*said when someone meets his just deserts for his crime*)

**eméin-fị-tuo** *n.* herb growing near river (*Ipomoea aquatica* Forsk. CONVULVULACEAE) [**eméin** + **fị** eat + **túo** grass] [check tone]

**emeremuú<sup>1</sup>** *v.a.* be lazy, indolent, idle

**emeremuú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* laziness; indolence

**emí** *v.loc.* (*acts as present tense of tími<sup>1</sup>*; *cf.* **faá**) exist; be present

**emíyọ** *n.* address

**emumú** *n.* breeze

**enéni** *n.* pity

**enéni-èneni** *id.* sorrowful

**epé<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* wander about

**epé<sup>2</sup>** *n.* **A.** tree with yellow wood which grows in **dába** (probably *Nauclea vanderghuchii* (De Wild.) Petit RUBIACEAE); **B.** yellow colour; **epé beni** yellow colour, dye

**epéin** *id.* in panic; by chance

**epelepélè** *n.* a fish (*Xenomystus nigri* Günther NOTOPTERIDAE)

**epépere [3]** *v.i.* stammer

**epéri** *v.i.* to go away in confusion

**epetemuú** *n.* deep, sound sleep: **Áràú bunu nì epetemu bodọ** She has fallen fast asleep.

**Epiébòlou** *n.* Epié **ibe** in Northern Iẓon

**epilé** *n.* a string or cord strung inside bedroom across adjacent walls for hanging clothes

**épini** *n.* halfpenny [<English *half-penny*]

**epú<sup>1</sup>** *n.* pangolin (*Manis* spp. PHOLIDOTA): **Epú bìla díi kọ̀nghá** A pangolin does not look for food like the elephant (*i.e.* one acts according to one's means, like someone building a mud house when he cannot afford a block one)

**epú<sup>2</sup>** prop, *i.e.* a strong piece of wood placed under canoe or **igbümü** to support it

**epumú** *n.* mould (fungus)

**eré** *n.f.* woman; **erébara angà** female side, *i.e.* left (*cf.* **owéi**); **eré bẹ̀rẹ̀** marry woman by the big bride-price system; **eré bẹ̀bẹ̀** matters, problems, concerning women; **eré buu** inside of vagina; **eré dọ** be after women; **eré fẹ̀** marry on big bride-price system; **eré ikia** marry on small bride-price system; **eré isọ** young woman; **eré koro** face resembling that of a woman; **eré koro** fall flat on the back; **eré laa** attain womanhood; **eré nana** marry a woman; **eré paa** develop one's personality (as a

woman); come of age (*cf.* **kími paa, owéi paa**); **eré tei** make love with a woman; **wàrì wèrìmọ ere** a wife, *i.e.* a girl married on “big dowry” and taken to stay with the husband while still under age; **eré ziimọ** deliver (a woman) of a child; **eré ziimọraru** midwife; **ayá ere** newly-married woman; **osi ingólèi ere** woman past the menopause (*lit.* ‘empty snail-shell woman’): *Proverb*: **Eré fọy, bọy fọy** Women’s buying is cheaper (*i.e.* a woman can get a better price from a man than can another man). *Sayings*: **Eré-ama ibe, faran díşẹbọ faá** In the country of women, no one likes to have a “mate”/co-wife; **Eré-araṣ àgbobu títi** A woman beats her chest (when talking, to demonstrate pride in her children); **Eré-ere wàrì fadẹj wàrì** A house with only women is a house that is finished; **Eré mịye sèighá** Whatever a woman does is not bad; **Eré odubo gbaagha kịmị fàá** No man is exempted from serving his wife; **Eré sei, ogboin seí** The ugliness of a woman is like the ugliness of the “bush-mango” (however disfigured or ugly the outside, a woman is good inside and can produce a fine child (in the old days, it was forbidden to collect freshly-fallen “bush-mangoes” and the seeds had to be collected from the rotted flesh)); **Eré sọọ pọy tọngha** No woman knows where she will be married; **Ayá yèi biri sùọ ere egberi naa káamị** A newly-married wife hears many stories; **Kála ère bíò kpọ** Short women are very difficult; **Ọkọlọ mọ bara mọ ère wẹnị yọ èse faá** Anywhere a priestess (woman with a staff) goes there is no trouble (she can strike the ground with her staff to halt any fight or dispute); **Ufúra ère fúròú fieya, tọbọy ukìemì** When a pregnant woman hears a sound in her belly, she thinks of the child; **umbụ tụa èrè yei mọ angámị** A hunch-backed woman is careful how she lives with her husband; **Yei dii èrè ki yei baamị** It is the beloved wife who killed her husband.

**eréabàú<sup>1</sup>** *n.f.* girl who has not been circumcised; **eréabàú paá** dress as a girl  
**Eréabàú<sup>2</sup>** *n.f.* Miss  
**eréamaovin (=eréamoovin)** *n.* any disease characterized by jaundice, a yellowing of the eyes, *e.g.* severe malaria, yellow fever, infective hepatitis, or sickle-cell anaemia  
**eréamịnị** *n.pl.* women(folk)  
**eréaraṣ<sup>1</sup>** *n.f.* woman  
**Eréaraṣ<sup>2</sup>** *n.f.* Mrs  
**eregheí** [5] *v.i.* roam about; wander about  
**eréin** *n.* **A.** day (as opposed to night); **eréin gbalagbala** broad daylight; **eréin sẹ** all the day; all day long; **eréin tejin** be afternoon; **déin mọ, eréin mọ, zụwẹj ifie** dusk; **kịmị ebimọ erein** twilight; **púu bo erein** sunrise; **B.** weather (=eréintọrụ); **eréin èbíí** (of weather) be good; **eréin sèi** (of weather) be bad  
**eréinbai** *n.* the big (long-appointed) day [‘day-day’]  
**eréinbiri** *n.* midday [‘day-middle’]  
**eréin-erein-gbẹ** *n.* (*tech.*) daily wages  
**eréin-èréin-gbẹ** *n.* (*tech.*) daily wages (*contrast wíkì-wíkì-gbẹ* weekly wages)  
[Note tone difference; which is correct?]  
**eréin-siyajin** *n.* siesta [‘day-sleep’]  
**eréin sokotẹẹ** *n.* a drum call, meaning the time is ripe, the moment has arrived, zero hour has come. It is a rallying cry.  
**eréintịbị** *n.* midday, noon [‘day-head’]  
**eréintọrụ** *n.* weather: **Eréintọrụ sèi bai kị, eréintọrụ ebi bai [tone?]** The day looked like rain, but it was fine; **eréintọrụ èbíí** (of weather) be good; **eréintọrụ sèi/eréin tọrụ sèi** (of weather) be bad.  
**Erélagha** *n.* sacred place or “bush” where women are forbidden to enter  
**eré-ofonibụọ** *n.* herb which drives away the spirits of the dead (*Phyllanthus odontadenius* Müll. Arg. EUPHORBIACEAE)  
**eré-ogbodo** *n.* ginger lily with smooth leaf-sheath (*Costus afer* Ker-Gawl. ZINGIBERACEAE)

**eré-ombi** (=eré-ombí) *n.* herb (*Fleurya ovalifolia* (Schum. and Thonn.) Dandy URTICACEAE), the leaves of which are squeezed and placed on a fresh wound to stop bleeding

**Erésuogha** *n.* sacred place or “bush” which women are forbidden to enter

**erétala** *n.* **tála** which has **ìkábùkabù**, probably *Sacoglottis gabonensis* (Baill.) Urb. HUMIRIACEAE)

**eré-ungbo** *n.* nut (*Mucuna pruriens* var. *utilis* (Wight) Burck, c.vars.) [uses?]

**erèwèrí<sup>1</sup>** *n.* female shrimp (with eggs)

**Erèwèrí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* female personal name

**Erèwèrí<sup>3</sup>** *n.* a compound at Kajama

**eréwòú** *n.pl.* girls

**eréwòú-indóu** *n.* butterfly fish (*Pantodon buchholzi* Peters PANTODONTIDAE) (*lit.* ‘girls’ breast’)=(**òkòtìbàú-indóu**)

**eré ziimọ-wari** *n.* maternity home

**erí** [5] *pron.* he (*indep. pronoun*)

**éri<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* dry (something) on drying-rack; smoke; **indi erí** smoke fish on rack; *n.* drying-rack; **éri ìtatain** soot; **kíri èri** lower drying-rack; **ogonọ erí** upper drying-rack

**éri<sup>2</sup>** *see* **ári**

**èri** *n.* thread

**eri-erí** *id.* in portions, parts

**erí** *n.* portion: **Indimó àkì nì iséna èri koromó** Lay the fish out in nine groups.

**eseé** *n.* trouble; plight; predicament; **ese dọú** look for trouble

**esimasimá** (=esimesimé) *n.* mental state of indecision; **Esimasimá ù kọrìmí** He was undecided.

**esimeín** *see* **esumeín** struggle

**esín<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* fear; be afraid

**esín<sup>2</sup>** *n.* fear; compunction: **Erí ì mọmọ ye mịẹdọ aba, esín kọfàá** If he is doing something with you, he has no compunction.

**esínfàá** *a.* fearless

**esísimọ** *v.t.* threaten; intimidate; frighten

**esumeín** (=esimeín) *v.i.* struggle with pain and force to escape from trap, hook, net,

etc., in water (*esp.* of big fish, manatee, crocodile)

**esunweín<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.i.* grieve; **Kímí èsunweín kumọ** Do not be grieved.

**esunweín<sup>2</sup>** [5] *n.* grief; **Esunweín ù kọrìmí** He was seized by grief.

**esunweín<sup>3</sup>** [5] *n.* [?] greater than average length, height; **esunweín koró** be unusually lengthy, tall *e.g.* of raffia palm leaves

**eteé** *n.* **A.** ring; circle; **ete tuá** make a circle; **omúu ete** circle around the sun observed by day; **B.** (*tech.*) environment; **ete tolumóbàra** environmental education

**etélé<sup>1</sup>** *n.* fish (*Mormyrus macrophthalmus* Günther MORMYRIDAE); OR *general name for all snouted fish* check if this is correct)

**etélé<sup>2</sup>** *n.* open space

**etélekpùké** *n.* light-hearted person; one who forgets too easily

**etereté** *n.* complete circle

**eteté** [4] *n.* a big container (containing food, etc.); **fíyaji etete** a big bowl of food; **sei etété** a container which is used in collecting faeces

**etií<sup>1</sup>** *n.* **A.** heart; mind; **eti pou** be patient; exercise patience; **B.** chest (*old use* = **agbobú**) [check]

**etií<sup>2</sup>** *n.* trap for rats and “grasscutters” prepared with sticks and mud; **eti píté** set such a trap

**etií<sup>3</sup>** *n.* *used in:* **eti tuá** go backwards (=túu tuá)

**etikpeké** *see* **edikpeké** palpitation

**etítá** (=itítá) *n.* **A.** sound of footstep; **B.** elephantiasis or oedema of the leg

**etunweín** (=etunweín) *n.* large toad or frog

**eú** *excl.* shout of exclamation expressing sorrow

**evíla** *n.* first part of distilled gin, not tasting good, and rejected: **Uruú tọọ ifiebi, evíla kị bọlọu bo paamị** When the gin was distilled, the **evíla** came out first.

**ewéri** *n.* fish, the grass-eater (*Distichodus* spp.); **túo pele eweri** *D. brevipinnis*

(DISTICHODONTIDAE) (*cf.* **feereé**, the juvenile)  
**éwùéwù** *excl.* an expression expressing vindication or triumph: **Éwùéwù oo! I tẹ́dọ́** Hurrah! I'm free at last!  
**ezeé** *n.* drum; music; **eze b́ìb́ì t́à** send message by drumming; talk with drum; **eze farí** beat drum; **eze faríówèì** drummer; **andá eze** wrestling music; **opu ezé** talking drum; **óu eze** drum for masquerade (=kútou); **omúu eze** war music  
**ezebasá** *n.* drum-stick  
**ezéle** *n.* open; public; **ezéle kubu ghọ paamọ** bring to the public  
**ezigé<sup>1</sup>** *n.* aigrette; plume of feathers from certain birds, such as egret  
**ezigé<sup>2</sup>** *n.* smallest and most flexible mat made from **pínì** and woven with raffia

## E

**ebẹ** [4] *dem.* that: **ebẹ bara** that way  
**ebẹ aáà** *part.* expression asking for confirmation or denial of the preceding statement: **Ebiówei boyemi, ebẹ aáà** I heard that Ebiwei is coming – is it so?  
**ebédé** *n.* new foliage; immature leaves; **ebédé tuá** **A.** develop new leaves; **B.** (*fig.*) show visible improvement in life  
**ebẹrẹrẹ** *n.* light spear for combat  
**ebẹ́n<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* (hit) across: **ebẹ́n famu** slap across (face, eyes): **Erí wò korobí àkì nì ebẹ́n famumì** He slapped him across the face.  
**ebẹ́n<sup>2</sup>** *n.* Pygmy Hippopotamus (*Hexaprotodon liberiensis* HIPPOPOTAMIDAE)  
**ebẹ kpọ** *conj.* even if  
**ebémọ** *see* **ebúmọ** prepare oneself  
**ebẹ nì** *conj.* (marks end of reported speech): **Ikírìkírì mẹẹẹ, eri kí kosu wèé; Iwíri mẹẹẹ, eri kí kosu wèé; ebẹ nì, omínì dùnìjímì** Cricket said *he* was the elder; Tortoise said *he* was the elder; so they began to quarrel.

**ebereberé** *n.* inhibition; feeling of being inhibited from doing or saying something:  
**ebereberé kòrì** feel confusion due to surprise  
**ebúmọ** (=ebémọ) *v.t.* equip oneself before taking action: **Kímì kímì emenẹ ọngọ ebumọdẹ́ kì wo mu** Let everyone prepare themselves before we go.  
**edédè** (=odédè) *n.* medicinal grass good for the treatment of sores  
**edẹdẹ́** *v.i.* fiddle about: **Edẹdẹ́ kumọ, sáramọ mịẹ sìn** Don't fiddle about, finish it quickly.  
**edẹ** *n.* yam-barn; **asúma edẹ** yam-barn like the blacksmith's house; **Iẓon edẹ** Iẓon-type yam-barn  
**edẹrẹ** *n.* favour;  
**edẹrẹwari** *n.* favourable/comfortable situation: **Áràú edẹrẹ wari kọọ emí** She is living in a good condition (being loved by her husband, etc.) (opp. **ozáriwari**)  
**edẹfínà** *n.* herb, used to heal sore or ulcer (*Paullinia pinnata* Linn. SAPINDACEAE) (=fíná-fíná-bàa-fína-ùfou ?)  
**edẹ́n** *n.* knife; **edẹ́n bọ́lọ́** tip of knife; **edẹ́n tìbì/tubú** handle of knife. Different types are: **agbía-edẹ́n** dagger; **arén** penknife; **asúma edẹ́n** blacksmith's knife; **beké edẹ́n** European-type knife  
**edẹ́nkíá** *n.* line scraped bald with razor; parting (of the hair on the head, with comb); **edẹ́nkíá t́à** make a division or parting in the hair  
**edéngẹ́n** (=edéngẹ́n) *n.* pupa stage of the wine-palm and oil-palm beetles (**dọ́un** and **okpokurú**)  
**edú** *n.* genet; 'fox' (*Genetta* spp. VIVERRIDAE)  
**edulẹ́** (=odilẹ́) *n.* leopard (*Panthera pardus* FELIDAE)  
**edule-imémèin** *n.* false thistle (*Acanthus montanus* (Nees) T. Anders. ACANTHACEAE)  
**edule-ílá** *n.* red berries of **eré abelebei** (*lit.* 'leopard's necklace')

**ẹfen** (=hẹfen) *excl.* is it so?  
**ẹfẹbùá** *n.* cassava (=abábùrú)  
**ẹfẹfẹin** *n.* **A.** dwarf galago (*Galagoides demidoffi* GALAGIDAE); **B.** (*fig.*) a lazy person  
**ẹfẹkẹ** *n.* small mat woven with **pínì** and **akaanlá**  
**ẹfẹn<sup>1</sup>** *adv.* in vain: **Erí ẹfẹn kị bòmì** He came in vain.  
**ẹfẹn<sup>2</sup>** *n.* ringworm; **ẹfẹn tụa** have ringworm; **bùọ ẹfẹn** tinea pedis (= **abịrị**); **ongó ẹfẹn** tinea corporis; **tịbị ẹfẹn** tinea capitis  
**ẹfẹn-dìrì** *n.* ringworm shrub, whose leaves are used in treating ringworm (*Senna alata* Linn. LEGUMINOSAE-CAESALPINIOIDAE) (*lit.* ‘ringworm medicine’)  
**ẹfẹrẹ<sup>1</sup>** (=fẹrẹ) *n.* plate (breakable)  
**ẹfẹrẹ** (=fẹrẹ)<sup>2</sup> *n.* slough, the cast skin of a snake  
**ẹfẹrẹ-ẹfẹrẹ** *id.* scaly (of person, after a skin disease)  
**ẹfẹrẹj<sup>1</sup>** *n.* husk of palmtree  
**ẹfẹrẹj<sup>2</sup>** (=fẹrẹj) *n.* scales, dead skin, from body; **tịbị ẹfẹrẹj** dandruff; scurf  
**ẹfẹrụ<sup>1</sup>** *n.* wind: **Ẹfẹrụ fọnyemi** The wind is blowing.  
**ẹfẹrụ<sup>2</sup>** *n.* cockroach, especially the type that destroys clothes and fish kept in boxes  
**Ẹfẹrụmọwẹnị** [4] *n.* masquerade [*moving with the wind*]  
**ẹfufu donyemi** He is suffering from chicken-pox/measles.  
**ẹgbẹ** *v.t.* suit; “fit”: **Bútuweibi wòó ẹgbẹmị** The shirt “fits”/suits him. **ẹgbẹgha** unsuitable; unfit  
**ẹgbẹn** *n.* rust; **ẹgben koró** get/be rusty  
**ẹgbẹj** [5] *v.acc.*; **A.** be worth: **Béi miẹ mọ ẹgbẹmị** This is worth doing; **B.** match; suit: **Béi maa tà mọ yei mọ ẹgbẹmị** This husband and wife suit each other; **C.** be correct size; fit; suit (of clothes): **Béi butùweibi ụ mọmọ ẹgbẹmị** This shirt is the right size for him/fits him.  
**ẹgbenẹ** *n.* **A.** fruit, including seed, of wild mango (*Irvingia gabonensis*), gathered from

the bush; **B.** seed inside the fruit; **ẹgbenẹ paaráì** cotyledon of wild mango; **ẹgbenẹ fúlọụ ẹgbenẹ** soup; **ẹgbenẹ taán** gather **ẹgbenẹ** (*cf.* **ogboín** the whole tree, **ụkpúkpa** the stone with seed inside)  
**ẹgbenẹgbenẹ** *n.* tiredness; weakness; cramp; numbness: **Ẹgbenẹgbenẹ ì korimị** I am tired; **ẹgbenẹgbenẹ dirí** medicine with which the owner weakens his opponent in wrestling, etc.  
**ẹgẹlị** *n.* natural lump or bump on the head  
**Ẹgẹnẹ** *n.* Engenni  
**ẹgẹnẹ** *n.* a formal traditional dance for women, accompanied by drumming by the men, also known as **kírì sej**; **ẹgẹnẹ ezé** drumming for ẹgẹnẹ dance; **ẹgẹnẹ gbeín/sej** dance **ẹgẹnẹ**; **ẹgẹnẹ kírì kírì** modern form of ẹgẹnẹ (*usu.* danced by men), now obsolete  
**ẹgẹngẹn** (=ẹgẹngẹn) [4] *n.* (*pl.* **ẹgẹngẹn-àma**) firefly; glow-worm (family COLEOPTERA)  
**ẹgẹngẹn** [4] *n.* kind of water yam  
**ẹgẹnị<sup>1</sup>** *n.* black spots on mature “fingers” of plantain, after which they start to get ripe; **ẹgẹnì teín** be so spotted  
**ẹgẹnị<sup>2</sup>** *n.* type of **ogbólọ** which is spotted [*<ẹgẹnị<sup>1</sup>*]  
**ẹgẹrẹ** *n.* long plank used as a musical instrument, played by a number of men during a masquerade (**óu**) and **óru sej**; **ẹgẹrẹ farị** play on ẹgẹrẹ  
**ẹgẹrẹgẹrẹ** *n.* fin; **indi ẹgẹrẹgẹrẹ** fin of fish  
**ẹgerị** *n.* fruit of **ipáin** (*Alchornea cordifolia*)  
**ẹgúsi** *see* **agúsi**  
**ẹgúlegulẹ** *n.* bird, the African Pied Hornbill (*Tockus fasciatus* BUCEROTIDAE) (=apíanpian)  
**ẹì** *excl.* exclamation used to express warning or contempt  
**ẹkẹbù** [4] *n.* ant-hill shaped like a person  
**ẹkẹbukẹbù** *n.* soft place below breast bone; (*anat.*) substernum angle  
**ẹkẹn<sup>1</sup>** *n.* market-day [*cf.* *Igbo Èk’è* ‘first market day’]

**Èkẹ́n-èrè** *n.* female personal name [‘Market Day woman’]

(**ẹkẹkẹ**) *see* under **tòrù**<sup>2</sup>

**ẹkẹkẹ<sup>1</sup>** (= **ọkẹkẹ**) *n.* Greater White-nosed Monkey (*Cercopithecus erythrogaster* CERCOPITHECIDAE) (the Nigerian subspecies is *martini*, with white on the throat and chest, hence sometimes called the White-throated Guenon Monkey)

**ẹkẹkẹ<sup>2</sup>** *n.* round earthenware vessel used for grinding snuff or preparing or warming soup (esp. from Isoko/Urhobo to Western Iṣon)

**ẹkẹlẹkẹlẹ** (= **ọkẹlẹkẹlẹ**) *n.* bird, the African Darter (*Anhinga rufa* ANHINGIDAE)

**ẹkẹkẹlẹ** *n.* potsherd, piece, of broken water-pot, *usu.* **kúu ẹkẹkẹlẹ**

**ẹkẹlẹ** *n.* small basket

**ẹkẹnbàí** market-day

**Èkẹnbàí** *n.* male personal name [‘Market Day’]

**Èkẹn-bọ̀mọ̀bàí** (= **Èkẹn-déinbàí**) *n.* day after market-day

**Èkẹn-déinbàí** (= **Èkẹn-bọ̀mọ̀bàí**) *n.* day after market-day

**Èkẹn-láanghìbàí** *n.* day before market-day

**ẹkẹnetẹ** [4] *n.* okro, okra (*cf.* **ọkúrù**) (*Abelmoschus esculentus* (Linn.) Moench MALVACEAE)

**ẹkẹn-óvùru** *n.* four-day week, *i.e.* from one market-day to the next. The four days are: **Èkẹnbàí**, **Èkẹn-déinbàí/bọ̀mọ̀bàí**, **Bírìbàí**, **Èkẹn-láanghì-bàí**.

**ẹkẹrẹ** *n.* fishing basket; **ẹkẹrẹ imbí** fish with **ẹkẹrẹ**; **imbí ẹkẹrẹ** smaller size of fishing basket used by a single person; **tẹ́nmọ ẹkẹrẹ** big type used by two women to catch various small fish (**ìmbọ̀lẹ**, **isóun**, etc.)

**ẹkẹrẹ buọ** *n.phr.* bow-legged; **Áràù ẹkẹrẹ buọ kí t̀uà wónímí** She is bow-legged.

**ẹkẹtẹ** *n.* chronic big ulcer; **ẹkẹtẹ t̀uà** have ulcer

**ẹkẹu** *n.* long, flat fish with large scales (*Heterotis niloticus* Ehrenbaum OSTEOGLOSSIDAE). It is branded a ‘slave fish’ and nicknamed **Ogbolokúrò**, which

title is borne by many men ; **ẹkẹu okotoba** juvenile **ẹkẹu**

**ẹkpẹrẹ** *n.*; **A.** floater for **díí**, drag-net; **B.** (*extended*) small tree from which they are obtained (= **ìlàadù**) (*Clappertonia ficifolia* (Willd.) Decne. TILIACEAE)

**ẹkpẹkù** *n.* cocoyam variety; **ẹkpẹkù t̀bì** corm of **ẹkpẹkù**

**ẹkpẹlẹ** [4] *n.* facial mark at the side of the nose on women

**Èkpèn** *n.* **A.** town on the Ashaka river in Aboh; **B.** town in Lagos State (Yoruba Èpẹ)

**ẹkpèn-tun** *n.* bowler hat

**ẹkpẹtẹ<sup>1</sup>** *n.* general name for various musical instruments which are not drums; **bára ẹkpẹtẹ** accordion; **bìbì ẹkpẹtẹ** mouth-organ; **bùọ ẹkpẹtẹ** organ; piano; **isían ẹkpẹtẹ** harp type; **ìndálì ẹkpẹtẹ** instrument with single string and resonating box

**ẹkpẹtẹ<sup>2</sup>** *n.* bird-cage made with **pínì** and **bumọ̀un**; **ẹkpẹtẹ kàí** make **ẹkpẹtẹ**

**ẹkpẹunkù** *n.* **A.** short and hard-wooded tree; **B.** (*fig.*) a tough and hard fighter

**ẹkpú** *n.* **A.** breast of bird or fowl; **B.** (*fig.*) courage; **Erí ẹkpú kùromí** He is courageous.

**ẹkpú-kiri-palì** *n.* bird, the Black-and-White Mannikin (*Lonchura bicolor* ESTRILDIDAE) (*lit.* ‘chest sticks to ground’)

**ẹkúẹkẹ** *n.* sieve for palmnuts and gravel

**ẹkúnrẹ́n** *n.* frog which croaks loudly

**ẹlẹ** *v.i.* be tired, fatigued: **Arí ẹlẹdọ** I am tired (*usu.* as a result of age)

**ẹlẹbu** [3] (= **ẹtẹbu**) *v.i.* be overloaded (of canoe, boat); **áru ẹlẹbu** (of canoe) be overloaded

**ẹlẹlẹ** *n.* slime; **ẹlẹlẹ kòrì** (of slime) stick to; **óru ẹlẹlẹ** spirogyra, widely-distributed freshwater green alga

**ẹlẹlẹ** [5] *n.* *used in:* **Èlẹlẹ kúrò kúrò**, **ọwẹ̀ibọ̀ dọ̀n lẹ̀** Greetings! he who fears pretends to be sick (greeting to those clearing farms)

**ẹlẹlẹpan** (= **lẹlẹpan**) *n.* “wild pumpkin” or snake-gourd, a climbing plant with yellow



flowers whose fruit is used as sponge (*Luffa cylindrica* (Linn.) M. J. Roem.  
CUCURBITACEAE) (=dúwẹ́ipan)

**ẹlẹmẹ<sup>1</sup>** *n.* anchor; **ẹlẹmẹ koromó** put down anchor; **saradei ẹlẹmẹama** sinker for line of hooks

**ẹlẹmẹ<sup>2</sup>** *n.* (not a) drop, crumb, etc. (*used only in negative*): **Kẹ̀nì bẹ̀nì ẹlẹmẹ kpọ faá** There is not a drop of water: **Kẹ̀nì fíyàì ẹlẹmẹ kpọ faá** There is not a single crumb of food.

**ẹlẹtẹ́n** *n.* prolapse of the uterus

**ẹmburú-ẹmburú** *id.* overburdened with sorrow or grief

**ẹmburú** *id.* overloaded: **Nọmụkìmìbì ẹmburú kì àkì bó bọmèé** The madman went past with a big load of shabby items.

**ẹmẹnẹ** *see ẹmẹnẹ*

**ẹmẹnẹ<sup>1</sup>** (=ẹmẹnẹ) *poss.* his/her own; **ẹmẹnẹ ọngọ** himself; herself

**ẹmẹnẹ<sup>2</sup>** *dem.* about: **Yọ̀ fìniibi ẹmẹnẹ maa agbobu kpọ làanimí** The width of the place is about two armspans.

**ẹndẹ<sup>1</sup>** *n.* time span between delivery of different children (normally 2 children in 3 years): **Áràù ẹndẹ laghá bàra kì ziiyémi** She gives birth (to the next child) without attaining the normal span between deliveries: **Ẹndẹ bara ghó tẹ** There is a long interval between her children.

**ẹndẹ<sup>2</sup>** *n.* sickness affecting small child during the next pregnancy of his/her mother, also sometimes affecting the husband; **ẹndẹ dirí** medicine to cure children and husbands suffering from ẹndẹ; **ẹndẹ kọrí** affect (of ẹndẹ)

**ẹngé** *n.* Ethiopian pepper, used as a spice (*Xylopiya aethiopica* (Dunal.) A. Rich.  
ANNONACEAE)

**ẹngédu** (=ẹngédu) *n.* Red-headed Malimbe (*Malimbus rubricollis* PLOCEIDAE)

**ẹnghẹ̀n** (=ẹngẹ̀n=ánghà̀n =ángà̀n) *excl.* no; not so

**ẹngẹ́lẹ** *v.t.* clean the inside of cane-rope after it has been split; **apíe ẹngẹ́lẹ** clean up apíe canerope

**ẹngẹ́rẹ** *n.* broken piece, fragment (as of egg or snail); **ọgbólò ẹngẹ́rẹ** broken piece of ọgbólò

**ẹngẹ́rẹpẹ́** *id.* smallish; fragmentary; mini

**ẹngẹ́rì-ẹngẹ́rì** *id.* skinny; bony; lean as a result of prolonged sickness

**ẹngú-ẹngú** *id.* sorrowful: **Ọrọ daú fì nì, ọwọmọ́ sẹ ẹngú-ẹngú kì emi** As their father has died, the children are all sorrowful.

**ẹníf** *see aníf* and **anì**

**ẹnì** *see anì*

**ẹnìá** *int.* now, then

**ẹnìghá kpò** *int.* or, either

**ẹnì bímẹ̀n nì** *int.* therefore; because

**ẹnì kì nì ẹnì ẹ́bẹ kpọ** *int.* even so, even if it is so

**ẹnì ní** *int.* so; therefore; thus

**ẹnìọ** (=ẹnì yọ ghó) *adv.* there: **Ẹnìọ mu tẹ** Go and stand there.

**ẹpémù** *n.* butterfish or glass catfish (*Parailia pellucida* SCHILBEIDAE)

**ẹpẹ́pẹ** *n.* fish, regarded as the oldest of fishes (**indiamá kòsuwei**) (*Polycentropsis abbreviata* Boulenger NANDIDAE)

**ẹpẹ́rẹ** *v.i.* belch; burp

**ẹpẹ́tẹ** *n.*; **A.** mud (= ọtọkọ); **B.** (*fig.*) foolish person

**ẹpẹ́tì** *n.*; **A.** small black flat frog (*Xenopus*), usually seen during the first rains; caught in **ingoó**, eaten by some Ụkwụanị and Aboh, but not by Iẓon; **bùọ danghain ẹpẹ́tì** long-legged species; **B.** miscarried female embryo or foetus (*cf.* ungbósù)

**ẹpìnìpìnì** (=ẹpùnupùnù) *n.* thicket; dense growth of shrubs or trees

**ẹpùsù** *n. pl.* fragments; bits; crumbs

**ẹrẹ** *n.* name; **ẹrẹ seimọ** defame someone's character; **ebi ẹrẹ** good name, reputation; **sei ẹrẹ** bad name; **zoru ẹrẹ** nickname, given to a person as a joke or in mockery:

**Èrẹ̀ kìmì kabùmì** The name describes the man.

**ẹ̀rẹ̀deiyé** *n.* (*tech.*) pronoun

**ẹ̀rẹ̀** *v.acc.* talk; **ẹ̀rẹ̀ bìbì gbàlìjì** wander in one's speech (of sick person); **ẹ̀rẹ̀ teí** converse; **dii ní ẹ̀rẹ̀** **A.** rebuke; reprove; blame; scold; **B.** consider carefully: **Èrẹ̀-bìbì ìnọ̀un dẹ̀ghìmì** An abusive word is worse than a wound.

**ẹ̀rẹ̀n** *n.* sasswood tree, used for canoe carving (*Erythrophleum ivorense* A Chev. LEGUMINOSAE-CAESALPINIOIDAE)

**ẹ̀rẹ̀-owéi** *n.* spokesman: **Èrẹ̀-owéi, kósuwei** The spokesman is the senior man (in any gathering).

**Èrẹ̀paadọ̀ (=Èrẹ̀paadejì)** *n.* personal name ['Famous']

**Èrẹ̀paamò** *n.* personal name ['someone that brings out one's name to the world']

**ẹ̀rẹ̀ùn** *n.* stalk of bunch of palm fruit, *usu.* **lìjì ẹ̀rẹ̀ùn**

**ẹ̀rìjì** *v.t.* see; **ẹ̀rìjì bara** as seen; **ẹ̀rìjì bara ẹ̀rìjì bara** in any way as seen; anyhow; **yó ẹ̀rìjì** **A.** see with naked eye; **B.** foresee; prophesy

**ẹ̀rìdẹ̀jì** *n.* creeper used as medicine (*Clerodendrum thomsonae* Balf. f. VERBENACEAE)

**ẹ̀rùwẹ̀-ẹ̀rùwẹ̀** *id.* stealthily; quietly [check]

**ẹ̀sẹ̀n** [1/5] *n.* soap; **ẹ̀sẹ̀n ìkisa/ẹ̀sẹ̀n ikisà** cake, piece, of soap; **ẹ̀sẹ̀n sùùn** bar of soap; **bàra tùọ ẹ̀sẹ̀n** locally-made soap; **beké ẹ̀sẹ̀n** English soap; **kabulúkà ẹ̀sẹ̀n** carbolic soap [*<English*]

**ẹ̀sẹ̀rìjì** *n.* mat for collecting dust from sweeping

**ẹ̀sìmẹ̀jì** [5] *v.i.* hesitate; delay action

**ẹ̀tẹ̀bù** *see* **ẹ̀lẹ̀bù**

**ẹ̀tẹ̀burú** *n.* middle, midst (of water, soldier ants, etc.)

**ẹ̀tẹ̀lẹ̀lẹ̀** *n.* round earthenware bowl used as cover for pot, or as container for medicine, or used inverted as a base for producing thread from fibre, e.g. from **urúrufa** or **edé**; **díri ẹ̀tẹ̀lẹ̀** such a bowl used for medicine

**ẹ̀tẹ̀nẹ̀** *n.* bird, guinea-fowl (*Numida meleagris* PHASIANIDAE)

**ẹ̀tẹ̀tẹ̀<sup>1</sup>** [4] *n.* round native tray woven from the stalks of **uté**

**ẹ̀tẹ̀tẹ̀<sup>2</sup>** [4] *n.* piece of cloth, net, etc., which is almost torn

**ẹ̀tẹ̀tẹ̀bùrẹ̀ (=tẹ̀tẹ̀bùrẹ̀)** *n.* bird, the Laughing Dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis* COLUMBIDAE) (*cf.* **lekúkù**) [*?or ẹ̀tẹ̀tẹ̀bùrẹ̀ check*] **tẹ̀tẹ̀bùrẹ̀** *n.* Laughing Dove [check id]

**ẹ̀tẹ̀ù** [4] *n.* cage-trap for fish; **ẹ̀tẹ̀ù pìtẹ̀** fish with **ẹ̀tẹ̀ù**: **Bêi ẹ̀tẹ̀ù wàrì gha, ọ mú wèè** This is not a trap with no way out, you are free to leave (said at end of a gathering)

**ẹ̀tù** *n.* whitlow: **Ètù ù kọ̀rìmì** He suffered from a whitlow.

**ẹ̀tunwẹ̀in<sup>1</sup>** [5] *n.* very large heap of floating grass

**ẹ̀tunwẹ̀in<sup>2</sup>** *see* **etunweín** [discuss]

**ẹ̀vẹ̀n** *v.t.* search eagerly or thoroughly

**ẹ̀vẹ̀vẹ̀in** *v.i.* move about speedily and with all seriousness

**ẹ̀wẹ̀** *v.i.* run in haste, especially when terrified

**ẹ̀wẹ̀lẹ̀** [3] *v.a.* be humorous and lively

**ẹ̀wẹ̀n** *v.t.* **A.** exhaust a source, e.g. remove all fish from a pond, lake, river, etc.; **B.** empty a canoe of all watr by bailing; **C.** eat up (soup or "food"): **Ọwọ̀mọ̀ọ̀ fìyàimọ̀ ẹ̀wẹ̀n sinmì** The children ate up all the "food" without leaving a scrap.

**ẹ̀wẹ̀rẹ̀** *n.* small fish (*Micralestes* spp. CHARACIDAE)

**ẹ̀wẹ̀sì** *see* **ìwẹ̀sì** tassel

**ẹ̀wẹ̀wẹ̀è** *id.* small and flattish, like a container or fish trap, such as **ẹ̀kerẹ̀**

## F

**faá** *v.i.* **A.** (*acts as negative of emí; cf. also tími<sup>1</sup>*) finish; **Yémọ̀ sẹ̀ faá sìnđẹ̀jì nì, wónì mùmì** When everything was finished, we went; **B.** be lost, absent; have not: **indíí fàá** (there is) no fish; **C.** no; not any; **bìbì fàá** no entrance; no case (= **bẹ̀rẹ̀ fàá**); **túu fàá** no end; no reason; **D.** less; minus; deducting: **ma deín fà kùràjì** two days short of a year;

**E.** (*used in combination with other words to mean ‘out’, ‘away’, ‘from’, ‘completely’*): **burú fàá** be completely rotten; **fíj fàá** (of family, class, species) die out; become extinct; **iyóun fàá** (of fire) be completely burnt out; **oviín fàá** (of fire) be completely quenched; **sùo fàá** sink away; disappear; vanish; be lost; **F.** be very (much): **ebí fà** very good; **seí fà** very bad

**faá-fàá-fàa** *id.* totally exhausted

**fààn** *id.* clean

**fáan** *id.* (*of colour*) pure white (*cf.* **lálala**)

**fáanla** [3] (=fánla [3]) *v.t.* twist; strangle; wring (neck): **Ofóni fàanla bá** Wring the fowl’s neck.

**fakafaká** *id.* describes how a fish struggles immediately it is brought out of water (<**fokafoká**)

**fákafàka** *id.* [meaning?]

**fákii** *id.* almost at the tip, tail end

**fákurufàkuru** *id.* making a light rustle; turning about lightly and restlessly

**falafalá** *id.* spread out, scattered; many at a time, as of smaller things such as worms, small fishes and silk-cotton balls: **Aká àpùramo pòubòò falafala kí òimíeé** The maize-husks were scattered at the waterside.

**fálij** *v.i.* miss a hold or grip

**fálifálij** *id.* rapid movement of short legs, as by a tortoise that is hung up, or a person running

**famóú** *v.t.* **A.** lose: **Erí wò fuún fàmòmí** He lost his book; **B.** spend (completely): **Erí wò okóbàmo sè miè famóú sìndóó** He has spent all his money; **C.** complete: **Ò fíjij fàmòudéj kí, wárij ghò mu** Finish the work before you (*plural*) go home.

**famú<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* hit; beat; slap; *n.* beating; slap

**famú<sup>2</sup>** beat with machet to shake off dead leaf materials from cane rope before cutting

**famú<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* germinate; nurse (small tubers or cut pieces before planting): **Áràú kiribòò odùàma famúó** She has germinated cocoyams on the farm.

**famù-izàgbà** *n.* any material used for corporal punishment or caning; punishment; fine; **Famù-izàgbà nì ọ pírí** Give him a punishment/fine.

**famuyeé** *n.* thunder; (*cf.* **agbararagbúrurù**)

**fán** (=fángha) *v.t.* twist; wring: **Bìdè fàn kùmọ** Don’t wring the cloth.

**fánfanfan** *id.* very clean (of any colour); bright (*cf.* **lálala**)

**fángha** (=fán) *v.t.* twist; wring: **Bìdè fángha kùmọ** Don’t wring the cloth.

**fangháj** (=fangájn) [5] *v.p.* be twisted

**fángala** *v.t.* twist; bend; strangle; warp

**fangaláj** *v.p.* be bent, twisted

**fankifánki** *id.* describes body with flakes of dry dead skin; scaly (>**fankifánki**)

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**fánla** *see* **fáanla**

**fánran** *see* **fáran** “mate”; co-wife

**fánụ<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* fence

**fánụ<sup>2</sup>** *n.* **A.** fence; **fánụ tụa** make fence:

**Fánụ tụaò bèri ghò fanughá** However one fences, one does not fence the ears (*i.e.* The matter has been publicly announced, no one should deny hearing it; *cf.* He that has ears to hear, let him hear); **B.** (*math.*) square: **Ói sondie fìjibì nòin fanụ** Sixteen is the square of four.

**fánụkutu** *n.* (*geom.*) cube; **fánụkutu mita** cubic metre; **fánụkutu sèntimita** cubic centimetre [**fánụ** +**kùtu lump**]

**fánùtuu** *n.* (*math.*) square root: **Nòinbi oi sondie fìjì fànùtuu** Four is the square root of sixteen. [**fánụ** +**túu end**]

**Fánụkan** *n.* a “masquerade” that cannot be caged [**fánụ** +**kan destroy**]

**Fánùtụa** *n.* masquerade name [**fánụ** + **tụa** put]

**fáraagbàù** *id.* sound of a heavy body hitting the ground after slithering down through leaves

**fáran** (=fánran) [3] *n.f.* “mate”; co-wife;

**fáran guùn** be envious of “mate”; **ine**

**farán-àraụ** my “mate”, co-wife: **Eréama**

**ibe, fáran diṣèbọ faá** In women's society, no one likes a co-wife.

**fárafàra** *id.* movement and sound of leaf, fruit, animal, or person slithering or falling down through branches and leaves of trees

**fárii** *n.* whetstone (*cf.* **lẹ́í**); **igbegi faríi** file (for sharpening matchets, etc.) [**fáří** 'sharpen' + **yé** thing]

**fáří<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* sharpen; whet

**fáří<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* drum (*cf.* **dářímo<sup>2</sup>**); **fáříbọ** drummer; **eze farí** beat drum; drum

**fáří<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* coax; **fáří koromọ** coax (someone) into action

**fáříye** *n.* any musical instrument, typically a drum [**fáří** 'drum' + **yé** 'thing']

**fébele** *n.* fish (*Marcusenius* spp.); **órufebele** [check *id.*] (= **bí bíkònbọlọ**)

**féee** *id.* hollow; open; empty; uncovered (>**féẹẹ**)

**feekeféeke** *id.* loose; not tightly woven; not compact

**feereé** *n.* juvenile *Distichodus* spp. (*cf.* **ewéri**, the adult)

**fefeneé** *v.a.* be light, not heavy

**fémbelee** *id.* deeply, *esp.* of falling asleep

**fénéfene** *id.* describes the state of the body when it is relieved of any form of pain

**féngelee<sup>1</sup>** *id.* relieved, as from a heavy burden or sickness (>**féngẹẹ**)

**féngelee<sup>2</sup>** *id.* in deep sleep (as of bigger person or animal)

**ferereé** light; not heavy

**fẹbụfẹbụ** *v.i.* be impatient; be easily tired, worn out

**fẹẹ<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* buy

**fẹẹ<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* marry (big-dowry wife); **fẹẹ ere** big dowry wife (*cf.* **bẹrẹ ere**)

**fẹẹẹ** *id.* hollow; open; empty; uncovered (<**féee**)

**fẹẹn** *id.* very light; not heavy at all

**fẹfẹj** *v.t.* weed; **kíri fẹfẹj** weed farm

**fẹfẹnẹ** *id.* light (not heavy)

**fẹfẹrẹfẹrẹ<sup>1</sup>** *id.* weak, *i.e.* not able to do or achieve much

**fẹfẹrẹfẹrẹ<sup>2</sup>** *id.* working half-heartedly; working lazily

**fẹfẹrẹfẹrẹrẹ** *id.* scaly (as skin of person or some reptiles like lizard)

**fẹj** (= **fọj**)<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* **A.** roast: **indi fẹj** roast fish; **B.** scorch (of sun): **uráú ù fẹjnmí** The sun scorched him; **C.** treat fresh sore with pepper, etc., which will sting but heal it rapidly, usually **inọu fẹj**

**fẹj<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* make mark on body (of millepede): **Osími ù fẹjnmí**; A millepede made a mark on his body.

**fẹj<sup>3</sup>** *v.t. usu.* **inọu fẹj**; give first aid for wound caused by pointed object, such as fish spike, by heating one end of a piece of fresh canerope in fire, putting the other end in the mouth and blowing against the wound. This causes sap and vapour to come out of the canerope, sterilizing and numbing the wound.

**fẹjfií** *n.* epigastrium; the part of the abdomen over the stomach

**fẹlẹfẹlẹ** *id.* trivial

**fẹngẹlẹ<sup>1</sup>** *id.* relieved; without strings; free (<**féngelee<sup>1</sup>**)

**fẹngẹlẹ<sup>2</sup>** *id.* in deep sleep, as of a small person or animal or a child (<**féngelee<sup>2</sup>**)

**fẹngụú** *id.* stealthily; done cautiously and secretly: **Kósuotumọ fẹngụú kí àkí naá bo ni Wòd saiyọbọ ẹbẹgụ indimọ àkimeé** The elders came stealthily during the Woo fishing festival and took the biggest fishes.

**fẹrẹ** *see* **ẹfẹrẹ**

**fẹrẹj** *see* **ẹfẹrẹj**

**fẹrẹnferẹn** *id.* clean; unsoiled

**fẹrj** *v.t.* coax; cajole

**fẹrjẹrj** *id.* whisperingly: **Erí fẹrjẹrj kí ẹrẹ nì ì pìrjímí** He whispered to me.

**fẹrj** *id.* quietly; stealthily: **Erí fẹrj kí àkí wárij dùo súomj** He entered the house stealthily: **Fẹrj wẹnj tẹj** Sneak away.

**fié<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* talk; speak; **siyaj fié** complain openly of poor treatment or refer slightly to another person's problems

**fié<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* court; woo; **eré fie** woo a woman; **fié piri** lead the life of a prostitute: **Béi èrema fie ki piriyémi** This woman is practising prostitution.

**fié<sup>3</sup>** *v.i.* sound: **Ezeé fie nì ebimòmí** The drum sounds well.

**fiemò** *v.cs.* play (drum): **ezemò fiemò** play/sound the drum; **beri fiemò** inform; remind

**fienmò<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* postpone; defer; “dress”; move up: **Sísei òlò fiemò** Please move up a bit; **déin fiemò** postpone a date

**(fienmò)<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* (only combined); **níni fiemò** sniff

**fienmò** *n.* large wrapper (*cf.* under **bìdè**)

**fièpiri-ere** *n.* prostitute; harlot; tart

**figí<sup>1</sup>** (=fugú =fungú =fungí =fingí) *v.t.* (*wrestling*); **A.** grip opponent’s arms and catch his leg with one’s own leg to throw him; **B.** throw over the hip (in **ikókiyai** type)

**figí<sup>2</sup>** (=fugú =fungú =fungí =fingí) *v.t.* jerk up rod when fish has taken the bait

**figí<sup>3</sup>** (=fugú =fungú =fungí =fingí) *n.* (*wrestling*); special throw in wrestling: **Wo andábì figí fàá èé** He does not know the **figí** throw in wrestling; (*cf.* **ikókiyai** a throw over the hip)

**figideí** *see* **fungudeí** snaphook

**figigii** *id.* with force but quietly (to avoid drawing attention), as in “pulling” a canoe with force but noiselessly, or pressing someone hard on the body with the finger or thumb to silently alert him to something: **Erí figigii ní ù poumòmí** He pressed him secretly to warn him.

**figíí** [5] (=fuguí ?=fugíí =funguí =fungí ?=fingíí) *v.p.* **A.** spring up (of snaphook) when fish has taken the bait: **Déibi figííðou** The snaphook has sprung up; **B.** veer about (of canoe which is not under control: **Árubi figííðou** The canoe has veered about out of control.

**fii** *n.* cooked food (*cf.* **fíyaji**, which refers to both cooked and uncooked food)

**fiín<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* fly [tone class 1 or 5?]

**fiín<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* fade; become flat (of alcohol); evaporate (*e.g.* as petrol): **Ine bìdè fiinghá** My cloth does not fade.

**fikifiki** *n.?* suppressed sobbing

**fin-arú** *n.* aeroplane

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**finí** *v.t.* **A.** open; unlock; **igodó finí** unlock the padlock; **wáribò finí** open the door; **B.** reveal; uncover: **Erí ègberí gbà finidò** He has revealed the news; **C.** perform publicly for the first time (as dance or play; contrast **bólou finí** rehearse): **Omìnì òrò seí finimi** They performed their dance publicly; **D.** open (new building) with ceremony: **Ebimiè wò warí finidò** **Ebimiè** has opened his (new) house.

**finíí** [5] *v.p.* **A.** be opened, unlocked:

**Wáribò finííðo** The door has opened; **B.** be wide, unfurling: **Yòbì finíimí** The place is wide; **C.** (*geom.*) obtuse (of angle); **finíí ìkokì** obtuse angle [*finí* + -í]

**finimò** *v.dir.* open to: **Wáribòbò nì u finimò** Open the door to him.

**finimò** *v.cs.* separate; spread out: **Bìdèmò finimò** Spread out the clothes.

**finkífinkí** *id.* sniffing; snivelling

**finmò** *v.cs.* cause to fly; let fly

**finyé** *n.* moon (=akalú =dúye =ogòneí =ogònyé =toniyéé)

**firi** *v.i.* **A.** leak (as of canoe) (*cf.* **imeín**): **Ine arú firiyemí** My canoe is leaking; **B.** bleed: **Ará inonun firimí** Her sore bled.

**fíri** *v.t.* disembowel: **Indimọ́ọ́ fíri**  
Disembowel/Clean the fish.

**fitikpoo** *id.* damp (as of a large cloth)  
(>**fítikpoo**)

**fíyoo** *id.* hollow (of large hole in a tree trunk)  
(>**fíyoo**)

**fíyóú** *v.loc.* subside (as of the need to defecate): **Bíyẹnbí ìnoọ́ fíyóú fàdọ́ọ́** My feeling that I want to defecate has subsided

**fíafíá** *v.a.* be spotlessly clean

**Fjama** *n.* Land of the Dead

**fíán** *n.* faeces (= SYNONYMS?)

**fíaroó** *id.* tasteless

**fíbibí** *n.* words spoken in death-agony

**fíbúfíbu** *id.* being impatient

**fídeji-ótù** *n.pl.* the dead

**fídífídí** *v.a.* be nasty, unpleasant, filthy, dirty

**fídíí** [5] *v.t.* speak ill of; backbite (*cf.* **ungúguru**)

**fífíyóú** *v.a.* be withered or misshaped (of arms or legs): **Ará ama barabí fífíyóú nimí** Her right arm is unnaturally thin.

**fíí<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* die; **fíí àkanaí** be in death-agony; **fíí gbàdaí** struggle, writhe, in death-agony; **fíí gbàmeín** feign to be dead; **fíí kọ́ọ́n** be in death-agony; **fíí lẹ́meín** feign to die

**fíí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* death; **fí dọ́ú** seek death; **fí ghọ́ sèrì** rise from the dead: **Fí kí ì baamí/baa nimí** exclamation of pity or commiseration over a disaster (*lit.* Death has killed me) : **Fí kosú fà** Death knows no seniority: **Fímọ́ọ́ sẹ́ kẹ́nì fí** All kinds of death are death; **Fí serì sèrì kùmọ́** Don't go with death (*i.e.* go safely to your house, with no trouble on the way); **Fí tìbìbì ìneín** Let the death fall on me (said by someone accused of something which they deny, as a strong proof of innocence).

**fíí** *v.t.* **A.** eat; **fíyají fí** eat food; **B.** consume; **fíí sọ́ọ́** eat off; consume (as by fire); **C.** earn: **Erí ọ́gọ́neibọ́ọ́ síya ọ́ndẹ̀ nàjra kí fíyémì.** He is earning ₦8,000 a month; **D.** embezzle: **Erí àmáotu okobamọ́ fí sintọ́ọ́** He has embezzled the money belonging to the town; **E.** (Used in specialized phrases,

*fig.* derived from **A.**): **gbé fí/ifíri fíí** receive compensation (= **kígbaí fíí**); **sáa fí** owe a debt

**fí-igbánu/igbúrù** *n.* series of deaths

**fíisaní** *n.* alligator pepper (*Aframomum melegueta* K. Schum. ZINGIBERACEAE). Its parts include: **fíisaní ofora** husk; **fíisaní sẹ́lẹ́** grain; **fíisaní warí** pod

**fíkífíkí** (=ifíkífíkí) [4] *n.* saw

**fíkímí** *n.* dead person; corpse: **Fíkímí báràbí dúbà kaamí** The dead person's arm is very big (*i.e.* praises of the dead are exaggerated or untrue).

**fílà** *n.* saliva; **fílà** gbein spit

**fíláwà** *n.* flower; ornamental shrub

[<English] (= **odedé**)

**fílikáà** *id.* short; below normal length

**fílikafílika** *id.* (*emphatic form of fílikáà*); constant failure to climb or reach a given height due to shortness

**fíliki** *id.* drawing back quickly, as the tortoise draws back its head when touched

**fílibufílibu<sup>1</sup>** *id.* being impatient

**fílibufílibu<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes a floater which sinks and emerges

**fín<sup>1</sup>** (=fúín) *v.t.* pinch

**fín<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* be very small: **Ará tọ́rumọ́ fín kí èmì** Her eyes are very small.

**fína** [3] *v.t.* tie; bind

**fína-fína-bàa-fína-ùfou** *n.* herb (*Paullinia pinnata* Linn. SAPINDACEAE) (= **ẹ́dẹ́fínà**)

**fínafínabàu** *n.* bag produced by an insect for its cocoon or pupa. The case is very strong and is usually used by diviners for sacrifices, and by children for football.

**fínaí** [5] *v.p.* get entangled; get tied up

**fínamọ́** *v.dir.* fasten, attach (to something)

**fínfín** (=fúínfúín) *id.* very small; minute

**fíniní** *n.* mortality: **Erí fíniní fàáà, u beí ìzozouyembi** The way he is boasting, is he not mortal? ['death-nose']

**fíní** *n.* firewood; fire; **fíní dudu** kindle fire;

**búmọ́un fíní** driftwood

**fíní** *v.i.* be left over; be extra

**fínibólọ́u** *n.* flame of fire

**fīnī-ilé** *n.* stack of firewood  
**fīnīkambalá** *n.* spark of fire  
**fīnīmọ** *v.cs.* give extra: **Indimọ́ọ bẹ́ẹ̀ àkì tọ́bọ́ú fīnīmọ** Give the child some more fish; **dịẹ fīnīmọ** be left over after sharing  
**fīnītuú** *n.* half-burnt piece of wood  
**fīnīyọ** *n.* remainder ['left over place']  
**fī-ogbúgbà** *n.* fear of death through consequences of one's action [check] (*lit.* 'thickness of death'): **Fī ogbúgbà dúbamí, báa tímiya ìne bei wárí ìyọ̀nbi arí fìdọ́ú** Were it not for the finality [?] of death, I would have died because of the burning of this house of mine.  
**fī-ogbónomù** *n.* deathbed  
**fìọkpọtọ** *id.* growing gradually smaller and thinner at one end; tapering  
**fìọlọ** *id.* (of hole) very small  
**fìọọn (=fìyọọn)** *id.* very narrow, thin (like thread)  
**fì-ọwéjì** fear of death  
**fìrì** *n.* work; job; labour; employment; act; deed: **Fìrì kaléi fa** In work, nothing is small: **Fìrì sèi kìmí, fìrì omónì** A person with a serious piece of work is a slave to that work: **Fúrukìmí fìrì furughá** Athief does not steal work; **fìrì dàwajì** learn a trade; **fìrì wẹ̀nì** work; do work; **kírì fìrì** farm work; **kurọ fìrì** hard work; **tóruyọu fìrì** trading  
**fìrìbìdẹ** *n.* working clothes  
**fìrìkìfì** *id.* describes a very small eye (as of one whose eye is partly closed by sickness, or completely blind) [?]  
**fìrìmọ́ọ** *v.t.* send  
**fìrìrìjì** *id.* the act of moving away stealthily or unnoticed: **Erí fìrìrìjì kì wẹ̀nì tẹ̀jìmì** He moved away stealthily.  
**fìtìbì** *n.* all the evils of death  
**fìtìbụy** *id.* the act of diving in water; remaining submerged (in water)  
**fìtìkpọọ** *id.* damp (as of a cloth) (>**fìtìkpoo**)  
**fìyụy (fìyụy)** *id.* describes a very thin line or rope, or slim human body  
**fì-ụwọu** *n.* path of death

**fìyajì** [5] *v.acc.* agree with; be on good terms with: **A mó ì mómọ fìyajìmì** She is on good terms with me; **fìyajìghá** not on good terms with: **I mó a mómọ fìyajìghá** She and I are not on good terms; **fìyajìghá bàra** disagreeably; unsuitably  
**fìyajì** *n.* **A. (pl.)** "food"; foodstuff (*i.e.* staple food, excluding protein, spices, etc.; *cf.* **fìi**): **Amábì fìyajì izaán, ìndaá ìndíi fàá** There is plenty of foodstuff in the town, but no fish; **B. (sg. or pl.)** cooked food: **Fìyajìbì àkì bó** Bring the (cooked) food; **fìyajì tuọ** cook food  
**fìyajì** *id.* very clean and neat: **Tọ́bọ́bì ọ̀ngọ sẹ̀ fìyajì kì èmi** The child's body is clean and neat.  
**fìyaruú (=fìyaroó)** *id.* tasteless, *e.g.* of food  
**fìyọ́ọ** *id.* unsavoury, not tasty (of soup); devoid, stripped, of fish (as lake, pond)  
**fìyemì tùoama** *n.pl.* vegetables (=tuọ-fì-túo/túa)  
**fìyọ́ọ<sup>1</sup>** *id.* oozing: **Bení fìyọ́ọ kì tẹ̀jìnyemì** The water is oozing out.  
**fìyọ́ọ<sup>2</sup>** *id.* narrow (as tube, hole): **Opóolobi fìyọ́ọ kì èmi** The hole is narrow.  
**fìyọ́ọ<sup>3</sup>** *id.* hollow (of small hole in a tree trunk) (>**fìyoo**)  
**fìyọ́ọn (=fìyọ́ọn)** *id.* very narrow, thin (like thread)  
**fìyụy (fìyụy)** *id.* describes a very thin line or rope, or slim human body  
**fóanfòan (=fúanfùan)** *id.* impatient; panting; breathlessly; shallow-minded  
**fóbu** *id.* describes sudden emergence of a big object from water  
**fódii** *id.* describes protruding buttocks when someone is bending down  
**(foí)** *n.* son-in-law/father-in-law (*only used with possessive*); **i foí (=ine fuówèi)** my son/father-in-law (*used reciprocally between X and his wife's father, and by wife's mother to X*)  
**fofoín** *id.* light and floating

**fokafoká** *id.* describes how a fish struggles immediately it is brought out of water (>**fakafaká**)

**fokií** *id.* secure; safe; feeling easy, comfortable

**fokó** *v.i.* lather (of soap): **Ẹ̀sẹ̀n fòkomí** The soap lathers well.

**fokofokó** *id.* soapy; foamy

**fókpa (=fúkpa)** *id.* loosened or relaxed suddenly from a suppressed position

**fókpaà<sup>1</sup>** *id.* the sound produced by licking soup with the first two fingers

**fókpaà<sup>2</sup>** *id.* sound and movement of a fishing rod which has ben set when it is triggered off, or when a big fish escapes from the hook

**fókotuo (=fókotua =fokotuó = fokotuá)** *n.* herb whose leaves are used as soap for washing (*Stachytarpheta jamaicensis* Vahl VERBENACEAE) (= **ofóro-ro-bèni-bóù**)

**fókufoku (=fókuu)** *id.* stacked up; piled up (clothes, wood, fruits, etc.)

**fólà** *n.* cigarette-holder; “tube” [*English folder or holder*]

**folafolá** *id.* many at a time (bigger and wider in size than **falafalá**)

**fómu** *id.* free; relieved; without hindrance

**fómuu<sup>1</sup>** *id.* sleep soundly in total relaxation

**fómuu<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes a wide expanse of cleared farmland

**fónifoni** *id.* only a little; slightly: **Wónì fónifoni kị nị wó daụ nimimi** We know our father only slightly.

**foo** *id.* blank; empty (as of intelligence); lacking intelligence at a particular time: **Ìkịyọu sẹ ịnọf fòo kị èmi** My mind is a blank right now.

**fóo (=fúo =fúa)** *n.* son-in-law, father-in-law [check if class 3]

**fóo** *n.* hollow; wide opening

**foó<sup>1</sup>** *id.* (of boiling soup) foam and rise

**foó<sup>2</sup> (=fooo)** *id.* used in describing the state of the mouth after eating too much pepper; pungent; piquant; biting, pricking (applied to skin, mouth, taste, etc.)

**fóon** *id.* describes a situation when one can see very far without any obstruction

**fópu** *id.* describes the explosion of a cork from a bottle, etc.

**foraí<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.loc.* come ashore (of something floating); be caught on (of something floating); be wedged against (fixed object or bigger person): **Tẹ̀in timi tịnbị bó fòraịdọ** The floating tree-trunk has come ashore: **Eri tịnbọfọ foraiđọ** He is wedged against the tree.

**foraí<sup>2</sup>** [5] *v.a.* be knock-kneed (*cf.* **gbeleí** [5]): **Wo buọmọ fòraínimí** He is knock-kneed; **forai búọ** knock-knees; “K-legs”

**foroforó<sup>1</sup>** *v.a.* become foamy, frothy

**foroforó<sup>2</sup>** *v.a.* spring up, grow well (of crops)

**foró** *v.t.* screen; cover; **bịbịforo** curtain; **i foró àraụ** mother-in-law (= **fúo-àraụ/i yaforó**) (*lit.* ‘she who screens or shelters me’); **i foró òwei** father-in-law (= **fúoòwei/i foí**) (*lit.* ‘he who screens or shelters me’)

**fororofóro** *id.* spongy with many holes, air spaces, or empty spaces

**fororoó** *id.* poor and with no prospects

**fóro** *id.* describes an avaricious drinking

**fóru** *n.* hamlet; a settlement which is not necessarily permanent, and is still linked to the parent settlement: **Ìkáamà foru** ‘Kaiama settlement’ (whereas a **gbéne** can be called after its founder’s name)

**foto** [4] *n.* photo(graph); picture; **foto sìn** take picture, photo; **foto sùọ** have one’s picture taken; **foto sùurụ** develop photograph

**fọ** *adv.* whatever, certainly, often used with ill-intention: **fọ, gbá dīi à** do tell me

**fóbụ** *id.* describes how a cork is removed by extraction, and the popping sound so produced

**fọdị** *v.t.* squeeze leaves in water when preparing medicine, *usu.* **dịri fọdị; kịmị fọdị** **A.** punish brutally; (*fig.*) immerse someone in water, as a punishment; **B.** beat someone thoroughly on the ground, in a fight [check arrangement]



**fòdífòdì** *id.* struggling (of human, animals, but not fish) in water  
**fòkífòkí** *id.* dilly-dallying; acting indecisively; procrastinating  
**fòkọ<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* gather dress/“gown” at waist or below breast  
**fòkọ<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* squeeze out juice of herbs with hand for medicine  
**fòkọfòkọ** *id.* filthy; full of sweat  
**fòlì** *v.t.* clean (**izón odu**) of earth and roots, etc.; **odú fòlì** clean cocoyam  
**fòlìí<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* roll on the ground with someone while wrestling  
**fòlìí<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* stand orderly in a line; fall into line:  
**Ọ mú fòlì yèè** You (*pl.*) go and stand in a line.  
**fòlìífòlìí** *id.* in a state of disorder or disarray  
**fòlọ** [1] *v.i.* be worn out, tired, exhausted  
**fongain** *id.* crooked  
**fọrọfọrọ** *id.* destitute; poor, with no prospects; empty of juice; empty of fish (as fishpond or lake)  
**fọrọfọrọ<sup>1</sup>** *id.* persistent bitter weeping  
**fọrọfọrọ<sup>2</sup>** *id.* foaming; frothing  
**fọrọkọ** *n.* singlet  
**fọu** *n.* market; **fọu tubo/yọu** trade; **gbún fọu** (=bún fọu) windfall gains; excessive gain such as in trade which the person scarcely reveals to others: **Eri gbun fọu kị túbomi** He made a big gain in his trade: (*Question to fishermen or hunters on their way home*) **Fọu èmí yàà?** Anything for sale? /**Fọu fààà?** Nothing for sale? *Reply:* **Fọu èmí** (There’s) something for sale /**Fọu fàà** (There’s) nothing for sale.  
**fọubaj** *n.* market-day (=fọu-erein)  
**Fọubaj** *n.* personal name [‘Market-day’]  
**fọubiridie** *n.* tree (*Dorstenia* sp. MORACEAE)  
**Fọu-ere** *n.* female personal name [‘Market-woman’]  
**fọu-erein** *n.* market-day (=fọubaj)  
**fọùn** (=fọun) [3] *n.* **A.** ashes; **búro fọun** ashes; **B.** gunpowder; **fọùn tuọ** make gunpowder; **tein fọùn** gunpowder: **Fọùn**

**gbéinbọ tịbị kị ùwoumi** Let the ashes blow back to the person who throws them.  
**fọun<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.t.* drag; **fọun nì iyérimọ** haul down; **fọun zu** drag ashore *e.g.* log, canoe, etc. (*cf.* **fọun nì ụwóumọ**); **igbọ fọun** drag net  
**fọun<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* shake (head, *esp.* in annoyance), *usu.* **tịbị fọun**; wave, signal with hand, *usu.* **bára fọun**  
**fọun<sup>3</sup>** *v.i.* **A.** blow (as wind); **ẹfẹrụ fọun** (of wind) blow; **B.** *v.t.* fan (fire); **finị fọun** fan fire  
**fọun<sup>4</sup>** *v.t.* swing (something) round in air  
**fọun<sup>5</sup>** [3] *see* **fọùn**  
**fọun-bàlì** *n.* keg of gunpowder  
**fọun-burọ** *n.* ashes  
**fọunburọuteri** *n.* tree used for carving canoes (*Pachystela brevipes* (Bak.) Baill. ex Engl. SAPOTACEAE) (=adáyaj) [check]  
**fọunfọunbàu** *n.* fan for fire, usually made of **pìnì**  
**fọun-igbọ** *n.* drag-net  
**fọunmọ** *v.t.* drag, haul towards a direction  
**fọutiri** *n.* market-place  
**fọuyọubaj** *n.* day before market day [‘market-paddling-day’]  
**Fọuyọubaj** *n.* personal name  
**fúa** *see* **fúo**  
**fúanfúan** (=fóanfóan) *id.* impatient; panting; breathlessly; shallow-minded  
**?fugíí** [5] (=fuguí =figíí =fuguí =funguí ?=fingíí) *v.p.* **A.** spring up (of snaphook) when fish has taken the bait: **Déibi fùgíídọu** The snaphook has sprung up; **B.** veer about (of canoe which is not under control: **Árụbi fùgíídọu** The canoe has veered about out of control.  
**fugú<sup>1</sup>** (=fungú =fungí =fingí= figí) *v.t.* (*wrestling*); **A.** grip opponent’s arms and catch his leg with one’s own leg to throw him; **B.** throw over the hip (in **ikókiyaj** type)  
**fugú<sup>2</sup>** (=fungú =fungí =fingí = figí) *v.t.* jerk up rod when fish has taken the bait

**fugú<sup>3</sup>** (=fungú =fungí =fingí =figí) *n.* (*wrestling*); special throw in wrestling: **Wo andábì fugú fàá èé** He does not know the **fugú** throw in wrestling; (*cf.* **ikókiyajì** a throw over the hip)

**fugudeí** *see* **fungudeí** snaphook

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**fúkpa** (=fókpa) *id.* get loosened or relaxed suddenly from a suppressed position

**fúku** *v.i.* swell, increase in size as does “farina”, garri, etc., when soaked in water: **Ofonìamọ́ fúkudọ́** The “farina” has swelled up.

**fúkùfúkù** *id.* puffing sound and action: **Ofuku fọ̀n bára, fúkùfúkù** The sound of the bellows – puff-puff!

**fúkumọ́** *v.cs.* cause to distend or dilate; leaven

**fúmu** [3] *v.a.* be dirty

**fumukúù** *id.* very dirty; dirty with dust all over the body

**fún<sup>1</sup>** *n.* **A.** leaf; **fún beri** leaf; **B.** book, paper; **fún pou** roll, ream, of paper

**fún<sup>2</sup>** *n.* cataract [check PIE]

**fún-akpakpa** page, cover of book

**fúnberi-palì-akpalu** *n.* small tree-frog (*Hypenolius*, family RHACOPHORIDAE) [‘leaf-sticking-frog’]

**fúndo** *v.i.* swell; increase in size: **utárànbì fúndomi** The fufu swelled up.

**fún-gẹ̀gẹ̀basa** *n.* pencil; pen; penholder [‘book-writing-stick’]

**fún-gẹ̀gẹ̀-oweì** *n.* (male) secretary, author [‘book-writ-er’]

**fún-gowarì** (=fúnwarì) *n.* library [‘book-(reading)-house’]

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**fungí<sup>3</sup>** (=fugú =fungú =figí =fingí) *n.* (*wrestling*); special throw in wrestling: **Wo andábì fungí fàá èé** He does not know the **fungí** throw in wrestling; (*cf.* **ikókiyajì** a throw over the hip)

**fungíí** [5] (=figíí =fuguí ?=fugíí =funguí =? =fingíí) *v.p.* **A.** spring up (of snaphook) when fish has taken the bait: **Déibi fùngííḍoḍu** The snaphook has sprung up; **B.** veer about (of canoe which is not under control: **Árùbì fùngííḍoḍu** The canoe has veered about out of control.

**fungú<sup>1</sup>** (=fugú =fungí =figí =fingí) *v.t.* (*wrestling*); **A.** grip opponent’s arms and catch his leg with one’s own leg to throw him; **B.** throw over the hip (in **ikókiyajì** type)

**fungú<sup>2</sup>** (=fugú =fungí =figí =fingí) *v.t.* jerk up rod when fish has taken the bait

**fungú<sup>3</sup>** (=fugú =fungí =figí =fingí) *n.* (*wrestling*); special throw in wrestling: **Wo andábì fungú fàá èé** He does not know the **fungú** throw in wrestling; (*cf.* **ikókiyajì** a throw over the hip)

**fungudeí** (=fugudeí =figideí) *n.* snaphook

**fuguí** [5] (=fugíí =fuguí ?=fugíí =fungíí =? =fingíí) *v.p.* **A.** spring up (of snaphook) when fish has taken the bait: **Déibi figííḍoḍu** The snaphook has sprung up; **B.** veer about (of canoe which is not under control: **Árùbì figííḍoḍu** The canoe has veered about out of control.

**fúnpọ̀u** *v.i.* (*usu.* **bára funkpọ̀u**) steal: **Wo bará funkpọ̀uḍoḍo** He has stolen.

**fún-kula** *n.* (university) degree

**fúnnimi** *a.* literate; educated; learned

**fúntolumọ̀warì** *n.* school; college; university

**fúntùà** *n.* ‘21’ in the card game of vingt-et-un

**fúnwarì** (=fún-gowarì) *n.* library [‘book-(reading)-house’]

**fún-yẹ̀rì-warì** *n.* bookshop [‘book-selling-house’]  
**fúo<sup>1</sup>** (=fóo =fúa) *n.* son-in-law, father-in-law (=fúo-owèi)  
**fúo<sup>2</sup>** [3] (=fóo =fúa) *n.* marriage relationship:  
**Ọrọ́ fuobi èbi fuó.** You are happily married (implying birth of children as well as lack of friction); **fúo birì** wife’s quarter/town; **fúo tèi** **A.** perform ceremonies connected with marriage; **B.** stay with one’s in-laws for some days; **C.** joke with people from one’s wife’s family [is this not rather **dó tèi**?]  
**fúoaràù** mother-in-law (term used by X to refer to and address his wife’s mother or the woman who acts for her) (=iyaforó)  
**fúo-owèi** (=fúo-owei) *n.* son-in-law/father-in-law (used reciprocally between X and the man who is or acts as his wife’s father, and to X by his wife’s mother, both in reference and address) (*cf.* **i foí**) (=fúo (=fóo =fúa))  
**fúròù** *n.* **A.** belly; stomach; **fúròù bein** (of stomach) be filled, satisfied; **fúròù igba** intestines; guts; **fúròù kubu** tattoo belly; **fúróù tọ̀bọ̀** freeborn of a town; an indigene; **fúròù tuu** lower abdomen; **opu furóù** stomach of animal (*cf.* **opu akpá**); **B.** pregnancy; **fúròù koro** (of pregnancy) miscarry; **fúròù kue** (of pregnancy) abort (spontaneously) during first few months; **fúròù miẹ́ kóromọ́** cause abortion; **zii furóù** one’s child  
**fúru<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* steal  
**fúru<sup>2</sup>** *n.* theft; **fúru bara** furtively; stealthily; **tọ̀rọ́ kùrọ́ furú** highway robber; armed robbery  
**fúrukìmi** *n.* thief: **Fúrukìmi fìrì furughá** Athief does not steal work.  
**fúrukputu** *n.* skin disease caused by irritation or insect bites  
**fúru-ogbo** *n.* gang of thieves  
**fúrusuṣu** *n.* secret fight; guerrilla war(fare)  
**fuu** *id.* **A.** puff; short quick blast of breath; hissing (as snake) (>**fụ**)  
**fuufuú** *id.* continuous hissing sound

**fúa** *v.t.* bite (as insects)  
**fúbẹ̀fúbẹ̀** *id.* **A.** impatient; unable to endure; **B.** breathless; panting; gasping for breath  
**fújìn<sup>1</sup>** *id.* very small; minute; **fújìn tọ̀rọ́** tiny eye  
**fújìn<sup>2</sup>** *id.* sniffing  
**fújìn** *see* **fìn<sup>1</sup>**  
**fújìn** *v.i.* dare (only used in subordinate if-clauses): **Ì fújìn mọ́, ye ì fámudọ́** If you dare, I will beat you; *n.* act of defiance: **Kẹ̀nì fújìn kpọ́ miẹ́ kúmọ́** Don’t try anything on!  
**fújinfújìn** (=fínfín) *id.* very small; minute  
**fúkpa** *id.* get loosened or relaxed suddenly from a suppressed position (of smaller object)  
**fúkumọ́** *v.i.* suddenly recover (as from sickness or fainting)  
**fúkùrùfúkùrù** *id.* of an intermittent stealthy rustling noise  
**fùlọ̀** *n.* “soup”; *i.e.* the combination of liquid, spice and other ingredients, with fish/meat, which is eaten with vegetable food: **Dádìghá fùlọ̀ ingbì tìn kumọ́** Don’t complain the soup is sour until you have tasted it (*cf.* The proof of the pudding is in the eating); **fùlọ̀ bou** drink soup; **fùlọ̀ taba** “lick” soup with finger; **fùlọ̀ tọ̀** cook soup  
**fùlọ̀beni** *n.* liquid part of soup  
**fùlọ̀-ẹ̀fẹ̀rẹ̀** *n.* soup dish; soup plate  
**fùmọ́<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* faint  
**fùmọ́<sup>2</sup>** *n.* seed  
**fún** *v.i.* hear (faintly, as from a distance; or news which has not been publicized): **Arí fun kẹ̀nì èbì egberi naa wónìmí** I heard a piece of good news that is not yet generally known  
**fùrọ́** [tone class 2 or 3?] *v.i., v.t.* smell; **fùrọ́ naa** be sensitive to smells; **fùrọ́ naagha** be insensitive to smells; **fùrọ́ paa** be scented; be odorous; **beni fùrọ́** smell of water (as yam, cocoyam, etc.); **bou fùrọ́** smell of bush; **owou fùrọ́** [tone?] smell of smoke (as fish, roasted food, etc.)

**fúru** *n.* smell; odour  
**fúru-ìpajin** *n.* shrub whose leaves are used to treat wounds (*Mallotus oppositifolius* (Geisel.) Müll. Arg. EUPHORBIACEAE)  
**fúrukana** *n.* African curry-powder (*Ocimum gratissimum* Linn. LABIATAE); **dúweji fúrukana** (*Basilicum polystachion* (Linn.) Moench. LABIATAE)  
**fúrutuo<sup>1</sup>**(=**fúrutua<sup>1</sup>**) *n.* Goatweed, herb (*Ageratum conyzoides* Linn. COMPOSITAE)  
**fúrutuo<sup>2</sup>**(=**fúrutua<sup>2</sup>**) *n.* Siam weed, a useless herb, causing injury if used to wipe anus (*Chromolaena odorata* (Linn.) King & Robinson COMPOSITAE) (=seituó =seituá)  
**furuú** *id.* describes very small and deeply set eyes  
**fuy** *id.* A. puff; short quick blast of breath; hissing (as snake) (<fuu)  
**fuy<sup>1</sup>** *n.* handle into which blade is fitted; helve (*cf.* tubú); **asúbaj fuy** handle of hoe; **ogou fuy** handle of axe  
**fuy<sup>2</sup>** *n.* salt; **beke fuy** table salt; **kúmoni fuy** salt used in former times, made in salt-water area; **kuro fuy** very hard salt made in balls (=kúmoni fuy)  
**fuy<sup>3</sup>** *n.* the hot, pungent condiment produced by alligator pepper when its grains are chewed  
**fuybeni** *n.* salt water; brine  
**fuydōn** *n.* an incurable wasting disease; AIDS; diabetes insipidus, one of two types of polyuria or excessive urination (**sán-dōn**) [*'salt-sickness'*][CHECK Definitions]  
**fuyufuyufuy** *id.* perforated; pitted; full of holes; moth-eaten: **Bidemó sè fuyufuyufuy kí èmi** The clothes are full of holes.  
**fuyufuyufuy** *id.* very small in quantity

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**gaá<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* be on the alert; be prepared; **gaa tije** stand in readiness for action

**gaá<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* cock (gun); *n.* cocked position of gun; **kála gaa** half-cock; **opu gaa** full-cock  
**gaán<sup>1</sup>** *v.a.* be clear; be understandable  
**gaán<sup>2</sup>** *n.* light  
**gaanmọ** *v.cs. usu.* **mije gaanmọ** make clear; clarify  
**gabugabú** *id.* tender; weak; unripe and immature: **Beribaá sè gabugabú kí èmi** This plantain is very immature.  
**gadabágadabá** *id.* weaving lines far apart (as in mat)  
**gadagadá<sup>1</sup>** *v.loc.* itch: **Ọngọbi inọ gādagadayemí** My body is itching. (=godogodó)  
**gadagadá<sup>2</sup>** *id.* (working) together quickly: **Ọmijí gādagada kaa firi wẹnimí** They did the job in a team spirit.  
**gadagbaá** *id.* standing out in a manly or conspicuous way; appearing unexpectedly (<godogbaá)  
**gadigadi** *id.* thorny, full of spikes: **Tin sè gadigadi kí èmi** The tree is very thorny.  
**gaduy** *id.* impolitely; rudely; without respect  
**gagagaá** *id.* stiff; unbending; hard; unyielding, tough (of person) (=tọru kùrọ)  
**gágala** *v.t.* disrupt (*e.g.* meeting, marriage, etc.); **biyai gágala** disrupt meeting; **wári gágala** upset one's family  
**gagalaí** [5] *v.p.* disintegrate; struggle  
**gagbaa** *id.* straight; rigid; of less attractive gait when walking  
**gain** *id.* bringing (foot) down heavily on ground; stamping  
**gáin** *n.* age-group: **Wóni orọ gain kí dọyemí** We want your age-group. [*<English gang?*]  
**gáingáinmọ** *adv.* by age-groups: **Gáin gáin mọ tije** Stand in age-groups.  
**gakií** *id.* describes protruding buttocks  
**gakuú** *id.* (of food or drink) finding difficulty in passing through the gullet  
**galabaá** *id.* protruding (as stick from water)  
**galabaa** *id.* not as expected (*e.g.* of plan)  
**gálabaa** *id.* standing straight

**galabagálaba** [4] *id.* in a confused, disorderly state; higgledy-piggledy (applies to people and objects)

**gálabagàlaba** *id.* disordered; disorderly (of crowd, people, animals); unreliable; unsteady (of people)

**galabaí** [5] *v.recip.* be in disagreement (as husband and wife): **Ọ boó gálabaíyemi** The two of them have come to be on bad terms.

**gálagàla** *id.* struggling ostentatiously, with impatience

**gálìjì** *id.* protruding, projecting (of buttocks)

**gálamijì** *id.* very tall (of person)

**gámìgàmì** *id.* prickly (as of grass)

**ganaganá<sup>1</sup>** *id.* transparent (of cloth)

**ganaganá<sup>2</sup>** *id.* feeling refreshed and strong (after taking something to improve one's condition)

**ganijì** [5] *v.i.* be dear, costly: **Fíimọ̀ gànijì kamì** The foodstuffs are dear.

**gárabagàraba** *id.* vigorous; industrious

**garagará** *id.* acting enthusiastically together (of group): **Kímìmọ̀ gàragara káàá nama pèjì yọ̀bọ̀ bómèé** The people came quickly to "butcher" the animal.

**gáranbaa** (= **gánranbaa**) *id.* describes movement from a low-lying position to an upright stance (of person or snake); rearing up; (*geom.*) **gáranbaa igbalì** vertical line

**garangarán** *id.* erect; vertical (of standing trees); alert (of soldiers, wrestlers) [**ganrangarán** ?]

**gararìn-gárarin** (= **ganranrìn-gánranrin**) *id.* rough (like sandpaper or leaves of **ìkọ̀rọ̀nsì**)

**gararùú** *id.* (of stomach pain) griping; severe

**garasìgárasì** *id.* (of place) untidy and unsafe, with broken pieces of anything, protruding sticks, etc.

**garazaá** *id.* tall and muscular, but not fat (of person) (<**gorozaá**)

**garí** [4] *n.* (*sg. if prepared, pl. if raw*) gari; **garí bọ̀u** drink gari; **garí gbàaran** fry gari; **garí mịẹ** prepare gari for eating; **garí mịnị**

swallow gari; **garí tòn fì** scoop up raw gari with the hand and eat

**garìgàrì** *id.* full of gari

**garírògo** *n.* cassava flour [<Hausa **gàarin rógòò** 'cassava flour']

**garìgarì<sup>1</sup>** *v.a.* be very fresh

**garìgarì<sup>2</sup>** *v.a.* be active, intelligent and articulate; **garìgarì tọ̀bọ̀u** clever child

**gariyaan** *id.* not hidden; open; with no secrets

**gásì** *id.* piercing sharply

**gasìgasì** *id.* **A.** (of soup) full of fishbones; bony; **B.** thorny

**gau<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes sound as of cutting big tree with an axe

**gau<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes sound of gunshot

**gáun** *id.* sound produced when a smaller bell is rung (<**góun**)

**gazìgazì** *id.* low-pitched; reverberating; growling

**gazu<sup>1</sup>** *id.* answering someone impolitely; rude; discourteous

**gazu<sup>2</sup>** *id.* distasteful (of food, drink, etc.)

**gbá<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes sound of gunshot

**gbá<sup>2</sup>** *excl.* exclamation by a boy to lay claim to an **ọ̀gbọ̀lọ̀** he has sighted first

**gbaá** *v.t.* trim an unfinished canoe before expanding it with fire: **Erí wò igbùmù gbaayemi** He is trimming his unfinished canoe.

**gbáa** *v.t.* [tone class 2 or 3?] say; tell: **Arí mọ̀ gbàagha** I don't say so; **Erí kẹ̀nì dùú** **gbaamì** He told (us) a tale; **gbáa barì** take back one's words; withdraw an accusation; **gbáa dù̀bamọ̀** exaggerate; **gbáa fìna** maintain an accusation; **gbáa kùrọ̀mọ̀** lay emphasis on something; **gbáa lolomọ̀** speak in glowing terms; **gbáa paamọ̀** confess; declare; **gbáa pẹ̀lẹ̀** agree; **gbáa saí** talk about something in a playful way; **gbáa tẹ̀rì** make an accusation stick; **gbáa wàimọ̀** convince; **gbáa walamọ̀** spread (news) widely; **egberi gbaá** tell a story; preach; **! gbaá fàdọ̀ú** My word is final.

**gbáakirì** *n.* plantain farm (= **sánkiri**)

**gbaaliḽ<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.i.* be wrong; **ere bībí gbàaliḽ** make a mistake in speaking; talk in delirium  
**gbaaliḽ<sup>2</sup>** [5] *n.* error; mistake: **Gbaaliḽ kiji tọbọy ye** To err is human.  
**gbáamọ** *v.dir.* accuse  
**gbaán<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* close, shut (*e.g.* door): **Ogúga gbàn** Shut the door.  
**gbaán<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* rub; anoint: **Áràù ỳde á tọbọy gbànmì** She rubbed the child with pomade.  
**gbààn** *id.* pure white (= **lálala**)  
**gbáan** *id.* sound, *e.g.* of mother shouting for her child (*cf.* **gbáangbaan**): **Áràù gbaan kị nì ará tọbọy tìnmì** She shouted for her child at the top of her voice.  
**gbáaran** (**gbáran** = **gbánran** = **gbáanran**) [3] *v.t.* fry  
**gbábaà** *id.* starting up (when woken suddenly) [different from **gbágbaà**?]  
**gbábù** *see* **agbábù** wooden cramp  
**gbábù** *v.t.* hold between lips or teeth, or in forked stick  
**gbabuḽ** [5] *v.p.* **A.** be contracted, closed up (as oyster, flower); **B.** (*geom.*) acute (of angle); **gbabuḽ ikokì** acute angle  
**gbábumọ** *v.cs.* narrow; make narrow; bring together: **Pui árù korì gbábumọ** Bring the split edges of the canoe together.  
**gbaburùù** *id.* narrow; constricted (as the shape of a person, or passage being encroached upon by weeds or trees)  
**gbadagbadá<sup>1</sup>** *id.* act hurriedly, hastily: **Erí gbàdagbada kàà fỳyaimọ tùmì** He cooked the food hurriedly.  
**gbadagbadá<sup>2</sup>** *id.* (of rain) falling with big heavy drops  
**gbadaḽ<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.i.* struggle to do  
**gbadaḽ<sup>2</sup>** [5] *v.i.* roll about  
**gbadugbadú** *id.* inflamed (of the skin, as a result of irritation, insect bite or stinging)  
**gbafalaá** *v.a.* **A.** be flattish, shallow; **gbafala alálà** flat shallow pan; **B.** (of mind) be open  
**gbáfara** *v.t.* chip pieces off a big log: **Áràù fìmì gbàfarayémi** She is chipping pieces off the log for firewood.  
**gbagaragbagará** *id.* in haste; in a hurry

**gbágbaà** *v.i.* start up; jerk awake: **Eréma gbagbaà kị serimi** The woman suddenly started up.  
**gbagbàin** *v.a.* be dry (of sandy soil)  
**gbagbalaa** *v.a.* be wide and saucer-shaped  
**gbagbalaá** *id.* (falling) flat on one's back (*cf.* **eré koro**): **Erí gbàgbalaa kị kòromi** He fell flat on his back.  
**gbagbaraá<sup>1</sup>** *id.* stiff  
**gbagbaraá<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes tall, well-shaped man  
**gbagbarii** *id.* thick (as of cloth, skin, plate, piece of plank or wood forming the body of canoe)  
**gbagidigbágidi** [2] *id.* disproportionately big and rough: **gbagidigbágidi odobara** big rough pestle: **Duba kiji bāràbiri gbagidigbágidi** A big person's arm – huge and muscular.  
**gbagidií** *id.* unusually big  
**gbagìdigbágìdì** [2] *id.* describes a mat roughly woven, or wood roughly carved into a shape  
**gbagiríí** *id.* describes boiled plantain, when cold and dry; hard, not palatable  
**gbai** *id.* thumping [or verb?]  
**gbaigbai** *v.i.* thump repeatedly: **Erí warì bọtìtì gbaigbaiyemí** He is thumping on the door repeatedly.  
**gbaiin** *id.* expresses satisfaction in respect of food eaten or rest of mind; calm and sober  
**gbáí** *id.* exactly; correctly: **Erí kẹnì gba gbaí** He said it correctly.  
**gbáin<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.i.* be obstinate (of sore or wound); refuse to be cooked (of raw foodstuff)  
**gbáin<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* keep, store (fish, crops)  
**gbáin<sup>3</sup>** *v.i.* act stealthily: **Indií dọlọ gbàin bó** Bring a little fish to me stealthily.  
**gbáin<sup>4</sup>** *id.* clinking; a loud shrill noise produced when a light iron, *e.g.* matchet, is struck, or when two such pieces of iron are struck together

**gbáin àkì** *v.p.* **A.** meet force to force (as of two warring groups); **B.** meet ordinarily (as of two friends)

**gbáin-gbáin** *id.* sharp, shrill, unattractive voice, *esp.* of women

**gbáinzaà** *id.* tall and thin (of human being)

**gbakaa** *id.* very straight

**gbakii** *id.* short and hefty

**gbalá<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* tie, wear (headtie) (*cf.* **ṽwaín** for wrapper): **Áràù lọ̀sì gbala wónìmí** She is wearing a headtie; **tìbì gbala** cover head

**gbalá<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* “back” (child); carry child on back; **tọ̀bọ̀ gbalá** “back” a child

**gbalá<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* give support or encouragement to someone on a venture; wish someone success, *esp.* in wrestling: **Wónì ì gbála wonìmí** Our support is with you in your venture.

**gbála** *v.i.* cry and be restive; be restless due to pain

**gbalabìdẹ** *n.* tie-cloth (used to carry child on back)

**gbalagbalá** *id.* talking in annoyance and blaming someone for a mistake

**gbalagbàla** *id.* very agitated and excited; impatient; restless

**gbalamó<sup>1</sup>** *v.dir.* place and tie a child on the back of another person

**gbalamó<sup>2</sup>** *v.cs.* cover up; cause to fill up: **Ebi bìdẹmọ̀ fọ̀tìrì sẹ̀ gbalamọ̀ wónìmí** Fine cloths and clothes fill the whole market.

**gbálì** [3] *v.t.* feed; look after; adopt; see off

**gbálì-araṽ** *n.* adopted mother

**gbálì-owei** *n.* adopted father

**gbálìtọ̀bọ̀** *n.* adopted child

**gbáloo<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* be intimate with someone (in friendship)

**gbáloo<sup>2</sup>** *id.* being too salty (of “soup”, food)

**gbáloogbaloo** *id.* excessively salty

**gbamejìn** *v.t.* pretend; feign (=lẹ̀mẹ̀jìn): **Erí wò la bóghàbì akì dọ̀n kì gbàmejìnmí** He pretended that his failure to come was due to illness.

**gbámù** *id.* tight, narrow (of trousers, shorts, blouse)

**gban (bọ̀)** *v.t.* pass off, bypass (of trouble): **Áan án bìbì ì gban bọ̀** Let no uncalled-for trouble befall me.

**gbaná** *v.t.* put on; bestow; mount; **gbana pujùn** boil or cook foodstuff with some fish, meat or prawns placed on top; **bára gbanà** start; commence

**gbanafiyé** *n.* table

**gbanaí<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.p.* be on; be added to

**gbanaí<sup>2</sup>** [5] *v.t.* answer; agree; believe

**gbanamó** *v.dir.* put upon; add to

**gbanayọ̀** *n.* addition; something added

**gbándù** *n.* bracelet worn by women for adornment

**gbáangbaan** *id.* describes sound intended to carry, for instructions or military commands, a mother shouting a warning or summons to her child, or a hunter proclaiming he has killed a big animal (*cf.* **gbán**)

**gbánghì (=gbángì)** *n.* pot-stand; tripod

**gbánran** *see* **gbáanran** fry

**Gbanraín, Gbanrán** *see* **Gbaraín**

**Gbanran-** *see* **Gbaran-**

**gbanú** *n.* a mistake in speaking; slip of the tongue; lapsus linguae: **Arì gbànù kpọ̀ faá** What I say is right: **Gbanú, ì tìn kọ̀rì** Sorry, what I said is not right (*idiom*).

**gbapínpin-kàla-arṽ** *n.* pod from the flame tree **kọ̀lọ̀pà má**, which takes the shape of a canoe after exploding. It is used as a toy canoe by children.

**gbarabagbarabá** *id.* describes the fast movement of a person or animal over dead brittle pieces of wood; pattering

**gbaragbará** **A.** *id.* profuse (of sweat); **B.** sudden (of death)

**Gbaraín (=Gbanraín, Gbanrán)** *n.* Gbanraín **ibé** in Northern Iẗon, also known as Taylor Creek. Its towns are Opóloakṽ=Pólakṽ, Kóroama, Obúnàgha, Okólobìrì, Okotiamá (headquarters), Ogbóloma, and Nedúgò-Agbíá. Its **ibe tẹ̀mẹ̀súò** is **Kurumú**, **kurumú**, **kurumú sèi Gbaraín**. Its **ibe orú** (deities) are **Kíribẹ̀jìn** (male) (at Okotiamá), **Opuadá** (male) (at Kóroama), and **Gbáraín**

**Zibau** (female) (at Kóroama); **Gbaraịn pọ́ọ́n** Gbaraịn dialect; **Gbaraịn Tọ́rú** Gbaraịn River; Taylor Creek

**gbaramụgbaramú** *id.* almost dead; withering (of plants, as a result of being debarked or uprooted, insect pests, etc.)

**gbaramụú** *id.* choked; suffocated; stifling

**Gbaran-amá** (=Gbanran-amá) [4] *n.* a town in **Opokumá ìbe** of Northern Iẓon

**Gbaranbirí** (=Gbanranbirí) [4] *n.* a town in **Opokumá ìbe** of Northern Iẓon

**Gbarantọ́rụbọ́** (=Gbanrantọ́rụbọ́) [4] *n.* a town in **Ekpétiama ìbe** of Northern Iẓon

**gbarará** *id.* abruptly; instantaneously

**gbáraragbàrara** *id.* rumbling, as of thunder

**gbararáà** *n.* leaping up (of a person from a seat, in anger)

**gbarèè** *id.* unevenly balanced; lopsided: **Wo ikókìbì gbarèè kì emi** His hips are lopsided.

**gbarí** *v.i.* fail; misfire (of gun); (*fig.*) **Iné suboibi gbàrìdọ́** Your case (*lit.* ‘gun’) has misfired.

**gbarịajị saị** *v.p.* wail; utter long plaintive cries of grief; make mournful sound; lament [or **gbariyajị saị** ?]

**gbarijị** *id.* unripe (= **gbarikọọ**)

**gbarikọọ** *id.* describes something inedible (= **gbarijị**)

**gbasá** *v.i.* set out on foot

**gbása** *n.* cane; rod; stick; yam stake

**gbasàà** *id.* describes a tall and slender person

**gbása bìbì kọrì** *excl.* lest I forget

**gbása-subo-oweì** *n.* a member of the civil defence

**gbasii<sup>1</sup>** *id.* headlong; precipitately (of fall): **Erí gbàsii kí kòromi** He fell down precipitately.

**gbasii<sup>2</sup>** (= **gbasíí**) *id.* well-built (of person); elegant; graceful: **Eréma (kẹ̀nị) gbàsii kí pàamị** The woman is well-built.

**gbásì<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.i.* **A.** be equal, right, perfect (*esp.* of character); be untampered with (*esp.* of cooked food or fish); **gbásì kịmị** upright man; **B.** (*math.*) be equal (in mathematical

sense); **Béi mọ vù mọ gbásìnìmí** This is equal to that; **gbásìgha** not equal to; **gbásì paraịama** equivalent fractions

**gbásì<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* meet or see suddenly, unexpectedly

**gbásìgèlè** *n.* action performed by masquerader to end a particular step

**gbásìghayọ** *n.* (*math.*) inequality [What is ‘equality’? **gbásìyọ?** **gbásìye?**]

**gbásìmọ-dịemọ** *n.* (*math.*) quotient

**gbatalìgbátalì** *id.* untidy; not smoothly rounded (of fufu); bulging (as of rolls of fat in a person)

**gbau<sup>1</sup>** [1] *id.* with a bump, thud; **gbau koró** fall with a bump, thud

**gbau<sup>2</sup>** [1] *id.* solitary and quiet

**gbaún<sup>1</sup>** *n.* nickname for a fool [from someone who used to say this]

**gbaún<sup>2</sup>** *id.* sound of fart, “spoiling air”

**gbáun** *id.* ringing; pealing; giving forth clear resonant sound (as of vibrating metal or bell, larger than **gbáun**)

**gbáun** *id.* ringing; pealing; giving forth sound (as of vibrating metal, smaller than **gbáun**)

**gbáye** *n.* instruction; what is said or told; **gbáye pòì** be obedient

**gbazààn** *id.* pale and weak (of sunshine)

**gbedé** *v.t.* fish (lake, river, etc.) with very big **ẹkẹrẹ** (*cf.* **tíkpi**, with **atélei**)

**gbee<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* stir and beat; **osún gbèè** stir and beat starch, drawing it round and towards oneself

**gbee<sup>2</sup>** *n.* outmoded fashion: **Wo pa ásịabì gbee ghọ bọdọ** His way of dressing is old-fashioned.

**gbéere** *v.t.* chew

**gbeerèè** *id.* fairly advanced in age

**gbeerégbèeré** *id.* describes relatively big objects among small ones (*e.g.* fishes, sticks)

**gbegbegbéè** *id.* (of girl) very mature with firm breasts (earlier stage than **gbekegbeké**)

**gbegberéè** *id.* stout; robust; bulky (of tree, person)

**gbéila<sup>1</sup>** *see* under **dụweị**

**gbéila<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* shake (someone)



**gbéin<sup>1</sup>** (=gbín) *v.t.* sew: **akáin gbein** sew “thatch”

**gbéin<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** throw; **agbáí gbein** throw missiles [tone? not under A]; **wárij gbein** “mud” a house (*i.e.* fill up the wattle framework by hurling mud at it); **B.** “spray” money to honour someone at a ceremony

**gbéin<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* pole, punt (canoe); *usu.* **asú gbein**

**gbéin<sup>4</sup>** *v.i.* jump from tree to tree like monkeys: **Bugomó boubò gbéinyemi** The monkeys are jumping from tree to tree in the bush.

**gbéin<sup>5</sup>** *v.t.* cut palmfruit; *usu.* **lìj gbein**

**gbéin<sup>6</sup>** *v.t.* sack (town, etc.); **amá gbein** sack a town

**gbéin<sup>7</sup>** *v.t.* strike a match

**gbéin<sup>8</sup>** *v.t.* dress specially or put on a mask (as of masquerader, wrestler or warrior): **Óumọ gbèinyémèè** The masquerade(r)s are being dressed; **gbéin kaka** dress as masquerader, wrestler, or warrior; **gbéin kara** be dressed in a special way; **gbéin paa** step out after dressing as above

**gbéin<sup>9</sup>** (=gbiín) *v.i.* dance (**egēné**) with hands clasped below the abdomen

**gbéin<sup>10</sup>** *v.i.* *as in* **gbéin bòu duo sùọ** rush suddenly into the bush (in protest, causing people to search for them lest they commit suicide): **Kími gbein bòu duo sùọ fàá** Someone has rushed into the bush in protest.

**gbeinmẹin** [5] *v.t.* clasp; embrace (= **labá**); hold on to; cling to

**gbéinmọ<sup>1</sup>** *v.dir.* sew together

**gbéinmọ<sup>2</sup>** *v.dir.* throw (something) carefully to another; toss up (e.g. baby, ball) and catch; juggle

**gbéinmọdei** (=gbéinmọdei) *n.* cast-hook

**gbeinmọ gbéinmọ** *v.dir.* travel from a place to one’s destination not in one vehicle or canoe, but in different ones before one finally arrives. This is usually occasioned by breakdowns on the way.

**gbéinnaa** *id.* gigantic; very large

**gbeiya<sup>1</sup>** *id.* with a bump: **Eri gbèiya kí kòromi** He fell with a bump; **gbeiya gbein** throw down with a bump

**gbeiya<sup>2</sup>** *id.* (*only in*) **Abá àma kọkọ gbèiya korónimí** The Oba’s city was actually in existence (*formula at the beginning of folk-stories*)

**gbéke** *v.t.* shake

**gbekegbeké<sup>1</sup>** *id.* shaky; quivering (as from illness or old age)

**gbekegbeké<sup>2</sup>** *id.* very mature with slightly shaky breasts (sometimes about to fall) (of girl) (*cf.* **gbegbegbéé**)

**gbekeí** [5] *v.i.* **A.** doze off while sitting up, swaying back and forth; **B.** sway to the rhythm of music or dance (usually while sitting)

**gbéle<sup>1</sup>** (*archaic gbólo*) *v.t.* knock (*esp.* on door) (= **títi**); proclaim (wares): hawk for sale; **indi gbelé** hawk fish (for sale); announce: **ekpékpe gbele** announce formally (as town-crier)

**gbéle<sup>2</sup>** (=gbólo) *v.t.* touch; tamper with; affect

**gbéle<sup>3</sup>** *n.* “snake-lizard”; Red and Black Forest Skink, or Fernand’s Skink (*Mochlus fernandi* Burton 1836 SCINCIDAE), which cries aloud at night, believed to be poisonous

**gbélegbele** *id.* describes a loud noise when one shouts or cries loudly: **I tíe kì bimein nì gbélegbele nì ì tìnyémààà?** Why are you calling me so loudly?

**gbeleí<sup>1</sup>** [5] (*archaic gboloí*) *v.recip.* meet (each other)

**gbeleí<sup>2</sup>** [5] *v.a.* be knock-kneed, *usu.* **búọ gbèléí** (= **foraf<sup>2</sup>**)

**gbélelè** *id.* of woman who is tall, but not of feminine build

**gbélele** *id.* smooth, as of road; without obstruction

**gbélelee** *id.* plain without protrusion (as a girl or woman without breasts, or canoe without seats)

**gbelemẹ́n<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.recip.* be related to, connected with: **u mọ̀ọ̀ ì mọ̀mọ̀ gbèlemẹ́nnìmí** He is related to me.

**gbelemẹ́n<sup>2</sup>** [5] *v.dir.p.* lean back against: **Akasí gbèlemẹ́n bụnụ** Lean back in the chair and sleep.

**gbélemọ** *v.dir.* lean against

**gbéli** *v.t.* weave a second line beside and touching the first: **Ọndúbì gbèli** Weave another line beside the first; (*fig.*) support: **Arí kpọ wo egbèrìbi gbelimi** I too confirm/support his story.

**gbéliotu** *n.pl.* supporters

**gbéne** *n.* hamlet (*often used in names of settlements*)

**gbenegbené** *id.* describes things such as sticks or animals falling in great numbers around the same place

**gbeneín<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* place sticks across the path of a canoe or log to serve as rollers and ease movement when it is being hauled

**gbeneín<sup>2</sup>** *n.* small pieces of wood put across the bottom of the inside of a canoe before **bábala** or mat is spread, on which loading is done

**gbére** *n.* smaller fish-hole in **dába** or fish-pond (*cf. dúma*, which is bigger, deeper, and contains more fish and usually **isíbiri**)

**gberekéè** *id.* knock-kneed

**gbérekegbèreke** *id.* walking in knock-kneed way; describes the way praying mantis walks with legs bent inwards touching the ground

**gbéreree** *id.* straight (as road)

**gbérikaà** *id.* missing the target

**gbérikagbèrika** *id.* slipping

**gbébuu** *id.* desolate; lonely; being alone; secluded

**gbèḍḍgbèḍḍé** *id.* profuse and without restraint (of talk)

**gbèḍḍí<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* abuse; revile; insult

**gbèḍḍí<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* move in newly-flooded shallow waters (of fish, *esp.* catfish)

**gbéḗ<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* [class 2 or 3?] pay, compensate, for (loss or damage): **Gbè saa, fa saá** A debt once paid is finished.

**gbéḗ<sup>2</sup>** *n.* reward; salary; pay; wages; (*tech.*) **eréin-erein-gbè** daily wages; **ogọneí-ogọneí-gbè** salary; **wíkì-wíkì-gbè** wages

**gbéḗ** *id.* sound of nailing something

**gbèḗn** *v.i.* look intently; gaze; look fixedly

**gbèḗrèḗ** *id.* **A.** relatively bigger than the other members of the group; **B.** relatively older than the other members of the group

**gbèḗrèḗgbèḗrè** *id.* relatively bigger than others

**gbéḗye** *n.* reward

**gbèḗgbèḗ** *id.* talking sternly to a person

**gbèḗgbèḗgbèḗ** *id.* describes a style of proud movement by girls

**gbèḗgbèḗ** *v.i.* move about shaking the buttocks proudly, and often removing the waist cloth and retying it, as done by some showy girls

**gbèḗgbèḗ** *id.* pure; real; indigenous

**gbèḗgbèḗrè** *id.* fairly strong (*e.g.* of cane-rope split to a fairly strong size); describes a fairly tall and well-shaped man

**gbèḗgbèḗḗ** *n.* extreme end; extremity; farthest end; the very last

**gbèḗn** *v.t.* pierce (fish) [This word is in the comparative wordlist and seems to have been omitted from the dictionary; treat properly]

**gbèḗlẹlẹlẹ** *id.* smooth; neatly polished; scrupulous; painstaking

**gbèḗḗgbèḗ** *id.* feeling numb; deprived of feeling or power of motion; paralysed; stupefied

**gbèḗḗgbèḗ** *a.* only; just that and nothing else; real; true; actual: **Gbèḗḗgbèḗ tìn kumọ dọyẹmi** We want a real tree (no substitute).

**gbèḗḗn** (=gbèḗḗ) *id.* fairly, somewhat, numerous: : **Gbèḗḗn indiamá kị èmí** The fish are reaching a good number: **Béi àmabì ọwọmọ bo gbèḗḗ kị ịzandọ** Children are fairly numerous in this town: **Gbèḗḗn kịmịama kị bodọ** A fair number of people

have come; **Eréma gbenein kị èbimi** The woman is rather beautiful.

**gbén-gbèn-gbèn** *id.* smooth and solid

**gbenghegbenghé** (=gbengengbengén) *id.* very weak and shaky (due to old age)

**gbéré** *id.* sound produced by a sharp and light flogging or flicking (<gbére [not in])

**gberikéé** *id.* describes a person, usually a man, who is short and strong

**gbérin-gberin** (=gbénrin-gbénrin) *id.* very strong; hard (as a well-made cement floor, or piece of stone)

**gbéyù** *id.* describes being alone in the forest and hearing its small natural sounds (*cf.* **yañi**, a situation with no sound at all)

**gbiasí** *id.* describes the shape of person with protruding forehead and chin, or shoulders and buttocks (>**gbiasí**)

**gbídaa** *id.* in a large quantity; sufficiently; adequately; enormous; immense

**gbidigbidí** *id.* describes sound and movement of gurgling and sinking as something is immersed in water and is gradually filled with it and sinks, as a person struggling while drowning, or a python sinking in water, or waterpots, jugs, or drums filling with water (>**gbidigbidí**)

**gbidiin<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* bellow forth (like thunder or cannon)

**gbidiin<sup>2</sup>** *n.* bellowing sound [really a noun?]

**gbidi-ìkpókì** *n.* [meaning?]

**gbigbigbí** *id.* shaky; quivering (as a person in an overloaded or small canoe crossing a rough river) (*cf.* **gbekégbeké**) [not in; is meaning same?]

**gbigbirí** *id.* bulky; thick; robust; sturdy; muscular (>**gbigbirí**)

**gbígirigbìgiri** *id.* struggling and rolling

**gbíí** *id.* rushing out in a body: **Kímimọ gbii kí bànhi pámi** The people rushed out all in a body.

**gbíí** *id.* sound of fist hitting the back: **Erí gbíí kì ni wo konú tìtimi** He hit him whang! on the back.

**gbíin<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** bind edges of **ẹserí** and **uté** mats with a stronger split cane-rope; **B.** twist fish-traps like **ingoó** or **ìkàrà** into shape

**gbíin<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* tie “bamboos” around the sides of **ẹdẹ** (yam barn) as wall and floor

**gbíin<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* harvest yams prematurely, *usu.* **buru gbíin** (*cf.* **odú bòli**, contrast **sóu** for mature yams)

**gbíin<sup>4</sup>** *see* **gbein** dance (**ẹgené**) with hands clasped below the abdomen

**gbikaá** *id.* short (in height): **gbika kímí/tíjín** short person/stick (>**gbikaá**)

**gbíki<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* shake (tree)

**gbíki<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* visit (house) in large numbers to court girls

**gbikii** *id.* touching or meeting, as by a bigger object or person (>**gbíkij**)

**gbíkii** *v.t.* elbow; jostle; thrust; nudge aside (>**gbíkij**)

**gbikigbikí** *id.* describes a very slow movement or action (as of the movement of one well advanced in age)

**gbilasigbílasi** *id.* flexible (as body) (>**gbilasigbílasi**)

**gbililigbílili** *id.* very smooth; glossy; slippery; slimy (>**gbililigbílili**)

**gbililí** *id.* very smooth; glossy; slippery; slimy (>**gbililí**)

**gbímu** *id.* pulsating; beating; throbbing; palpating; expanding and contracting by beats

**gbímugbimuù** *id.* pulsating; palpating; spurting

**gbíngha** (=gbíngha) *v.t.* shake an object or person who is stationary; rouse from apathy or idleness

**gbínkì** *n.* dance in Kabo for an adult dead person, usually performed in the night

**gbínikigbìniki** *id.* prone to fall; trembling

**gbírbugbírìbu** *id.* gristly; cartilaginous; cartilaginous (>**gbírbugbírìbu**)

**gbirigbirí** *id.* moving in great numbers (of people, creatures, etc.): **Kímimọ gbirigbiri kí bọyémi** The people are coming in great numbers: **Trénibi gbirigbiri kí ìgbemeé**

The train slowly drew to a halt with all its wagons: **Ọdúmụ gbìrigbiri** title given to a very long python moving in a slow undulating way (>**gbìrigbiri**)

**gbìrigidii** *id.* moving instantly

**gbìrimisikii** *id.* stopping abruptly (after moving smoothly)

**gbiripú** *id.* paddling forcefully with a heavy sound, especially by women and girls when trading

**gbiripú** *n.* the sound made by forceful paddling; **gbiripú tụa** dig in the paddles

**gbiripúgbiripú** *id.* describes the sound of forceful paddling: **Ọmịnị gbiripúgbiripú kì yọụmị** They paddled forcefully [and continuously?]

**gbìririi** *id.* never; not at all; not in the least

**gbìsì** *n.* cat (= **ológbòsì**)

**gbisigbisí** *id.* weak, *esp.* at the joints; exhausted (of people, as a result of labour)

**gbitirií** *v.i.* be crumpled, wrinkled (as face or badly-sewn dress): **Bìdẹbị gbitiriídọ** The cloth is crumpled.

**gbiasíí** *id.* describes the shape of person with protruding forehead and chin, or shoulders and buttocks (>**gbiasíí**)

**gbidaa** *id.* fairly satisfactory in respect to food eaten (= **gbaiin**)

**gbidìgbidí** *id.* describes sound of gurgling and sinking as a drowning child struggles, or as a bottle sinks as water gradually gets into its mouth (<**gbidìgbidí**)

**gbidimụ** *id.* very reserved (of person); not showing feeling

**gbifụ**<sup>1</sup> *id.* shortish, as of person

**gbifụ**<sup>2</sup> *v.i.* correct or reform oneself after refusing to take correction from others, as a result of seeing for oneself that the practice was bad

**gbìgbị** *id.* no movement; not an inch; no dent made

**gbìgbiríí** *id.* fairly robust and muscular (<**gbìgbiríí**)

**gbìgilìgbìgilì** *id.* not stable; oscillating

**gbìin** *id.* scorching, as of fire (*cf.* **gfiin**, **mụmụmụ**)

**gbìkaá** *id.* short (in height) (<**gbikaá**)

**gbìkìgbìkì** *id.* weak and trembling

**gbìkii** *id.* very close, almost touching (<**gbikii**)

**gbìkii** *v.t.* elbow; jostle; thrust; nudge aside (<**gbìkii**) [example? Is this a familiar word?]

**gbìkọbụ**<sup>1</sup> *id.* describes a short person, *esp.* when fairly fat and having a short neck

**gbìkọbụ**<sup>2</sup> *id.* fed up; disgusted

**gbìlamụ** *id.* very bitter (as root of **osùò-ikemi** taken as medicine)

**gbìlasigbìlasì** *id.* flexible (as body) (>**gbìlasigbìlasì**)

**gbìlasíí** *id.* with legs stretched out parallel on the floor or ground (of sitting position)

**gbìlìgbìlì** *id.* very black; swarthy (= **kpìlìkpìlì**)

**gbìlìlìgbìlìlì** *id.* very smooth; glossy (<**gbìlìlìgbìlìlì**)

**gbìlìlì**<sup>1</sup> *id.* smooth; not rugged (<**gbìlìlì**)

**gbìlìlì**<sup>2</sup> *id.* careful, scrupulous, painstaking

**gbìn** *see* **gbéin**<sup>1</sup> sew

**gbìnmein** *v..recip.* embrace; clasp; accept with affection: **ụ mọ a mọmọ gbìnmeinmị** He and she embraced each other. [ **gbeinmein** ? Check and consult ]

**gbìntìgbìntì** *id.* rusty (iron); dirty and unattractive in colour, as of teeth or copper losing their former colour due to rust or dirtiness

**gbìrìbụ** *id.* snapping; breaking with sharp crack

**gbìrìbụgbìrìbụ** *id.* gristly; cartilaginous; cartilaginous (<**gbìrìbụgbìrìbụ**)

**gbìrigbiri** *id.* describing a large number of people moving along a street (<**gbìrigbiri**)

**gbìrìrì** *id.* describes a very short distance or time

**gbìrìsìí** *id.* lying in a depressed mood; very weak after some physical activity

**gbìrìsgbìrìsì** *id.* describes a flexible body:

**Ọngó sè (kẹnì) gbìrìsgbìrìsì** The (person's) whole body is flexible.

**gbìsgbìsì** *id.* conscientiously; exhaustively; thoroughly; bitterly

**gbìsgb̀̀sì** *id.* feeling of heavy drops or rain or handfuls of sand falling on the body, or the sound of a machine

**gbìs̀̀jì** *id.* saying exactly; speaking directly without fear

**gbìs̀̀jì** *id.* squarely; reaching its objective (of something propelled)

**gbìtìrìgbìtìrì** *id.* crumpled; wrinkled

**gbìyaà** *id.* swishing sound and impact of a single stroke of the cane

**gbìyaí** *v.i.* be superfluous, excessive, in abundance (of people, food, or merchandise)

**gbó** *v.t.* usu. **bíó gbò**; cause trouble: **Béi kìm̀̀bì bíó gbò kámèé** This person causes trouble from time to time.

**gbodagbodá** *id.* growing luxuriantly, profusely, and quickly (as trees, animals or people): **Burumó gbodagboda kí pàayémèèè** The yams are growing precociously (=olulú)

**gbódagbòda** *id.* describes heavy dropping, as of rain or an eye watering freely due to injury or disease

**gbodaín** *id.* tall and thick (of person or tree; >gbòdaín)

**gbodigbódi** *id.* untidy; stained; looking careless

**gbódo** *v.t.* waste; litter: **Kím̀̀jì yòbì gbòdo kùm̀̀m̀̀** Do not litter the place with dirt and rubbish.

**gbodoí** [5] *v.p.* be wasted [example? Check and consult]

**gbógbo** *v.t.* abuse indiscriminately

**gbogbolaá** *id.* fall flat on one's back, supine (= **gbagbalaá, eré koro**)

**gbogboroó** *id.* brawny; muscular; thick (*cf.* **gbegbereé**)

**gbogbosigbogbosií** *excl.* God forbid! May it not happen!

**gbogoraa** *id.* thump (as when a big fish or other hard object is thrown into a canoe, or when a door is noisily opened)

**gboín** *v.p.* be closed or blocked; **Ìkírìkírì ọpoolobi gboínnímí** The cricket's hole is blocked.

**gbóko** *v.t.* stir (*cf.* **gbóoro**)

**gboláà** *id.* conspicuous: **Bùm̀̀ounbì gbòláà kí padó** The sandbank has appeared conspicuously.

**gbólo<sup>1</sup>** *n.* sea catfish (*Arius* spp. ARIIDAE)

**gbólo<sup>2</sup>** *see* **gbéle<sup>2</sup>**

**gbóloloo<sup>1</sup>** *id.* safely

**gbóloloo<sup>2</sup>** *id.* (of hole or river) wide and straight

**gbolólloom̀̀** *v.cs.* usu. **m̀̀jè gbolólloom̀̀** make straight; straighten; make safe

**gbolòd** *id.* dashing (as of fish dashing forward in the water creating a wake)

**gbolosigbólosi** *id.* very flexible (of person)

**gbolozáà** *id.* of great extent; spreading widely; extensive

**gbólu** *v.i.* (*obsolescent*) ominous (=d̀̀jamej̀̀n): **Ine er̀̀jì yèbi gbólu ye (=d̀̀jamej̀̀n yé)** The thing I saw is ominous.

**gbomuu** *id.* **A.** growing luxuriantly on fertile soil (as of the main bud of a plant); **B.** straight and healthy, looking well-grown (of teenager)

**gbonagboná** *id.* clear; plain; legible (of writing); conspicuous

**gbóngoro** *id.* clatter; sound of pan falling down

**gbonm̀̀ó<sup>1</sup>** (=gbonm̀̀ó) *v.cs.* block: **Wárib̀̀òè gbonm̀̀ó** Block the entrance to the house.

**gbonm̀̀ó<sup>2</sup>** (=gbonm̀̀ó) *n.* partition

**gboo** (=gbóó) *id.* feeling of pain (as cramp)

**gbóó** *v.t.* used in: **ebi gbóó** flaunt one's beauty (of woman)

**gboologbóolo** *id.* very spacious

**gbooloo** *id.* big enough (of canoe or room)

**gboón<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* close; block; **t̀̀orù gbòn** block the river

**gboón<sup>2</sup>** *n.* temporary dam, *esp.* made of mud across a lake or stream (**ùbaá**); **gboon tuá** place an obstruction [better **gbon tuá**?]

**gbóoro** *v.t.* stir; grind with circular motion (*e.g.* camwood)

**gborei** [1] *id.* describes forceful manner in which things are thrown down; crash; bump; thump: **Áràù fìnìmọ̀ ò àkì gborei kí kòromọ̀mì** She flung the firewood down with a thump.

**gboró<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* plant; hoe

**gboró<sup>2</sup>** *n.* planting; hoeing: **Gboro mọ bein mọ, dabou** Planting and fruiting [yields] kola (*i.e.* good things take tiem and hard work)

**gborobaa** *id.* describes very loud and noisy sound produced by the breaking of a big object (as a big branch); loud cracking

**gborobagborobá** *id.* sound produced when a person or animal treads heavily on dead tree-branches and they break or snap loudly

**gborokaa** *id.* sudden forceful pushing

**gbóron-gboron (=gbónron-gbonron)** *id.* describes an empty hole or house (*e.g.* house devoid of inmates or furnishing)

**gborongii** *id.* huge and long; imposing (*esp.* of canoe)

**gborosii** *id.* describes the heavy unimpeded fall of a woman on the wrestling field, or that of a big tree falling flat on the ground without anything to break its fall

**gbòu** *n.* clam (*Galatea paradoxa* Born)

**gbóu<sup>1</sup>** *n.* insect that resembles the cockroach in habits

**gbóu<sup>2</sup>** *n.* water snail [check and consult]

**gbóu<sup>3</sup>** *id.* describes the sound produced when a blunt machet is used to cut a big fairly dry thing such as wood

**gbóun** *id.* thwack; whack; whang

**gbóun-gboun** *id.* tolling; resounding of a big bell

**gboungbounbáù** *n.* echo (heard in the bush)

**gbòdajin** *id.* fairly heavy (<**gbodain**)

**gbòdùgbòdù** *id.* describes rotten slimy things with smell

**gbó-gbò-gbó** *id.* describes the sound of hard shoes walking on a hard floor

**gbogboí** *v.i.* disintegrate (as disused house, canoe, or decaying animal) [check if v.p.]

**gbòí** *id.* fitting in exactly; precise; accurate

**gbòin** *v.p.* lose, fall off (from parent body); **aká gbòin** drop out (of teeth); **ongó gbòin** lose weight; **gbòin koro** drop off (of ripe palm nuts): **Gbòin koro, dii wẹ̀rì sáa fì, eréamìni m̀ẹ̀ghá yè, kíri ghọ timi ni, ìyanghí tọ̀lọ** Dropping from the main bunch, borrowing money (on the strength of the palm bunches), it is a thing women don't do, picking dwarf nuts on the ground (*words to encourage a palm-cutter at work*).  
[<**gbòun** + -í]

**gbòkú** *v.t.* cough out; eject

**gbòlìí** [5] *v..recip.* box: **Ọ̀rọ maá k̀m̀ì gbòlìiyemi** The two of them are boxing.

**gbòlọ** *v.i.* faint or swoon as a result of charm, *esp.* during the process of divination [consult]

**gbòlọ̀sgbòlọ̀sì** *id.* flexible (of smaller person)

**gbòlù<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* box

**gbòlù<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* peck; **árugbòlù** woodpecker

**gbòlù<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* chisel (wood)

**gbòlù<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* straighten lines of weaving on fish-traps, etc.

**gbòlù<sup>1</sup>** *n.* chisel (iron or flattened nail)

**gbòlù<sup>2</sup>** *n.* stick for straightening woven lines on fish-traps, etc.

**gbòlù<sup>3</sup>** *n.* biggest bullet, used for large animals (*cf.* **angìlì, ọ̀fùrù, ùkpárù, okpókìrikpó**)

**gbòlùtù** *n.* corner post of house; first beam; forked sticks laid across the pillar sticks

**gbòlẹ̀í** *v.i.* move sluggishly, as a long-limbed but flexible-bodied person [or v.p.?)

**gbòlọ̀gbòlọ̀** *id.* tenderly; affectionately; flexibly (as of beautiful girl)

**gbòlọ̀-gbòlọ̀-gbòlọ̀** *id.* describes a slow stately movement of a long-limbed but flexible-bodied person

**gbòlọ̀lọ̀** *id.* freely; undisturbed or unhindered

**gbòrɔn** *v.t.* remove grains of corn one by one with the thumb [or **gbónrɔn?**]

**gboròfò** *id.* looking sorrowful and dejected; forlorn; depressed in spirit

**gbòrɔ** *num.* one: **Akan bíbì, gbòrɔ bíbì**

What I'm saying is true (*lit.* 'Bitter kola word is one word') (*used only in fixed expressions; the general word is kɛnɪ*)

**Gbòrɔaka** *n.* one of the Kólokùmá deities whose seat is at Kaiama (his popular name is **Ugùlakiri**) (*lit.* 'one tooth')

**gbòrɔ-ingbe** *n.* an animal with only one horn (*lit.* 'one horn'); *fig.* only child: **Béibì ine gbòrɔ-ingbeé** This is my only child.

**gbòɥ<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* sprout; germinate; put forth shoots (of crops)

**gbòɥ<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* interrupt someone sternly and prevent him from saying something; hush; calm (someone) down

**gbougbasá (=ogbougbasá) [4]** *n.* juvenile **iyóro** (snakehead) fish (*Parachanna obscura* CHANNIDAE)

**gbòɥn** *v.t.* **A.** (*generally*) pull out; remove something from another thing; (*hence, more specifically*) unlock (door); loose (fettters): **káí gbòɥn** remove handcuffs or fetters; (*psychically*) remove effects of charms designed to hamper an opponent; **B.** remove nails (usu. **túru gbòɥn**); (*hence, more generally*) dismantle; **C.** (*fig.*) **kímí gbòɥn** cause someone to lose their cool; tempt or incite someone to pick a quarrel; disturb one's peace of mind; be very aggressive; cheek or trouble someone with some ulterior motive; find fault with; be covetous, jealous of; interrupt; poke one's nose into someone's affairs; **D.** frequent a place in such a way as to disturb or destabilize a situation: **Béi aràɥma bífò gbòɥn kámèè** This girl is always coming around to disturb me.

**gbòɥnkɔgbòɥnkɔ** *id.* overcrowded, so that it is difficult to move

**gbowɔ** *id.* lesser sound of gun explosion with an echo

**gbú<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* waver, as of faith or trust

**gbú<sup>2</sup>** *id.* thumping sound of beating someone on the back

**gbúàà** *id.* deviating widely from the expected degree

**gbudií** *v.p.* become mixed (of different things; > **gbudíí**)

**gbudiigbúdií** *id.* jumbled; confused; mixed, as of good and bad things

**gbudugbudú** *id.* dirty (of water) (>**gbudugbudú**)

**gbue** *id.* **A.** sound produced when one belches heavily; **B.** sound produced by big fishes (**toriyéé**) in the fish-pond or lake when they gulp air near the surface of the water (>**gbuɛ**)

**gbúgburugbùgburu<sup>1</sup>** *id.* movement and sound from a confined space (as of fish in a calabash container)

**gbúgburugbùgburu<sup>2</sup>** *id.* struggling out of grip forcefully

**gbúku<sup>1</sup>** *id.* sound made by some fish, *esp.* **iyóro**

**gbúku<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes sound and action of a blunt machet when used to cut something like the stem of plantain

**gbuleé** *id.* protruding; bulging; prominent

**gbúlu** *v.t.* scrape; scoop out with the forefinger (*e.g.* soup); **fùlɔy gbulu** scoop out "soup"; **béle tuu gbulu** scrape out the solid part of the "soup" from the bottom of a pot with the forefinger

**gbúmasala** *v.i.* fall heavily, as if without any resistance

**gbunekegbúneke** *id.* unkempt; dirty; untidy (as of hair) (>**gbunɛkegbúneke**)

**gbún-fɔy** *n.* windfall gains; excessive gain (*esp.* from trade) which the person scarcely reveals to others: **Erí gbn-fɔy kí túbomi** He made a big gain in his trade.

**gbunií** *v.p.* **A.** be tied or twisted in a way that is difficult to untie; **B.** be (en)tangled; **Indíbí diibò gbuniíɔy** The fish has become entangled in the net (contrast

**kpuṭirií**, which comes together by itself); **C.** (*fig.*) be confused in thought [**gbúnu**<sup>1</sup> + **-í**]

**gbuniigbúnii** *id.* in an intertwined manner; entangled; mixed up

**gbúnu**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* tie a special knot to fasten a rope

**gbúnu**<sup>2</sup> *v.t.* plan secretly

**gburaj**<sup>1</sup> [1] *id.* holding someone by force; gripping; seizing firmly

**gburaj**<sup>2</sup> [1] *id.* sound of throwing something down from the head or shoulder: **Áràú fìnimọ́ gbèin gburaj kí kòromọ́mì** She flung the firewood down with a crash.

**gburii** *v.i.* prepare or struggle (as a married woman preparing to divorce her husband)

**gburugburú** *v.loc.* be uncomfortably hot (of body), as result of environment (*cf.* **dumuú**): **Ọngọbì ìnọ́ gbùrugburuyemí** I am feeling uncomfortably hot.

**gbúrurugbùruru** *id.* rumbling (as of thunder)

**gbúruruù** *id.* giving forth sound as of thunder; rumbling

**gbúu** *id.* describes the way things swing to and fro (as canoe tossed by waves); rock; sway; **áru gbuu** the rocking of a canoe due to careless sitting or standing posture

**gbúumọ** *v.cs.* cause to rock or sway, as of someone rocking a canoe

**gbúzuru**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* thicken (*e.g.* soup) by squeezing the fish already in the soup

**gbúzuru**<sup>2</sup> *v.t.* make dirty or contaminate (*e.g.* soup) by using all fingers or dirty hands to eat

**gbuzurugbúzuru** *id.* contaminated; scattered; dirty (as of soup, fish, food already prepared)

**gbuzurui** *id.* be disintegrated into bits (*e.g.* of fish or yam when it is overdone) and in this way thickening the soup

**gbudii** *v.p.* mix [**gbudii**] [check if verb]

**gbudiiigbúdií** *id.* disorderly; mixed; confused (*cf.* **gbudii**)

**gbudugbudú** *id.* (of water) dirty, contaminated, stagnant (<**gbudugbudú**)

**gbúdugbudú** *id.* spluttering continuously, as of drowning man [consult]

**gbuẹ** *id.* a low sound produced when a person belches lightly. It also describes the sound produced when some medium-sized fishes like **ulúuma** come to the surface to breathe and then dive forcefully. (<**gbue**)

**gbugbugbúú** *id.* stubborn, obstinate, self-conceited (of a defiant child)

**gbugburúú** *id.* compact; contracted; hard and reduced in size (*e.g.* small and fairly thick-set man)

**gbukọbúú**<sup>1</sup> *id.* qualifies a short person, *esp.* when the neck is also short, and the head seems to rest on the shoulders and chest

**gbukọbúú**<sup>2</sup> *id.* describes a situation when one is very tired of labour, food or any other activity

**gbulegbúle** *id.* describes a person who is developing some flesh, as the first stage of growing fat (*used in a good sense, to praise*)

**gbunẹkegbúnẹke** *id.* unkempt; dirty; untidy (as of hair) (<**gbunẹkegbúnẹke**)

**gbunii** *v.p.* get confused; get mixed up (of net, bundle of thread, etc.)

**gbúrugbùrú** *id.* briskly (in wrestling, *esp.* of a short person)

**gburugburú** *id.* gritty, lumpy (of gari, fufu)

**gburururu** *id.* thoroughly understood: **Iné egberibi ìne ọngó dùo gburururu kí sùọmì** I have thoroughly absorbed your story (*lit.* 'Your story has entered my body very well').

**gbúugbùú** *id.* sound of a small person wearing shoes as he walks

**gbúunugbùunú** *id.* grumbling; murmuring: **Kímì ì fìrimọ́ọ aba, ári serimọ́ọ sẹ gbúunugbùunú kí/kumọ mịẹyémì** When someone sends you on an errand, you always seem reluctant.

**gbúunugbùunumọ** *id.* reluctantly: **Ye ì fìrimọ́da aba, gbúunugbùunumọ mịẹ kúmọ** Whenever I send you (on an errand), don't show reluctance. [tones??]

**gbúwaà** *id.* very quiet; lonely; dead silent

**gbúzuun** *id.* a very bad odour, *e.g.* as when a slightly wet and dirty cloth is used without



- thorough drying, or when a person has not taken his bath for days
- gebegebé** *v.i.* speak in a confused or hesitant way due to emotion: **Ebibará èrẹ, gebegebe kumó** Speak up, don't hesitate. (>**gebegebé**)
- gedegbaá** *id.* describes the sudden appearance of a big person, usually intentional
- gedegedé<sup>1</sup>** *id.* receiving someone enthusiastically in a happy mood
- gedegedé<sup>2</sup>** *id.* cry suddenly and alarmingly (as babies): **Tọbọ̀ gèdegede kí yòuyémi** The baby is crying alarmingly.
- gédegède** *id.* sheepish; not acting in accordance with normal reasonable behaviour
- gedú** *n.* timber; logs
- geén** *id.* describes a steady light, brighter than **gẹ́n** (<**goón**)
- gégege** *id.* firmly; sternly: **Gége kùromọ́ bara gbá èé** Tell him clearly/firmly.
- gégein** *id.* describes stiffness, as of the neck or body; rigid; stiff: **Kọ̀n sẹ̀ inọ̀ gegéin kí èmi** My neck is stiff.
- gegelegéle** *id.* out of order; disorganized; disorderly; irregular and disposed with gaps (*e.g.* teeth)
- gégeneè** *v.a.* dazzle (as eyes) [verb? *cf.* next]
- gégeneè** *id.* flashing; dazzling as of flash of photo; gleaming; reflecting light; sparkling
- gégenegègene** *id.* shining; luminous
- gegeréé** *id.* stiff; tough; unbendable; (of person) tough
- gégilaa** *id.* describes how a dead person, animal or hewn tree lies on the back (in a big way)
- gekaa** (=gekaá) *id.* strong; well fortified; difficult to surmount
- gekuu** *id.* well-shaped (>**gẹ̀kụ̀**)
- gelá** *v.t.* glance; look rapidly; look sideways at; look hastily
- gelebeé** *id.* describes large ears
- gelebegelebe** *id.* describes dull, easily distracted person
- gelegelé** *id.* feeling of strangeness in an open unknown space
- gelegéle** *id.* feeling of strangeness (*e.g.* when one enters an unknown forest)
- gélegele** *id.* audible
- gélegelemọ** *adv.* loudly; audibly: **gélegelemọ èrẹ** talk loud and audibly
- gelekúù** *id.* wonderful; marvellous; surprising; astonishing; amazing; doubtful
- gémegeṣe** *id.* starting up (from sleep or surprise)
- génebeè** *id.* short, not long (of clothes and dresses worn by a bigger person) (>**gẹ̀nebeè**)
- génégene** *id.* very high; raised up
- genígèní** (>**gẹ̀nígẹ̀ní**) *v.a.* be spotted, dotted
- gepee** [1] *id.* stretching forward and gaping in an absorbed, rather unintelligent way (of people, animals, fish)
- gégere** *id.* frank; persistent; plain
- gégeremọ** *adv.* clearly; distinctly; plainly: **Árì gégeremọ̀ nì ọ̀ mọ̀mọ̀ mị́ẹ̀** You should deal with him plainly.
- gérein** *v.i.* be taut (as rope) [or **génrein**?]
- gérengeren** (=génrengeren) *id.* taut (as rope); (*fig.*) strained; unwilling; not giving way; persistent; insistent (as person)
- gerekaá** *id.* supporting (as in political discussion)
- gerepaá** *id.* securely attached (=girikíí)
- gerérù** *n.* purple dye in powdered form
- gerigerí** *id.* reddish (>**gẹ̀rìgẹ̀rì**)
- gérigeri** *id.* loud and clear
- géringerin** *id.* (=génringenrin) describes a high-pitched resonant sound (as of drum with taut skin, or shouting at the top of one's voice) (<**gẹ̀rìngẹ̀rìn**)
- gési** (=kési) *v.a.* **A.** be true, proper, real; be honest; **gési egberi** true story; **gési kịmị** honest man [get verb example] (*tech.*) **gési túburú** true north; **B.** (*tech.*) be pure (=iẓon=kólo)
- gésiye** (=késiye) *n.* truth
- Gésiye** *n.* name of person
- ge-akpákpa** *n.* (*tech.*) blackboard
- gebegebé** *v.i.* speak in a slightly confused or hesitant way (<**gebegebé**)

**gédugèdù** *id.* moving with pride; showy  
**gẹ́ẹ́<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* write; draw; **fún gẹ** write (on paper);  
**gẹ paamó** write out; write clearly;  
 advertise; publish; **gẹ saramó** write quickly  
 [check length]  
**gẹ́ẹ́<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** cut off with knife; cut ripe plantain  
 into slices; **oyobá gẹẹ tába** slice and eat  
 ripe plantain; **B.** slice ripe plantain or fresh  
 fish and use as bait, *usu.* **oyobá/indi gẹẹ**  
**dáa**; **C.** cut, trim nails, *usu.* **imémein gẹẹ**;  
**D.** shave hair on head into patterns, *usu.* **tíbi**  
**gẹẹ sẹ́n**; **E.** cut grass or weeds selectively,  
*usu.* **yó gẹẹ dín**  
**gẹ́ẹ́<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* wash only face, hands and feet, *usu.*  
**ongó gẹẹ sùrurú** (*cf.* ‘a lick and a promise’)  
**gẹẹbọ́** *n.* author; writer  
**gẹẹgbasá** *n.* pencil; pen  
**gẹ́n** *id.* describes a small, even, unblinking  
 light (<**geén**); **gẹ́n tųkpá** unblinking light  
**gẹ́ngẹ́n** *id.* describes a flashing light (*e.g.* of  
 firefly)  
**gẹ́gẹ́** *v.i.?* chop off flesh in bits, as of  
 remaining flesh attached to the bone, or  
 flesh from a big animal  
**gẹ́gẹ́lų** *id.* in a small way, *esp.* when a small  
 person or animal dies [meaning?]  
**gẹ́gẹ́ngẹ́ngẹ́** *id.* **A.** flashing white colour (as  
 of diamond); **B.** with wilful flashing eyes  
**gẹ́** *v.i.* spread (of sore or news)  
**gẹ́kų** *id.* well-shaped (<**gekuu**)  
**gẹ́lẹ́<sup>1</sup>** *id.* looking steadily from the side of the  
 eye; a mere look [?]  
**gẹ́lẹ́<sup>2</sup>** *id.* appearing unconcerned; neutral; not  
 taking part [(*fig.*) of preceding?]  
**gẹ́lẹ́<sup>3</sup>** recover from illness; gain health and  
 strength; convalesce [verb or *id.*?]  
**gẹ́lųwẹ́** (=gẹ́lųwẹ́) *id.* swerving to one side;  
 dodging  
**gẹ́nẹ́bẹ́** *id.* too short (<**genebeè**)  
**gẹ́nigẹ́nı́** *id.* pied; spotted; freckled; speckled  
 (<**genigèni**)  
**gẹ́pẹ́** *id.* very small, as a small envelope  
**gẹ́rẹ́ngẹ́rẹ́n** *id.* too small and hence tightly-  
 fitting (as clothes); taut (as drum)  
 (<**gerengeren**)

**gẹ́rẹ́gẹ́rẹ́rẹ́** *id.* struggling beyond one’s  
 strength; (*fig.*) struggling with projects  
 which are too big for one  
**gẹ́rigẹ́rı́** *id.* reddish, as the tail of water yam  
 that is not fully matured (<**gerigerı́**)  
**gẹ́ringẹ́rın<sup>1</sup>** *id.* (=gẹ́nringẹ́nring) describes a  
 high-pitched resonant sound (as of small  
 drum with taut skin, or shouting at the top of  
 a treble or alto voice) (<**geringerin**)  
**gẹ́ringẹ́rın<sup>2</sup>** (=gẹ́nringẹ́nring) *id.* very strong or  
 hard, as ironwood (**okpọ́**) [check and  
 consult]  
**gẹ́yemibó** *n.* [tone?] (*tech.*) sender (of a letter)  
**-gha** *t.m.* not: **I mughá** I did not go/I am not  
 going: **I mughá fàngı́mi** I will not go: **Eri**  
**nàá bogha** He has not yet come; *suffixed to*  
*verbs used as modifiers to express negation,*  
*equivalent to the English prefixes in- and*  
*un-:* **kọ́righá** unadhesive; **kırı́gha**  
 incorrect; inaccurate; **káragha** incomplete;  
**kųrẹ́ghá** unable; **tųoghá** uncooked; **ongó**  
**kųrọghá** unwell; indisposed  
**ghámẹ́ẹ́** *see* **ámẹ́ẹ́**  
**ghọ** *part.* (*locative postposition*) at; in; on; to;  
**amá ghọ** at home (in the town): **Tarı́ àmá**  
**ghọ èmı́** Tarı́ is at home (in town); **wáři**  
**ghọ** at home (in the house); **wářiğbọ́**  
 (=wářiğbı́ ghọ) in the house; **Eri bolou wari**  
**ghọ èmı́** He is in the bedroom; **tınğbọ́**  
 (=tınğbı́ ghọ) on the tree: **Ofóni tın ọgọ́nọ**  
**ghọ tı́nımı́** (A) bird is standing on top of a  
 tree; **Áràù àmá ghọ mudọ** She has gone to  
 town.  
**giası́** *id.* (of hold) forcible; tight; firm  
**gibogibó** *id.* overstuffed, *esp.* of children, as a  
 result of overeating (>**gı́ğbı́ğbı́**) [check and  
 consult]  
**gı́daa** *id.* (of liquid) stagnant; collected;  
 staying in a large quantity (>**gı́daa**)  
**gı́daı́** *id.* holding firm  
**gı́dı** *v.i.* act in fierce, rough, or impetuous  
 way; struggle; rush; throng; do a thing; burn  
 fiercely (of fire): **Fı́nımọ́ gı́diyemi** The  
 fire is blazing.  
**gidigboó** *id.* swollen (of ear) (>**gı́dığbọ́**)

**gidigbogídigbo** [4] *id.* very fat; disproportionately bulky

**gídigbogídigbo** *id.* behaving foolishly

**gidigidí** *id.* showing happiness: **Erí ìne ẹ̀rì bì, erí kẹ̀nì gídigidi kí m̀ẹ̀m̀ì** When he saw me, he showed great happiness.

**gídigidi** *id.* in a mobbing or thronging manner

**gidigidisá** *excl.* an expression of joy often made by little children when they see or receive gifts from their elders. The expression is also heard when their parents return from fishing with a big catch. They dance round and sing: **Gidigidisaa, gidigidisaa.** [sp?]

**gídìmàgídì** *id.* describes a great event, display or a great historical event: **Béi ìngbajọ̀ pa yebi gídìmàgídì ẹ̀gberi** [discuss]: **Páayebi gídìmàgídì yòò!** What happened is very great indeed.

**gidimuú** *id.* swallowing completely with a big gulp: **Toriyebí kẹ̀nì gídìmu kí àkì déi m̀nìm̀ì** The *toriyé*-fish swallowed the hook completely; (*fig.*) **Erí gídìmu kí àkì naá ẹ̀gberibí àkìm̀ì/m̀nìm̀ì** He swallowed the story hook, line, and sinker. (>**gídìm̀m̀ù**)

**gidimugidimuú** *id.* swallowing repeatedly with big gulps: **Erí gídìmugidìmu kí àkì naá bènibí b̀oumeé** He drank the water hurriedly with big gulps.

**gídò** *n.* hand piano using a wooden box as sounding-board

**giegié** *v.i.* shake (with sickness); be nervous or trembling (with fear) (>**giegié**) [verb or *id.*?]

**gigibugigibú** *id.* over-anxious in doing something (>**giribugiribú**)

**gilimugilimú** *id.* swallow in gulps (<**gìlìm̀m̀gìlìm̀m̀ù**)

**gilógiló** *id.* shiny, like snake with new skin

**gilorigílori** (=gilorigílorí =gílorigílori) *id.* shining; glossy

**gíma** *v.i.* hurt seriously (as big sore, boil, whitlow)

**gíoon** *id.* truthful; directly, with nothing hidden; factual

**gíorigíori** *id.* tumultuous; in confused uproar; in a state of excitement

**gírì** *v.t.* rub against (sideways, with some force): **Diimọ̀ diimọ̀ o! Árùbì àkì nì ì giri kumọ̀ o!** Take care! Don't let the canoe bump into me!

**gírìbugírìbu** *id.* (=gírìbugírìbú) anxious in doing something (less than **gigibugigibú**)

**gírìdigírìdì** *id.* restless; disturbed

**girigbogirigbó** *id.* acting hastily, rashly

**gírìgírì<sup>1</sup>** *id.* streaming out; dashing forth in great numbers

**gírìgírì<sup>2</sup>** *id.* trembling (as of whole body, contrast **kpakpakpaá**): **Ọ̀gọ̀ sẹ̀ ìnọ̀ gírìgírì kí sẹ̀yẹ̀mì** All my body is shaking.

**gírìkíí** *id.* securely attached (= **gerepaá**)

**gírìrìi** (=gírìrìí) *id.* sliding aground; running aground (of canoe): **Árùbì gírìrì kí àkì naá kírì kọ̀rìmeé** The canoe ran aground (by accident); **Wónì giriri kí àkì naá arùbì ìgbemeé** We drove the canoe ashore (so that it was firmly held).

**gírogíro** *id.* hurrying; in haste

**gísì** *v.i.* **A.** sit down forcefully: **Erí gísì kì títẹ̀m̀ì** He sat down forcefully; **B.** sit: **Ámà, dọ̀lọ̀ gísì yàa** Madam, sit down for a bit.

**gísùgísù** *id.* squelching: **Lìjì daàn bara – gísùgísù** Like mashing palm-fruit – squelch, squelch.

**gíja** *v.i.* cry loudly (as small child)

**gíjajíjajì** *id.* gritty taste of sand in food [or **gíjajíjajì?**]

**gíjanmọ̀** *v.i.* hurry up: **I tíe kì gíjanmọ̀yẹ̀màáà?** What are you in such a hurry for?; **gíjanmọ̀ bo** come quickly

**gíjanmọ̀gíjanmọ̀** *id.* hastily; quickly; hurriedly

**gìbọ̀gìbọ̀** (=gìbọ̀ògìbọ̀ò) *id.* overstuffed, *esp.* of children, as a result of overeating (<**gibogibó**)

**gídaa** *id.* (of liquid) stagnant; collected; staying in a small quantity (<**gídaa**) [check and consult; does this small size exist?]

**gídẹ̀** *n.* round basket with lid attached on strings, used to store smoked meat and fish

**gǐdǐbugǐdǐbù** *id.* sound of many people chattering

**gǐdǐgbòó** *id.* **A.** swollen (of ear) **B.** hard of hearing (<**gǐdǐgboó**)

**gǐdǐgǐdǐ** *id.* very small; tiny [not connected with **gǐdǐgǐdǐ**?]

**gǐdǐjǐ<sup>1</sup>** *id.* unilluminated; uninformed, so as not to be in touch with events

**gǐdǐjǐ<sup>2</sup>** *id.* **A.** stunned (as by sudden loud sound or shock); **B.** baffled; not understanding (at a particular time): **Yébi ìnoó gǐdǐ kǐ èmi yeé; arǐ nàaghá èè** The thing baffles me; I don't understand.

**gǐdǐmùú** *id.* **A.** swallow with a small gulp, as liquids or small lumps of food); **B.** well understood or assimilated (<**gǐdimuú**)

**gǐdǐmùgǐdǐmùú** *id.* swallowing repeatedly with small gulps: **Erǐ gǐdǐmùgǐdǐmù kǐ àkǐ naá bènibí bòumeé** He drank the water hurriedly in small gulps. (<**gǐdimugǐdimuú**)

**gǐdùú** *id.* remote; far

**gǐegǐé** *id.* trembling; timid; fearful; not bold (<**gǐegǐé**) [verb or *id.*?]

**gǐfùú** *id.* short; brief; concise; terse (= **gǐkòó**)

**gǐgǐgǐjǐ** *id.* straining one's nerve to perform a duty: **Erǐ gǐgǐgǐ kǐ àkǐ fǐrǐ wènǐmǐ** He strained every nerve to do the work.

**gǐgǐrǐgǐgǐrǐ** *id.* doing something beyond one's strength; straining one's nerves

**gǐjǐn<sup>1</sup>** *id.* loud, shrill (of voice) (*cf.* **sǐjǐn**)

**gǐjǐn<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes scorching heat from a distance and combined with bright light, as of sun (*cf.* **gbǐjǐn**): **uráú kùromóò, gǐjǐn kpò mǐè** What a scorching sun this is!

**gǐkòó** *id.* short; brief; concise; terse (= **gǐfùú**)

**gǐlaàid.** glancing and looking away

**gǐligǐlǐ** *id.* very far off (*cf.* **gǐlǐjǐ**)

**gǐlǐjǐ** *id.* far off; distant (*cf.* **gǐligǐlǐ**)

**gǐlǐmùgǐlǐmù** *id.* drinking in sips

**gǐlògǐlò** *v.a.* be clean, sparkling (as of water, eyes, etc.): **gǐlògǐlò beni** sparkling water [tone?]

**gǐma** *v.i.* happen with serious effects: **Sùbǐjǐ gimanghǐmèè** The war will break out seriously. [future?]

**gǐmèjǐn** *v.p.* break out (of fight, uproar, etc.):

**Sùbǐ yòbòò gǐmèjǐndo** The fight has broken out there fiercely. [has already happened, of itself]

**gǐnǐajǐn** [5] *v.acc.* resemble; be alike: **Béi tòbòu daú mò gǐnǐajǐnmǐ** This child resembles his father.

**gǐnǐgǐnǐ** *id.* very appetising; very palatable; very tasty

**gǐnǐmágǐnǐmá** *v.a.* be well decorated, beautifully spotted

**gǐnǐnǐjǐ** *id.* describes a melodious voice (= **kǐnǐnǐjǐ**)

**gǐròò** *id.* describes a loud tumultuous noise

**gǐpǐlǐ<sup>1</sup>** *id.* **A.** wound up, as of the handle of a clock or watch; **B.** turning (as of small parts of an engine) [check]

**gǐragǐrá** *id.* run in a group; run together

**gǐraǐn** (= **gǐnraǐn**) *id.* describes persistent opposition: **Arǐ tié kǐ nǐ ì mǐemààà, ì mènǐ ì mòmò bei gǐraǐn mò tǐenǐmi barabǐ?**

What have I done to you, that you so constantly oppose me?

**gǐrakǐjǐ** *id.* stumpy (of people); stunted (of people)

**gǐrǐ** *v.t.?* cut into small bits by sawing

**gǐrǐbùgǐrǐbù** *id.* same as **gǐribugǐribu** [meaning?]

**gǐrǐfù** *id.* catch red-handed: **Arǐ gǐrǐfù kǐ nǐ a kòrǐmǐ** I caught her red-handed.

**gǐrǐgǐrǐ<sup>1</sup>** *id.* very small, tiny (as fish, "thatches", or people's teeth): **gǐrǐgǐrǐ indǐ** very small fish (= **yanghǐyanghǐ**)

**gǐrǐgǐrǐ<sup>2</sup>** *id.* serrated; saw-like (as bread-knife, certain leaves)

**gǐrǐgǐogǐrǐgo** [2] *v.a.* be jagged, uneven:

**Tòbòubǐ àkamò gǐrǐgǐogǐrǐgo kǐ èmi** The child's teeth are uneven.

**gǐrǐmùgǐrǐmù<sup>1</sup>** *id.* sandy or gritty, as felt in the mouth when eating some sea fish or rice which is not properly washed

**gǐrǐmùgǐrǐmù<sup>2</sup>** *id.* thoroughly: **Arǐ gǐrǐmùgǐrǐmù kǐ nǐ u nǐmi wónǐmǐ** I know him thoroughly.

**gírìmuḡírìmu<sup>3</sup>** *id.* a feeling of reluctance to do something due to familiarity, etc. [discuss]

**gírìmuḡírìmu** *id.* describes how some small fishes trickishly remove the bait from the hook

**gìsìjì** *v.i.* crumble; crush; squeeze

**gíy** *id.* describes how a bigger force crushes a smaller one

**gíyàin-gíyàin<sup>2</sup>** *v.a.* taste gritty [verb or id.?] [*cf.* above, **gíajingíajin**] [discuss hyphen]

**gìzouḡìzou** (= **guzouḡuzou**) [2] *id.* dirty; deeply stained with mud; very ugly (of face): **Bení sè gìzouḡìzou kí èmi** The water is very dirty.

**gobiegóbie** [2] *id.* reddish-brown

**gobidè** *n.* patchwork (cloth with variegated pieces and often colours, joined by needlework)

**gobò** *n.* reader; person employed to read [or **goobò** ?]

**godágòdá<sup>1</sup>** *id.* scattered; placed here and there (*e.g.* of yam-heaps)

**godágòdá<sup>2</sup>** *id.* walking hurriedly with long strides

**godágòdámò** *adv.* hurriedly with long strides: **Godágòdámò mu yó là** Hurry to the place.

**godogbaá** *id.* describes the unexpected appearance of a big person (>**gadagbaá**)

**godobágòdobá** *id.* widely spaced (as of lines of **ingoó** or **akpáarakparà**): **Ingoó òndumò sè godobágòdobá kí deri wónìmí** The lines of the weft of the lobster-pot are widely spaced.

**godogodó<sup>1</sup>** *id.* boiling of pot

**godogodó<sup>2</sup>** *id.* itching (= **gadagadá**) [id. or verb?]

**gòdogòdo<sup>1</sup>** *id.* sheepish; 2. acting as if deaf: **Oró ù díí, gòdogòdo, inéngi kìmì bàra** Look at him, as sheepish as a deaf person.

**gòdoo** *id.* **A.** deaf; unable to hear; defective hearing; **B.** unintelligible; puzzling

**godorû** *id.* tall but not well-shaped, out of proportion (as of cock with a big body and long legs, or ill-proportioned human beings)

**gogó** [4] *n.* kind of hat

**gogobaá** *id.* taller than the rest of the group (as of child with precocious growth)

**gogogoó** *id.* stretched and erect (as penis) (>**gogogooó**)

**gogoi** *id.* tall; long; sticking out conspicuously [id. or verb?]

**gogologógolo** *id.* stuffed full and protruding (*e.g.* of elephant's head in pot with bones sticking out, or house stacked untidily full of poles)

**gogoro** *id.* big and strong [example?]

**góiin** *v.a.* **A.** be pointed (of nose; >**góiin**): **góiin nini** pointed nose; **B.** be tall and thin [id. or verb?] [does this form exist, or only the smaller one?]

**gokuú** *id.* filling almost all the available space

**golaa** *v.t.* understand or see properly; sink into the ears: **berimò gòlaa** sink into the ears: **Egberimò bo bèribò golaa kí pàdò** The stories we have been hearing have now become clear to us.

**golí** *v.t.* be jealous of; envy: **Kìmi ìne nanayémò bimejìn nì i goli kúmò** Don't envy me because of my property.

**golií** *id.* protruding; projecting (>**golií**)

**golobaa** *id.* tall; long

**gólù<sup>1</sup>** *n.* gold [<English *gold*]

**gólù<sup>2</sup>** *n.* goal [<English *goal*]

**gólùgolu** *id.* golden

**gomaá** *id.* straight; rigid

**gomuú** *v.a.* **A.** be straight: **gomu uwòu** straight road; **B.** be correct: **gomu egbèrì** correct story; **C.** be honest: **gomu kìmì** honest man (>**gomuú**) [id. or verb?] (opp. **kuanlû**)

**gomumò** *adv.* straight: **Gomumò tịẹ** Stand straight, erect.

**gónogboò** *id.* very tall

**goó<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** read; **B.** calculate; speculate; reckon: **Kìmi ma kèjì ìye kpò goo kúmò** Don't be reckoning any longer.

**goó<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* form a pattern by interweaving or dyeing different colours; variegate: **Áràù òró gòdò** She has dyed the **oró**-mat with

different colours; (*fig.*) **goo tɔ́á** place legs opposite and interlaced with another person's; **goo serí** raise opposite leg (to one's partner): **Bùomọ̀ gòo séri** Raise the opposite leg to your partner's (as in the game of **imbíse** or **pirí**).

**goofuún** *n.* reader; reading-book

**goomọ́** *v.dir.* allude to: **Kími àkí nì i goomọ́ nì ẹ̀rẹ̀ kumọ́** Don't make any innuendoes against me.

**goón** (= **goon**) *id.* describes a dazzling light which is brighter than **geén** or **geen**; **B.** hence, (*fig.*) pure: **goon egbèrì gbanghìbì** telling the real truth

**gorain** (= **gonrain**, **goraín**) *id.* sharp (as edge of cube or prism) (>**gorajin**)

**gorigori** *id.* speak eloquently and wisely: **Eri gorigori ki àkí yé ẹ̀rẹyemi** He talks eloquently.

**gorii<sup>1</sup>** *id.* adequate, *esp.* of salt added to soup; savoury

**gorii<sup>2</sup>** *id.* wise, truthful and clear in speech (of person)

**gorokoo** *id.* empty; disappointed

**gorokoó** *v.i.* fall to one's knees

**gorongbaá** (= **gorongbaa**) *id.* tall and huge (of persons or objects, e.g. oil-drums)

**gororíngòrorín** (= **gonronríngònronrín**) *id.* striped

**górosigòrosi** *id.* describes a taller person walking hurriedly on slender legs (>**górōsigòrosi**)

**gorozaá** *v.i.* be very tall and broad (>**garazaá**)

**górozagòroza** *id.* striding along (of someone tall and broad)

**góu** *id.* describes how a big fish takes bait from the hook, or how a fowl pecks maize or grain (>**gọu**)

**goun<sup>1</sup>** *id.* straight, narrow and pointed (*e.g.* nose of a white person)

**goun<sup>2</sup>** *id.* sound produced when ringing a big bell (>**gáun**)

**gózoo** *id.* describes how a tall person stands aloof from a group (usually doing nothing) (>**gózoo**)

**gọdị** *v.t.* plait hair without thread

**gọdị** *id.* jumping in surprise: **Yeé ù sọnlọ̀ mọ̀, erí kẹ̀nì gọdị kị mịemị** When I tickled him, he jumped in surprise.

**gọdigọdị** *id.* impatient; restless; over-anxious

**gọdọ** *v.t.* talk to, scold, attack a single person or a few people, in large numbers, all at the same time: **ù sọwẹ́ timi pa bo bi, ọrọ́ ù gọdọmị** When he came out from hiding, they besieged him. [check meaning]

**gọdọgọdọ** *id.* describes many people at work on the same job at once

**gọdụ** *id.* lonely: **! kumọ̀ biọbọ̀ gọdụ nì emí** I am lonely staying here.

**gogogó** *id.*

**gogogọ́** *id.* **A.** craning the neck in anger; **B.** stretched and erect (as boy's penis) (<**gogogó**)

**gọgọlọ** *v.t.* demolish, destroy (house): **Eri wò warí gọgọlọdọ** He has demolished his house.

**gogọlọgọgọlọ** *id.* ruinous; falling down

**gogọlọ́** [5] *v.p.* be demolished, fallen down, dismantled (as of house, box)

**gọiin<sup>1</sup>** *v.a. or id.?* very small and pointed (of nose; <**gọiin**)

**gọiin<sup>2</sup>** *id.* very small (as of present of food)

**gọlị** *id.* protruding (<**gọlị**)

**gọlọlọ** *id.* a high wailing sound; a very high-pitched tone, usually prolonged

**gọlọmẹin** *id.* winding (of road, river)

**gọlọmẹin-gọlọmẹin** *id.* **A.** winding; meandering (and hence difficult to navigate); **B.** (*fig.*) very complex and difficult

**gọlọmị** *id.* extending far upwards; lofty

**gọlọ** *id.* shrill; high-pitched (of sound or cry); distant (of cry)

**gọmetì** *n.* government; **Ọmụ̀ Gọmeti** Federal Military Government (= **kọsịnì**) [<English **government**]

**gọmịgọmị** *id.* long (of neck)

**gõmùú** *v.a.* **A.** be straight, correct, honest (<gõmuú); **B.** (*geom.*) right (of angle);  
**gõmù ìkòkì** right angle  
**gónìjì** *id.* not broad, with narrow body and face  
**gõpón** *id.* bright; shining; describes a light which is brighter than **gẹ́n** but does not bother one like **gẹ́n**  
**gõraìn<sup>1</sup>** (=gõnraìn, gõraìn) *id.* sharp (as edge of cube or prism) (<gõrain)  
**gõraìn<sup>2</sup>** (=gõnraìn, gõraìn) *id.* narrow, as bridge (sideways as **ogóran**, but narrower than **ogoràìn**)  
**gõrõgõrõ** *id.* narrow and long, as stream or creek  
**gõrõkì** *id.* with odd posture; thin and bony; scraggy; clumsily shaped  
**gõrõrõ** (=gõrõrõ) *id.* narrow, but abusive when applied to a person with a narrow face or abnormally thin body  
**gõrõsigõrõsì** *id.* describes a small person walking hurriedly on slender legs, or a Lily-Trotter picking its way over water-lilies (<gõrosigõrosi)  
**gõrõzõgõrõzõ** *id.* walking (of a badly-shaped person)  
**gõrõzõ** (=gõrõzõ) *id.* tall, thin and badly-shaped  
**gõu** *id.* describes how smaller fishes take bait from the hook, or how chickens peck their food (<gõu)  
**gõun** *id.* very small  
**gõzõ** *id.* stand aloof; be lonely; stand alone in one place; the act of standing upright (<gõzoo)  
**guaan** (=guaán) *v.i.* become clean, neat (>guaan)  
**gubegubé** *id.* describes one who is over-fed, with a distended stomach (>gubegubé)  
**gúdugudu** *id.* be deep (as hole, well, fishpond, etc., *cf.* **gúdumuu**)  
**gúdumuu** *id.* be deep (as hole, well, fishpond, etc.) (= **gúdugudu**)  
**guegué** (=guoguó) *id.* brownish; reddish

**gueingúein** *id.* sandy, as dry silt deposit where animals and people have played, leaving many traces behind  
**guguguú** *id.* (of eyes) looking terrifying, frightening; (of person), with eyes bright and wide; looking aggressive; over-curious (=lóloló, lululuú)  
**gúgule<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** disarrange, as when already packed things (such as clothes, fish, etc.) are disturbed and left in a disorderly manner; shift topsoil, as fowls or animals in search of food; **B. fúròú gùgul** cause miscarriage wilfully; abort; **túu gùgule** reveal; uncover  
**gúgurugùguru** *id.* stealthy rustling noise  
**gúki** *v.t.* push with some force (*cf.* **gúkì**) [verb or *id.*?]  
**gúkì** *id.* describes a larger thing touching anything, but not hard (usually not intentional, as when a fish bumps into somebody bathing in the river) (>gúkì)  
**gúma** *v.i.* **A.** hurt severely (of an internal acute and biting pain such as a whitlow, rheumatism, or a neglected and therefore infected wound); **B.** (*fig.*) be talked about (normally of a serious matter painful to those concerned): **Egberibí gumadóu wèè** The scandal is out in the open and painful.  
**gúma<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.*  
**gumalií** *id. id.* satisfied after eating one's fill: **Fúròú sẹ inoó gumali kí èmi** My stomach is comfortably full (>gumalií)  
**gumugumú** *id.* stinking; smelling badly; overheated; suffocating  
**gunugunú** *v.acc.* providing comfort by keeping company or staying with: **Bó ni ì mòmó gùnugunu timí** Come and keep me company: **Bó ni ì miẹ gùnugunú** Come and keep me company. (= **ganaganá**) [meaning different?]  
**guofuu** *id.* describes how a bigger person or animal pounces on something or a person (>guofuu)  
**guoguó** (=guegué) *v.a. or id.?* be reddish, brownish [discuss]  
**guosí** *v.i.* seize forcefully (with the hand)

**gúrere** *v.t.* clear away to another place (as heap of mud)  
**gurerèè** *id.* describes all the people in a place moving aside together to avoid an approaching problem (as escaping from a wrestler)  
**gúri** *v.i.* get up quickly: **Erí guri kì serimi** He got up quickly. [verb or id.?  
**gúruguru** *id.* very wicked (>**gúruguru**)  
**gúsi** *v.t.* scratch the ground (with the fingers)  
**gúu** *v.t.* shovel or clear away to one side  
**gúumọ** *v.dir.* use hand, shovel or a piece of wood to shovel or gather grains, nuts or foodstuffs like “farina”: **Mú ni èpètẹmọ guumọ** Go and shovel away the mud.  
**guún** *v.t.* (used only in combinations); **fáran guùn** be jealous of one’s “mate”; **kóro guun** frown; look disapproving  
**gụá** *v.t.* mix (dry substances, in particles): **Garímọ gụa** Mix the gari; **gụa utàrán** fufu made with different foodstuffs, e.g. yam, plantain, cocoyam, etc.  
**gụaan** (=gụáán) *v.i.* become clean, neat (*cf.* **gụanguán**) (<gụaan)  
**gụáí** (=gụwáí) [5] *v.p.* be mixed (of dry substances, in particles): **Garímọ iginámọ gụáíđọ** The gari and pepper have got mixed: **Indimọ gụáíđọ** The (different kinds of) fish have got mixed up.  
**gụáigụáí** (=gụwáigụwáí) *id.* all mixed up; heterogenous (= **kobirikóbiri**)  
**gụanguán** *v.i.* become clean, neat (more emphatic than **gụaan**) [verb or id.?  
**gụávà** *n.* guava [<English ‘guava’]  
**gụba** *id.* clench the hands  
**gụbaí** [5] *v.loc.* confine one’s self (to): **Arí ìne warí kọọ gụbaínìmí** I have confined myself to my house. [am confined to?]  
**gụbẹgụbẹ** *id.* overfed with a distended stomach (<**gubegubé**)  
**gụdumụu** *id.* be deep (as hole, well, fishpond, etc.) (<**gúdumu**)  
**gụẹẹ** *id.* (of laughter) together; altogether: **Ọmìní gụẹẹ kí dẹrìmí** They (all) laughed together. [or **gụwẹẹ**?]

**gụgụgụú** *id.* disdainful; defiant; contemptuous (of a small person)  
**gụgụrúú** *id.* narrow, too small (as of a bed, room or space)  
**gụññ** *id.* describes a very faint narrow line made by a pointed pencil  
**gụkí** *v.t.* push lightly, but with some force (<**gúki**) [verb or id.?  
**gụkíí** *id.* very near; quite close; almost touching  
**gụkìì** *id.* describes a smaller thing touching anything, lightly (as when a small fish bumps into somebody bathing in the river) (<**gúkìì**)  
**gụlagulá** *v.a.* be thin, skinny, flimsy  
**gụlarigulari** *id.* very tall, thin and bent  
**gụlaríí** *id.* thin (of people, trees, etc.)  
**gụmalíí** *id.* bulging (as of belly); protruding (<**gumalíí**)  
**gụmúgụmụ** *id.* obstinate; stubborn; obdurate; refractory  
**gụọ<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* obtain “medicine”, either for protection or to poison someone: **Erí àndá diri gụọmí** He procured a wrestling medicine.  
**gụọ<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* treat wound or sore: **I kírí wò ìnọùn gụọ bụbamọmí** It is I who cured his sore.  
**gụọfuu** *id.* describes pouncing and gripping something (e.g. of hawk catching a chicken) (<**guofuu**)  
**gụọgụọ** *id.* clean; washed clean; cleansed  
**gụọrúú** *id.* narrow (as of a path, or the space between the legs)  
**gụrígùrì** *id.* small; little; minute; smart; agile  
**gụrụgụrụ** *id.* (of heart) wicked; bad; cruel; malicious (<**gúruguru**)  
**gụrụkìì** *id.* touching lightly; involved in a mild way; operating with a mere touch  
**gụrụngùrùn** (=gụrụngùrùn = **gụnrụngùnrùn**) *id.* feeling it will be inappropriate to demand compensation or retaliation, because this would destroy an existing good relationship  
**gụrụzẹẹ** *id.* wretched; contemptible; miserable; dismal



**gúṣẹ** (=gúṣẹ) *v.i.* do (anything) which will be difficult and take a long time: **Ọ munghíbi gba pélẹḍẹjì nì, ọ koro gúṣẹmì** When they had agreed to go, they started to trek (a long way).

**gụwajì** *see* **gụajì**

**gụwajìgụwajì** *see* **gụajìgụajì**

**gúṣẹ** *see* **gúṣẹ** do (anything)

**gụṣọrụgụṣọrụ** *id.* contaminated (esp. of water); muddy

**gụṣọṣọgụṣọṣọ** *id. see* **gịṣọṣọgịṣọṣọ** dirty

## H

**háaa** *excl.* exclamation expressing laughter, joy, or suspicion

**háahùu** *excl.* sound made when hurt by too much pepper

**hee** *excl.* ha ha!; exclamation expressing laughter

**heén** (=eén) *excl.* is it so?

**hèjì** *excl.* shout calling attention

**hiii** *excl.* hey! hoy!; shout to attract the attention of partners or others, esp. when one has missed one's way

**họ họ họ họ** *excl.* ha ha ha ha!; a mimicked form of the English representation of laughter

**họm họm** *excl.* cry of the monkey

**húúún** *excl.* humph!; exclamation expressing doubt, dissatisfaction or dislike

## I

**i** *see* **ị** I; me; you (*singular*)

**ibebesíí** *n.* frond of **kóro** after the raffia has been extracted and the midrib has also been removed, used in a game called **odogoríyà**

**ibeé** *n.* any political grouping larger than a town (**amá**); "clan"; district; country; tribe; nation; **ibe orú** deity of an **ibeé**; **Kólokùmá ibe** Kólokùmá "clan"; **Iẗon ibe** Iẗon tribe; **Najíríà ibe** Nigeria

**(ibere)** *n.* duration of time, *usu.* **béi ibere** long, long ago: **Wó dudu ẹrighabí beí iberegha** [tone?] We have not seen each other for a very long time.

**ibereberé<sup>1</sup>** (=iberebéré) *n.* fern; plant growth on top of a palm tree (*Pheamatopteris afra* (Christ) Ching)

**ibereberé<sup>2</sup>** *n.* astonishment: **Iberebere kí ụ kọrímí**. He was dumbfounded.

**Iberégú** [4] *n.* Borgu; (*general*) Northerner (*cf.* **Igbon, Ikétè, Awúsa**)

**Iberégú-àrụ** Northern canoe type, built in two sections and bound together, so that each section has its own bows and can be used separately if necessary

**ibéria** *n.* love-potion/philtre; **ibéria gụọ** procure love-potion

**ibetemesúò** *n.* collective spirit of an **ibeé**, expressed in its formal praise-title [**ibeé + tèmesuo** *collective spirit*]

**ibezé** *n.* dolphin

**ibídai** *n.* fool; moron; half-wit

**ibíbiyai** *n.* cassava that is boiled, cut into bits, and put in water or soaked overnight to remove the poison. In the morning, it is washed and eaten with pepper soup, ground pepper mixed with salt or roasted fish. (=tabụ abábùru)

**ibídi** *a.* bad; ugly; not good; *usu.* in the phrase **ibídi bọn** an inferior honey (different from the one made by bees) made by fruit-flies (**tọrụ-ítòlọ**)

**Ibíyàì** *n.* former name of Polakụ

**ibobó** *n.* fresh oil mixed with water and **kasá**, which has to be purified by boiling

**ibómù** *n.* gong (a musical instrument)

**ibórò** *n.* floating net

**ibúbu** *n.* club(s) in the game of cards

**idúmu<sup>1</sup>** *n.* family or compound circle [**<Edo idúmwùn** 'neighbourhood; quarters in a town']

**idúmu<sup>2</sup>** *n.* empty palm-bunch left after extraction of nuts, *also* **idúmu**

**agbajì**(=**idúmu-ọgbajì**) [Does this also refer to the game **ofókolo**?]

**ofókolo** *n.* game, usually played on the sandbank at night by boys, in which waste or used-up palm bunches are lit and thrown at opponents (= **idúmu-ogbaj**)

**idúmu-uru** *n.* small amount of drink remaining in bottle after the oldest man has taken his part; can be drunk from the bottle only by a freeborn of the town

**ifé<sup>1</sup>** *v.a.* ferment and go bad (after being left for some time): **Osúnbi iféḍo**. The starch has gone bad.

**ifé<sup>2</sup>** *n.* foam; bubbles; **ifé tejin** line in a river along which debris and bubbles flow; **ebi ifé** the small bubbles that rise during the process of boiling fresh oil (**ibobó**)

**ifiàn** *n.* tobacco; snuff; **ifiàn akoto** snuff-box; **ifiàn beri** leaf of tobacco; **ifiàn bodi** case of tobacco; **ifiàn san** grind snuff; **ifiàn tìbì** head of tobacco; **sán ifian** snuff; **tùà ifian** snuff

**ifidí** *n.* low-lying part of bush which floods in wet season, full of shrubs, etc., which are difficult to clear; **ifidi kpatá** clear such land for farming for the first time

**ifiè** *n.* time; period; season **famọ̀n** lose/waste time; spend time; **ifiè duo mú ni ifie** from time to time (= **seri duo mú sèrí**); pass time; **ifiè ifiè** from time to time; off and on; seasonally; occasionally; **ifièmọ̀ se** all the time; **gboro ifiè** planting season; **osuo ifiè** rainy season; **sóu ifie** harvest season; **uráú ifie** dry season (= **yé bènibéni** there is a season for everything [Where does this go?])

**ifièkìnye** *n.* clock; watch [**ifiè+kìyè+yé** 'time-count-er'] (= **wòsì**)

**ifingí** [4] *n.* boundary; **ifingí kpùn/pùu/tùà** demarcate boundary

**ifingítìn** *n.* boundary tree

**ifirí** *n.* repayment; compensation; reparation; **ifiri fìjì** receive compensation: **Eri àrà bara ghọ ifiri fìmì**. He received compensation from her (= **kìgbaj fìjì**)

**ifoí** *n.* son-in-law; father-in-law

**ifolifoó** *n.* blossom (of okra and similar plants); **ifolifo tabá/tuá** flower; blossom (*cf.* **izáj** for maize, sugarcane, **omosóu** for oil-palm)

**ifúgu** *n.* something thrown in a fight (e.g. flaming empty palm-bunch); **ifúgu gbein** play a rough game consisting of throwing **ifúgu**, usually by boys in the night

**igbé** *v.t.* moor, berth (canoe); **árú igbe** moor canoe

**igbébiripalì** *n.* a tool used in joining or holding together pieces of plank, e.g. box [*?clamp ?vice – check with carpenter*]

**Igbébiriyaj** [4] *n.* a “masquerade”

**Igbedí** [4] *n.* the southern border town of **Kólokù má ìbe**

**igbedíkùrọ̀** *n.* insect sp.

**igbedí-òsimi** *n.* small **osími**

**igbegbé** *n.* velvet

**igbegí** *n.* money (= **okóbà, sílì**)

**igbegi-tuá-àkpa** *n.* purse

**igbegifarí** *n.* file

**igbeí** [5] *v.i.* sit abreast (as in canoe)

**igbéma** *n.* bell; **igbéma gbele** ring bell

**igbénghi** *n.* representative of old people during a dance for a deity (**óru sej**); **igbénghi ere** female representative; **igbénghi owei** male representative

**igbénghi** *n.* tree with yellow flowers whose fruit is boiled and crushed to eat, mainly by children, and whose root is chewed for sweetness (*Pterocarpus santalinoides* L'Hér. ex DC LEGUMINOSAE: PAPILIONOIDEAE, perhaps also *Afzelia bipindensis* Harms LEGUMINOSAE: CAESALPINIOIDEAE); **perẹ igbénghi** (*Milletia griffoniana* Baill. LEGUMINOSAE: PAPILIONOIDEAE)

**igbigbini** *n.* a hardening or stiffening disease that affects the yam tuber; any yam so affected becomes stiffened and is not eaten smoothly (= **tọ̀bọ̀-туà-búru** 'yam with a foetus') (*cf.* **ìkpajin**)

**igbiná** *n.* bead like **ìbòlò**, but black in colour

**igbirá** *n.* prostitution; **igbira wẹnị** practise prostitution  
**igbira-wẹnị-érè** *n.f.* prostitute  
**igbó** *n.* Indian hemp; marijuana (*Cannabis sativa* Linn. CANNABACEAE) (*cf.* Yoruba **igbó**)  
**Igbon** *n.* Hausa; Northerner (*cf.* **Ikéte, Awúsa**)  
**igbon-ìkìrajì** *n.* Indian bamboo (*Bambusa vulgaris* Schrad. GRAMINEAE)  
**igbon-ìkìrajì-tòrụ** *n.* node of bamboo [**igbon-ìkìrajì** + **tòrụ**<sup>s</sup> joint]  
**igbon-odu** *n.* cocoyam type  
**igbon-otiti** *n.* bird, the Pied Crow (*Corvus albus* CORVIDAE)  
**igbóro-igboro** [4] *id.* striped (as of cloth or zebra)  
**igbúdugbu** [4] *id.* numerous, uncountable (as of people)  
**igbúduyàì** *id.* in a group; in common: **Ọwọmọọ ìgbúduyàì kị zoruyémi** The children are playing in a group; **igbúduyàì anda** wrestling without teams and without counting points  
**igbunú** *n.* medicine bundle believed to be used by rogues whose effect is to cause the inmates of the assailed house to be in deep slumber  
**igbúrù** *n.* man's cloth large enough to be used as cover-cloth or toga  
**igbúrugburù** *n.* chain; **árụ igburugburu** chain for canoe; **ogbó-igburugburu-arụ** train  
**igbúrugburù-polí(sì)** *n.* large caterpillar of butterfly or moth  
**igburukú** [4] *n.* troublesomeness; iniquity; wickedness; gross injustice; **igburukú òdụ** look for trouble; **igburukú gbèin/mịẹ** make trouble; **igburukú tọbọy** troublesome child  
**igeré** *n.* crocodile (*general word*); **igere bìbì kọọ bára tụa** put one's hand into the crocodile's mouth (*i.e.* take unnecessary risks); **igere óu** mask carved in the form of a crocodile (*cf.* **atú** (*poetic*), **agùì, segí** (*archaic*), **túgu**)

**igere-yabíowèi** *n.* a fish (*Phago loricatus* ICHTHYBORIDAE), whose mouth resembles that of the crocodile (*lit.* 'crocodile's maternal relative')  
**igérigede** *n.* something difficult to solve; something obscure and disastrous  
**igílà** *n.* soldier, driver ant (= **olúlu**)  
**iginaín** [4] (= **igineín**) *n.* hog-plum (*Spondias mombin* Linn. ANACARDIACEAE)  
**igíràn** *n.* enmity; hatred; **igíràn sọọ** hate bitterly  
**igirí** *n.* epilepsy; **igiri koró** suffer from epilepsy OR have an epileptic fit [which? or both?]  
**igírì** *n.* fry of **ụkụọbụ** (*Tilapia nilotica*)  
**igírigi** *id.* big; enormous  
**igodó** *n.* padlock and key  
**igodogbasá** *n.* key  
**igodoyenghí** *n.* padlock (= **sẹmbị**)  
**igogó** *n.* triggered trap  
**igoí<sup>1</sup>** *v.acc.* try to force someone who is reluctant to do some work by threatening not to do it either: **A: I bẹi fịrị wẹnigha abá, arị kpọ wẹnigha. B. Kịmị ì mọmọ ìgoi kumọ.** A. If you won't do this work, I won't do it either. B. Don't try to force me to do it.  
**igoí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* reluctance to do work: **Igoibí èbighá yè** Reluctance to work (of a group) is not good.  
**igóinzoro** *n.* type of matchet [Can we describe it?]: **Igóinzoro ògidibi wóróròon paa bómi** The **igóinzoro** matchet came out to its full length.  
**igóli** (= **ikóli**) *n.* handcuff(s); fetter(s); **igóli kaj** handcuff; put on handcuffs  
**igóliwarị** (= **ikóliwarị**) *n.* prison; jail  
**igoní** *n.* A. entertainment; hospitality; **igoni bẹlẹ túu gbùlu** eat up the left-over food prepared for a big group of strangers (by those who cooked it, after departure of the guests, as a result of proclamation by one of the women); **igoni òdụ** look for something to entertain guests; **igoni kọọn** entertain guests [check]; B. stranger; foreigner; guest;

visitor (*used more in sayings than igonikimí*); **igoni arúmò siimò** **A.** see off visitors in their canoes (by procession, with a song); **B. esp.** see off the spirits who have come with a war-canoe or ritual canoe (after they have gone, to make sure that all have gone, including those who have assumed human form); **igoni dīaghá** an expression meaning that someone, *e.g.* a wife is too ugly to be introduced to a guest; **Igoni sí kì sáa** When the visitors have left, the debt remains (and is felt) (said by a host who has had to buy on credit to entertain visitors to maintain the good name of the town); **amá (sẹ̀) igoni** guest(s) for the whole town; **bíri igoni** guest(s) for the whole compound; **ofóni igoni** special guest(s) for whom a fowl is killed; **óru igoni** guest(s) who come on account of the deity of the town; **Igoni kála tòbòu – Sùbò bara kị òimi** A stranger is a small child – Depends on the host (*a title and its response*).

**igoni-amá** *n.* foreign land

**igonibouú** *n.* burial-ground for strangers

**igonibòq** *n.* foreigner; stranger; alien; guest; visitor (= **igonikimí**)

**igonû** *id.* alien; foreign; strange

**igonikimí** *n.* foreigner; stranger; alien; guest; visitor (= **igonibòq**)

**igorigoó** *n.* good public speaker; orator; eloquent speaker

**igue** *n.* a special group-call during the **uzi** ceremony

**íi** [4] *excl.* call to someone in bush in order to locate his/her whereabouts; **íi tũa** call someone in this way

**îñ** *excl.* yes; **îñ ẹ̀nị** yes, I see/I agree; **îñ yèè** yes!; **îñ yò!** yes!

**Ínà (=ínà)** *n.* mummy (my mother) (*cf.* **dádà**); **kosínà** grandmama

**íyàa** *excl.* sound of exclamation expressing relief; sigh of relief

**íyèè** *excl.* sound of exclamation expressing relief; sigh of relief

**iké** *n.* knack; strength (*cf.* Igbo **ike** ‘strength’)

**ikeégù** the smaller **ogbòqloq**

**ikégi** *n.* cunning person (= **alegí**)

**ikêin** *n.* **A.** private parts; **ikêin sọwej** **A.** cover private parts with the palms or cloth; **B. (fig.)** reach age of wearing clothes; (*fig.*) privacy; **B.** any covering (for the private parts); **ikêin sín** be naked; **ikêin udeí** change into or out of working clothes

**ikêin-udeighá** *n.* a performance of not more than three songs and steps when a dance-canoe has reached a town, before performers go to their quarters. The real dance is performed the following day.

**ikéingà** *n.* ancestral emblem, *i.e.* a rounded carved piece of wood left on an altar near the roof, but brought down and painted and given food and drink when the ancestors are expected to have a communal feeding with the living [*<* Igbo **ikéngà**]

**ikéingèlèngè** *a.* embarrassing: **ikéingèlèngè bībjama** embarrassing matters

**ikemí** *n.* **A.** root of tree, *usu.* **tín-ikemi**; **perẹ-ikémì** taproot; **B.** spike of palm bunch, *usu.* **lji-ikemi**

**ikemikàà** *id.* (of person) short and looking strong or tough; not good-looking (even when dressed)

**ikén<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* bear; endure; **Yé ikénngimààà?** Can you bear it? [**ikén<sup>2</sup>**]

**ikén<sup>2</sup>** *n.* endurance; **Ikén kpọ fà timí, ẹ̀rẹyemàààà?** You have no endurance, and yet you are talking? [*<* Igbo **ik’é** ‘strength’]

**íkèrèrè** *n.* difficulty

**Ikètè** *n.* Hausa; Northerner (= **Igbon, Awúsa**)

**ikiá<sup>1</sup>** (= **ikié**) *v.recip.* befriend; make friends with: **Orọ maá kịmị ikiamí** The two of them made friends.

**ikiá<sup>2</sup>** (= **ikié**) *v.t.* marry on “small dowry” system, *usu.* **eré ikia**

**ikiá<sup>3</sup>** (= **ikié**) *n.* friendship; **ikia kọrị** make friends

**ikia-aráu** *n.f.* female friend

**ikia-eré** *n.f.* woman married under the “small dowry” system

**ikia-owéi** *n.* male friend

**ikiatòbòyù** *n.* child born under the “small dowry” system

**Ikibiri** *n.* town in **Ekpétíama ibe** of Northern Iẓon

**ikié** *see* **ikiá** friend(ship); befriend

**ikinimáà** *id.* short and fat

**ikirí** *n.* cane rat; cutting-grass; “grasscutter” (*Thryonomys swinderianus* THRYONOMIDAE) (=pélei)

**ikirînn** (=ikinrînn) *id.* short, but bulky, *e.g.* log of wood or person (>ìkírînn)

**ikíríka<sup>1</sup>** *n.* fish, the second size of Niger perch (*Lates niloticus* Linn. CENTROPOMIDAE) (otókorotòrùpina < ikíríka < zalaá < kína < káran)

**ikíríka<sup>2</sup>** *n.* (always in combinations); **amatá ìkiríka** older married woman; **tín ìkiríka** stump of tree

**ikirikáà** *n.* short (as of tail), but with rougher edges than **ingbiligbáà**

**ikísa** *n.* half

**ikisáà** *id.* short; dwarfish

**ikísa-ìkísa** *id.* in pieces

**ikísamò** *v.cs.* lessen in volume; shorten in length

**ikítibà** *n.* pipe (for smoking)

**ikó<sup>1</sup>** *n.* cloth dyed by the Yoruba (**àdìrè**)

**ikó<sup>2</sup>** *n.* anvil

**ikóki** *n.* hips; **ikóki tuu** back of hips

**ikókiyaji** *n.* throw in wrestling across the buttocks (a variant of **fugú**)

**ikóli<sup>1</sup>** *n.* leg of pot, *usu.* **béle-ìkoli**

**ikóli<sup>2</sup>** *see* **igóli** handcuff(s)

**ikólibagii** *n.* claw-hammer; pincers

**ikóliwarì** (=igóliwarì) *n.* prison; jail

**ikólò<sup>1</sup>** *n.* tree (*Leea guineensis* G. Don LEEACEAE); **perè ìkólò** (*Psychotria ?gabonica* Hiern RUBIACEAE)

**ikólò<sup>2</sup>** *n.* protective medicine for war

**Ikólò** *n.* town in Atísa, of Kólokùmá origin, north of Ikibiri

**ìkòlòlò** *n.* creeping herb cooked in soup to give blood (=)

**ikomòfò** *v.cs.* equip (someone) fully; make ready: **Erí wò bínáaraùma ìkomòfòyù** He

has come fully to the support of his sister; **ongò ìkomò** prepare oneself fully: **Erí wò òngò ìkomòdèjì kòò, sukúlù bọmì** He equipped himself before going to school.

**ikoó** *v.t.* equip

**ikorikórì** *n.* a bird [any description?]

**ikóroghà** *n.* “medicine” for wrestlers which prevents them from being thrown (*lit.* ‘will not/never fall down’). The owner will never have children until he falls down deliberately in a game and thereby spoils the “medicine”. It was highly regarded and very expensive in the olden days.

**ikóso** *n.* game of tops in which winner takes all the tops

**ikpé<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* tell lies; reveal secret: **Kímì ìkpé kumò**. Don’t tell lies.

**ikpé<sup>2</sup>** *n.* lie; falsehood; **ìkpé fì** give or receive bribe; **ìkpé gba** tell lies; **ìkpé iseri tẹ** bear false witness; commit perjury

**ikpeígàra** *n.* a kind of yam

**ìkpékìmì** *n.* rumour-monger; person who tells news or stories without discretion: **Ìkpékìmì títèjì dòughà** A rumour-monger needs no seat (because he will not sit down to tell the full story, but go on to spread it in another place).

**ìkpèlélè** *n.* creeping herb cooked in soup to give blood (=ìkòlòlò) [scientific name?]

**ìkpemá** [4] *n.* thick soft skin of electric fish (*Mormyrus rume*)

**ìkpesé** *n.* load; luggage

**ìkpéte** *v.i.* regret; grieve; **dii ni ìkpéte** have mercy on; sympathize with

**ìkpéte nì** (=kpéte nì) *int.* in so far as: **Ìkpéte nì a kpò gbànaidejìbí, jì maá tè bara kí mịngghì** In so far as she has agreed, what else can I do?

**ìkpí** *n.* (usually **ìkpí-ògbòlò**) an **ògbòlò** loaded with mud and used in the game of **ingbíri**

**ìkpíiri** *n.* wheel; wheel with tyre

**ìkpíri<sup>1</sup>** *n.* plantain variety

**ìkpíri<sup>2</sup>** *n.* seed-pod used as leg-rattle (=ìgúá)

**ìkpírikpa** *n.* stump

**ikpirikpáà** *id.* stumpy [?]; short; not long; stunted

**ikpokpo** [tone?] *n.* used in: **ikpokpo leemó** build a temporary house to live in while constructing the permanent house

**ikpútu<sup>1</sup>** *n.* stone; rock

**ikpútu<sup>2</sup>** *n.* large number of people massed together: **Kíjì ikputu boyemi.** A large number of people are coming.

**ileé<sup>1</sup>** *n.* stack, *usu.* **fìjì ilé** stack of firewood

**ileé<sup>2</sup>** *n.* tree (*Uapaca heudelotii* Baill.

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**imbéterèè** *id.* heavily stained; daubed thickly, as when there is much mud on one's feet

**imbí<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* fish in a lake (**dúnọ̀n, awéré, bú̀tìrì**, but not **bú̀y**), *usu.* **dúnọ̀n imbi; imbí lagha** be forbidden to fish in lakes. This applies to a girl or woman when she is delivered of a dead baby, or when the live baby dies without crying hours after delivery. She is only freed from this restriction when she delivers normally.

**imbí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* button; **imbí tya** sew on a button

**imbí<sup>3</sup>** *n.* goal; point (in wrestling)

**imbibile** *n.* sliding; **imbibile tanjì** slide; **bj̀bì-imbibile** a slip of the tongue

**imbígìdì** *n.* policeman (*lit.* 'buttons closely fastened on tunic')

**imbíowei** *n.* single-pronged fish-spear; **imbíowei gbein/ọ̀bọ̀rọ̀** fish with such a spear

**imbireí** (=ine b̀j̀nà̀d̀wei) my "brother" (male relative not in direct line of descent)

**imbirèí** (=inè b̀j̀naowei) your "brother"

**imbíse<sup>1</sup>** *v.acc.* deal strictly with: **Iné deyemi debi, ye j̀ mómọ̀ imbísenghimi** This pride you are showing, I will deal with you seriously.

**imbíse<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* play **imbíse**, a women's game (*see next*)

**imbíse<sup>3</sup>** *n.* game played by women, involving clapping and moving the legs; number of players starts from two and above (*cf.* **pj̀rì?**)

(**imbiyou**) *used in:* **beriba imbiyou** flower stalk of plantain, used ritually

**imeín** [5] *v.i.* leak in (from outside) (a small amount, of fishpond and canoe) (contrast (**i**)firi, leak out): **Árùbì imeínyemi.** The canoe is leaking a little.

**imemeín** *v.a.* be stingy, frugal, economical:

**Béi k̀j̀m̀b̀j̀ imemeín kamèé** This man is very stingy: **Iné b̀iìyebi, yeé imemeín ǹ j̀ pj̀r̀ng̀himi** The thing you are asking, I will give you a little. *id.* stingy; very frugal; miserly (=k̀k̀j̀m̀ọ̀k̀j̀m̀ọ̀ = k̀k̀j̀r̀k̀j̀r̀)

**imémeín** *n.* nail; claw; **bára-imemeín** fingernail; **bú̀ọ̀-imemeín** toenail; **ofóni-imemeín** *n.* claw (of bird)

**imemerékè** *see* **umbeberékè** fern

**imenghí** *v.i.* ooze (*e.g.* of water oozing into canoe, pond or damp floor)

**iménghí<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* make a low moaning sound

**iménghí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* moan

**imeseí<sup>1</sup>** (=meseí) *v.i.* look about in an affected way; grimace to show disapproval of someone's statement

**imeseí<sup>2</sup>** (=meseí) *n.* affected look or disapproving grimace

(**ingbe**) *n.* as in **ọ̀fọ̀y ingbe** an internal organ in the belly of **ọ̀fọ̀y**, tasting delicious

**ingbé** [3] *v.a.* be blunt, not sharp (as knife, cutlass, axe)

**íngbè** *n.* mangrove oyster (*Crassostrea gasar* Dautzen. OSTREIDAE)

**ingbeé<sup>1</sup>** *n.* club; truncheon; baton; a wooden hammer [mallet? check with carpenter] used in breaking timber into sections

**ingbeé<sup>2</sup>** *n.* horn; **náma-ingbe** horn of animal

**ingbeé<sup>3</sup>** *n.* a measure, the length of the lower arm

**ingbeé<sup>4</sup>** *n.* **A.** child; **ingbe koromó** have a child; **maa ingbé** several children; some children; **B.** one's own luck with regard to children; **ingbeé èbìí** the good fortune to have many surviving children; **ingbeé sèí** the bad luck to lose a series of children

**ingbeelé** *n.* soldier termite; gorilla ant (*Macrotermes bellicosus*) [id?]

**ingbeké** *n.* **A.** a stick; **B.** useless bit of rubbish (*cf.* **ikpọ̀sọ̀**)

**ingbekeé** *id.* abnormally big (usually of the head)

**Ingbélà** *n.* the founder of Odi in Kólokùmá, whence it is called **Ingbélà-ama**

**ingbéle** *n.* knee

**ingbéleè** *id.* very big and bulging, as of forehead (>**ingbéleè**)

**ingbère** *n.* exorbitant gain, profit; **ingbère tua** profiteer

**ingbéte** *n.* **A.** general term for the adult male shrimp (**opúru**); **B.** adult *Macrobrachium felicinum* (contrast **oníò**): **Kólamá toru**

**ingbete** smaller type more common in salt water

**ingbí** *n.* roughly spherical object, *usu.* in combinations; **okokodíà-ingbi** ladle made of coconut shell and stick; **tukpa-ingbí** globe of lamp; **ukuruzí-ingbi** cannon-ball

**ingbigbilû** *id.* extremely fat, but fairly short, as of a person

**ingbiligbáà** *id.* short, as of tail, but smoother than **ikirikáà**

**ingbilû** *id.* short and bulky (>**ingbilû**)

**ingbílílí** *n.* the mark made on the soft place below the breastbone with ashes by children when they want to end a game

**ingbíri**<sup>1</sup> [3] *v.adj.* be old, aged

**ingbíri**<sup>2</sup> [3] *n.* **A.** very big type of **ogbólò**, from the **omóni** group, which beats others; **B.** a game of tops played during the flood season, in which one is allowed to put mud, etc., inside the holes of some of the tops (thus making **ikpí**), and in which one player can continue to play until he beats another person; if he does not, he continues until all his tops are finished, whereupon he withdraws from the game; the last person remaining takes all the tops.

**ingbísi** *n.* leglet made of ivory

**ingbísirisi** (=ingbísirísi) *n.* an animal, Bosman's Potto (*Perodicticus potto* LORISIDAE)

**imímiyoun** (=mímiyoun) *v.t.* suck and draw in forcefully (as child sucks breast, or as in

drinking through a straw) (contrast **indóu**, which is gentler)

**iminií** *n.* an art of planting whereby yam mounds do not follow any definite line, usually on high ground where roots prevent the formation of **ekúe**. They can face anywhere (*opp. of ekúe*).

**imíyoun** *n.* **A.** a loop made of grass (*e.g.* **usíí**) or palm leaves, placed on objects or attached to trees, or pinned on a piece of land, swamp, lake or island to show ownership; **B.** It is used as a sacred symbol when invoking or swearing on a deity, which it symbolizes; **C.** It is also used when making a war dance or wrestling dance or masquerade.

**imíyoun-gbunu-yei** *n.* husband in name, *i.e.* when the husband only performs the initial ceremony and then assumes or takes over the role of a husband

**imosóú** *n.* inflorescence of oil-palm, *usu.* **lǐí imosou**

**ínà** *see* **ínà** mummy

**indaá** *n.* gum (of mouth)

**inda-inda** [4] *id.* toothless (of old person); **inda-inda kòsu kǐmǐ** toothless old person

**indágòdu** *id.* numerous; myriad

**indé** [3] *v.a.* be thick (as soup)

**indébèfú** *n.* salt-water shrimp

**indeí** [5] *v.p.* be thickened; **túu indeí** be settled with possessions: **Erí tuu indeíò** He has now settled down and acquired some possessions: **Eré tuu indeíò** The woman's marriage is fruitful and settled.

**inde-índe** *id.* old; archaic (*e.g.* person, story)

**indélè** *n.?* person who is ignorant

**indelee** *id.* in a state of ignorance; lacking knowledge; looking ignorant; not thoughtful

**indémò** [3] *v.cs.* thicken: **Fúlòubì indémò**. Thicken the soup.

**indémoye** *n.* thickening (for soup)

**inderekèè** *id.* squinting (of eyes); hence, not seeing well (implied)

**indéri** (=indóri) *v.i.* fail to speak out to someone's face as one has boasted one will do

**indiámènisòu** *n.* blow-fly (*Chrysomya chloropyga*)

**indíí** *n.* fish; **indi baá** catch fish; **bou-indí** fish found in lakes and fishponds; **ẹ̀bẹ̀gụ** **indi** the largest of each of the species of fish in a catch in a lake or fish-pond. The collection of the number of the species shows ownership; **tọ̀rụ-indi** river fish: **Bení dùbá ìndi indíghà** Big water does not always contain plenty of fish (*cf.* All that glitters is not gold.)

**indokúù** (=undokúù) *id.* describes a hunched or bulging part of the body, *e.g.* of man, animal or stick. Thus Fulani cattle called **konu-birí-ìndokú.**

**indóri** *see* **indéri** fail to speak out

**indoroo** *id.* gazing sheepishly

**indóu** *v.t.* suck (breast) (contrast (i)mímiyoun, which is more forceful)

**indóu** *n.* breast; **indóu bībī kūrọ** suck in large gulps; **indóu kīlẹ̀mọ** wean. Types of breast are: **agbá indou** breasts of a young woman before they have fallen (*lit.* 'calabash-bowl breasts'); **ikpíri indou ??** breasts (*lit.* '?? breasts'); **kònsẹ̀lẹ̀ indou ??** breasts (*lit.* '?? breasts'); **obóri indou** small breasts (*lit.* 'goat breasts'); **paan indóu** elongated breasts (*lit.* 'calabash-cup breasts').

**indóu barị** *v.p.* hold a return match (in games, *e.g.* wrestling)

**indóubarị** *n.* return match

**indóubeni** *n.* breast-milk ['breast-water']

**indóubenidiri** *n.* herb (*Euphorbia hirta* Linn. EUPHORBIACEAE) (=opúrú-ángá, obírímá) ['breast-water-medicine']

**indóubọ̀lọ̀** *n.* nipple ['breast-tip']

**indóu-indou** *n.* tree (*Alstonia boonei* De Wild. APOCYNACEAE) (*cf.* kígbó)

**indóumọ** *v.cs.* suckle: **Tọ̀bọ̀bị indoumọ** Suckle the child.

**indóutekeleye** *n.* brassière ['breast-supporter']

**iné<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* endure; **yé-ine** endurance

**iné<sup>2</sup>** *poss.* your (*singular*); **inéin** (=iné ye) yours: **Iné ye ki iné ye** Yours is your own.

**iné<sup>3</sup>[4]** *pron.* you (*singular*) (*short pronoun object form preceding vowels; cf. i* (2)): **Erí iné ẹ̀rìdọ.** He has seen you.

**inébīrìkì** *n.* stalemate (as of a complicated matter): **Egberibí bo ni inébīrìkì kọọ páamị** The matter became deadlocked/reached a stalemate.

**inéé<sup>1</sup>** *poss.* my; **inéí** (=ine yé) mine; **inéinèi** all for me; all my own

**inéé<sup>2</sup>** [5] *pron.* me (*short pronoun object form preceding vowels; cf. i* (1))

**inéí** *short form of ine yé* mine

**inéi** *short form of iné ye* yours

**Inéikaàdé** *n.m.f.* a name [**Inéi-ki-àkí-de** 'Be proud of your own']

**inéinèi<sup>1</sup>** *n.* point of scoring in the game of tops (**ọ̀gbọ̀lọ̀ tein**) when one of the players has taken two tops; he shouts 'My own, my own!' to claim them.

**Inéinèi<sup>2</sup>** *n.f.* a name [**Inéi-inei** 'My own is my own']

**inémọ** *v.i.* endure: **Inémọ timi nì ụ pịrị vùrọ.** Endure the flogging he will give you.

**inénghi<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.a.* be deaf

**inénghi<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* be far away; be deep down (in water)

**inénghi<sup>3</sup>** *n.* buttock(s)

**inénghifubei** *n.* piles

**inenghî** *id.* quite deaf: **A díí yèé, inenghî** See her, quite deaf!

**inénghi-opoolo** *n.* anus

**inénghipaarai** *n.* one of the buttocks

**inénghi-uke** *n.* inside of anus

**inénghiwarị** *n.* buttocks (*esp.* of women)

**inénghi bàra faá ??** unbearable [Needs further explanation or examples]

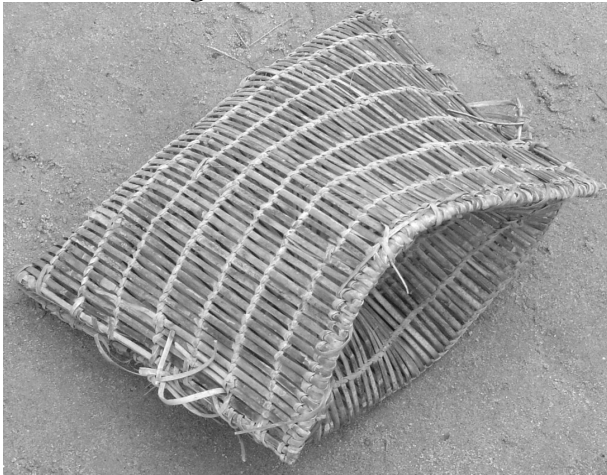
**inénghi-ọ̀bọ̀rọ** *n.* a fish (*Bagrus docmac* Forskål BAGRIDAE) ['deaf ọ̀bọ̀rọ']

**inénghimọ** *v.cs.* deafen; stun; astonish

**inénghiwala** *n.* paddle-steamer



- ingélenge** *n.* xylophone; marimba  
**ingelengelé** *n.* liver  
**ingí** *v.t.* hire out farmland by yards for money (per yard) for farming; lease farmland (from land-owner) for farming (= **búa**)  
**ingó** *v.a.* be poor  
**ingó** *n.* poverty  
**ingó-ingo** *n.* excessive poverty: **Ingó-ingo kì ụ kọrí-nìmí** He is poverty-stricken.  
**ingólèí** *n.* shell (as of edible snail); **osi-ingólèí** shell of snail  
**ingólongolò** *n.* small metal bells with small round clappers inside which rattle when shaken  
**ingómọ** *v.cs.* **A.** make poor; **B.** ill-treat; maltreat; **C.** trouble; be a nuisance to (as flood)  
**ingoó** [5] *n.* crayfish trap [see photo]; **ingo dérí** weave **ingoó**; **ingo gbèin** bend and shape the woven trap; **ingo pítè/kpáamọ** fish with **ingoó**



- ingoóò** *id.* quite poor: **Wáí nì u díí, ingoóò(mọ) mịẹ** Look at him, quite poor.  
**ingotíbì** *n.* head [??] of lobster-pot  
**inima** [1] *v.a.* be stunted; **inima ború** dwarf cane-rope ((*Eremospatha* sp.)); **inima okótì** stunted he-goat; **inima pomú** stunted leaf  
**inimá** *n.* fish resembling **ukpókù**  
**inimawaá** *n.* herb (*Rinorea dentata* (P.Beauv.) O.Ktze VIOLACEAE)  
**ininaín** (= **ininaá**) *n.* green vegetable, also used as medicine (*Amaranthus spinosus* Linn. and *A. viridis* Linn. AMARANTHACEAE)

- ínkì** *n.* ink [<English *ink*]  
**ínsisi** *n.* hinge [<English *hinge*]  
**ínyèè** *excl.* yes  
**ínyòò** *excl.* yes  
**ínzìni** *n.* engine [<English *engine*]  
**ínzìrí** *n.* “George” cloth [<English *India*]  
**ipébu** *n.* bow  
**ipébugbasa** *n.* arrow [‘bow-stick’]  
**ipèlè** *n.* draughts (game); **ipèlè tein** play draughts  
**ipèlè-imbi** *n.* draughtsman  
**ipèlipèlì** *n.* oil-palm seedling (*cf.* **itọbọj**)  
**ipení** *n.* dried-up palm fruit  
**ipesí** **A.** layer; **B.** portion; **kịẹn-ipesì** (*math.*) digit  
**ipesi-ipési** *id.* in layers; in portions  
**ipesi-kịẹn-bịbị** *n.* (*math.*) place value; **désimàlị ipesi** decimal place [*digit-count-word*]  
**ipií** *n.* small hollow calabash tied to **díí** as float (*cf.* **lipú**); also used as a medicine-container tied to the top of the flag in the war canoe and floating in the water [unclear]  
**ipiteí** *v.i.* brag; claim superiority  
**ipó** *n.* **A.** track left by a log or canoe on the ground when it is dragged or hauled; **B.** print made (by thumb, palm or foot)  
**iporoó** *id.* many; plentiful, more than sufficient  
**ipútù** *n.* rain-storm  
**ireí** *n.* call on one’s dear one, *esp.* their nickname or initials, when one slips (as if the name gives one some sort of strength)  
**irí**<sup>1</sup> *v.i.* dry up (as in cooking); go down (of water): **Bèlẹbị irídọ.** The pot has boiled dry: **Búụ benibi irídọ.** The water in the fishpond has gone down. [tone class 3?]  
**irí**<sup>2</sup> *v.i.* err; go astray  
**irí**<sup>3</sup> [3] *v.i.* be hoarse, crack (of voice); **irí òkolo** hoarse voice; **okolo irí** become hoarse (of voice): **Wo okólòbì irími.** His voice became hoarse and cracked.  
**irókò** *n.* iroko tree (*Milicia excelsa* (Welw.) C. C. Berg MORACEAE) (= **kúụ, subei tịn,**

**alagbá tìn**) [<English *iroko* and/or Yoruba *ìrókò*] [But **kúu** is mahogany!]  
**iroró** *v.t.* think; ponder  
**iroromó** *v.dir.* refer to  
**iroroyé** *n.* thought  
**isé** *num.* nine; **isé karamo** ninth  
**iséna** *num.* nine (*qualifying form*): **iséna kìmì** nine men  
**iseín<sup>1</sup>** (=isenghí=isengí) *n.* an arbitrary farm length for a leased farm. The length of such a farm varies with the locality from 15-30 fathoms.  
**iseín<sup>2</sup>** *n.* row; furrow  
**iséle** *n.* (ground) camwood  
**isélebara** *n.* piece of heartwood which is ground on **owórò** to produce camwood (**iséle**)  
**isélekpoo** *n.* small lump of camwood (made from wet powdered camwood and dried)  
**Isélema** *n.* Warri  
**isélepaan** *n.* amniotic sac  
**isené-orùbau** *n.* **iyóro**-fish sp. (=asíná-yòrobau)  
**isenleí** *n.* space between fingers, *usu.* **bára-isenleí**; space between toes, *usu.* **búo-isenleí**  
**iserí** *n.* testimony; witness; **iseri suọ/tiẹ** be a witness  
**iseri-aráu** *n.f.* female witness  
**iseri-owéi** *n.* male witness  
**(isi)** *see* **tọru-isi**  
**isíbiri** *n.* “alligator”; Dwarf Crocodile (*Osteolaemus tetraspis*); **gaki isíbiri** a different species of “alligator”: **Isíbiri korì kìmì òbúdu gbelemi**. A person who catches an “alligator” is soiled by ooze (*i.e.* if you want to punish someone you will be affected).  
**isíkì** *id.?* fond of: **Erí ye fì dìbì isíkì** He is very fond of eating.  
**isólolo** *a.* extremely resolute [discuss]; **isólolo bìbì** a complex problem  
**isou** *n.* cluster (*e.g.* of coconuts or of fish strung together); **okokodjà isou** a cluster of coconuts

**isoun** *n.* a small fish, finger-size freshwater clupeid (*Pellonula* spp.)  
**isúru<sup>1</sup>** *n.* spines on palm fruit  
**isúru<sup>2</sup>** *n.* spongy areas of certain types of food, like yam  
**isúru-ìsúru** *id.* full of spines [check]  
**itígberi** *n.* big Kano cloth  
**itísein** *n.* headpad  
**itítá** *n.* heel; part of hand corresponding to heel; **itita tuá** walk on one’s heels; **bára-itita** heel of hand; lower part of palm; **búo-itita** heel [tone?]  
**itiyá** *n.* swollen legs; elephantiasis  
**itiya dọ́n** *n.* swelling sickness around the ankles; ankle oedema  
**itóbo** *n.* sandbank side of river; flood bank, used for farming  
**itóbokan** *n.* Tantalus monkey (*Cercopithecus tantalus*) [Kolokuma?]  
**itóbokòri** *n.* stinging ant usually found in farmland  
**itú<sup>1</sup>** *n.* flock; heap; group; age-grade; herd; gang; batch  
**itú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* oil-palm which has palm bunch with fleshy nuts close together, *usu.* **itú lị bein**  
**ivalî** *id.* short; not pointed  
**ivilivàà** *id.* blunt; not pointed; **nínì sẹ ivilivàà** short and blunt nose  
**ivín<sup>1</sup>** *n.* cow  
**ivín<sup>2</sup>** *n.* palm kernel  
**ivínfumu** *n.* **A.** seed of palm kernel; **B.** palm kernel  
**ivín-ìsọun** *n.* broken shell of palmnut  
**ivintọbọ** *n.* calf [*cow-child*]  
**ivín-ungbo** *n.* endocarp containing single seed (*cf.* **okpókoro**)  
**iwé<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* envy; be jealous of  
**iwé<sup>2</sup>** *n.* envy; jealousy  
**iwé<sup>3</sup>** *n.* tattoo mark along the cheek  
**iweé** *n.* thatch overhang at end of house  
**Iwékumọ** *n.m.f.* a name [**Iwé kumọ** ‘Do not covet’]  
**iwíri** (=wíri) *n.* tortoise: **Iwíri ta kị iwíri zaumọmị** It was Tortoise’s own wife that belittled him; **beni iwíri** hard-shelled

swamp turtle (*Pelusios* spp.); **ogbó iwiri**  
 tortoise (= **ogbó ikagi**) (*Kinixys* sp.)  
**iwówoo** *id.* gathered in clusters, *e.g.* a number  
 of fruits or flowers growing together  
**íyàà** *excl.* a cry for some loss or bereavement  
 (= **áyòò**)  
**íyà** *excl.* sound of exclamation expressing  
 warning, immediately after a narrow escape  
**iyáà** *excl.* my friend (*cf.* **ikiá**)  
**iyé** *n.* (older form of **yé**, *which see*); thing: **iyé**  
**serigha** nothing; there was no major  
 happening, no casualties; nothing bad or  
 serious happened  
**iyéri** [3] *v.i.* **A.** descend; go down; decrease;  
 diminish; recede (of flood, tide); **B.** be low,  
 as of a depression; **C.** (*fig.*) be lean (*cf.*  
**tùún**)  
**iyérimo** *v.cs.* lower; humiliate; **ongó iyerimo**  
 be(come) humble  
**iyóro** *n.* snakehead (fish) (*Parachanna*  
*obscura* CHANNIDAE) (*cf.* **ogboṣbasá**)  
**iyóú** *n.* low-lying part of bush completely  
 under water in rainy season  
**izán** *n.* young palm fronds  
**izímina** *n.* bird, the ostrich (*Struthio camelus*  
 STRUTHIONIDAE) [*<*Hausa *jìminaa* ‘female  
 ostrich’]  
**izóngò** (= **zóngò**) *n.* jar with narrow neck and  
 wide body for holding wine [*?<*English *jug*]  
**izouú** *v.i.* be hasty  
**izoumó** *v.cs.* hasten  
**izózbau** [4] (= **zózbau**) *n.* three-pronged  
 fish-spear; **izózbau gbèin** fish with  
**izózbau**  
**izózoo** *id.* too tall (as of man); also describes  
 how such tall people (or sticks) are thrown  
 down by smaller or shorter people  
**izozouú** *v.i.* roar; bark  
**izú** *n.* **A.** uninhabited place; **B.** a wide stretch  
 of cultivated land with many farm plots  
**izúmu** *n.* fish which gives an electric shock,  
 especially from the tail end (*Mormyrus rume*  
 C. & V. MORMYRIDAE)

## I

**í¹** [1] (= **i** if following vowel is wide) *pron.* I;  
 me (*short pronoun subject and object form*  
*preceding consonant; cf.* **yeé¹**, **ineé²**): **Í tíjín**  
**yèé** Call me; **I boyémi** I'm coming; *poss.*  
 my (*short form*): **í daú** my father; **i yeí** my  
 husband  
**í²** [2] (= **i** if following vowel is wide) *pron.* you  
 (*singular*) (*short pronoun object form*  
*preceding consonant; cf.* **iné³**): **Erí í tínyemi**  
 He is calling you; *poss.* your (*singular*)  
 (*short form*); **í daú** your father; **i yeí** your  
 husband  
**í³** [3] (= **i** if following vowel is wide) *pron.* you  
 (*short subject form preceding consonant*);  
*cf.* **yé²**: **Í báng̀h̀ng̀h̀m̀m̀?** Will you run?: **Í**  
**kpó í píri kí, í kpó í píri** You give me, and  
 I give you too.  
**íbadó** (*tone class uncertain*) *n.* superiority in  
 some particular aspect (normally of  
 community or person): **Ekpétíama-**  
**Agudama nì íbadó, beni kpó èmí, lajíríkì**  
**kpó emí** Agudama-Ekpétíama is  
 exceptional; it has pipe-borne water, it has  
 electricity.  
**íbaín** *n.* a disease affecting the head,  
 especially in children, probably *tinea capitis*  
**íbará** [4] *n.* verandah  
**íbiabíà-ígba** *n.* climbing plant (*Cissus*  
*ibuensis* Hook.f. (probably) VITACEAE),  
 used as a green vegetable and as a tonic; it is  
 believed to help a foetus  
**íboló** [4] *n.* red bead worn round neck; coral  
 bead  
**ídeí** *n.* unmuddled or half-muddled pillars in  
 front of the verandah  
**ídisaín** [4] *n.* oily fruit used as pomade, as  
 spice, or as medicine for children's ailments  
 (*Tetrapleura tetraptera* (Schum. and  
 Thonn.) Taub. LEGUMINOSAE-  
 MIMOSOIDEAE)  
**ífi** *n.* used in: **ífi ṭa** urge; insist; persist in;  
 inform or instruct someone secretly  
**ífiakú** *see* **ífiyau**

**ififiyọ̀**<sup>1</sup> [3] *v.i.* whistle  
**ififiyọ̀**<sup>2</sup> [3] *n.* whistle; whistling: **Iné ififiyọ̀bì pèlẹ** Stop your whistling.  
**ifii**<sup>1</sup> *v.i.* be on good terms; agree  
**ifii**<sup>2</sup> *n.* string from *Musa* stem, *usu.* **beriba ifii, oyobá ifii**  
**ifii**<sup>3</sup> *n.* wax in the ear  
**ifii**<sup>4</sup> *n.* used in: **ifii a** inform in advance  
**ifikifikì** (=fìkifikì) [4] *n.* saw  
**ifiyau** (=ifiakù) *n.* small tree with ‘male’ and ‘female’ varieties (the ‘female’ identified as the sandpaper tree, *Ficus asperifolia* Miq. MORACEAE) **OR** creeping shrub growing between sandbank and dry land on land which is difficult to clear but yields good **owéibùrú** [OAE]  
**(ifiyọ̀n)** see under **abá**<sup>1</sup>  
**ifiyọ̀n** *n.* midrib of frond of wine-palm  
**ifofọ̀** *id.* with no weight; very small; short and light in weight (of human being only)  
**ifọ̀rọ̀rọ̀n** (=ifọ̀nrọ̀nrọ̀n) *n.* tree [describe; specimen needed]  
**ifurunfurun** (=ifunrunfunrun) *n.* ant (general term for small dark ants)  
**igá**<sup>1</sup> *v.a.* be deformed (of arms or legs); be lame; limp  
**igá**<sup>2</sup> *n.* deformity (of limbs)  
**igálaba** *n.* the state of being riotous; rowdy behaviour; state of confusion  
**igáli** *n.* lumps on the body produced by Recklinghausen’s disease; protid tumour; wart [?] [check definitions]  
**igáli-igáliḍon** *n.* disease producing lumps on the body, Recklinghausen’s disease  
**igáliṭuabọ** *n.* person suffering from Recklinghausen’s disease  
**igáran** (=igánran) *n.* pepper (= **igíná, isanì**)  
**Igàrà** (=Igánrà) *n.* people somewhere to the north-west of Iẓon (perhaps the Igara)  
**igáran-dọ̀n** (=igánran-dọ̀n) *n.* smallpox (*cf.* **akirikpọ̀kpọ̀, opudọ̀n, oḡonḡḡọ̀n, ọ̀vọ̀kiriowei**)  
**igàrà**-**otiti** (=igánrà-**otiti**) *n.* bird resembling the Senegal coucal

**igàrì** *n.* piece of cloth (normally undersized); **igàrì kaka** tie a piece of cloth around the waist with a special knot at one end  
**igbá** *n.* **A.** creeper; rope; **igbá kpun** have a tug-of-war; **beké-igba** European rope; **bou-igbá** bush rope; **kọ̀n-igbá** ceremonial necklace, equivalent to a wedding ring, worn by a wife; **B.** (*anat.*) long rope-like bodily organ; **asìn-igbá** blood-vessel; **kála àsìn-igba** capillary; **kála furọ̀-igba** small intestine; **opu furọ̀-igba** large intestine; **ọ̀dúdu-duo-bo-igba** artery; **ọ̀dúdu-ghọ-muyemi-igba** vein  
**igbaá** *n.* a longitudinal crack or opening, or a broken line, along the body of a canoe  
**igbaáà** *id.* describes a skinny person  
**igbaái** *n.* chips (of wood)  
**igbágbá** *n.* soup or cooked food without palm oil  
**Igbáinwari** *n.* a town in Opokumá ìbe in Northern Iẓon  
**igbákọ̀rì** *n.* creeper (*Triumfetta ?cordifolia* A.Rich. TILIACEAE) (= **bidépáli**) [check if these 2 names refer to the same plant (probably not)]  
**igbalì** *n.* **A.** column; line; **B.** (*geom.*) line (in geometry); **igbalìamá gbèleibara** meeting of lines; **igbalì ghọ emí tẹ̀in-leleiama** collinear points; **igbalì ghọ fà tein-lélèiama** non-collinear points; **igbalì girafú** line graph; **igbalì ikísà** line segment; **igbalì pẹ̀lẹ̀bàrà** intersection of lines; **bekuwé igbalì** curved line; **gáranbaa igbalì** vertical line; **gbásì ikọ̀kì miẹ igbalì** perpendicular line; **gọ̀mọ̀ igbalì** straight line; **suín igbalì** horizontal line; **ukóu tiẹ igbalìama** parallel lines  
**igbáli** *n.* **A.** (large) thorn (*cf.* **igigaí**); **B.** creeping plant with thorns (*Combretum* sp.); **igbáli sọ̀kì** bring out thorns, etc., with needle; **owéi igbalì** [uses?](*Combretum racemosum* P.Beauv. COMBRETACEAE)  
**igbáli-igbalì** [4] *id.* thorny  
**igbáliṣọ̀kiye** *n.* money given to those who helped to demarcate land

**igbáragbarà** *n.* sensitive plant (*Acacia kamerunensis* (Linn.) Willd.

LEGUMINOSAE-MIMOSOIDEAE); also known as **i-yéi-boyemi-ìné-tebi-teri** (lit. ‘your husband is coming, cover your vagina’); (song):

**Igbáragbarà, tebí tèri**

**I yéi boyemò!**

**Tebí tèri**

Sensitive plant, cover your vagina

Your husband is coming

Cover your vagina

Cover your vagina

**igbanghí<sup>1</sup>** (=igbangí) *n.* unripe oil-palm bunch

**igbanghí<sup>2</sup>** (=igbangí) *n.* flood-free land

**igbanghítàrighá** (=igbangítàrighá) *n.* shrub used as chewing-stick, usually covered with biting ants (*Barteria fistulosa* Mast.

PASSIFLORACEAE): **Árì igbanghítàrighá**

**àáà?** Are you an ant-tree? (*i.e.* you keep people at a distance/you can’t accommodate others)

**igbání** *v.i.* argue; *a.* argumentative

**igbanú** *n.* **A.** group of people from particular place: **Sèj igbanu ma boyemi** The dance group is coming; **B.** gang (*in a bad sense*), *usu.* **sei igbanù**

**igbáragbarà** *n.* thorny tree whose wood is used for canoe-seats and firewood; its bark is boiled in water and used as medicine for wounds, *esp.* for female circumcision (*Bridelia micrantha* (Hochst.) Baill., and/or *Macaranga* spp. (*heudelotii*)

EUPHORBIACEAE): **Okí sèiyá, igbáragbarà**

When the swimming is bad, (you don’t mind clinging to) **igbáragbarà** (which is thorny).

**igbárara** *n.* area around house protected by overhang of roof, *usu.* **wári-igbarara**

**Igbásolo** *n.* name of shrine in **Báalìbou** family at Igbedi

**igbò** [4] *n.* cast-net; **igbò gbèin** fish with cast-net; **fòun-igbò** seine-net

**igbòbàraye** *n.* (*tech.*) network [‘net-manner-thing’]

**igbótòrù** *n.* mesh of cast-net

**igbumú** *n.* canoe being carved before it is “burnt” to widen it; unfinished canoe

**igburú<sup>1</sup>** *n.* **A.** line; row; column; **B.** age-group; **C.** *usu.* **fì igbúrù** a group of members of an age-group dying in succession, traditionally believed to be caused by some evil practices committed by the group, such as swearing falsely; **D.** (*math.*) line; row; **kírì ìyerimò igburú** column; **kḽen-igbúrù** number-line

**igíagjà** *n.* tree (MELIACEAE)

**igíagí** *n.* **A.** thorn (smaller than **igbálibi**), as from edge of raphia palm leaf (**akájin** thatch or **apíe** canerope [clarify]); **B.** spine of stick or fish; **indi igíagí** small fishbone (not backbone)

**igilá** *n.* cataract (in the eye)

**igíná** [4] *n.* red pepper (*Capsicum* spp. Linn. SOLANACEAE)=(**igáran** = **isaní**)

**igiribòtò** *n.* scabies; a contagious itching skin disease usually between the fingers and at the knee- and elbow-joints

**igirigòò** *id.* irregular: **Akámò igirigòò** The teeth are irregular (showing gaps and decay).

**igogó!** (=igòò = igò!) *v.i.* be slow; dilly-dally; dawdle; act with indecision (in any action); delay; waste time over minor details

**igomò-igomò** *id.* time-consuming: **Eréamìni biriibi igomò-igomò kaamèè** Women’s dressing takes so long.

**igòò** *see* **igogó!**

**igwá<sup>1</sup>** *n.* large seed-pod from **igwá** tree used as leg-rattle for dancing by “masquerades”, larger than **igwasáinsáin** (=ikpíri<sup>2</sup>) from **tála** [recheck]

**igwá<sup>2</sup>** *n.* representative of younger people at a dance for a deity (**óru sèj**); **igwa-aráú** female representative; **igwa-owéi** male representative

**igwa-arú** *n.* fairly large canoe loaded with people (about 5-15) for ceremonial purposes: to make peace, to make negotiations, to demand a right, for revenge, or for other ceremonies. It contrasts with

**omú arú** ‘war-canoe’, which is the biggest size, in which men are in war-dress, carry guns, stand up and dance, display at the bows and stern, call titles, and are accompanied by war-drums. In **igua-arú**, which is smaller, there can be both men and women, all seated, in ordinary dress, accompanied by the **kpangbú** drum.

**igúajin** *n.* brass ring or anklet worn by little children

**iguasáinsajin** [4] *n.* small seed-pod used as ankle-rattles for dancing (*cf.* **igúá<sup>1</sup>**)

**iguasáinsajin-tin** *n.* tree, the Star Apple; White Star Apple, from which **iguasáinsajin** are obtained (*Chrysophyllum albidum* G Don SAPOTACEAE)

**igúasí** *n.* small tree (*Cissus aralioides* (Welw. ex Bak.) Planch VITACEAE)

**ikábukabù** *n.* chewing gum obtained from **tála** fruit

**ikáǵí<sup>1</sup>** *n.* trickster; nickname of tortoise (*cf.* **iwíri =ogbó** [?])

**ikáǵí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* any heavy woven cloth (*e.g.* kente in Ghana, Akwete in Nigeria)

**Ikájamà** *see* **Kajámà**

**ikáikaj** *n.* “cotton”; kapok

**ikákai<sup>1</sup>** *n.* star; destiny; luck

**ikákai<sup>2</sup>** *n.* loose and over-ripe palm nuts that fall out

**ikáli** *n.* position; situation: **Arí bo ni sèi ikáli kọ tífedọ** I am now in a precarious position.

**ikanghí<sup>1</sup> (=ikangí)** *n.* non-oily residual fibres of the pericarp of palmfruit

**ikanghí<sup>2</sup> (=ikangí)** *n.* termite (*Isoptera*)

**ikanghíwarí (=ikangíwarí)** *n.* chambers within the nest in termite-hill (*cf.* **udọy**)

**ikáni** *n.* raphé (*anat.*); the tiny natural line at the lower part of the penis, dividing the scrotum into two parts, finally entering the anus

**ikàrà** *n.* funnel-entrance fish-trap, larger than **owowó**; **ikàrà pite/koromọ** fish with **ikàrà**

**Ikarámà** *n.* town in **Okódia ibe** of Northern Iṣon

**ikaríkarí** small fish with three spikes which can wound very painfully, found in lakes and fish-ponds (*Auchenoglanis* spp.)

**ikásà** *n.* mischief; malicious act

**ikí** *v.i.* be extremely dirty (as cloth, body)

**ikíakjà (=akíakjà)** *n.* blood that gushes from the throat of an animal when cut. This blood is taken fresh by butchers, or collected and dried for animal or human food. (=asosoó, *cf.* **asíin, obará**)

**ikían** *n.* sacrifice; **ikian kùjùn** offer sacrifice; **ikian-subòere** woman who has reached menopause and performs all sacrificial duties in town; **kọrì bọmọ ikian** relay sacrifice performed at the **Ayákuraj** (New Year) around November before starting the farming season, carried in war-canoes and handed over from one town to another till it is offered at **Tọrụbọ**, the bifurcation of the Niger. It moves in turn from **Igbedí** to **Seibokóroghà, Okóloba, Ayibabiri, Ofonibiri, Olóbiri, Kajámà, Sampọy, Odi,** and **Tọrụbọ**.

**ikíatì** *n.* playing-cards; card game; card(s); **ikíatì tein** play cards. The four suits of cards are **ibúbù** clubs, **otumopú** hearts, **ogbórù** diamonds, and **yowẹí** spades. [?< French *carte* ‘card’]

**ikíkíyáí** *n.* biscuit

**ikinrín** *id.* short but bulky, of smaller person or object than **ikinrín**

**ikírírìn (=ikínrínrìn)** *n.* bush okra, a semi-woody herb whose leaves are used as vegetable and whose fruit resembles okra and is used in “drawing” soups (*Corchorus olitorius* Linn. TILIACEAE)

**ikiọkọtọ** [5] *n.* game resembling Yoruba *ayò* played by women and children, with two rows of six holes, on an oval board or on the ground, each hole containing four seeds or stones; play proceeds as in *ayò* by picking up and redistributing the seeds or stones, but the number to be won and picked up is when four is completed again in a hole (not two or

three as in *ayò*); **ìkìòkòtò tēin** play the game

**ìkíràì** *n.* dried reed of **ìmbèbèlè**; **Igbon ìkíràì** Indian bamboo (*lit.* ‘Indian reed’) (*Bambusa vulgaris* Schrad. GRAMINEAE)

**ìkíràìkòrì** *n.* A. small **opówèí**-fish (*Synodontis* spp.), with smaller head and darker colour (rare); **B.** juvenile **opówèí** (MOCHOKIDAE) (*cf.* **ìkpòkí**)

**ìkíràìn** (=ìkíràìn) *a.* first, *usu.* in the phrase **ìkíràìn furóu** first or primiparous birth

**ìkírìkàà** *id.* short

**ìkírìka-ìkírìka** *id.* uneven

**ìkírìkírì** *n.* cricket

**ìkítìkítì** (=kítìkítì) *n.* donkey; ass [*cf.* *Yoruba kétékété*]

**ìkíyòu** [4] *n.* sense; mind; thought; **ìkíyòu gbùrurúú** recollect; remember; recall: **Ine bara wérì yebi ì mọ́ ùkie bi, ine ìkíyòubì bó gbùrurumèèèè** When I recollected what I had forgotten, I regretted not remembering it sooner; **ìkíyòu kòrì** be patient; **ìkíyòu pou** take a pessimistic view of something; imagine the worst; **Eréma bòú fà bì, ine ìkíyòu pòumi** When the woman got lost in the bush I imagined the worst; **ìkíyòu pòu** be patient; **ìkíyòu tùa** be cunning or crafty; subtle, clever; sensible; wily: **Ìkíyòu àsa gbeinyémèèè** I’ve forgotten (temporarily) what I was about to say: **Ìkíyòu bèke sùòdòu wèèè** I’ve forgotten (permanently) what I was about to say.

**ìkíyòu-ìkíyòu** *id.* full of tricks

**ìkókì** *n.* A. corner (inside and outside); **bólou anga ìkókì** inside corner; **tiri angá ìkókì** outside corner; **B.** (*geom.*) angle; **finií ìkókì** obtuse angle; **gbabúí ìkókì** acute angle; **gòmù ìkókì** right angle; **igbeínnìmí kírìjì ìkókìjama** complementary angles; **igbeínnìmí màa kírìjì ìkókìjama** supplementary angles; **palií ìkókìjama** adjacent angles

**ìkókìtònye** *n.* (*geom.*) protractor [*‘angle-measur-er’*]

**ìkòlì** *n.* something by which object can be held, *esp.* stalk of fruit, handle of pot, cup, etc. (*cf.* **berí** handle of basket); **berì/pomu ìkòlì** stalk of leaf; **odedé ìkòlì** stalk of flower; **bára ìkòlì** elbow-bone; **B.** (*geom.*) vertex

**ìkòlìberíamà** *n.pl.* (*bot.*) sepals; calyx

**ìkòlìkòó** *id.* meticulous; over-careful

**ìkòmìná** *n.* a transparent inferior cloth; also used as very abusive term

**ìkònfí** [4] *n.* freshwater mussel (*Mutela* and *Aspatharia* spp.)

**ìkòó** *n.* poisoned arrow

**ìkòrònsì** (=ìkònrònsì) *n.* tree with rough sandpaper-like leaves (*Ficus exasperata* Vahl MORACEAE) (=ògbòòlò-wajin-tùñ) (**ìkòtèì**) *see* under **lìjì**

**ìkòtò** *n.* disease of the bones causing deformation of the legs; rickets

**ìkpá** *n.* roll of fat at the waist of a person or sides of manatee

**ìkpà<sup>1</sup>** *n.* “pudding” (prepared food wrapped in leaves); **aká ìkpa** corn “pudding”; **beriba ìkpá** plantain “pudding”

**ìkpà<sup>2</sup>** *n.* mask used during the Gbanràìn festival period (the Gbanràìn equivalent of **Ámùgélè**; **Ózò** in Kólokùmá)

**(ìkpai)** *n.* used only in **osi ìkpai** smallest size of snail

**ìkpáìkpai** *n.* grasshopper

**ìkpáìn** *n.* slight rot from the surface as if affected by weevils; **ìkpáìn koro buru** slightly rotten yam (*cf.* **igbígbini**)

**ìkpáìnkpolei** *a.* numerous; plentiful; uncountable, myriad; abundant; in abundance

**ìkpáìnkpuru** *n.* small and clever or wise person

**ìkpákpa** *n.* pair of small wooden clappers with handles beaten together by women during the following dances: **eḡeḡé**, **ungú seḡ**, **óru seḡ**, etc. It gets its name from the sound of the clappers, (*mus.*) leaf-shaped wooden concussion plaques

**ìkpákpaì** *n.* scale (on fish, reptile or insect); rough scaly skin (on humans)

**ìkpásìkpasì** *n.* small branches broken off trees (used as firewood)

**ìkpátìkpá** (=ìkpátùkpá) *n.* hand piano; (*mus.*) bowl sanza with a board resonated in a hemispherical gourd; the actual drum [? discuss] is **agumpé** (q.v.); [*onomatopoeic*]

**ìkpèḗḗ** *n.* method of carrying whereby the weight is kept balanced on the head without using hands to support it. This is peculiar to women and small children (as in a bottle race).

**ìkpíì** *n.* tick, small blood-sucking arachnid of the order ARACHINA, parasitic on the skin of dogs, cats, etc. [tone?]

**ìkpìkáà** *id.* dwarfishly short

**ìkpìkòò** *id.* dwarfishly short

**ìkpìninghì** (=ìkpìningì) *v.i.* be lame; walk haltingly because of weakness of the joints, as a result of chronic arthritis, rickets, etc.

**ìkpìkpì** [4] *n.* “garden-egg” (*Solanum americanum* Linn.) (*cf.* **ìsúsù**); **dùwèì-ìkpìkpì** wild non-edible, medicinal variety [get specimen]

**ìkpìlìkòò** (=kpìlìkòò) *id.* very short

**ìkpìràà** *id.* not tall but smart (of person)

**ìkpìrì¹** *n.* **A.** bedbug; **B.** trickster [(fig.), or separate word?]

**ìkpìrì²** *n.* rash; scabies; crawl-crawl (*Cimex lectularius*)

**ìkpìrìbù-ìkpìbù** [4] *n.* medicinal herb (*Commelina* sp. COMMELINACEAE or *Pentodon pentandrus* (Schum. & Thonn.) Vatke RUBIACEAE); **dirima ìkpìrìbùìkpìbù** medicinal herb (*Commelina* sp. COMMELINACEAE) [*black Commelina*]; **owéì ìkpìrìbùìkpìbù** medicinal herb (*C. diffusa* Burm. f. *subsp. diffusa* COMMELINACEAE)

**ìkpìrì-ìkpìrì** *id.* full of crawl-crawl

**ìkpìsìkpìsì** *n.* material from bamboo (**boyá**) used for stitching the **akáìn** to the **akáinyenghi** (=akáinbara)

**ìkpítìì** *id.* for a long time: **Erí ìkpítìì bogha fànghìmi nì, wó ù koru kùmọ** As he will not come for a long time, let us not wait for him.

**ìkpìzùù** *id.* not possessing notable height; below standard

**ì-kpò-finì-ogugu-póu** (=kpá-finì-ogugu-póu) *n.* one of the rules of the **ikóso** game whereby when the two tops (**ogbólò**) have knocked each other out from the playing pit, the first person to cover the pit with his right palm and call this word wins the game, *i.e.* he takes the tops of his opponent

**ìkpòkì** [4] *n.* synodont catfish (*Synodontis* spp., *cf.* **beni-ékè, ìkìraìkòrì, kéle-unguọ, opówèì**); **alele ìkpòkì** (so named because its dorsal fin resembles the tail-feathers of the cock) (*S. clarias*); **bou ìkpòkì** type found in lakes and fish-ponds; **búra-mọ-wenì-ìkpòkì** pale type caught around sandbanks in May or June; **pọu-tọlọ-ìkpòkì** juveniles of different species that frequent the waterside of inhabited towns when the flood is going down, believed to be eating much faeces, with a distended stomach from eating too much; (*fig.*) hence, abusively applied to a small person with abnormally distended stomach; **tein ìkpòkì** (*lit.* ‘spotted synodont’) (*S. eupterus, S. ocellifer*); **tìn tu ìkpòkì** *S. nigrita*), (all MOCHOKIDAE)

**ìkpòsọ** *n.* rubbish; bits of stick

**ìkpòtọ** *n.* rotten stalk of the plantain

**ìkpúkú** *n.* a short and strong person

**ìkpúrù** *n.* (used with **burú**) **buru ìkpúrù** seed-yam

**ìlá** *n.* bead (in general); **ikó ìla** one of the biggest beads, most favoured by women

**ìlàádù** (=ìlàádì) *n.* small tree from which floaters (**èkpèrè**) and fibre for hooklines are obtained (*Clappertonia ficifolia* (Willd.) Decne. TILIACEAE)

**ìlá-tua-bọ-ìlá-singha** *n.* Egyptian Plover or Crocodile Bird (*Pluvianus aegyptius* Linn. GLAREOLIDAE), which lives mostly on sandbanks and other open places (*lit.* ‘the



one who wears a necklace and doesn't take it off") (= **otógbòrù**)

**ilalì** (=laálì) *n.* herb which grows in swamp under thick cover, with reddish flowers seen March-April, used by women as nail-varnish (*Ludwigia* spp. ONAGRACEAE), sometimes specified as **eré ilalì**; **owéi ilalì** herb (*Impatiens irvingii* Hook.f. ex. Oliv. BALSAMINACEAE) [?<Hausa lallē 'henna']

**ilíá** *n.* broom (= **ofían**, **ofínye**)

**ilíagbasa** *n.* broomstraw

**ilílibà** *n.* problem; difficulty

**ilólì** [3] *v.a.* be dirty (= **fúmu** = **ilúyù**)

**ilóó** *id.?* good at; adept at/in: **Béi kìmì kurobí ilóó** This man is very strong.

**ilóolèjì** *n.* African civet (*Viverra civetta* VIVERRIDAE)

**ilúyù** *v.a.* be dirty (of people or clothes)

**imá** *v.t.* (*usu.* **bíbjì ima**) compress the lips

**imájinmain** *n.* tree which is usually seen by the sides of streams or rivers in the freshwater flooded areas [specimen?]

**imbalí** [5] *v.aux.* try to; struggle to; make an effort: **imbalí fìrì wení** work hard: **Imbalí yèé** Try hard!

**imbásì** *n.* something done deliberately due to perversity; perversity; perverse or wilful action; ruthlessness; **imbásì tūa** do wilfully, deliberately, perversely

**imbaú** (*shortened form of iné baú*) my daughter

**imbáú** (*shortened form of iné baú*) your daughter

**imbèbèlè** [4] *n.* "elephant grass" (*Sorghum arundinaceum* (Desv.) Stapf GRAMINEAE)

**imbéèè** *excl.* the bleating of goats and sheep

**imbèlè** [5] *v.a.* **A.** be sweet, tasty (of food): **imbèlè fíyàì** tasty food; **B.** interesting; melodious (of story, play, dance, etc.) **imbèlè ègberi** good news (lit. 'interesting story'); **imbele séì** interesting dance; **imbèlè zórù** interesting game, **C.** **bólou** **imbèlè** be happy

**imbèlèjì** *n.* skink (a lizard) (SCINCIDAE)[check]

**imbèlèṃṃ** *v.cs.* make sweet, tasty: **Fúlòubì tūò nì imbèlèṃṃ** Cook the "soup" and make it tasty.

**imbèlèṃṃ<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* (*usually bíbjì imbèlèṃṃ*) joke with; tease (in a friendly way)

**imbèlèṃṃ<sup>2</sup>** *n.* shrub with white flowers, used as medicine for belly (*Hedranthera barteri* (Hook.f.) Pichon APOCYNACEAE) (= **okotitákù**) [Do the 2 names refer to the same plant? Perhaps one to the flowers and the second to the fruit?]

**imbèlèṃṃbìbjì** *n.* conversation

**imbèlìpèè** *id.* short (of person)

**imbísìṃṃ** (= **umbúsṃṃ**) *v.i.* "hiss"; make a disapproving noise with the mouth; suck teeth

**imbòlì** *n.* a small very tasty fish, pigmy freshwater clupeid (*Sierrathrissa leonensis*)

**imbùràú** (= **iné bìnáaràú**) my "sister"; my female relative

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**iméèlèjì** *n.* fat of fish, animal

**iméèlèjì-iméèlèjì** *id.* fatty; greasy

**iméèlèjìtuo** *n.* waterleaf (*Talinum triangulare* (Jacq.) Willd. PORTULACEAE)

**ingbaì** [5] *n.* today; **béi ingbaì** (= **béingbàì**) today

**ingbáya** *n.* a stick leading to a main stake for yams [tone?]

**ingbéèè** *n.* small, smallish (of head); **tíbjì sè ingbéèè** smallish head (< **ingbéèè**)

**ingbèšé** *v.t.* put across; **ingbèšé tíjìn** cross; crucifix

**ingbèšéì** [5] *v.p.* be across

**ingbí<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.a.* be sour, tart (of fruit)

**ingbí<sup>2</sup>** [4] *n.* scrotum; **opu ingbí** enlarged scrotum; **bólou-ingbí** hernia (= **owéitòbòyè**)

**ingbí-àpura** *n.* scrotal skin

**ingbígbiyáì** *v.i.* emphasize; lay stress on [sentence example]

**ingbìlì** *id.* short and bulky (< **ingbìlì**)

**ingbíṃṃ** (= **ungbúṃṃ**) *v.i.* endure; persevere

**ingbísàà** *id.* describes a child with bulging stomach due to undernourishment/sickness  
**ingbísèlẹ** *n.* testicle  
**ingbísí** *n.* millipede (*Prepodesmus ornatus* Peters) [check id.]  
**[DISCUSS]kpáifíyuu** *id.* **A.** describes sucking sound as of a snail withdrawing into its shell; **B.** hence, a contemptuous sound with the mouth to express dislike, disregard, and disapproval; this scornful sound is at times followed by spitting on the ground (*cf.* **ingbísimo**)  
**imímìlì (=imbíbìlẹ)** *id.* slippery  
**imọlọy** *n.* tongue  
**imụ** *n.* new foliage of palm-wine raphia after the ribs have been removed  
**imụmụrụn** *n.* water weed used for cooking soup with **opúru** (shrimps) [specimen?]  
**imúnụ** *n.* catfish (*Clarias galleginus* CLARIIDAE); **imúnụbau** juvenile *Clarias*  
**imúnụmúnụ** *n.* middle folding leaves of oil-palm tree (or the wine-palm tree) torn in shreds, and used as part of dressing for war-canoes, in shrines, or singly for tying  
**iná** *n.* black tribal mark down forehead and on nose  
**iná-ìgbanghì (=iná-ìgbangì)** *n.* a narrow strip of flood-free land  
**indaá<sup>1</sup>** *n.* shiny-nose; thread-fin (*Polydactylus quadrifilis* POLYNEMIDAE)  
**indaá<sup>2</sup>** *int.* but; then; because; why since; if  
**indaá<sup>3</sup>** [5] *inter.* how many?; **inda kímì?** how many people?  
**indágbudu** *n.* countless; numberless; myriad; a host (of people); **Kímì indágbudu kì fì yòbòò bómi** A host of people came to the house of the deceased. [check translation]  
**indágbudu** *id.* strong; surviving even in difficulties  
**indakúyì** *id.* shortish and angry-looking  
**indálì** *n.* wire; (*tech.*) **indálì igbo** wire gauze  
**indeéè?** *inter.* how many? (= **indaáa**)  
**indej kị** *int.* before; when: **Indej kị ì sẹìbòò bonghibi, okóbà subo ni ebimọ** When

you come to the dance, come with plenty of money.

**indej nì** *int.* after that: **Indej nì, ọ paa kị mumi** After that, they just went away.

**ingá** *n.* plaited rope for climbing oil-palms and coconut; **ingá osuo èbíí** have good luck in palm-cutting; **ingá osuo sèí** have bad luck in palm-cutting: (*fig.*) **Arì kpó pèlẹj inga kị akị lị ùwouyémi** *lit.* I am also climbing a palm-tree with a weak rope (*response e.g. to someone who wants to borrow*)

**ingará** *n.* extortion; tendency to cheat; **ingara fìj** extort

**ingásì (=ingásì= ingosì = ingósì)** [4] *n.* spoon  
**ingéè (=ingéèè)** *excl.* crying of a child

**ingífurù (=ingéèfúrù)** *id.* a bit; a short time; just a step more; **I páa nì ingífurù mò, ye ì fámụ lamonghimi** If you are still obstinate, I will beat you severely.

**ingígì<sup>1</sup>** *id.* ? describes how unmatured fruits or food crops are harvested [discuss]

**ingígì<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes how an older person beats or bullies a younger and weaker person

**ingimejn** *v.i.* produce some pressure in the stomach in order to bring out faeces; bear down (in child delivery)

**ingíọ** [3] *v.a.* be sickly; fail to thrive or grow normally: **Béi tọbọy ingíọmì** This child is sickly.

**ingìọrìj** *v.i.* rejoice in a festive mood, accompanied by music

**ingirìbaingirìba<sup>1</sup>** *id.* having a rough edge

**ingirìbaingirìba<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes remnants of food; (*fig.*) describes the dregs of society

**ingirì** *id.* very short; skimpy; mini (especially of dress) (= **inikítàà**)

**ingiròò** *id.* in early stages of growth (as child); newly born; juvenile; youngish

**ingolokù (=ungolokù)** *v.i.* be skinny

**ingólòngólò** *n.* tree with 'male' and 'female' varieties (one identified as *Antidesma vogelianum* Müll. Arg. EUPHORBIACEAE, another as *Carpolobia lutea* G. Don. POLYGALACEAE, and another as

*Microdesmis puberula* Hook.f. ex Planch PANDACEAE). The reddish fruits are eaten, the root stimulates the penis, the beaten and dried stem is used as a torch, and the stem is used as a spike and handle for ladles; these uses seem to belong to *Carpolobia lutea*.

- in̩in̩i** *n.* frenum of tongue [?]  
**in̩k̩it̩t̩à** *id.* very short (of dress) (=in̩gir̩i)  
**in̩iya̩n** (=ine ya̩) my son  
**in̩iy̩a̩n** (=iné ya̩) your son  
**in̩ó** (=iné gh̩) to/for you  
**in̩o̩ó** (=ine gh̩) to/for me  
**in̩o̩un** [tone class 2 or 3?] *n.* sore; wound; **b̩b̩i in̩o̩un** ulceration of the mouth; **in̩o̩un aki t̩ua** wound; cause to be wounded; **in̩o̩un su̩o** sustain or suffer wound  
**in̩ú** *v.i.* be smooth and well-mixed (of food such as “fufu” or starch): **ut̩ar̩an̩bi in̩údo** The “fufu” has been made smooth and well-mixed.  
**in̩u̩in̩<sup>1</sup>** *v.p.* become smooth and well-mixed: **ut̩ar̩an̩bi in̩u̩indo** The “fufu” has become smooth and well-mixed.  
**in̩u̩in̩<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* be fully harmonious (of music or speech); be fully in agreement  
**in̩úmo** *v.cs.* make smooth and well-mixed: **ut̩ar̩an̩ temi ni in̩úmo** Make the “fufu” smooth and well-mixed.  
**in̩u̩ú<sup>1</sup>** *n.* dark blue or blue-black cloth used for certain deities such as Benikúrukuru (K̩ur̩o̩f̩igh̩á); navy blue shirting or calico  
**in̩u̩ú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* insect (of the tsetse-fly type, but smaller)  
**ip̩a̩in** *n.* (also **iz̩on ip̩a̩in**) “Christmas bush” (*Alchornea cordifolia* (Schum. and Thonn.) Müll. Arg. EUPHORBIACEAE), whose leaves are used to treat wounds and whose red fruits (**eger̩í**) are eaten by **eger̩í-òfoni**; **ip̩a̩in** leaves with **ob̩údu**-mud are used to make black dye for **uté** mats: **iz̩on gh̩o p̩àgha k̩im̩i ya ip̩a̩in** [tones? translation?]; **f̩ur̩u-ip̩a̩in** shrub whose leaves are used to treat wounds (*Mallotus oppositifolius* (Geisel.) Müll. Arg. EUPHORBIACEAE)

- ip̩áip̩al̩i-m̩o-sísei-m̩ò** *n.* two affectionate, intimate friends  
**ip̩ám̩u** *n.* **A.** only in: **k̩im̩i ip̩am̩u** multitude of people; **B.** (*math.*) million  
**ip̩ás̩i** *n.* broken pieces of plate used for game (**ip̩er̩e**) see under **o̩f̩o̩u**  
**ip̩it̩e̩i** *v.i.* talk in an arrogantly angry way, emphasizing every word; **ip̩it̩e̩i n̩i er̩e̩e** talk emphatically  
**ip̩íy̩òún<sup>1</sup>** *n.* feather  
**ip̩íy̩òún<sup>2</sup>** *n.* feeler or antenna of shrimp  
**ip̩ol̩i** *n.* clitoris; **ip̩ol̩i kpak̩i/s̩i̩i** tickle the clitoris to create sensation; **ip̩ol̩i pel̩e̩** excise the clitoris in circumcision (=b̩íri); **ip̩ol̩i so̩ú** be stimulated (of clitoris)  
**ip̩o̩ó** *n.* fish (*Alestes leuciscus* CHARACIDAE); **beni bol̩óu ip̩o** fish (*Brycinus nurse* CHARACIDAE)  
**ip̩or̩i** *n.* **A.** beard; moustache; bristles; **n̩ini bol̩óu ip̩or̩i** moustache; **B.** (*tech.*) feeler (of insect) [Is this correct? What of **ip̩íy̩òún**?]  
**ip̩or̩i-ip̩or̩i** *id.* full of bristles: **b̩íbi/ekp̩e̩ s̩e ip̩or̩i-ip̩or̩i** with a thick beard or moustache  
**ip̩oro̩o** *id.* littered; in a state of untidiness; with disorderly accumulation of odds and ends  
**ip̩ót̩ob̩u** *id.* **A.** very simple, easy (problem): **Egber̩i k̩en̩i bo ni ip̩ót̩ob̩u k̩i p̩àadó** [tone?] The problem has become very simple; **B.** cheap (price): **Buru tubob̩i f̩out̩irib̩o̩ ip̩ót̩ob̩u** The price of yams in the market has become very cheap.  
**ip̩úr̩òún** *n.* wing (of insect)  
**ir̩ága** see **r̩ága** fishing-net let down from frame on bank  
**ir̩ang̩i** *id.* very small in size; extremely small  
**ir̩ú** [3] *v.a.* **A.** be stunted; **B.** be old and small  
**ir̩úb̩u-ir̩úb̩u** (=r̩íb̩ur̩ib̩u) *id.* describes a person suffering from stunted growth  
**isaán<sup>1</sup>** *n.* sponge made of **ukp̩á** rope, used in filtering palmwine (*cf.* **sap̩ó**)  
**isaán<sup>2</sup>** *n.* pimple  
**isábà** *n.* small protrusion or outgrowth on yams, *usu.* **buru isábà**

**isagháì** *n.* kapok or silk cotton tree (*Ceiba pentandra* (Linn.) Gaertn. BOMBACACEAE)

**isagháì-tùu-nama** *n.* **A.** antelope type, probably the Yellow-backed Duiker (*Cephalophus sylvicultor* CEPHALOPHINAE), now almost extinct in the area [**isagháì** + **túu** bottom+ **náma** animal] (probably = **aminikaá** = **ódèé**)

**isaín** *v.i. usu.* **búu isaín** keep away from filth; be hygienic

**isaní** *n.* **A.** pepper (= **igíná**); **B.** alligator pepper, only in the saying: **Maa kímí lèi kpọ mọ leigha, isanị mọ ogúzòú mọ** These two people look exactly like each other, like alligator pepper and **ogúzòú** (*cf. as like as two peas in a pod*)

**isjan** *n.* **A.** nerve; vein; **B.** fibre from raphia palm

**isín** *v.i.* occur or work as expected (as medicine); be effective/efficacious; take effect

**isísìlìbáìsì** *n.* no way to make any progress; (in a) fix; stalemate; deadlock

**isómù** *n.* message; deputation (of two people) to negotiate on behalf of somebody or some group; **isómù oweì** messenger; **isómù tụa** send deputation; **isómù wenì** go on deputation: **Saying: Isómu wenì kímì fì baagha** Death does not kill a negotiator.

**isónfí** *v.t.* investigate; enquire

**isónisónìbau** (= **isónisónìbau**) *id.* discriminating; *n.* discrimination [compare with next?]

**isónisónìbáú** *n.* **A.** secret agent; spy; **B.** job needing thoroughness [**soní**<sup>2</sup> x 2 + **baú** daughter ?]

**isósò** *n.* bird, any sunbird (NECTARINIDAE) (*cf.* **itjàín**)

**isóu** *n.* young creature or fruit, *usu.* in combinations; **buru isóu** small yams; **eré isóu** young woman (with 2-3 children); **obóri isóu** young goat

**isóun** *n. usu.* **ivín isóun** palm-nut shell(s)

**isún**<sup>1</sup> [3] *v.t.* plant (yam) so that the earth under the newly developing yam is dug out

and covered up lightly to make the soil more porous for the yam to grow down and enlarge; **isún burù** yam planted by this method

**isún**<sup>2</sup> *v.t.* (in weaving) join or tie a fresh rope to the one that is being used to enable the weaver to continue (*e.g.* for **ingoó**, **kaná**, **atálei**, **ikárà**, **bábala**) (*cf.* **túro**)

**isún**<sup>3</sup> *n.* shrew (*Crocidura* spp. SORICIDAE)

**isusú** [4] *n.* eggplant (aubergine); larger “garden-egg” (*Solanum melongena* Linn. SOLANACEAE) (*cf.* **ikpìkpì**); **dúweì-isusú** inedible but medicinal “garden-egg” (*Solanum dasyphyllum* Schum. and Thonn. SOLANACEAE)

**itághaj** *n.* rash on the human body; **okirikà itághaj** temporary rash at the base of the hair on the body as a result of cold [?goose pimples]; **omóun itághaj** heat rash resulting from sweat

**itáinkòlì** (= **atáinkòlì**) *n.* something which comes to nothing after a long struggle; illusion; vain hope

**itákpà** *n.* many small marks made on children; a tattoo mark on the face; a horizontal stroke below the eye

**italí** *n.* midges (*Culicoides*) [check id]

**itáni** *n.* leaves of young palm tree

**itátaj** *n.* something which hangs about in flakes or patches (*usu.* specified as below);

**bou itátaj** moss (*Taxithelium rotundatum* (C. Müll.) Broth.); **éri itátaj** soot; **wári itátaj** dirt hanging from eaves

**itáú**<sup>1</sup> *n.* sucker (*e.g.* of plantain); shoot; scion;

**itáú sòu** remove suckers from main plant;

**beriba itáú** plantain sucker

**itáú**<sup>2</sup>=**itáú**=**táú** *n.* grand(child) [check tone & *cf.* **táutòbòú**]

**itètèrè** (= **itètèrè**) *n.* melon, smaller than **egúsi** and **ogírì**, with small seeds which are fried before being pounded for soup. The fruits and the seeds move from smallest to largest as **itètèrè**, **egúsi** and **ogírì**; the seeds of both **itètèrè** and **egúsi** are bought in a semi-prepared state as **ogírì**.

**ìtjàìn** *n.* sunbird (*general name*)  
(NECTARINIDAE) (*cf.* **ìsòsò** for the smallest type)

**ìtìonrìn** *n.* silky headtie

**ìtìrìnsìn** *n.* spittle or saliva ejected between the two front teeth

**ìtòbòì** *n.* young palm tree which has not yet developed any sort of stem (*cf.* **asará**);  
**ìtòbòì pomu** young palm-leaf

**ìtòìn** *see* **ìtònghì (=ìtòngì)**

**ìtòlò<sup>1</sup>** [4] *n.* small tree with flexible twigs; it has ‘male’ and ‘female’ varieties (both identified as *Glyphaea brevis* (Spreng.) Monachino TILIACEAE)

**ìtòlò<sup>2</sup>** [4] *n.* sandfly (PHLEBOBOTOMIDAE)

**ìtònghì (=ìtòngì =ìtòìn)** *n.* fish  
(*Chromodotilapia* sp? *güntheri*) [Family?]

**ìtònlẹ̀ì** *n.* dew; (*fig.*) **ìtònlẹ̀ì kan** be one’s mother’s first child: **Erí/Áràú ìtònlẹ̀ì kan** He/She is the mother’s first child (lit. ‘walking through dew’).

**ìvalì** *id.* ? having the top or tip cut off, and thus abnormally short

**ìvjà** *n.* a sacred broom prepared with the leaves of a salt water herb, used by women diviners as one of their emblems

**ìvjàdòṅn** *n.* hot flushes and pain related to the menopause

**ìvìlìvàà** *id.* very short (as cutlass)

**ìwawàìn (=ìwawàìn)** *n.* straggling shrub growing between sandbank and dry land; it resembles **ìgbánagbanà** sensitive plant (*Acacia kamerunensis*) but is not sensitive, has no thorns, and has hairy stems [specimen?]

**ìwẹ̀sì (=ẹ̀wẹ̀sì)** *n.* tassel; silky threads in a cob of maize, *usu.* **aká ìwẹ̀sì**

**ìwìrì** *n.* pubic hair (male or female) (contrast **dúma, táma**)

**ìwònwòṅn** *v.i.* carry along many dependants

**ìwònrònròn** *n.* tree (*Pauridiantha hirtella* (Benth.) Bremek. RUBIACEAE); **dirima-ìwònrònròn** shrub (*Psychotria psychotrioides* (DC.) Roberty RUBIACEAE)

**ìwòwòṅn** *id.* carrying many small things together

**ìwòrò** *n.* very ripe or over-ripe palm nuts which fall off from the main bunch before and during harvesting, formerly left on the ground for women to collect

**ìyaa (=yaaa)** *excl.* response to greeting or salutation

**ìyaforó** *n.* (used in address) my mother-in-law (*cf.* **fúo**)

**ìyáforó** *n.* (used in address) your mother-in-law (*cf.* **fúo**) [tone?]

**ìyagá [=yagá]** *n.* fufu type. It is made by grating cassava, putting it in a solution with water, putting it in a sieve or bag where it is sifted by squeezing to remove the water. What remains is **ìyagá**. If it is dried and fried with oil, it becomes **ofoniyà** “farina”.

**ìyánfanran-bara-dii** *n.* a bigger species of **opúru** resembling **ofónì**, but with longer and thinner claws and antennae (= **ayán**); (*fig.*) anybody with abnormally long hands

**ìyanghì<sup>1</sup> (=ìyangì)** *n.* rope made from the midrib of the palm frond

**ìyanghì<sup>2</sup> (=ìyangì)** [4] *n.* small undeveloped fruit (of oil-palm or plantain); **beriba ìyángì** aborted plantain fruit; **lìì ìyanghì** small palmtree without kernel

**ìyányan** *n.* tree (*Cathormion altissimum* (Hook.f.) Hutch. and Dandy and/or *Parkia bicolor* A.Chev., both LEGUMINOSAE-MIMOSOIDEAE)

**ìyáu** *n.* yam bean, eaten as a food (*Sphenostylis stenocarpa* Harms LEGUMINOSAE-PAPILIONIOIDEAE); **dùwẹ̀ì-ìyau** inedible herb whose fruit is fed to fowls at Agric. stations (*Psophocarpus palustris* Desv. and/or *Calopogonium mucunoides* Desv., both LEGUMINOSAE-PAPILIONIOIDEAE)

**ìyẹ̀n** *v.i.* be prepared or ready to; be on the alert

**ìyé** *pron.* you (singular; short pronoun subject form preceding vowel; *cf.* **ì** (3)) **Iyé okidó àà?** Have you swum? (= **yé**)

**iyéé** *pron.* I (short subject form preceding vowel; *cf.* **ì¹**): **Iye okídọ** I have swum (= **yeé**)

**iyóó** *v.t.* sift grated cassava in water

**iyóọ** *n.* place: **Ọ mu ni iyóọbọ kpeimí** They went and gathered at the place. (= **yóọ**)

**iyóro** *n.* female

**iyórogbùrú** *n.* water-yam (*Dioscorea alata* Linn. DIOSCOREACEAE)

**iyóro-ẹdẹde** (= **iyóro-ọdẹde**) *n.* herb (unidentified) [Can we get a specimen?]

**iyóro-obori** *n.* she-goat; nanny-goat

**iyóun¹** *v.i.* burn (up)

**iyóun²** *n.* (= **iyóu**) burn; scald: **wo bará iyóunbì** the burn on his arm

**iyóun³** *n.* heart-beat; last breath; satisfaction of need or desire; **iyóun baa** satisfy one's need or desire; **iyóun pele** breathe one's last; give up the ghost

**iyóunkorì** *n.* medicinal herb; **eré iyóunkorì** (*Melanthera scandens* (Schum. and Thonn.) Roberty COMPOSITAE) (*lit.* 'female breath-catcher'); **owéi iyóunkorì** (*Aspilia africana* (Pers.) C. D. Adams COMPOSITAE) (*lit.* 'male breath-catcher') (= **odedé-tùo**)

**iyóunmọ** *v.cs.* burn (something); burn (body) by fire or with hot liquid or steam; **bou iyóunmọ** suffer from inflammation of the body after being in the bush (*esp.* of children) caused by allergy to certain leaves

**iyóun-pele-ukurizi** *n.* cannon fired to announce the death of a mature person

**izaá** *n.* fork; crutch; **bára iza** span (from tip of thumb to end of middle finger)

**izaán** *v.a.* be many, plentiful: **Garímọ fọubọọ ızandọú** There is plenty of gari in the market.

**izagbá** *n.* cane; whip; ferule; **famụ-izagbà** punishment; fine

**izaghaj** *n.* inflorescence of sugar-cane; **izaghaj tuá** flower (of sugar-cane) (*cf.* **ifolifoó** (of okra and similar plants, **omosóu** for oil-palm); **ifolifo tabá/tuá** flower; blossom

**izáì** *n.* yaws; **izáì sùọ** suffer from yaws; **izáì sùuru** wash yaws in river; **bùọ ızaj** yaws on sole of foot; **ekpé ızaj** yaws on chin (= **ovín**) [do these types occur?]

**izáifila** *n.* fluid oozing from yaws

**izáì-ingbe** *n.* chancre, the first sore of yaws

**izáiyèngbi** *n.* initial sore of attack of yaws

**izigizáà** *id.* small (of person or cloth tied around the waist)

**izókọọ** *id.* projecting and few in number (as of child's first teeth or teeth of grasscutter)

**Iẓon¹** *n.* Iẓon (language and people); (*tech.*) **Iẓon ogonei** lunar month

**izón²** *a.* true; genuine; factual: **Izónbai?** Is it true?; **Izón bībì?** Is it a true word?; **Izón egberù?** Is it a true story?; **Izón yeè?** Is it a true thing?; **Izón bai yeè? = Ụzón bai yeè?** Is it true? (= **gési, kólo**)

**izón-uru** (= **izón-ùruú**) *n.* palmwine

**izón-ungbo**

**izózọọ** *id.* of dwarfish size; smallish and of a very light weight (*esp.* of fruit or plantain)

**izúkùù** *id.* describes a plump person with a very short neck

**izúu** *n.* plantain variety that takes the longest time to mature and produces the largest bunch so far known in Kólokumá, the same shape as **okpoisaán** (smallest size) and **ikpíri** (medium size)

**izúún** [5] *n.* tree, not yet identified; its wood is used for wall-plate, ridge-stick and main rafter; its bark is used as plank to cover canoe leakages. The wood produces the best firewood and is good for canoe carving; **izun béinyè** the fruits, used as vegetables, *esp.* in cooking **opúru** soup. [Can we get specimen?]

## K

**káa¹** [3] *v.i.* **A.** be mature (of crops); **B.** be mature, experienced (of person) **káagha fì** untimely death; **C.** be wise (as result of age)

**káa<sup>2</sup>** *v.aux.* be very much: **Ị mịẹ kaamí** You have done very much/very well.

**káa<sup>3</sup>** *excl.* sorry! (*expressing sympathy or apology*) (= **dílà, líkà**)

**káa<sup>2</sup>, káa<sup>3</sup>** *shortened forms of kị àkị, kị àkị*

**káan<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** tear; **B.** destroy (*e.g.* roof of a house); **Fánụkaan** a mask that cannot be fenced (*lit.* ‘fence-destroyer’); **káan sụọ** destroy and go in (*e.g.* through a fence or gateway, or forcing one’s way through a crowd)

**káan<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* wander, struggle through bush (making one’s living); **káan kàan** undergo hardship: **Ị kẹ̀nì káan kàan kpọ mịẹbị** You are struggling too much for your livelihood; **tọrụ kaan, bou kaán** struggle through river and bush (for a living)

**káan<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* plot against someone (through a god or people)

**káan<sup>4</sup>** [3] *v.i.* ask someone to do work and then entertain him; **káan fịrị** working for payment in kind

**káangha aba** (= **káangan aba**) *int.* perhaps (= **kérigha aba**)

**káan-kọmọ-akpakpa** *n.* (*tech.*) counterfoil (of cheque) [*<English ‘tear-remain-page’*]

**káan mịnị** *int.* after (*strain and struggle implied*): **Kán mịnị ni erí bei àrụ kara sinyá, árị mú ni ù kuí pẹ̀idọ́** After he has finished struggling to carve this canoe, you have gone and broken it.

**káanran** *v.i.* clear the throat; hawk; **okolo kaanrán/okolotu káanràn** clear the throat

**káarị** *excl.* shout of exclamation meaning ‘Serve you right!’ (= **ọ̀rịyọ̀**)

**kabá** *v.t.* (*usu.* **ẹ̀rẹ kaba**) shorten or play on someone’s name or initials, often changing the tone, to give advice or to show familiarity or respect: **Timítimi, ine tọ̀bọ̀, ine timi bárà timi** My son Timitimi, be as I am: **Bọ̀lọ̀wẹ̀re or Bọ̀lọ̀kịmị** can become **Bọ̀lọ̀**: **Wóyenghi-wo-mọ-èmi** becomes **Wómọ**: **J. B.** becomes **Zeébii yo**.

**kábị** *n.* tigerfish (*Hydrocynus spp.*); **eré kabị** tigerfish (*Hydrocynus vittatus (lineatus)*)

CHARACIDAE); **kábị ou** mask carved in the form of **kábị** fish

**Kabjama** *n.* Kabjama, a town on Sagbama Creek

**Kabo** (= **Kabou** = **Kabowei**) *n.* belonging to the **Kabo** or **Kabowei ibe**. (*Note: Kabo is the people’s own name; Kabou is the Kólokùmá form.*)

**Kabou** *see Kabo*

**Kabowei** *see Kabo*

**kabólíkà** *n.* carbolic; **kabólíkà ẹ̀şenmọ́ tárasun** three bars of carbolic soap [*<English carbolic*]

**kábọ̀nụ** *n.* (*tech.*) carbon [*<English carbon*]

**kabulúkà (kabúlukà)** *n.* carbolic soap, *usu.* **kabulúkà ẹ̀şen** [*<English carbolic*]

**kabú<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* speak in proverbs; make innuendoes: **Ị tuá kàbụ kumọ̀ ò!** Don’t make innuendoes about me!

**kabú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* proverb; **kabụ kọ̀on/tuá** speak a proverb

**kabụkábù** *id.* in proverbs: **Erí kàbụkábù ẹ̀rẹ ẹ̀rẹyemí** He is always talking in proverbs.

**kàbụkàbù** *id.* boring; tiring (as a result of sitting and waiting for a long time); uninteresting; monotonous

**káfalaa** *id.* sudden (in turning around, in renegeing on an agreement, or in changing one’s mind): **Erí kafalaa kị wàjịmị** He quickly turned back /changed his mind.

**kagụ** (= **kajụ**) *v.p.* be locked; be blocked (by debris, etc.): **Wáribị kàgụnimí** The house is firmly locked: **Tọ̀rụbị kàgụnimí** The river is blocked (by weeds, felled trees, etc.).

**kagụ** *id.* tough and impenetrable (of grass or vegetation); thick and bushy (of hair on the head)

**káj<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** nail; **B.** mend, repair (*e.g.* canoe, roof, anything involving hammer and nails); build a boat with planks

**káj<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** lock (up); button up: **Tọ̀rụbị kajìnimí** The river is closed (to any activity); **B.** arrest; imprison

**káj<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* load (*e.g.* gun)

**Kajámà** (=Ikáamà) *n.* a town in Kólokùmá ìbe, the seat of **Ugùlakiri** or **Gbóruaka**, the headquarters of Kólokùmá-Opokumá Local Government Area, and the seat of Kaiama Archdeaconry

**káìgò** *n.* cargo; wares [*<English cargo*]

**kajî** (=kajî) *v.p.* be locked; be blocked (by debris, etc.): **Wáribi kajînimí** The house is firmly locked: **Tóruibi kajînimí** The river is blocked (by weeds, felled trees, etc.).

**kájkàì** *id.* sound of thumping steps

**káìmọ** *v.dir.* lock against, either outside or inside of a door or gate; **bólou kajmọ** lock in(side); **tírì kàìmọ** lock out(side)

**kajin** [5] *v.p.* tear (as cloth); burst (as bag, stomach); **kajin paa** burst asunder; be revealed (as of a secret) (*cf.* **woloí**)

**kajin-kajin** *id.* tattered: **Kajin-kajin sèi bìdẹ** The cloth is in tatters: **Oru bìdẹ tímì bara, kajin-kajin** like old clothes, tattered.

**kajin-kajin** *id.* with the sound of striding on hard ground

**kajin-kajin-kajin** *id.* moving with a thud; thudding strongly; energetic

**kaka** *v.t.* **A.** tie (cloth); **owéi kaka** tie cloth as a man (*i.e.* as for war); **B.** moor (canoe)

**kakabakákaba** *id.* looking filthy, unpleasant (of a dried-up liquid, as of child waking up with dirty eyes and mouth, or of half-cooked starch spilt on the ground)

**kakabi** *id.* with a snap; with a sudden and painful bite (>**kakabi**)

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**kakají** [5] *v.p.* get tied up, stuck or gummed together, entangled (as nets)

**kakaj** *v.i.* browse (as animals browse over a grass area or farmland); lightly graze [example?]

**kakajkaj** *id.* trimmed roughly (as of hair): **Tíbi sè kakajkaj** The hair is untidily shaved/trimmed.

**kakajndà**<sup>1</sup> *n.* heavy tribal mark as found among Hausa and Yoruba people (not used

in Kólokùmá) (unlike the small face-marks known as **igbá**)

**kakajndà** (=akakajndà) *n.* **A.** ugly face-mask worn by leader of a group of youths, who go around houses stealing dried fish, etc., or sugarcane from nearby farms, to chew while a masquerade is playing at the area; **B.** heavy tribal marks as represented on such a mask

**kakaka** *id.* difficult; taut; unyielding; not giving way

**kakamọ** *v.cs.* tie cloth on someone; (*fig.*) involve someone else in a case, etc.: **Béi ègberibi ni i kakamọ kumọ éé** Don't involve me in this matter!

**kakamọ** *v.dir.* make fast to

**kakara** *v.t.* make an indirect attack on somebody; drop hints about a person; allude to; make innuendoes

**kakarakakara** *id.* struggling; contending with in violent effort to get free or escape grasp

**kakarakòkoro** *id.* chewing with difficulty, as a hard bone by a dog; (*fig.*) **Kakarakòkoro obiri dẹnghimọ ùngbou** Bone that defeats tough dogs (taken as a title by a tough man who is difficult to defeat)

**kakoroó** *id.* strong without flesh (of body); hard without water (of land); stiff (like tarpaulin)

**kakpee** *id.* at a loss; dumbfounded; gaping

**kála** [3] *a.* little; small; **kála ànga** the small side or part of anything; **kála bèní** small flood; **kála indíí** small fish; **kála tòbọú** small, little child; (*tech.*) **kála barà** little hand (of clock)

**kála-buọ-ovuru** *n.* (*tech.*) pace (as a natural unit of measurement)

**kálakùmú** *n.* a shrub, chewed with drinks to make them sweet (*Hekistocarpa minutiflora* Hook.f. RUBIACEAE)

**Kálamà** *n.* name of a village in Kólokùmá, seat of the deity **Opudábà**

**kála-òwoamá-dòn** *n.* measles [*small children's disease*]



**kálasìgò** *n.* a game in which one hops on one foot

**kálee** *id.* peeping by craning one's neck (=kélee)

**kálèi** (=kálàyè) *n.* small thing

**kálì** *adv.* very quickly (of escaping): **Erí kalì bànhí fàdọ́** He ran away very quickly (escaping from something).

**kálsìomụ** *n.* (*tech.*) calcium [*<English calcium*]

**kamá<sup>1</sup>** *n.* bee (*Apis* spp.): **Fin bọyémí kàma akì nì ọngó fàmumọ kumọ, erí ì téinnghimi** If a bee is flying past, don't bring it to yourself, it will sting you.

**káma** *n.* fish, the climbing perch (*Ctenopoma kingsleyae* Günther ANABANTIDAE) (= ọdjà)

**kambalá<sup>1</sup>** (=kamalá) *n.* tiny sparks which break off from a piece of charcoal or fire when it becomes very hot and sometimes suddenly explode

**kambalá<sup>2</sup>** (=kamalá) *n.* little odd lines of thread that appear when bamboo (**boyá**) poles are being split; **pínì kambala** strands; strings from the **pínì**

**kambirî** *id.* describes badly-fitting clothes worn by someone; (*fig.*) describes a child covered in yaws (like an ill-fitting dress) (>kambirî)

**kambirî** *id.* badly-fitting (<kambirî)

**kámein** (=kámei) *n.* fear; awe; **kámein fàá** fear (*more intense than mála*)

**kamọ́un** (=kamọ́) *v.t.* entertain; offer gifts to a god; **igoni kamọ́un** entertain visitors, guests, strangers

**kamụkamú** *n.* a bad smell or odour resulting from burning food or kernels, or from rubbish from a dunghill

**kámụkamụ** *id.* describes a dirty throat or the surface of a hardened sore, or the shrinking cracking skin of the body during the harmattan; parched; uneasy

**kán** *see káan*

**kaná** *n.* open basket with round base

**Kana** *n.* the chief deity of Kabo clan, situated at Adagbabiri in Sagbama Local Government Area

**kanbakánba** *id.* messy (as of a face covered with spittle as one gets up from bed in the early morning, *esp.* with children)

**kanganghû** (=kangangûn) *id.* sticky; gummy

**kangaraá** *id.* tall; majestic; tall and big with curved features

**kangbirî** (=kángbirî) *id.* sour; of acid taste as a result of fermentation

**kangulukángulu<sup>1</sup>** *id.* (of long and big objects or of men) badly shaped; having several bends and curves; twisted; awkwardly bent and shaped

**kangulukángulu<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes looks and movements showing annoyance and reluctance (>kangulúkangulụ)

**kangulúkangulụ** *id.* showing annoyance and reluctance (*esp.* by boys) (<kangulukángulu)

**kán kọ̀** *int.* as soon as (*usu.* with **mọ<sup>1</sup>**) immediately; scarcely: **ine tọ̀bọ̀mà kán kọ̀ ine ẹ̀rì mọ...** as soon as my daughter saw me...; **Kán kọ̀ u boó mọ, ọ koro sẹ̀idọ** As soon as he arrived, they started to dance.

**kanlèè** *id.* having an awkward shape

**kanlekanlé** *id.* describes an awkward running away to escape blame or danger

**kápu** *id.* describes the sound of something suddenly snapping or breaking

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**kára<sup>1</sup>** **A.** carve; **aká kara** carve teeth (with knife and hammer) for cosmetic purposes; **áru kara** carve a canoe from a tree trunk; **B.** chop, cut (*e.g.* palmnuts (in spikes) from bunch); **lìj karà** chop palm nut; **C.** peel with knife (as yam); **alaláindà kara** peel orange with a knife; **D.** sharpen to a point (pencil, etc.)

**kára<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* be complete; **Dọ̀ tìmi kìmì mọ bó karadọ** The people we were looking for are now complete; **káragha** incomplete; **Kara**

**ebítè** It is enough (*drum message ending the ceremony, such as wrestling, a priest dancing, or egeṅé, after which the drummer brings the drum to the centre of the field*).

**karaí** [5] *v.p.* be complete

**kárajnkàrajn** *id.* swarming; free-moving (of people at a particular place, *esp.* when they are engaged in something, *e.g.* soldiers on the verge of moving for war, or students struggling for admission)

**karakàrà** *v.a.* be real, actual; reach the zero hour, the opportune moment: **Eréin**  
**kàrakàràtòṣu** The moment has arrived: **Yé bo kàrakàràdòṣu** The time for action is fully here.

**karakpokàrakpo** *id.* bony (*e.g.* of sunken flesh, such that only bones are observed, on people or lean cows)

**káramo** *v.cs.* make up a number  
**(karamo)** *part.* -th (*forms ordinal expressions*); **maamu karamo** second; **táaru karamo** third; **nóin karamo** fourth

**káran** *n.* fish, the largest size of Niger perch (*Lates niloticus* Linn. CENTROPOMIDAE)  
**(otókorotòrupina < ikírika < zalaá < kína < káran)**

**karamú-kìrimú** *id.* describes the way a great eater eats [gobbles?]; hence, a nickname for such a person; **Béibì karamú-kìrimú òo!**  
 This person is a great eater!

**karangbòò** *id.* lanky; bony

**kárapu** *id.* sound of biting or snapping (as of a breaking bone) audibly (>**kárapu**)

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**káraròò** *id.* sound made by gnawing a very tough bone, etc.

**kárasì** *id.* over-mature, *esp.* of okra:  
**Ọkúrùmọ kárasìdọ wèé** The okra is over-mature (hard and stringy).

**karasìkàrasì** *id.* describes sharp, broken pieces of anything lying somewhere

**karigbekàrigbe** *id.* maroon (colour); very dark red

**kari<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* worship; [also pray?]; **óru kari** worship deity; **Wóyenghi kari** worship God; **kari fií** food prepared for worshipping deities or the deceased; **wáři kírì kari** (*lit.* ‘worship the floor of a house’). The belief of some traditionalists is that whenever they are saved from a danger, it is the spiritual forces associated with the earth that saved them, represented by the floor of the house. So they worship the floor by pouring a libation on it and then saying prayerful words.

**kari<sup>2</sup>** *n.* worship; prayer

**kariḡódo-kìrigódo** *id.* bubbling sound of a boiling pot of food or soup

**kariḡmó** *v.dir.* invoke against; wish evil for someone

**kariwarí** *n.* church (building) [*worship-house*]

**kariḡínì** *n.* kerosene; paraffin [*< English kerosene*]

**káròtù** *n.* (*tech.*) carrot [*< English carrot*]

**karukarú** *id.* reddish; brown; pink (>**karuḡkarú**)

**karuḡkarú** *id.* red, bloodshot (*esp.* of eyes after a beating or as a result of infection) (<**karukarú**)

**kasá<sup>1</sup>** *n.* oily residual fibres of the pericarp of palmfruit used as tinder

**kasá<sup>2</sup>** *n.* small racket-like structure for drying fish on; **kasa indí** fish smoked or dried on such a structure and kept on it for sale, especially dried bonga-fish (*Ethmalosa fimbriata*)

**kásara** *n.* bamboo mat used for storing uncracked palm-kernels; **ivín kasara** such a container full of uncracked palm-kernels [mat is not container]

**kásù** *id.* sound made when spearing something (>**kásì**)

**kásì** *id.* sound made when spearing something (<**kásù**)

**kásìkórorò** *n.* **A.** musical instrument made of a stick of **ingólòngolò**, played by boys with a ringed-nut (**unḡbó**) up and down with the

right hand, and a small piece of calabash held to the stick with the left hand; **B.** music produced by the above

**kasú** *n.* cashew [*<English cashew*]

**katarií** *id.* sturdy; well-shaped (of man); muscular; masculine

**katirikátiri** *id.* rough (as skin, resulting from scars from sore foot, crawcraw or smallpox) (>**katirikátiri**)

**katí** *v.t.* pluck (fruit)

**katirikátiri** *id.* rough (as skin, resulting from scars from sore foot, crawcraw or smallpox) (<**katirikátiri**)

**kátoo** *id.* standing still and gazing up or down in shock at sudden news

**kátuu** *id.* angry and talking in annoyance to someone, finding fault

**kau** *id.* sound of cutting with an axe

**káu** *id.* describes sound as of piercing through a fish or animal with a spear, **okponú**, etc. (>**káu**)

**káu** *id.* describes sound as of piercing through a fish or animal with a spear (<**káu**)

**kaún<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* have bad intentions for someone absent; threaten evil to someone in his/her absence; plot evil; conspire

**kaún<sup>2</sup>** *n.* (*usu.* **lǐj kaún**) dry palm fibre from which oil has been extracted

**kaunkaún** *id.* describes a suffocating smell, such as that caused by burning pepper

**káwookawoo** *id.* describes the whining of a dog or child when beaten: **Obiribí kawookawoo ki dòroumi** The dog made a whining noise. (>**kúwǐkúwǐ**)

**keberèè** *id.* drowsy; half-asleep

**keberékèbere** *id.* speaking with hesitation

**kee** *id.* describes a very slow, sickly movement

**kée** *v.i.* exclaim

**keèbì** *n.* vigorous dance for men and women with drumming, originally from Southwest Iẓon, directed by a leader with a whistle; the men wear a wrapper and a long-sleeved shirt, and hold a walking-stick

**kéfere** *n.* difference between ebb and flow tide when it is greater than usual, which is when the river is low in April-May; it begins with **kála kèfèrè** and increases to **opu kèfèrè**, after which the flood is expected; **kéfere pèlè** (of river water) go down fast (in May) (*cf.* **séri suọ, pèlè**)

**kèin** *id.* resisting being pulled down, pushed, or moved in any way

**keikeí** *v.i.* be hesitant and shaking in voice; be cautious; take care before expressing one's thoughts; be heedful; **Keikeí yò!** Take care how you talk!

**keikèlekè** (= **keikèlekèlè** = **kekèlekè** = **kekèlekèlè**) *excl.* an expression used *esp.* by children when something has gone wrong. It is a sort of threat to the person who has been responsible for the damage or mishap.

**kèin** *id.* stuck; not moving forward or backward (literally and figuratively)

**kéin** *v.i.* **A.** settle down; consolidate (*e.g.* of a starch solution or mud in suspense settling down); **B.** coagulate (*e.g.* of starch in the making, or porridge as water evaporates)

**kéinkein** *id.* sound; healthy; strong; fit: **Egiri kéinkein yò!** Be well and successful! (greeting to someone leaving for an endeavour)

**kéke** *v.t.* hollow out hole with sharp instrument (>**kèkè**)

**kékemọ** *id.* be almost completed, on the point of finishing

**kékere** *n.* sound of drum [??]

**kekereé** *id.* stiff; hard

**kelé** *v.i.* be careful; calculate sensibly (*esp.* a plan)

**kélee** *n.* peeping by craning one's neck (= **kálee**)

**kelékèlé** *n.* trail-net; small drownet with sticks to hold it upright, held by two people moving towards the shore and drawing it behind them; **kelékèlé fọun** fish with trail-net

**kélelèè** *id.* hanging precariously; (*fig.*) in a quandary; on the horns of a dilemma; stranded

**keleleí** [5] *v.i.* struggle to reach a height

**kélelekèlele** *id.* unsteady in climbing; likely to fall; (*fig.*) uncertain (of position)

**kélemuu** *id.* decreasing very much, as of liquid

**kéle-unguọ** *n.* a fish (*Synodontis sorax* MOCHOKIDAE) (*cf.* **ikpọkí**)

**kélikeli** *id.* meticulous (>**kílikíli**)

**kéluu** *id.* peeping (by larger person); peering to see something at a distance (>**kéluu**)

**kemí** *v.t.* **A.** stitch a torn piece of cloth; **B.** repair woven objects like baskets and fishing traps such as **ingoó** (lobster pot), **atálei**, **ikárà**, etc.

**kendereé** *id.* (of person) with body and limbs stiff, inflexible and in a circular form (as pincers of crab) (=kengereé)

**kenenèè** *id.* cracking (as pot)

**kenenékènené** *id.* having many cracks (>**kènenékènené**)

**kengelèè** *id.* unbalanced; lopsided, with one side lower than the other

**kengereé** *id.* (of person) with body and limbs stiff, inflexible and in a circular form (as pincers of crab) (=kendereé) (>**kengereé**)

**kénghi** (=kéngi) *v.i.* congeal; be sticky

**kenléè** *id.* not balanced; slanting; oblique

**kérebukèrebu** *id.* very nervous; liable to panic; panicky; with the heart beating fast

**kerèè** *id.* describes the way liquid covers an area up to the brim; full to the brim; brimful

**kéreín** *id.* stagnant; unable to move any longer; stuck to

**kerekeré** *v.i.* be bright and glowing (of fire)

**kerenkerén** *id.* very clean (as of yard, verandah, floor, etc.)

**kérerekèrere** *id.* with difficulty

**kérerùu** *id.* all over; complete

**kéreun** *id.* describes sound when two large objects collide or clash (*e.g.* empty barrels, two canoes, two heads)

**kérigha aba** *int.* perhaps (= **káangha aba**)

**kerikerí** *id.* very anxious; impatient

**kési** (=gési) *v.a.* **A.** be true, proper, real; be honest; **gési egberi** true story; **gési kịmị** honest man [get verb example]; **B.** (*tech.*) be pure (=izọn =kólo)

**késiye** (=gésiye) *n.* truth

**ketekpaá** *id.* describes a huge man standing; acting like a huge man

**kẹẹ** *id.* describes a very slow, sickly movement

**kẹ́n<sup>1</sup>** *id.* **A.** (of person) neat, of medium complexion and fairly small in size: **kẹ́n kị pịnanìmị** fairly light in complexion and compact; (of cloth) neat and light-coloured

**kẹ́n<sup>2</sup>** *n.* fatty second dorsal fin, or adipose fin, on the back of some fishes (*e.g.* **toriyéé**) next to the tail

**kẹ́rẹ́nkẹ́rẹ́n** (=kẹ́rẹ́nkẹ́rẹ́n) *id.* **A.** approaching or advancing in fear (*i.e.* it describes a slow, fearful, undecided approach to another person against whom one has committed a crime, or to a person who is superior in authority); **B.** keeping oneself ready to escape or run away; **C.** approaching indirectly to get something out of someone

**kẹ́fẹ́<sup>1</sup>** *id.* with exposed anus as a result of bending down

**kẹ́fẹ́<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes someone looking emaciated and listless after sickness

**kẹ́kẹ́** *id.* (of hair) reddish and scanty

**kẹ́kẹ́** *id.* sound of clock or watch ticking; tick-tock

**kẹ́kẹ́** *id.* nearing death or end; almost extinguished or defunct [??]

**kẹ́jín** *id.* fairly heavy (to carry); weighty; difficult to be uprooted, pushed or moved

**kẹ́jínkẹ́jín** *id.* strong; strongly built

**kẹ́kẹ́<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* chip out smaller bits with smaller tools; chip tops or snail flat at wide end in preparation for use (<**kéke**)

**kẹ́kẹ́<sup>2</sup>** [3] *v.t.* cut (plantain) into slices (using a slanting motion)

**kẹ́kẹ́<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* hatch; **Ofónibi àngamọ kẹ́kẹ́dọ** The hen has hatched the eggs.

**kékefiyàì** plantain “porridge”, pottage [*sliced food*]  
**kẹkẹí** [5] *v.p.* hatch out (as chicks)  
**kẹkẹlẹ** *v.t.* chip off (e.g. a palm kernel or coconut kernel, carefully from one end with a matchet); break the kernel by chipping or cutting off from one end  
**kẹkụ** *v.i.* compete (in sport, etc.); put one’s strength to the test; walk briskly  
**kẹkùrụ** *n.* smallest size of tree-squirrels, contrasting with **okpoí B.** for the intermediate size and **dúdu** for the biggest size, including the Orange-headed Tree-squirrel (*Funisciurus leucogenys*), the Redless Tree-squirrel (*F. anerythrus*) (both of which occur in the Kolokuma area), and the Fire-footed Tree-squirrel (*F. pyrrhopus*) (not found in Kolokuma) (=búru-okpoi) (*cf.* **dúdu**) [*named from its danger-call*]  
**kẹlẹlẹ** *id.* very near to a break-up  
**kẹlẹlẹí** *v.i.* struggle to reach, as by a tiny person  
**kẹlẹlẹkẹlẹ** *id.* describes the struggle to climb anything bigger than the climber (e.g. a small person trying to climb over a very huge trunk of kapok or palm tree)  
**kẹlị** *v.t.* chip off or cut off the stalks of palm leaves at the base; prune to the base  
**kẹlụ<sup>1</sup>** *id.* peeping, peering (by smaller person) (<kẹlụ)  
**kẹlụ<sup>2</sup>** *id.* below average (person) in size  
**kẹmbẹlẹ<sup>1</sup>** *id.* turning abruptly to one side [*combine with next?*]  
**kẹmbẹlẹ<sup>2</sup>** *id.* not straightforward; not direct; crooked; (*fig.*) changing (of story)  
**kẹmìkalì** *n.* (*tech.*) chemical [*<English chemical*]  
**kẹnderẹ** *id.* describes the “bluffing” or swaggering movement of a person with the arms extended and bent at the elbows  
**kẹnenékẹnené** *id.* having many cracks (>kenenékènené)  
**kẹngẹ** *n.* half-gallon iron pot; the smallest size of pot in the locality (*cf.* **bẹlẹ; lị-tụò-bẹlẹ** >

**ogbobẹlẹ** > **ọkpurubiyáì** > **ọpírìsìkì** > **kẹngẹ**)  
**kẹngẹrẹ** *id.* (of person) with body and limbs stiff, inflexible and in a circular form (as pincers of crab) (>kengereé)  
**kẹngẹrẹkẹngẹrẹ** *id.* struggling to do something beyond one’s power  
**kẹnì<sup>1</sup>** [5] *num.* one; a certain; **kẹnì báì** one day; **kẹnìámà** (*math.*) ones (as opposed to tens, hundreds, etc.); **kẹnì sérì** once; once upon a time; **kẹnì bárà seri** raise the **atélei** fishing-frame or hookline once; (saying) **Kẹnì ghò tẹjya, kẹnì** One disaster after another (*lit.* Escaping from one, another).  
**kẹnì<sup>2</sup>** *adv.* indeed; completely  
**kẹnì** *dem.* only one (*often followed by kụmọ*, only); same; **kẹnì kẹnmọ** (*math.*) add; **kẹnì seri (kụmọ)** only once: **Kẹnì seri kụmọ bou** Drink only once; **kẹnì yenghibọ** someone of the same mother as oneself; brother/sister uterine; **kẹnì daubọ** person of the same father as oneself (but different mothers)  
**kẹnì-àngà** *n.* twining herb, used as medicine for ganglion (*Calopogonium mucuncides* Desv.) LEGUMINOSAE-PAPILIONIOIDEAE) [*one side/egg?*] (=dụweì-iyau) [Do the 2 names refer to the same plant?]  
**kẹnìbara** *adv.* in the same way  
**kẹnìbara (emi) ituama** *n.* (*math.*) one-to-one correspondence  
**kẹnì-bùò-tẹ<sup>1</sup>** *n.* medicinal shrub used to treat chest pain and male impotence (possibly *Elytraria marginata* Vahl ACANTHACEAE) [*standing on one leg*]  
**kẹnì-bùò-tẹ<sup>2</sup>** *n.* bird, the Black-Winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus* RECURVIOSTRIDAE) (=asịnó=ọsịnó) [*standing on one leg*]  
**kẹnìfá<sup>1</sup>** [4] *n.* one-eyed person  
**kẹnìfá<sup>2</sup>** [4] *n.* one short (of twenty) (in the card game of vingt-et-un)  
**kẹnì-kẹnì bólòu** *n.* (*geom.*) concentric  
**kẹnì-kẹnì fanụ** *n.* (*math.*) unit square  
**kẹnì-kẹnì fanụkutu** *n.* (*math.*) unit cube

**kəni-kəni gèè** *v.t. (math.)* list

**kəni-kəni-kòro** *n.* a step or style in the typically women's dances **əgənə** and **órusej** in which only one foot is used in stamping the ground at a time

**kəni-kjenmoyè** *n. (math.)* addition

**kəni-kjenmoghijè** *n. (math.)* addend

**kəni-kjenmò-ghò-payò** *n. (math.)* sum

**kənişeri** *adv.* entirely; completely: **Kənişeri bou** Drink it up.

**kəni sùoməjn** *v.p.* be reconciled; have fellowship: **Ma diokó sùo timi otumò kəni sùoməjndou wèè** The two people who were on bad terms have now made peace/ been reconciled.

**kənişùoməjn ituama** *n. (math.)* union of sets

**kənişùoməjnyé** *n.* reconciliation; fellowship

**kəni-tənè-bila-dəngħi** *n.* small mammal, Allen's Galago (GALAGIDAE) [*'one thigh is bigger than an elephant' – a paradox*]

**kəniṭimimò-mà-sìlì (=kəniṭimimò-sìlì)** *n.* florin, a coin in use in colonial times worth two shillings

**kəniṭibì** *adv.* completely

**kəni-torù-bidè** *n.* uniform [*same-kind-cloth*] (=ogbobidè)

**kənlèè** *id.* **A.** slightly slanting (<kənlèè); **B.** (*geom.*) scalene; **kənlèè taraikokì** scalene triangle

**kənləkənlè** *id.* describes an oblique movement; not direct, but sideways

**kənr-** *see* **kər-**

**képe** *n.* corner shelf

**képesiì<sup>1</sup>** *id.* "hooking" someone; linking arms with someone; hooking (as with canoe-pole)

**képesiì<sup>1</sup>** *id.* accurately (of question); hitting the nail on the head

**kərəjn (=kənrəjn)** *id.* describes a light sound, as when a small tumbler or glass is knocked against the mouth of the bottle; any light touch between two pieces of metal [any difference from **kərəjn**?]

**kərənkərən (=kənrənkərən)** *id.* neat; thoroughly clean; smooth

**kərənkərən (=kənrənkərən)** *id.* of sideways walk or sidle, as by crab, or by children when afraid

**kərərəjùn (=kənrənrəjùn)** *id.* same as **kənrənrəun [not in!]**, but the implements are much smaller

**kərəjùn (=kənrəjùn)** *id.* describes the sound when smaller things (like glass and bottle) collide or knock against each other (<kərəun)

**kərikeri** *id.* running hurriedly, as by children

**kəruwəjùn (=kənrənwəjùn)** *id.* appearing attractive after putting on new clothes (usually applied to young children)

**kəsijì** *id.* **A.** (of things) conveniently sized, not too short or too tall, and not too small or too big; portable; **B.** (of humans) slightly below average size, but attractive

**kətebèè** *id.* crab-like in shape

**kətebəkətebè** *id.* moving like a crab, with stiff awkward gait (as of tortoise or person with stiff body)

**kəjùn** *id.* a sound produced when two light iron objects knock against each other

**kəwé** *n.* general name for various types of mongoose, including the Cusimanse (*Crossarchus obscurus* VIVERRIDAE)

**ki** *see* **kì**

**kíamùu** *id.* describes a crowd or very large number of trees standing at close quarters

**kíasì<sup>1</sup>** *id.* with a snap (>kíasìjì)

**kíasì<sup>2</sup>** *id.* catching forcefully with a big hook (>képesiìjì)

**kikié** *id.* red (like palm-oil)

**kígbo<sup>1</sup>** *n.* tree used for timber and for carving canoes, masks, and small paddles for dancing (*Alstonia boonei* De Wild. or *A. congensis* Engl. APOCYNACEAE)

**kígbo<sup>2</sup>** *n.* salt-water fish, the bonga-fish or bonga shad (*Ethmalosa fimbriata* Bowdich CLUPEIDAE) (=ofoló)

**kíí<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** stop; prevent; **B.** build fish-weir across stream, etc.

**kií<sup>2</sup>** (=kuí) *v.t.* fix, appoint a date; **déin kii** fix a day; **dùṅṅun kii** fix a date for a lake to be fished

**kií<sup>3</sup>** (=kuí) *v.t.* plant (*e.g.* cocoyam) in between yam mounds, etc.; intercrop

**kií<sup>4</sup>** (=kuí) *v.t.* cut; wound by cutting; mark (ground) by cutting a mark

**kiimó** *v. dir.* prevent, hinder; **bólou kiiimó** postpone

**kiimó** *v.cs.* cover; shield; screen; defend [confirm difference in pronunciation]

**kíkibuu** *id.* well covered

**kíkile** *v.t.* roll with extra force; heave

**kíkiri** *v.i.* struggle; try

**kikirií** *id.* stocky; short and strongly-built

**kikorí** *id.* by fits and starts; irregularly [dots?]

**kilé** [4] *n.* a title of honour given to the **ogóin** fish; **ogóin kilé** (**ogóin** is the name of the fish, and **kilé** is the title): **Ogóin kilé ìndiamá lẹ̀imọ̀ nì ogbó iri** The **ogóin**-fish deceives (bigger) fish into going aground.

**kíle** *see* **kúle** greet; salute

**kílolo** *id.* flowing continuously (like a natural spring) (>**kílo**)

**kílò** *n.* (*math.*) kilo [*<English kilo*]

**kilógràmú** *n.* (*math.*) kilogram; kilo (kg.) [*<English kilogram*]

**kilómìta** *n.* (*math.*) kilometre (km.); **kilómìta fanu** square kilometre [*<English kilometre*]

**kíma** *n.* storm (*cf.* **ebirí**, which is stronger)

**kimuu** *id.* describes the sound of a cannon (>**kpáloò**)

**kinekiné** *id.* collected in large numbers, sitting or lying down (*e.g.* men, animals on the same spot) (>**kpáloò**)

**kíngì** *n.* a term in draughts meaning 'crown'; **kíngì finì** become a king (in draughts) [*<English king*]

**kinimáá** *id.* tall and well built (>**kijimáá**)

**kinimákìnimá** *id.* sound of a particular drum; **kinimákìnimá èze** (*mus.*) small open drum with conical barrel and cylindrical base, beaten with two drumsticks

**kínkoro** *n.* mange, disease affecting the skin of domestic animals, *e.g.* goats, sheep and dogs; **kínkoro obiri/obori** dog/goat suffering from lack of hair

**kinr-** *see* **kir-**

**kíòò** *see* **kíyòò**

**kípi** *id.* fit exactly like pieces of a jigsaw; with a snapping sound (as of a dislocated joint going back into its socket when massaged): **Ará duwoi timi buogbasa lẹ̀ọ̀ tẹ̀abí, kípì kì fiemi** When they massaged her dislocated toe, it snapped back into position. [confirm word – different from next?]

**kípu** *id.* snapping shut (like padlock); covering (pot, dish, etc.) with a well-fitting cover (>**kípú**)

**kirain** (=kinrain) *id.* stable; firmly established; secure; also describes action and sound of a good landing by a jumper

**kiramíí** *id.* **A.** solid; established firmly; secure; firmly fixed, certain not to fall or give way; **B.** describes action and sound of a good landing from a height

**kírí<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* do something bad (unexpectedly): **U furu kírìmi** He was not expected to steal (but has done it).

**kírí<sup>2</sup>** [3] *n.* **A.** (*literal*) ground; earth; land (as opposed to water); **kírì àgbà** reach land; land; **kírì gbelègha** don't touch the ground (*fig.*) *used in:* **A. Tọ̀bọ̀bọ̀ kírì gbelègha** The child always wants to be carried (although he can walk); **B. Indimọ̀ kírì gbelègha bara kị yẹ̀rimì** The fish were sold out immediately; **kírì kọ̀** remain; be left over or behind; **kírì kọ̀rì** go aground (as canoe); (*fig.*) get stuck (of work); **kírì la** reach land; land; (*fig.*) earth, considered as the home of the ancestors and thus of those awaiting reincarnation; **kírì fọ̀kọ̀ bou** take an oath to prove one's innocence by drinking a mixture of mud and river-water or gin; **kírì tabà** touch the ground with one's finger and lick it, thereby solemnly swearing one's innocence before the

ancestors; **I kiribòṛ pa kumọ, arí ìkpé egberi gbagha** Since I was born (*lit.* ‘since I came out from the earth’), I have never told a lie; **kíri wẹ̀nì** investigate by divination before an undertaking; **B.** farm; **kíri koro** become arable land (of swamp, marshland) as a result of silting up; **kíri kọ̀rì** stake out a claim (to newly-farmed arable land); **kíri kpokpò** clear weeds in an old farm (*esp.* old plantain farm); **kíri sọ̀** develop (of piece of land within swamp or marshland); **oru kirí** a plantain farm that has ceased to be properly cared for (*i.e.* a farm that has been in use for about 3 years). At this stage, suckers may be removed by any other farmer for planting in his/her farm without obtaining permission; **sánkiri =gbákiri = gbágbakiri** plantain farm; **C.** (*fig.*) ground; basis; plan: **Èní ìne tẹ̀ními kírigha** That is not my plan (*lit.* ‘not the ground I am standing on’); **D.** (*used attrib.*) original; indigenous; **kíri seì** a dance for women (*lit.* ‘original dance’) (= **ẹ̀geṅé**)  
**-kiri** (*following nouns*) settlement; colony:  
**Bekekírì** **A.** English settlement; **B.** personal name; **kòtìkiri** **A.** court premises, compound; **B.** **Kòtìkiri** personal name; **Sòsìkiri** Church settlement; **sukúlùkiri** school compound  
**kíriabọ̀lọ̀** *n.* anti-social activity or behaviour  
**kíri-àkalu** *n.* tuber of *Gloriosa superba* (COLCHICACEAE) [What is the plant called? What is it used for?]  
**kíribèní** *n.* groundwater  
**Kíribẹ̀jìn** *n.* one of the chief male deities of Gbaraìn ibé, whose seat is at Okotiamá  
**kíri-bólou-ungọ** *n.* (*tech.*) mineral [*ground-inside-wealth*]  
**kíribòṛ-ababuru** *n.* **A.** cassava that has been left in the ground beyond the normal time of harvesting; **B.** cassava left in the ground after the owner has abandoned the farm  
**kíridu** *n.* base; bottom  
**kíri-ekpè** *n.* lower jaw

**kíri-èkpete** *n.* bird, the Blue-spotted Wood-dove (*Turtur afer* COLUMBIDAE)  
**kírifàá** *a.* landless  
**kíri-fù̀** *n.* (*tech.*) mineral salt [*ground-salt*]  
**kirigódo-kàrigódo** *id.* imitating the bubbling sound of a boiling pot of food or soup in a children’s game  
**kíri-iyerimó-igburu** *n.* (*math.*) column  
**kíri-ìjíná<sup>1</sup>** *n.* herb, used to treat toothache or the uterus (*Spilanthes filicaulis* (Schum. and Thonn.) C. D. Adams COMPOSITAE) [*ground pepper*]  
**kíri-ìjíná<sup>2</sup>** *n.* soup, made by pouring boiling water on to dried or roasted fish or shrimps, with pepper and salt, etc., but without oil [*ground pepper*]  
**kírikiri<sup>1</sup>** [4] *id.* shallow; **kírikiri yò** shallow place  
**kírikiri<sup>2</sup>** [4] *id.* full of farms; **kírikiri yò** a place full of farms  
**kírikòṛṛṛ** *n.m.f.* person remaining  
**kírikòṛṛye** *n.* remainder; surplus  
**kíri-kùromọ-ní-ì-kọ̀rì** *n.* medicinal herb (*Sparganophorus sparganophora* (Linn.) C. Jeffrey COMPOSITAE-VERNONIEAE) (= **kíri-òlogbo**)  
**kírimọ̀kirimọ̀** *adv.* immediately; instantly  
**kirimu** *excl.* response by an audience to indicate unanimity; accepted; understood  
**kíri naà<sup>1</sup>** *v.p.* jerk awake from a doze: **I kíri naàdòṛ?** Are you wide awake now?  
**kíri naà<sup>2</sup>** *v.p.* be careful, cautious: **Ámà, kíri naà eé!** You (to a female), be cautious! (= **kíri peì**)  
**kírinanàṛ** *n.* landowner; landlord  
**kírínkírín** (= **kinrínkínrín**) *id.* describes short but fat things (man, log, fish, etc.) (> **kìrínkírín**)  
**kíri-ofòni** *n.* tame bird or fowl (*opp.* **ogọ̀ṛ-ofòni**) [*ground-bird*]  
**kíri-ofuro** *n.* carpet viper (*Echia carinatus*) [check]  
**kíri-òlogbo** *n.* bitterleaf (*Vernonia amygdalina* Del. and *V. colorata* Drake COMPOSITAE-VERNONIEAE); **boukiri-**



- ólògbo** herb resembling bitterleaf (*Sparganophorus sparganophora* (Linn.) C. Jeffrey COMPOSITAE-VERNONIEAE) (= **kíri-kùròmọ-ní-ì-kòrì**)
- kíri-owòso** *n.* tree with strong wood, used in canoe carving; it is also sawn to produce planks used as door and window frames, and wall-plates (*Nauclea diderrichii* (De Wild. & Th. Dur.) Merrill RUBIACEAE)
- kíri-òbọlọ** *n.* habitual way of doing things: **Timítùmi ni kíri-òbọlọama** Timítùmi's habitual way of doing things
- kíri-òtòkọ** *n.* ground; earth (used for emphasis when swearing) [*earth-mud*]
- kírìpaaràì** *n.* plot of land
- kíri peì** (= **kíri poi**) *v.p.* be careful (*esp.* in interacting with people (= **kíri naà**))
- kírìpu<sup>1</sup>** *id.* deep, noisy, hasty sound made by men's paddles when paddling
- kírìpu<sup>2</sup>** *id.* sound produced when a door is slammed
- kírìrìí** *id.* describes sound made when something goes through or passes by another with the sides or parts rubbing against each other; (*fig.*) describes passing through with hardship; going over with difficulty
- Kírìsìmésì** *n.* Christmas [*<English Christmas*]
- kírìsouyè** *n.* plough; crowbar [*ground-digger*]
- kírìsọ̀n** *n.* (*tech.*) earthworm
- kírìtálá** *n.* a tree of the **tála** type with striped bark and hard wood good for canoe carving; it is very much dispersed [specimen needed for *id.*]
- kírìwarì<sup>1</sup>** *n.* single-storeyed building, as opposed to an "upstairs"
- kírìwarì<sup>2</sup>** *n.* **A.** grave (*lit.* 'underground house'); **B.** perpetual suffering (used by women complaining about their husbands, etc.) (*cf.* **òzàrì warì**)
- kírìye<sup>1</sup>** [4] (= **kírìyeì**) *n.* power of the ancestors; **kírìye kàrì** invoke the ancestors (by **amánanaowei** and the elders of the town or village); **kírìye kòrì** (of ancestors) punish with sickness: **Kírìye kì a kòrì nì, àràù mu àma sinní** Because the ancestors were punishing her with sickness, she has gone to confess. [*ground-thing*]
- kírìye<sup>2</sup>** [4] *n.* (*math.*) denominator [*ground-thing*]
- kírìyewàrì** *n.* ancestors' shrine where confessions are made by the inhabitants of a town to the **Amánanaowei** and the elders [*ancestors' house*]
- kírìzìgeí** *n.* earthquake; tremor [*earth-shaking*]
- kítì** *v.i.* **A.** surround a person or thing in large numbers; mob; **B.** thrive (of crops): **Beribamó kitiyemi** The plantains are all thriving.
- kítìikítìi** *id.* flocking in large numbers; moving busily about or up and down
- kítìkítì** *id.* planted thickly and thriving (of plants)
- kíyòò** (= **kíòò**) *id.* dark and shining
- kì** (**ki** when preceded by wide vowel; *cf.* **kìrì**) *part.* **A.** (*focuses noun phrases*); **béi yọ kì** this very place: **Eri kí ì tìnmí** It was he who called me; **B.** (*follows a bound verb complement which precedes an emphasized verb*): **Eri wò tọrùmọ bẹrì kì bẹrì** He opened his eyes wider and wider: **Arì bunu kì bụnụ tímimi** I was fast asleep; **C.** (*follows an ideophone and turns it into a manner phrase*): **Eri mu gẹgẹlụ kì kòromi** He fell down without resistance.
- kía** [*tone class 2 or 3?*] *v.t.* filter; strain
- kjaí** *see* **kjaí** ooze out
- kjaímọ** *v.p.dir.* drain, filter into
- kjà kjà kjà** *id.* sound of hearty laughter
- kjàkpọkjàkpọ** *id.* without any attraction; having nothing to boast of; nasty-looking; wretched
- kjalì** *id.* instantly: **Eri kjalì kì akì bídé kòrì nì akímì** He abruptly took the cloth.
- kjamọ** *v.cs.* strain; filter
- kjànkjàn** *id.* **A.** sparkling clean (of water or palm-oil); crystal clear; **B.** clean and neat (of cloth) (= **kjònkjòn**)

**kíap̀iní<sup>1</sup>** (=kíap̀iní) [4] *n.* captain (of ship, or as military rank) [*<English captain*]  
**Kíap̀iní<sup>2</sup>** (=Kíap̀iní) *n.* male personal name [*<English captain*]  
**kíap̀isi** *n.* (percussion) caps [*<English caps*] (= **asángbaf̀ini** = **suboif̀ini**)  
**kíaríkari** *id.* not on good terms; opposed; at loggerheads  
**kíasíkiasí** *id.* hooking; getting hooked up here and there  
**kías̀i** *id.* with a snap (*<kías̀i*)  
**kíaye** *n.* filter; strainer  
**kíen<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* count; **kíenghá kímjama** a few people; **kíenghá kímj kumò** only a few people  
**kíen<sup>2</sup>** *n.* enumeration; calculation  
**kíen<sup>3</sup>** *n.* act; drama; dramatic episode within the context of a dance; **kíen tuá** act, dramatize, an episode  
**kíenbirí** *n.* tally  
**kíenbíbí** *n.* total; number  
**kíengbain** *n.* gizzard  
**kíen-ghò-sùoghá(-òmoni)** *n.* person of ancient slave ancestry (generation not specified)  
**kíen-ipésì** (*math.*) digit  
**kíen-ìgbùrù** *n.* (*math.*) number-line  
**kíenleleí** *n.* (*math.*) numeral; **Rómáni kíenleleí** Roman numeral  
**kíenmó** *v.t. usu.* **ongó kíenmó** be on the alert; be watchful; be wary  
**kíenye-gbáye** *n..* (*math.*) (mathematical) sentence; **naá-karagha-kíenye-gbáye** open sentence  
**kíenyeé** *n.* (*math.*) number; **kíenyé ìkpeseama** mathematical instruments; **kíenyé ìkpese ekpeti** mathematical set (of instruments); **díbuu kíenye** whole number; **eréanga kíenye** even number; **négètivi kíenye** negative number; **owéianga kíenye** odd number; **pózìtivi kíenye** positive number; **tíbikíenye** prime number  
**kíenye-tólumò-yeama** *n.pl.* (*math.*) counters  
**kígbaí** *n.* compensation or indemnity demanded (not offered) for damage or

injury; **kígbaif̀i** demand compensation (= **if̀irí**)

**kíjín** *id.* exact; of the same height, shape

**kíkìbukìkìbu** (=kítìbukìtìbu ??) *id.* stingy; niggardly; mean with money

**kíkìmoghá** *v.i.[?]* *usu.* **yé kíkìmoghá** speaking without reservation; outspoken

**kíkìmòkìkìmò** *id.* miserly; stingy (=kíkìrìkìkìrì = **imemeín**)

**kíkìrìkìkìrì** *id.* stingy; very frugal; miserly (=kíkìmòkìkìmò = **imemeín**)

**kíkìrìí** *id.* short and stocky (*<kíkìrìí*)

**kíkòò** *n.* a brief duration of time; a short while; soon; **Kíkòò kí waj bóò** Please return in a short time

**kìlè<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* refuse (cooked food or drink); renounce something to which one is entitled, *e.g.* food, because one is annoyed; *usu.* **fíyaji kílè; indóu kílè** abandon the breast (of weaned child)

**kìlè<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* dodge; avoid

**kìlè<sup>3</sup>** *v.i.* **A.** attack and kill outsiders violating the territory of the owners of the land; **B.** (*specifically*) kill under the following ritual conditions: a) kill an opponent of another ethnic group in self-defence; b) kill someone of another ethnic group in battle; c) carry a dead body of another ethnic group (in all these three cases Isoko are reckoned like Iẓon, not as outsiders); d) kill a major animal such as a leopard or a buffalo, or seven “eagles”; **kílè d̀uwèí** deceased hero (*cf.* **uzíí**)

**Kílegbèghá** *n.* name of a compound in Kaiámà [*not to refuse, not fit to be rejected*]

**kílèmó** *v.cs.* [or *v.dir.*?] wean (child), *usu.* **indóu kílèmó**

**kílìbu** *id.* concise; curt; terse; brief

**kílìbukìlìbu** *id.* careful; crafty; clever; shrewd

**kílìkìlì** *v.id.* be clever at doing or knowing persons or things (*esp.* of children)

**kílìlìí** *id.* meticulously; thoroughly

**kílòkìlò<sup>1</sup>** *id.* swimming fairly quietly, producing only ripples on the surface of the water

**kìlòkìlò<sup>2</sup>** *id.* very anxious; eagerly hoping  
[check: or **lìkòlìkò?**]  
**kìlòlò** *id.* trickling (<**kìlòlò**)  
**kìlò** *id.* be short, brief (of story, distance)  
**kìmjì** *n.* person (*either male or (in plural) of both sexes*); someone; **kìmjì baa** murder;  
**kìmjì esimò** frighten (someone); **kìmjì esisimò** intimidate; frighten; terrorise; **kìmjì fidiì** gossip; slander; tittle-tattle (= **kìmjì sùò**); **kìmjì gbèdì** abuse; be abusive; **Kìmjì kị kịmjì dúbamọyemi** It is people that make someone great (*i.e.* he must have supporters); **kìmjì paa** develop one's personality; come of age (*cf.* **eré paa**, **owéi paa**); **Kìmjì paa, bìdẹ paá** People are different as cloths are different (*i.e.* people react in different ways); **kìmjì seẹ** everybody; **kìmjì sùò** gossip, tittle-tattle; slander (= **kìmjì fidiì**); **kìmjì yai mịẹ** be proud, haughty; **bou kịmjì** awkward, rural, untrained person (*lit.* 'bush man')  
**kìmjì-angba-paarai** *n.* a half-man (in folklore, a human being split vertically down the centre, with one eye, ear, arm, leg, etc.)  
**kìmjìbaa** *n.* murder [*person-killing*]  
**kìmjì-ebimọ-erein** *n.* A. twilight; B. (*tech.*) pink [??]  
**kìmjìgbasa<sup>1</sup>** *n.* a number of people, *esp.* young [?? examples of use?]  
**kìmjìgbasa<sup>2</sup>** *n.* tree used for yam stakes (*Homalium ? africanum* (Hook.f.) Benth. SAMYDACEAE)  
**kìmjì-ikisa** *n.* legendary half-human (from the waist up)  
**kìmjì-itu** *n.* crowd  
**kìmjì** *id.* having commanding personality  
**kìmjìkìmjì** *n.* everyone  
**kìmjìkìmjì** *id.* full of people  
**kìmjì-mịẹ-kpọ-mịẹgha** *a.* not self-conceited; politely: **Erí kịmjì-mịẹ-kpọ-mịẹgha bara kị akị firi wẹnì nì ì piri mị** [tone?]He worked for me willingly and humbly.  
**kìmjìnama** *n.* human flesh  
**Kìmjìowei** *n.* Mr.  
**kìmjì-ogizi** *n.* crowd

**kìmjì-owọwama** *n.pl.* folk; people  
**kìmjì-owọwumọ** *n.pl.* the people  
**kìmjìpalìdọn** *n.* chronic sickness or disease:  
**Kìmjìpalìdọn kị(mị bamèè** A chronic disease kills.  
**kìmjìpalìtuó** *n.* medicinal herb used for bathing (*Hibiscus rostellatus* Guill. and Perr. MALVACEAE)  
**kìmjìtìbì<sup>1</sup>** *n.* skull  
**kìmjìtìbì<sup>2</sup>** *n.* important person  
**kìmjìtìbì<sup>3</sup>** *adv.* individually  
**kìmjìtọbọ** *n.* human being; mankind; man  
**kìmjì-tọbọ-yai** *n.* son of man (formal and emphatic): **Árì kịmjì-tọbọ-yai kị dīseimọyémààà?** Are you looking down on God's creation?  
**kìmjìyai** *n.* man; human being  
**kìmjì-yenghi-yai<sup>1</sup>** *n.* mankind; humanity  
**kìmjì-yenghi-yai<sup>2</sup>** *n.* important personality  
**kìmjìmu** *id.* tense (because of confinement or overcrowding)  
**kìn** *v.t.* hack (as tree, so as to fell it)  
**kìna** *n.* fish, the fourth size of Niger perch (*Lates niloticus* Linn. CENTROPOMIDAE) (**otókorotọrupina** < **ikírika** < **zalaá** < **kìna** < **káran**)  
**kìnbjirù** *id.* baggy; not smooth; patchy, *e.g.* a badly-wounded skin that has healed up; a badly-sewn piece of cloth or leather  
**kìnbjirikìnbjiri** *id.* rough; not smooth (as if badly sewn)  
**kìnikìní** *v.i.* slacken: **Osuóbì dóló kìnìkìnìdọ** The rain has slackened a bit.  
**kìnimáà** *id.* not very tall, but well built (<**kinimáà**)  
**kìninii** *id.* describes a high-pitched voice (soprano or treble) (= **gìninii**)  
**kìnr-** *see* **kìr-**  
**kìónkìón** *id.* sparkling clean (of water or palm-oil); crystal clear (= **kìánkìán**)  
**kìọọn** *see* **kìyọọn**  
**kìpu** *id.* snapping shut (like padlock); breaking suddenly with a snap; covering (pot, dish, etc.) with a well-fitting cover (of smaller things than **kìpu**)

**kípuùkípuù** *id.* using sparingly (*e.g.* of money)

**kírasì** *id.* becoming hardened or too hard for use (only of **okra** fruit)

**kířen** (=kínřen) *id.* happy in manners; jovial; cheerful; hearty [discuss]

(**kířì**) *part.* (used esp. with the following short pronouns, in place of **kí**, or preceding it for emphasis): **ì kířì** it is I who ... : **ì kířì kí** (emphasized): **Ì kířì kí miẹmí**. It was I who did it: **ì kířì** it is you who ...: **ù kířì** it is he who ...: **a kířì** it is she who ...: **ọ kířì** it is you (*pl.*) who ...: **ọ kířì** it is they who ...; (also with names, for emphasis):

**Egberipóu wò kířì, ì miẹ kùřomọ kaanghí timiméé** If Egberipou were not involved, I would be very serious.

**kířì** *v.t.* cut to size; trim; chop finely (as tobacco for snuff, onions)

**kířì** *a.* varying; different: **Béi mọ ení mọ kířì** This and that are different.

**kířì<sup>1</sup>** *v.recip.* meet with (each other): **Wó bo kířìdó** We have met well.

**kířì<sup>2</sup>** *v.a.* **A.** be correct, right, equal: **Wó bo kířìdó** We have now become equal: **Yémo diẹ kířì** Divide/share the things equally; **kířì tọrọ** right step; correct method; right way; **B.** (*math.*) equal; (*geom.*) **kířìgha niaikọkì(ye)** trapezium; **kířì taraikọkì** equilateral triangle; **maa kířì taraikọkì** isocles triangle

**kířìlelei** *n.* (*math.*) equals sign (=)

**kířìghalelei** *n.* (*math.*) not-equals sign ( $\neq$ )

**kířìmọ<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs. usu.* **miẹ kířìmọ** make equal; equalize; make right; correct

**kířìmọ<sup>2</sup>** *adv.* correctly; right: **Kířìmọ miẹ** Do it right.

**kířìkířì** *id.* slowly; gradually; be slow but steady and in detail [discuss]

**kířìkířì** *v.i.* be very cold (of water)

**kířìmọ<sup>1</sup>** [4] *v.i.* breathe one's last; stop breathing: **Wo ụmbábì kířìmọdọ** He breathed his last: **Kířìmọ pẹlẹ ní, erí fídọ** When his breathing stopped, he died.

**kířìmọ<sup>2</sup>** *id.* completely or entirely cut, as of tiny strings with a sharp thing

**kířìnkířìn** (=kínřìnkínřìn) *id.* describes short and small things (*e.g.* logs, legs, hand, or fish cut into small lengths) (<kířìnkířìn)

**kířìnkířìn** (=kínřìnkínřìn) *id.* (*usu.* **kířìnkířìn okolo**) high-pitched or falsetto voice; head voice (=tířìntířìn)

**kířìřìjì** *id.* hugging the shore

**kířìngbakířìngba** *id.* describes roughness of skin due to ringworm

**kířìpukířìpọ** *id.* liable to break; brittle

**kířìpọpọ** *id.* describes the crunching sound of eating dry shrimps

**kířìřìkířìřì** *id.* heaped in fragments: **Kóro tinbàramọ kířìřìkířìřì kí tùmiméé** The branches of the fallen tree were heaped in fragments.

**kířìřọ** *id.* describes the way little children look intently at things that interest them

**kířìsain** *n.* tree with very hard wood used for grinding snuff, and for carving axe handles (**ogou fọfọ**) [specimen needed]

**kířìřì** *v.i.* be ready for farming (of land): **Kířìbì kẹnì kířìřìdọ** The land is ready for farming (*i.e.* it has lain fallow for some time, and become fertile, and will burn easily).

**kířìřìkířìřì** *id.* describes an immense number of people, things, etc.: **Kířìmọ kířìřìkířì kì bomi** The people came in great numbers.

**kířìřì<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* crash; be completely broken into pieces; be crushed; disintegrate: **Fin-arúbì boubọ kóro kířìřì fàmì** The aeroplane crashed into the forest and disintegrated.

**kířìřì<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** destroy completely; beat thoroughly: **Sụ-otúmọ amábì kířìřìmì** The soldiers have completely destroyed the town; **B.** beat thoroughly: **Olótùbì sùu-owèibì koromọdẹjì nì, erí ụ kířìřìmì** When the champion threw the weak man, he beat him thoroughly.

**kířìřì<sup>3</sup>** *id.* describes an immense number, *e.g.* a war-canoe or dancing canoe with many people: **Séjì-arumọ kířìřì boyemi** The dance-canoes are coming in great numbers.

**kíṣìṣìn** *id.* briefly; shortly; graphically: **Erí ègberibòṣò kíṣìṣìn kẹ́ gba ni wó pẹ̀rímí** He told us the story in a very short way.

**kíṣìṣìnkíṣìṣìn** *id.* chuckling

**kíṣìṣìnmò** *adv.* briefly; in a short way: **Egberibòṣò kíṣìṣìnmò gba wó pẹ̀rì** Tell us the story briefly.

**kíṣìkíṣì** *id.* crushed to pieces or fragments [check ??]

**kíṣìkíṣì** *id.* thick and impenetrable: **ukpá boubi kíṣìkíṣì kẹ́ tùmímeé** The cane-ropes forest was thick and difficult to penetrate.

**kíṣòṣò** *id.* describes bulging stomach, as of children suffering from under-nourishment or sickness

**kítìbúkítìbù ?? (=kíkìbúkìkìbù)** *id.* stingy; niggardly; mean with money

**kítìkítì<sup>1</sup>** *id.* close together (of strands of weaving or yam mounds)

**kítìkítì<sup>2</sup>** *id.* (of laughter) incessant

**kítìkítì** (=kíkìkítì) *n.* donkey [cf. Yoruba *kétékété*]

**kítìkítì** *id.* with many hands at work at the same time (*e.g.* a group of people carrying a single thing)

**kítìrìkítìrì** *id.* with very close joints or nodes, as of sugar-cane

**kítòkítò** *id.* in a series; one after the other; consecutively

**kítùù** *id.* weighty; heavy; over-loaded and burdensome

**kíyáí** (=kíyáí) [5] *v.p.* ooze out; be dried by water oozing out (*e.g.* of wet cloth)

**kíyáimò** (=kíyáimò) *v.p.dir.* drain, filter into

**kíyámó** (=kíyámó) *v.dir.* sift into

**kíyòṣò** (=kíyòṣò) *id.* looking straight and continuously; gazing, *esp.* by small eyes

**kíyùúkíyùù** (=kíyùúkíyùù) *id.* cry as of a crocodile

**kobíí** *see* **kobuí** blend (of colours)

**kóbiri** *v.t.* mix (dry entities, where the individuals remain distinct, unlike **guá**, as people, or bags of “farina” or gari with different contents) (*cf.* **kóbu**, where the

contents are to be mixed) [tone class 2 or 3?]

**kobiríí** [5] *v.p.* be mixed; be in close contact with (*e.g.* people)

**kobirikóbiri** *v.recip.* become intermixed, intermingled; become heterogeneous: **Eré-òwọ̀mọ̀ mọ̀ owéí-òwọ̀mọ̀ mọ̀ bó kóbirikóbirimi** The girls and the boys got mixed up.

**kóbiye** *n.* fish, the African carp (*Labeo* spp. CYPRINIDAE); **dirima kobíye** type with edible scales (*Labeo coubie* Rüppell); **perẹ kobíye** *Labeo* sp.; **pína kobíye** type where scales are removed (*Labeo senegalensis* C. & V.)

**kóbu** *v.t.* mix (using water to dilute and blend, and mixing contents of different containers); blend (colours) (*cf.* **kóbiri**, where only the containers are mixed)

**kóbudẹ̀yẹ** *n.* (*tech.*) (liquid) solution

**kobuí** (=kóbíí) [5] *v.p., v.recip.* be mixed, blended (of colours): **Odon mọ̀ inu beni mọ̀ kòbuidọ** The yellow and blue colours have blended.

**kófoo** *id.* hollow; craterous; with a big hole

**kogudukógodu** *id.* with several bends (>**kọgudukógodu**)

**kogudúù** *id.* crooked, bent, as a deformed leg or trunk of tree with a bulge (>**kọgudúù**)

**kòí** (=kóí) *id.* describes the sound of a bullet from a single-barrel gun hitting its target

**kókù** *v.a.* be shallow

**kokirikókiri** *id.* bony; emaciated (>**kọkìrìkọkìrì**)

**kokó** [4] *n.* cocoa (*Theobroma cacao* STERCULIACEAE) [*<English cocoa*]

**kókoko** *id.* sound (in health); costly; precious

**kó ko ko ko** *excl.* cry of the **ogbúrùn** bird (turaco)

**kokolòò** *id.* steep; precipitous

**kokomejìn** *v.dir.p.* be collected (as faeces collect in a stagnant portion of the river at the waterside)

**kokomii** *id.* thick and collected (as good **ibobó**)

- kókomọ** *v.t.* pet
- kókorikòkòri** *id.* shallow
- kókòrókòò** *id.* the sound of a cock crowing
- kókou** [tone class 2 or 3?] *v.t.* keep; store; save (as money); reserve; preserve (as fish)
- kolajkólaj** *id.* describes stagnant discoloured water or medicine
- kolérià** *n.* cholera [*<English cholera*]
- kolikápà** *n.* short tight men's underwear worn round the waist; men's drawers, pants
- koló<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* "draw" (as of good **ẹgbẹṅẹ** or okra soup)
- koló<sup>2</sup>** *n.* moonfish (*Citharidium ansorgii* (Boulenger, 1902 CITHARINIDAE))
- koló<sup>3</sup>** *n.* grub which develops in newly-felled wine-palm (*general term dọ̀ṅ̀n, including koló and loí*)
- kólo** *a.* true: **Kólo egberù?** (Is it) a true story? (= **ị́zọ̀n = gési**)
- kólokìri** *n.* bird, the Little Bee-eater (*Merops pusillus* MEROPIDAE)
- kólokolo** *v.a.* be oversalted, bitter
- Kólokùmá** *n.* **Kólokùmá ibe** in Northern Iẓon. Its towns are: **Igbedí, Seibókòrogba, Okóloba, Ayibabiri, Olóbìri** (seat of chief priest of Kólokuma Ègbesu), **Kajáma, Kálamá, Sampọ̀ú,** and **Odi**. Its **ibe tẹmẹsúò** is **Alúku dọ̀gọ dọ̀gọ kajnghá kajnghá sèi biḍẹ**. Its **ibe orú** (deities) are **Kólokuma Ègbesu** (male) (at **Olóbìri**), **Kólokùmá Zibaaraṅ** (female) (at **Odi**), **Otoboyaj** (at **Sampọ̀ú**), **Opudábà** (at **Kálamá**), **uḡulakiri** or **Gbọ̀rụ̀aka** (at **Kajámà**), **Kúraj** (at **Ayibabiri**), **Lábaḡkọ̀lọ** (at **Okóloba**), and **Okpotú** (at **Boutebí/Fantí**); **Kólokùmá pọ̀ṅ̀n Kólokùmá** dialect
- kololokólolo** *id.* thick; slimy (of soup) (= **kolololó**)
- kolololó** *id.* thick; slimy (of soup) (= **kololokólolo**)
- kóloo** *v.i.* become serious, angry: **Ị máa koolooyemò!** You are becoming very serious about it.
- kóloye** *n.* serious matter: **Ọ̀gọ̀tẹ̀iye kóloye** Inlaws' joke, serious matter (*i.e.* Many a true word is spoken in jest).
- kólùama-tọ̀rụ̀-ingbete** *n.* shrimp (*Atya gabonensis*) with a strong carapace. It is found in holes and under roots in the water.
- kombolokómbolo** *id.* describes a series of arc-shaped objects (**>kombọ̀lọ̀ọ̀**)
- kombolòò** *id.* arc-shaped (**>kombọ̀lọ̀ọ̀**)
- komọ̀** *v.cs.* coddle; pamper; pet
- kongirî** *id.* fairly tall, but with flesh hanging loose; flabby
- kóngoloo** *id.* far below level; far receded
- konguu** *id.* bigger than normal, as of human head (*esp.* of babies)
- konú** *n.* **A.** back (of body); **B.** upper or front [rounded?] side of objects such as cane-rope, paddle, etc.
- konu-birí-ùngbou** *n.* backbone; spine [*back-centre-bone*]
- konu-birí-ìndokú** (= **konu-birí-ùndokú**) *n.* Fulani or zebu cow, with hump [*back-centre-hump*]
- konutọ̀rụ̀** *n.* joint at back of hip [**konú + tọ̀rụ̀<sup>s</sup> joint**]
- koó** *v.t.* crave attention or petting (as child sometimes does from his grandmother or other adult)
- kóo** *id.* sound of a tap or knock on any hard material, such as tapping on the table with a pencil or ruler
- koorî** (= **koonrî**) *id.* describes a misfit in a gathering or play, as when a much older child is playing among younger children
- kópa** *id.* the sound of a hard knock on the head
- kórikori** *id.* dry and solid (of an object); firm and well-developed (as of newborn babies); mature (of fruits)
- koriyaí** *v.acc.* get on well with: **Ị mọ a mọmọ kòriyaighá** I am not on good terms with her.
- kóro<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* fall; lie down; drop; come down; alight; fall (in wrestling, in a trap); (of rain, dew, night) fall; descend; (*fig.*) come (to

one's hearing: **Egberibí bo ni wo tɔrɔyɔbɔ̀ kóromi** The story came to our hearing; **kóro àndalaɪ** stumble; **kóro bo** come down; **kóro sùin** fall prostrate; **beke dúò kóro bo** return from working away from home in an urban environment; retire to one's hometown (*opp.* **beke sùò**); **desi koró** jump down; **eré koro** be supine; lie flat on the back, face upwards; **fìrì ghò koró** be dismissed from work; **Erí fìrì ghò korodó** He has lost his job; **ìkìyòu kpò ghò kórogha** (it) does not occur to me; **kíri koro<sup>1</sup>** disembark (from ship, aeroplane which has landed); **kíri koro<sup>2</sup>** become infilled naturally; **Yòbì kiri korodó** The place has become infilled naturally; **ogbó koro** disembark (from ship, aeroplane); **owéi koro** be prone; lie face downwards, prostrate; **siín koro** fall by accident; collapse; drop off; fall off; **túa koro** fall in company of; sin with someone

**kóro<sup>2</sup>** *v.aux.* begin to; start to: **Ọ koró fìrì wènimì** They began to do the work.

**kóro<sup>3</sup>** *v.i.* be of required length or width (of cloth, net, etc.)

**kóro<sup>4</sup>** *v.loc.* (*usu.* **olóko ghò koro**) violate a law

**kóro<sup>5</sup>** *v.t.* (*usu.* **óru koro**) dance for the gods; be possessed with: **Áràù oru koroyemi** She is possessed by a deity. [or **óru sùò?** discuss]

**kóro<sup>6</sup>** *v.t.* *only used in the expression* **Izou lalá ìndi koroghá** A hasty (over-disturbed) swamp does not produce fish (*i.e.* a hasty work does not produce good results)

**kóro<sup>7</sup>** *n.* fall; **kóro ine** resist a fall (in wrestling)

**kóro<sup>8</sup>** *n.* face; **kóro faan** frown (*lit.* 'squeeze face'); **kóro fànghaɪn** have a twisted or asymmetrical face; (*sayings*): **Kóro èbi kìmí, kósu** The person (in a gathering) with a handsome face is the senior: **Kóro sei sòwèighá** Ugliness of the face cannot be hidden.

**kóro<sup>9</sup>** *n.* required width of something: **Béi bídèbì kóromòò!** The width of this cloth is up to/beyond the expected measurement. [different word?]

**Kóroama** *n.* a town in **Gbaraɪn ibé** of Northern Iẓon

**korobá** *n.* crowbar [*<*English crowbar]

**koromií** *id.* longer than normal

**koromikóromi** *id.* long and hanging

**kóromò<sup>1</sup>** [tone class 2 or 3?]*v.cs.* **A.** put down; throw down (in wrestling); dismiss from service; place; put in a particular place; **B.** lay eggs, *usu.* **anga koromó: Ofónibi koromoyemi** The fowl is laying; **C.** (*in combinations*) **bárasin koromó** let down; let fall; **dáa koromó** help to put down; push down; **déi koromó** put hook and line in water for fish; **díri akì koromó** apply, put on medicine; **duo koromó** expel or drive someone down (from ship, aeroplane, storey building); **kpokpóbà(ù) koromó** fish with hook, line and rod; **pèlè koromó** cut down (tree, person); fell (tree); **pulou akì koromó** oil; lubricate

**kóromò<sup>2</sup>** *v.dir.* fall towards (a direction); (*fig.*) bring (story) to: **Erí ègberibí àkì bó ni wo tɔrɔyɔbɔ̀ kóromòmì** He brought the story to us.

**kóromò<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* germinate cocoyam corms or sweet potatoes by placing them on a dunghill

**Kóro-òni-ama-otu** *n.pl.* people from an area in Igboland with multiple cicatrizations [**kóro** + **ònií flay** + **amá town** + **otu people**]

**kóropa** *id.* describes a hard but compressed knock full of energy

**kororoó** *id.* very long (like a tail); tall (of a person)

**kóru<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** keep watch; wait; **B.** *usu.* **déin koru**, keep wake; keep vigil beside corpse throughout night before burial/funeral, as the last ceremony for an adult dead person; **kóru erewòmò wàla** present food, drink and soap to the women who have been sleeping at the house of the deceased, after

shaving of the hair, before they leave; **tími koru** await; wait for

**kóru**<sup>2</sup> *v.t.* suffer (scarcity); **mọ̀un korú** starve oneself (of food); be short of food; **ṽkpán koru** suffer scarcity of fish

**kósu**<sup>1</sup> *v.a.* be old, elderly; **kósu kọ̀rì** become elderly: **Erí kosu kọ̀rìyemò!** He has become elderly; **kósu seri** unthinkable; cannot be recalled to memory due to age or length of time: **Egberibí ìne ghọ kosu sérimì** I am unable to recall the story to my memory. [discuss]

**kósu**<sup>2</sup> *n.* seniority: **Iné kosu akì tọ̀rų kpaà kųmọ** Do not be proud of your seniority.

**kosudáų** *n.* grandfather

**kósukìmjì** *n.* elderly person: **Kósukìmjì gba baa sara kaamì** It is easy to convince an old man to tell the truth (because he will not wish to die with a lie on his conscience); **Kósukìmjì tọ̀rų, okurukúrù tọ̀rų** An old person's eyes are owl's eyes (elders command more respect)

**kosuyéngì** *n.f.* grandmother (*cf.* **opuyenghí** great-grandmother)

**kótajì** *id.* describes a tall, stalwart person, or a higher elevation

**kótì** *n.* coat [*<English coat*]

**kótii** *id.* with a jump; with a thump (>**kótii**)

**kótiikòti** *id.* with a skipping motion

**kótikòti** *id.* with a run; in a running manner

**kótikó** (=kotúkòu) *n.* (*usu.* **kótikó èzeé**) [tone?] medium-sized drum beaten with one drumstick in **egelé** (moving dance) and **igųa arų**, and its sound; (*mus.*) conical outcurving open drum, smaller than **ebéle**, beaten with a stick

**kótokoto** *id.* steep; sloping at a steep angle; precipitous

**kotokpaá** *id.* tall; well-built and upright (as of large bird, animal or person)

**kotokpakotokpá** *id.* describes the movement of, and sound produced by, big animals with strong hoofs, *e.g.* horses

**kótoroò** *id.* high (as roof of a building, elevated piece of land); raised; lofty; tall

**kóu** [4] *n.* **A.** food-sharing game between a pair of children in the presence of a third person where they agree to share any form of food (cooked or roasted) either of them is eating, *esp.* when carried in the palms; to make it binding, the two concerned link their little fingers and both say, **Kóu wò**; the third person cuts the linked fingers with his hand to seal the agreement; **kóu tųa** make such an agreement; **B.** when such an agreement has been made, if A has food, B can say **Kóu wò** to make him share; but if A says it first, B loses his share.

**kóukou** *id.* the sound produced when cutting a big tree with a big axe, or cutlass

**kóukòukóu** *id.* sound from the feet of cock

**kóun**<sup>1</sup> *n.* "potash"; a yellowish-grey stone from the North which is ground for use in cooking and with snuff [*<Hausa kánwáa*] (*cf.* **ųká**, *used in the same way*)

**kóun**<sup>2</sup> *n.* hide beetle, which cuts up dried fish or meat into bits (family DERMESTIDAE) or weevil (family CURCULIONIDAE) [tone?]

**kóun**<sup>3</sup> *id.* describes the sound of a hard blow on the head or something hollow; thump

**kóunkoun**<sup>1</sup> *n.* empty tin of dried milk, etc., used by children for playing

**kóunkoun**<sup>2</sup> *id.* sound; healthy; fit

**kó** *id.* sound of a tap or knock on any hard material (such as tapping on table with pencil or ruler)

**kọ̀bųkọ̀bų** *id.* shy; nervous; fearing to act or speak

**kọ̀gųdųkọ̀gųdų** *id.* with several bends (*<kogudukógodu*)

**kọ̀gųdųų** *id.* crooked, bent, as a deformed leg, or the trunk of a tree with a bulge (*<kogudúų*)

**kọ̀jì** *id.* sound as of match when struck

**kọ̀jìkọ̀jìkọ̀jì** *id.* tapping sound and action produced by walking on a tarred road or cement floor with shoes that have very hard soles

**kọ̀jìnkọ̀jì** *id.* tiny



**kòinzòò** *id.* tall but badly shaped; disproportionate

**kókìì** *id.* very shallow; not deep, as of river

**kòkìrî** *id.* bony (=kòkòrî)

**kòkìrìkòkìrì** *id.* bony; emaciated (<kokirikókiri) (=kòkòrìkòkòrì)

**kòkò** *adv.* actually; **kòkò nì** lest I forget; I remember: **Kòko nì, ye iné isomu egberibi gbàdó** Lest I forget – I have delivered your message.

**kòkòbàì** *n.* truth; reality; importance

**kòkòmàì** *a.* true; important

**kòkòmàìnye** *n.* truth; importance

**kòkòrî** *id.* bony (=kòkìrî)

**kòkòrìkòkòrì** *id.* bony (=kòkìrìkòkìrì) (<kokirikókori)

**kòlìì** *id.* bent, with some bulging backwards

**kòlìkòlì** *id.* tiresome; painstaking; time-wasting; cumbrous

(**kòlò**) *n.* narrower part of limb or paddle; **bàra kòlò** lower, slender part of forearm; **ofóni buò kòlò** tarsus of bird's leg; **yòwèì kòlò** handle of paddle

**kòlò** *v.a.* be sour (as of soup or “porridge”) (=kùngbò)

**kòlòkòlò** *v.a.* very slender in part or in whole (*e.g.* of tree, person): **Ará buòmò kòlòkòlò kì èmi** Her legs are slender.

**kòlòkòlòlò** *v.a.* be slimy (*e.g.* of soup); be slippery (of surface) [example?]

**kòlòlò** *id.* slimy (of soup)

**Kòlòmà** (=Òkòlòmà) *n.* Kóluma; **Kòlòmà tòrù** Kóluma river

**Kòlòmà-tòrù-èdèdè** (=Òkòlòmà-tòrù-èdèdè) *n.* medicinal herb, also used for love potions (*Emilia coccinea* (Sims) G. Don COMPOSITAE) ((**O**)kòlòmà + tòrù river + èdèdè grass)

**kòlòpàmá** *n.* flame tree, with red flower, whose pods are called **gbapínpin-kàla-arù** (*Spathodea campanulata* P. Beauv. BIGNONIACEAE); drops of the liquid from the pods are put on the eyes by children to cool down

**kòluyù** *v.i.* become sober (*cf.* zìní)

**kòluyù** *v.i.* be fed up, tired out, morose, dejected

**kòmbòlòkòmbòlò** *id.* describes a series of arc-shaped objects (<kombolokómbolo)

**kòmbòlòò** *id.* down-curved like the beak of a bird, or a hook; arc-shaped (<kombolòò)

**kòmpàsì** *n.* (*geom.*) (pair of) compasses [*<English compasses*]

**kòmpìnì** *n.* (trading) company [*<English company*]

**kòmu** *n.* main stalk of plantain, from which “hands” grow

**kòngbòò** *id.* very lean, *esp.* after somebody has been sick for a long time

**kòngìrî** *id.* fairly tall but flabby; very lean and emaciated

**kòngiyòò** (=kòngiyòò) *id.* lean; thin; not plump [check pronunciation; ng or ngh?]

**kòngòlòò** *id.* with an oversized head; with the head tilted to one side

**kònikòní** *id.* very slow (over doing something)

**kònikònimò** *adv.* very slowly

**kònlèì** *v.recip.* (of lovers or spouses) play; embrace: **Ò máa kònlèiyemò!** You two are embracing each other.

**kònlòkònlò** *id.* delicate; tender (*e.g.* of girls)

**kònlòkònlò** *id.* (of person) acting in a disagreeable manner; protesting or refusing in a tantalizing way; pretentious

**kòno** *n.* left; (*fig.*) wrong side or way (*e.g.* inside-out); unusual; **kòno anga** left side; **kòno bara** left hand; **kòno bara ànga** leftward; left-hand side; **kòno paa** be born feet first; **kòno subo** be left-handed; **kòno tẹin** flow in reverse direction to the expected one; **kòno tẹ** stand on one's hands; **kòno tụa** wear inside-out; **kòno wàì** turn to the wrong side (*i.e.* clockwise); **kòno wẹnì** walk on one's hands

**kònoqonò** *id.* not zealous; inept; clumsy; unable to carry out duties dexterously

**kòno-nàá-àmaá-gẹmò** *a.* (*tech.*) horizontal

**kònomòò** *id.* not straightforward; awkward; clumsy

[**kòṅṅ-oweí** *n.* leopard Is this Kolokuma?]  
**kòṅṅ** *n.* first-born; first-fruits; **kírí kòṅṅ** first bunch from a plantain farm, which is not eaten by the owner alone, but distributed to relatives, friends and elderly people; **tòbòṅ kòṅṅ** first-born (child) (=kòṅṅtòbòṅ)  
**kòṅṅtòbòṅ** *n.* first-born (child)  
**kòṅṅ<sup>1</sup>** *v.a.* be left; remain: **Kòṅ otúmò bó** Let the remaining people come; : **Kèṅí kírí kòṅ** One more remains: **Maamù kúmò kòṅṅṅ** Only two are left; **kírí kòṅ yemò** remainder; remnant; left-overs  
**kòṅṅ<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* (only in commands; shortened form of **kòṅṅ ní akí**) take it; have it; receive it  
**kòṅṅ<sup>3</sup>** *v.loc.* (used only in) **tòṛṛ ghò kòṅ** be disgusted with certain misbehaviour; nuisance; **kímjama tòṛṛ ghò kòṅ** be a nuisance before others [check]  
**kòṅ, kòṅ** (shortened forms of **kí ghò, kí ghò**)  
**kòṅṅṅ** *v.t.* leave over or behind  
**kòṅṅ<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* fish; look for fish; gather up; **bou kòṅṅ** engage in fishing; **dú kòṅ** fish with long net; **ígírí kòṅ** look for small fish; scoop up in basket  
**kòṅṅ<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* pick (e.g. herbs or grasses for medicinal use); **dírí kòṅ** gather medicinal herbs  
**kòṅṅ<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* look for (as in making one's living); **ninibara kòṅṅ** habitually attack secretly to murder ritually, to sell into slavery, or to rob; (saying) **Kòṅbò kòṅbò bìbì, ofóniama tèmèsuo** Everyone finds food for himself, that is the drum-name of fowls.  
**kòṅṅ<sup>4</sup>** *v.i.* hurt; smart: **Díríbi kòṅ kaamí** The medicine smarts a lot; **bólou kòṅṅ** be angry  
**kòṅṅ<sup>5</sup>** *n.* what has been gathered or killed, such as small fish or lobsters, prawns, etc. (cf. **bou**); **kòṅ subo tòbòṅ** a child who takes care of fish already caught  
**kòṅṅ<sup>6</sup>** *n.* the luck one has in killing fish or animals, or in collecting snails **kòṅṅ èbíí** have good luck; **kòṅṅ sèí** have bad luck (cf. **osúò**)  
**kòṅṅ<sup>7</sup>** *n.* neck; **kòṅṅ sùnṅṅ** stretch, crane the neck

**kòṅṅbisóu** *n.* girth of the neck  
**kòṅṅ-ìbá** *n.* length of the neck  
**kòṅṅ-ìgbá** *n.* necklace; bead worn by girl after circumcision. This word for necklace is used in preference to **amatá ìla** in the case of a widow. When the husband of a woman dies, the necklace is removed from her neck — a sign to show that she is mourning; but when another man in the family takes her as wife, strictly following the appropriate customs, she begins to wear the necklace again; **kòṅṅ-ìgbá pèlè** cut the necklace. This is done before the elders at the ancestral shrine (**kíríyewàrì**) or in their compound, when a remarried widow and her husband divorce each other. Until this is done, she is not recognised as being divorced, nor has she any right to choose another husband from the family.  
**kòṅṅ-ìsínyan** *n.* jugular vein  
**kòṅṅ-tuá-ìla** *n.* necklace  
**kòṅṅrìṅ** (=kòṅṅrìṅ) *id.* of children who are sick with yaws; thin, hungry-looking from malnutrition (*opp.* **vidoó**)  
**kòṅṅsìṅí** *n.* Government [*<English consul*]  
**kòṅṅyó** *n.* remainder; surplus  
**kòpà<sup>1</sup>** *n.* penny; kobo [*<English copper=penny*]  
**kòpà<sup>2</sup>** *n.* (tech.) copper; **kòpà sòlfeti** copper sulphate [*<English copper=metal*]  
**kòpìì** *id.* sitting with the trunk bent inwards and the head dropped  
**kòpù** *n.* cup; cigarette-tin (used as measure for loose food) [*<English cup*]  
**kòrì<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** take hold of; hold; take; catch; arrest; detain; **kòrì ghò sùò** be in detention; **kòrì tìtèmò** ceremonial making deceased person sit down; **kòrì tuá** set bones; **kòrì wèṅimò** guide, lead (e.g. child, blind man); **bólou kòrì** guide; lead; **eré kòrì** become engaged, betrothed: **Eri kí à kòrì wonímí** He is engaged/betrothed to her; **ikia kòrì** make friends; **kébi kòrì** tie firmly; strengthen an already tied object by passing the rope several times between two objects;

**kíri kọ̀rì** go aground (as canoe); **láa kọ̀rì** overreach; outwit; circumvent; entrap; **wárí kọ̀rì** build a house; **B.** take hold of one (as bodily sensation): **Mọ̀ún ì kọ̀rìdọ̀/Arí mọ̀ún kọ̀rìdọ̀** I am hungry: **Uruú ù kọ̀rìdọ̀/Erí ùruú kọ̀rìdọ̀** He is drunk, intoxicated; **sìnghaín kọ̀rì** feel sleepy: **Sìnghaín ì kọ̀rìyémi** I am feeling sleepy; **tọ̀rú kọ̀rì** be pleased, satisfied, with (*lit.* 'seize (the) eye'): **Iné wẹ̀nifiribì ìne tọ̀rú kọ̀rìmi** Your work satisfies me/I am satisfied with your work.

**kọ̀rì<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* earmark something for future use; **bùú sou yọ kọ̀rì** mark a spot in a marshy place for digging a fishpond; **kíri kọ̀rì** put a special sign (**ogìè**) on a piece of virgin land to claim ownership; **tín kọ̀rì** mark a tree for carving canoe

**kọ̀rì<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* pawn (something) in exchange for money; **yé akì pìrì kọ̀rì** mortgage; pledge; pawn

**kọ̀rì<sup>4</sup>** *v.t.* contribute (freely, according to one's ability or wish) (*contrast otúo*, a fixed amount or levy)

**kọ̀rìí<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.p.* catch on (as fire); light up (as lamp)

**kọ̀rìí<sup>2</sup>** [5] *v.p.* season (of salt in soup); sweeten (of sugar in tea): **Fùlọ̀bì fùú kọ̀rìdọ̀** The salt in the soup is enough. [tone?]

**kọ̀rì-kí-dìna-sán** *n.* abusive name for someone who has to be directed before doing the right thing [*has to be held to urinate*]

**kọ̀rìkọ̀rì** *v.i.?* be tiresome, wearisome

**kọ̀rìkọ̀rì** *v.i.?* dilly-dally

**kọ̀rìmó<sup>1</sup>** *v.dir.* steer canoe with paddle: **Áru kọ̀rìmọ** Steer the canoe with the paddle.

**kọ̀rìmó<sup>2</sup>** *v.cs.* season; sweeten: **Fùú tọ̀ nàà fùlọ̀ kọ̀rìmọ** Add salt to season the soup.

**kọ̀rìmọ̀** *v.cs.* ignite; enkindle; make up (fire) to make it brighter [sentence example]

**kọ̀rìmọ̀yé** *n.* rudder; steering wheel

**kọ̀rìnghími** *a.* inflammable

**Kọ̀rìpamó** *n.* male personal name, based on the saying **Arí ì kọ̀rì paamọ̀dọ̀ wèé, arí má fìghá èé** I have held you and brought you out – you won't die again (said by an older person to a baby to prevent it dying).

**kọ̀rìwẹ̀nìyẹ̀ (=kọ̀rìwẹ̀nì)** *n.* used in:  
**Kọ̀rìwẹ̀nìyẹ̀, sáa** What someone is given to hold becomes a debt, i.e. a responsibility.

**kọ̀rìyọ̀ámà** *n.pl.* (*finance*) shares

**kọ̀rọ** *n.* **A.** wine-palm (*Raphia hookeri* Mann & Wendl. PALMAE). Its parts are: (*bot.*) **kọ̀rọ beri** leaflet; **kọ̀rọ biri** stem; **kọ̀rọ bọ̀lọ̀** unexpanded frond; **kọ̀rọ bọ̀mọ̀un** raphia rachis; **kọ̀rọ ẹ̀fẹ̀rẹ̀** tangled fibre; **kọ̀rọ isou** bunch; **kọ̀rọ ìmọ̀lọ̀** terminal bud; **kọ̀rọ isjan** fibre or piassava (sclerenchyma); **kọ̀rọ pomu** frond or petiole base (the rachis and the leaves); **kọ̀rọ tuu** base; **kọ̀rọ ungbosu** fruit; **kọ̀rọ ungbosu apura** scaly husk; **kọ̀rọ ungbosu fumu** hard seed; **kọ̀rọ ungbosu meni** oily pulp; **kọ̀rọ ungbou** nerve of leaflet; midribs of the leaves; **apọ̀i kui** the three small and short fronds which grow after the **inima pomú** (if not tapped at this point, the **kọ̀rọ** will develop fruit); **inima pomú** stunted leaf preceding **apọ̀i kui** and inflorescence [order not clear]: **Kála kọ̀rọ̀ dọ̀un tọ̀agha áà?** Doesn't the young wine-palm have grubs [and therefore not produce palm-wine]? (Retort of old people to young.); **B.** raffia; bast, the fibre extracted from the unexpanded leaves of the frond

**kọ̀rọ̀dọ̀un** *n.* wine-palm beetle larva (=loí)

**kọ̀rọ̀kọ̀rọ̀** *id.* full of, abounding in, wine-palms

**kọ̀rọ̀ngbọ̀ò** *id.* thin; emaciated

**kọ̀rọ̀mìkọ̀rọ̀mì** *id.* straggly, as when a woman's hair has been plaited and some strands are coming out; or of threads coming out of a frazzled seam

**kọ̀rọ̀-ofoni** *n.* beetle developed from **dọ̀un** [rather **kọ̀rọ̀-đọ̀un?**], the wine-palm grub

**kóro-ofoni-mọ-wò-ọwọ̀uàma-mọ** *n.* the Milky Way [*wine-palm beetle and its children*]

**kọrọrọ** *id.* lean; thin; slender

**kọsị** [4] *id.* with a sharp cut

**kọsịkọsị** *id.* describes an unending and painful illness which persists till the death of its victim: **Erí kọsịkọsị kị dọnmị** He is terminally ill with a painful disease.

**kọtì** *n.* court [*<English court*] (=bìbìgbawarì)

**kọtìjì** *id.* with a jump; with a thump (<kótii)

**kọtìkiri** *n.* court premises, compound [*court-land*]

**Kọtìkiri** *n.* personal name

**kọtìkọtì(kọtì)** *id.* running on tip-toe; hopping

**kọtìmá** *n.* Customary Court messenger [*<English court man?*]

**kọy** *id.* sound produced when tops hit each other

**kọyọkọy** *id.* tapping (of shoes, especially with leather soles)

**kpá¹** *id.* noise of a dane gun when it has failed to explode

**kpá²** (**kpáà** in sentences) *id.* quickly; smartly

**kpáá¹** *v.t.* secure (e.g. tie child on back, fix lobster-pot in position); bandage

**kpáá²** *v.t.* **A.** arrest; apprehend: **Ọrọ̀ ỳ kpáá nì akító** They have arrested him.

**kpáá³** *v.t.* narrow both ends of tree trunk in order to give canoe its right shape, *usu.* **áru kpaá**

**kpáá⁴** *v.t.* (only with **ogidí**); **ogidi kpaá** hastily sharpen matchet without using water

(**kpáá⁵**) *v.t.* (only with **tọrụ**); **tọrụ kpaá** be proud of one's special ability or skill: **i búi kpaayèmi tọrụbị** this pride you are displaying

**kpáá⁶** *v.i.* use paddle on one side to steer canoe

**kpáá⁷** *n.* flexible piece of stick used in setting lobster-pot

**kpáà¹** *excl.* describes noise of a dane gun misfiring [*cf.* **kpá¹** ?]

**kpáà²** *see* **kpá²**

**kpáàà** *id.* sound of small pod exploding and scattering its seeds (<**kpóòà**)

**kpáalaà** *id.* very few; very small

**kpáalakpàala** *id.* **A.** scanty; meagre (e.g. of gift); **B.** thin (as of fish like **epelepélé**); **C.** thin and dangling (as of deformed leg or underfed baby)

**kpaamọ** *v.dir.* set lobster-pot at side of river or canal

**kpaán** *n.* excessive ambition; **kpan tuá** be excessively ambitious

**kpáan** *id.* prolonged or high-pitched calling or trumpeting

**kpáankpaan** *id.* prolonged or high-pitched calling or trumpeting [different from **kpánkpan?**]

**kpáarin** (=kpáanrin) *v.i.* dry up (always follows **irí**) [sentence example]

**kpá-fìnì-ogugu-póu** (=ì-kpó-fìnì-ogugu-póu) *n.* one of the rules of the **ikóso** game

**kpágagòò** (=kpághaghòò) *id.* sharp and painful (of bite or sting)

**kpáí¹** *id.* completely finished, exhausted: **Fíyaimọ kpáí fàdọ̀ wèé** The food is completely finished.

**kpáí²** [5] *v.i.* cringe

**kpáí¹** *id.* describes sound of padlock being locked; hence, of someone being locked up in jail

**kpáí²** *id.* linked together, as of two things stuck together; (*fig.*) closely, as in love or companionship

**kpáífiyụ** *id.* **A.** describes sucking sound as of a snail withdrawing into its shell; **B.** hence, a contemptuous sound with the mouth to express dislike, disregard, and disapproval; this scornful sound is at times followed by spitting on the ground (*cf.* **ingbísimọ**) NOT IN

**kpáikèní** *excl.* (I) beg your pardon

**kpáikpáí** *id.* moving furtively, showing guilt or fear; in a cringing way

**kpáikpáí** *id.* very small, meagre

**kpáìlòókpàìlòó** *id.* longer than the normal measure

**kpáìn** *v.i.* be calm, sober, quiet  
**kpáìn** *excl.* no! never!  
**kpáìñfori** [4] *id.*[?] found innocent; cleared of accusation: **Arí furu bíbìbòò kpáìñfori ki tẹ̀jnmì** I have been cleared of the accusation of stealing.  
**kpáìñkpáìn** *id.* disproportionately tiny (of sticks or limbs); **kpáìñkpáìn ukpun** very thin sugarcane  
**kpáka** *v.t.* shake (as a tree fallen and grounded in the river shakes in the current); **tíbjì kpaka** shake head (of human being, when wet, or to show disagreement or stubbornness) (*cf.* **kpókọ**)  
**kpákaà** *id.* opposing, rejecting (a move): **Arí ù tolumóda aba, erí kpakaà kị mịeyémi** When I gave him advice, he vehemently rejected it.  
**kpakakpaká** *id.* shaking, as of elephant grass (**ìmbẹ̀bẹ̀lẹ̀**) affected by current or storm (faster and more rhythmically than **kpákakpàka**)  
**kpákakpàka** *id.* shaking (as of tree in current) (less frequently and more irregularly than **kpakakpaká**)  
**kpákamu** *id.* drinking (water) in gulps when one is very thirsty  
**kpakaraá** *id.* tall; bulky  
**kpakelekpákele** *id.* undulating, as ground (of appearance, not movement)  
**kpákelekpàkele** *id.* describes movement of someone walking on undulating ground  
**kpakirikpakirí** *id.* describes noise and effect produced when an animal with a carapace, or a strong person or object, rolls fast on hard or stony ground, or in an iron container  
**kpákirikpàkiri** *id.* describes a slower movement than **kpakirikpakirí**, as of a baby crawling  
**kpákì¹** *v.i.* be scratchy, tickle (as of bristles of beard)  
**kpákì²** *v.t.* extract thorn, etc., from body with needle, blade, etc.  
**kpákìrì** *v.t.* find fault with a person by words or action; arouse anger in this way

**kpakìrì** *id.* very strong and tough (as person with stunted growth, or hardened soil, or dried fish)  
**kpakìrìkpákìrì** *id.* rough, as of surface; scaly  
**kpakoo** *id.* with wide open mouth  
**kpakoroó** *id.* stiff; hard  
**kpakpáìn** *id.* congealed [discuss] (>**kpakpáìn?**)  
**kpakpai** [5] *v.p.* wear away (of wood, etc.); go bad with getting soft (of yam): **Burubí kpàkpáìnìmì** The yam has gone bad in parts.  
**kpákpai** *v.t.* cut off bad parts: **Áràù bùrubí kpàkpáidẹ̀jì kọ̀ tọ̀mì** She cut off the bad part of the yam before cooking it.  
**kpakpáìn** *id.* dried up, as of the surface of a watery place become hard enough to walk on (<**kpakpáìn?**)  
**kpakpakpaá¹** *id.* strong trembling, shaking feeling (of part of body (contrast **girigirí**, for the whole body)  
**kpakpakpaá²** *id.* shaking; fidgety, as of the hand or legs of a person in sickness [different from preceding?]  
**kpakpamòò** (= **kpakpamùù**) *adv.* in a dry way  
**kpakparakpakpará** *id.* hastily; hurriedly; speedily  
**kpakulukpákulu** *id.* bumpy (>**kpakùlùkpákùlù**)  
**kpakurukpakuru** *id.* sound from within an enclosed space (*e.g.* of pot boiling with a cover on) [*cf.* next?]  
**kpákurukpàkuru** *id.* sound and movement of a big creature moving inside something (*e.g.* a tortoise in a sack) [*cf.* preceding?]  
**kpakùlùkpákùlù** *id.* bumpy (<**kpakulukpákulu**)  
**kpakurùù** *id.* dry and hard  
**kpálaà** *id.* describes the sound and action of beating someone with part of the palm (<**kpólaà**)  
**kpalaí** *id.* in pieces; scattered about  
**kpalakpalá** *id.* broken into pieces and scattered: **Èfẹ̀rẹ̀bjì kpàlakpala kị pẹ̀jìmì** The plate broke into pieces.

**kpalakpalayé** *n.* small, unimportant item:  
**Dèdèé kpalakpalayeámà kpe** Only pack some of the small things.

**kpálì** *v.t.* spy on; watch

**kpálíj** [5] *v.p.* lie in wait; ambush

**kpálìjkpálìj** *id.* advancing with great caution

**kpálìkpálì** *id.* skinny and ill-nourished; very tiny

**kpáloò** *id.* describes sound of a gunshot (<kimuu)

**kpangbaraá** *id.* tall and strong-looking

**kpangbú<sup>1</sup>** *id.* sound produced by the **akangá** drum; hence, **kpangbú èze** drum played with stick in right hand and left palm on drum (=akangá)

**kpámkpam** [4] *id.* tight (of clothes which are too small, over-filled belly, etc.) (*opp.* **woliowólio**)

**kpámu** *v.i.* be shocked greatly; be cut (with a snap)

**kpámùkpamù** *id.* tied tightly or firmly

**kpánaà<sup>1</sup>** *id.* stinging (from bee, ant, etc.)

**kpánaà<sup>2</sup>** *id.* objecting sharply; retorting

**kpána(a)kpàna(a)** *id.* itching; stinging

**kpánákpáná** *id.* **A.** legible and attractive; describes a bold and neat handwriting; **B.** describes pronounced tattoo marks

**kpángba** *id.* strong; tough [n or m?]

**kpánkpan** *id.* shouting shrilly at the top of one's voice [different from **kpáankpaan?**]

**kpápee** *id.* open-mouthed; with the mouth wide open in surprise

**kpapíyaá (=kpapíja)** *id.* light splash produced by something falling on water, or when fish flaps water with its tail, or when the paddle beats on the surface of water (<kpopiyaá)

**kpápù** *n.* scissors

**kpápù** *v.t.* cut (hair) with scissors, *usu.* **tíbj** **kpapù**

**kpápù<sup>1</sup>** *id.* silent; choked up; shy; mute; inactive

**kpápù<sup>2</sup>** *id.* closed, but flat, *i.e.* not protruding, as of toothless lips shut together

**kpáraà<sup>1</sup>** *excl.* never!; (*emphatically*) no! (= **kpéìn**)

**kpáraà<sup>2</sup>** *id.* dashing away instantaneously

**kparabuú** *id.* with a sharp and deep bite [any **kparabuú?**]

**kparaj** *id.* moving in different directions (as of millipedes, children, snake)

**kpáraka** [4] *id.* scratching sound produced when a matchstick strikes the matchbox; scratch; strike (match)

**kpárakakpàraka<sup>1</sup>** *id.* not smooth, sound produced when rough surface is scraped or match is struck repeatedly, or when dane-gun is set ready to shoot

**kpárakakpàraka<sup>2</sup>** *id.* at loggerheads; not quite in agreement

**kpárakayè** *n.* match (=agbaná, masísì)

**kparakítíyaj (=akparakítíyaj)** *n.* herb used for yam-stakes and to develop the foetus; its fruit **bou-ivín** is chewed to cure coughs (*Trachyphrynium braunianum* (K.Schum.) Bak. MARANTACEAE)

**kparakpará<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes swift movement

**kparakpará<sup>2</sup>** *id.* sound of falling continuously from above, as sand or small pebbles

**kpáramù** *id.* blinking

**kpáramùkpàramù** *id.* (of eyes) blinking continuously

**kpáraràa** *id.* appearing suddenly; shooting out, *esp.* as small snake (<kpóroròò)

**kpararakpárara** [2] *id.* hoarse and broken (of voice)

**kpárii** *id.* accepting without arguing; swallowing a story hook, line and sinker

**kpárij** [3] *v.a.* be dry (of things); be skinny (of people)

**kpárijkparij** *id.* dry; shrivelled

**kpárimò** *v.cs.* dry (*e.g.* cassava)

**kparimóò** *id.* small and dried-up; wizened

**kpáru** *id.* sound produced when the stomach of a big animal such as goat or elephant, or a fat person's stomach is beaten; thudding [?]

**kpásii<sup>1</sup>** *id.* sound of beating someone heavily; thumping

**kpásii<sup>2</sup>** *id.* sound of heavy thing cutting [or being cut?] (>kpásiij)

**kpásikpàsi** *id.* describes movement and sound of someone fairly big, with broad feet coming down flat on ground, lifting legs high and striding flat-footedly (>**pásipàsi**)

**kpásijì<sup>1</sup>** *id.* sound of heavy [?] thing cutting [or being cut?] (<**kpásii**)

**kpásijì<sup>2</sup>** *id.* clapping the hands; with a snap;  
**Érì kpásijì kị pẹlẹmị** The thread breaks/broke with a snap.

**kpáta<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* (*usu.* **kíri kpatà**) clear virgin bush with a view to claiming plot as one's own

**kpáta<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* chop up branches and trunks of felled trees on a farm to enable them to dry quickly and be burnt off [combine with previous?] [tone?]

**kpátaà** *id.* quickly; hurriedly; able to remove or carry instantly, or lift without any strain;  
**kpátaà serí** get up quickly and smoothly (from sitting position, without strain)

**kpatabuu** *id.* splash; sound of falling into water

**kpátakpàta** *id.* quick; quickly

**kpátamuù** *id.* big splash; noise produced when a heavy object drops into water

**kpátumọ** *v.cs.* constrict; narrow down

**kpátuù** *id.* constricted, too tight (*e.g.* of clothes); less than the normal size (*e.g.* of bundle of stakes); compact

**kpau** [1] *id.* with a bump or thud (*usu.* with **kóro**; *cf.* **gbau**) (>**kpau**)

**kpaungbúkpaungbú** *n.* onomatopoeic name for a drum; very easy to play, played with hands by both men and women during wrestling, **egelé**, **egẹné**, etc. [Any alternative name for this drum?]

**kpau**[1] *id.* with a light bump or thud (<**kpau**)

**kpáyoo** *id.* **A.** very close, as in love; **B.** completely closed or shut, as a blind eye

**kpébuu<sup>1</sup>** *id.* (of teeth) dirty: **Bíbjì sẹ kpébuu** The teeth are really dirty.

**kpébuu<sup>2</sup>** *id.* filled to the brim with dirty matter, as faeces or rotten bodies packed full in a container [discuss; combine with previous?]

**kpébuu<sup>3</sup>** *id.* quiet; calm [example?]

**kpéé** *v.t.* pack; pile up; gather together

**kpéekpee** *id.* describes a quick knocking against a hard thing, strong wood or head with a club, cudgel or hammer, and the sound so produced (<**kpóokpoo**)

**kpée<sup>3</sup>** *dem.* only; same; very (never used alone); **kpée kẹnì tọbọu** only child; **béi kpee kẹnì fun** this same book

**kpée<sup>5</sup>** *id.* seldom: **Wónì kpée ki nì iné ẹrìyẹmì** We seldom see you.

**kpéekpèè** *id.* describes driving a nail into a table, chair, etc., and the noise produced thus

**kpéekpee<sup>1</sup>** *dem.* very same; **béi kpeekpèè kẹnì fun** this very same book

**kpéekpee<sup>2</sup>** *id.* very seldom; only occasionally

**kpéeleè** *id.* describes a protruding and overhanging object (cliff, hive of bees, forehead, stomach) (>**kpéleleè**)

**kpéenekpèene** *id.* (of plantain/banana) full grown, but not yet ripe

**kpeeraíkpèeraí** *id.* weeping loudly

**kpeerékpèéré** *id.* big in size

**kpéferee** *id.* in blocks or layers; entirely

**kpeí** [5] *v.p.* gather

**kpeín** *v.i.* blink; wink

**kpéinkpèin** *id.* cumbersome; disturbed [?]

**kpéiraà** *id.* turn aside suddenly; turn from one side to the other; turn automatically to another side, *e.g.* canoe

**kpeiyaa** *id.* describes how something or someone slips and falls; with a great fall; falling headlong

**kpéke** *v.t.* shake to loosen (referring only to something pinned): **Tínbjì kpèke dií** Shake the stick and see.

**kpekebèè** *id.* in a great mass (of earth collapsing under erosion): **Ẹpétẹbjì kpekebèè ki kureimi/pẹjì kóromi** The soil collapsed massively by erosion.

**kpekebekpékebe** *id.* broken into big bits; fragmentary

**kpékeekpèke** *v.i.* waver; quiver; falter; be irresolute [example?]

**kpekeí** *v.p.* shake: **Tínbí kpekeíyemi** The tree is shaking.  
**kpekekpeké** *id.* very anxious  
**kpekekpeke<sup>1</sup>** *id.* heartless; uncaring; unaffected (e.g. by news of death or any unusual happening)  
**kpekekpeke<sup>2</sup>** *id.* shaken (emotionally): **Suṣubí kòro bi, kímimọ sẹ bó kpekekpeke ki paaami** When the war began, everyone was shaken.  
**kpekelèè** *id.* suddenly overturned; tumbling over  
**kpekelekpékele** *id.* uneven (of ground): **Kírí sẹ kpekelekpékele ki èmi** The ground is quite uneven.  
**kpéki<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* gather; store up; collect in heaps; (in canoe-carving) heap wood at the foot of a tree and set fire to fell it by burning  
**kpéki<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* give support to; hold up; wedge  
**kpekii** *id.* thick; bulky (as of a person or pot)  
**kpekíí** [5] *v.p.* get together  
**kpekimejín** [5] *v.dir.p.* be gathered together (on water) or collected  
**kpékimọ** *v.cs.* support; prop; bolster up  
**kpékinaa** *id.* very great (of water in flood, or excessive water in soup)  
**kpepeleimó** *n.* a temporary building or shed  
**kpékperee** *v.acc.* meet unexpectedly with someone on the way: **Wó wẹnị bo kpekpereedọ** We have just come across each other: **Áràú mu ni ù mọmọ kpekpereemi** She met him unexpectedly.  
**kpéleè** *id.* describes child with bulging stomach (>**kpéleè**)  
**kpememeé** *id.* slimy; hanging down (as jelly, or slimy starch or very thick okra soup when pulled up to test, with ladle, etc.)  
**kpememekpémeme** *id.* slimy, jelly-like (like the skin of electric fish when cooked or boiled)  
**kpengbereé** *id.* tall; solid; bulky  
**kpépaá** *id.* in a thoughtful mood  
**kpépuu** *id.* describes a closed mouth with plump cheeks

**kpérein** (=kpénrein) *id.* banging; meeting with force or sudden impact, clashing; colliding; striking against something (=kpérekii)  
**kperekekperéké** *id.* hastily; hurriedly  
**kpérekii** *id.* banging; meeting with force or sudden impact, clashing; colliding; striking against something (=kpérein)  
**kpererée** *id.* breaking asunder; breaking into two; splitting into two  
**kperikperí** *id.* describes stomach which protrudes on account of having taken in much food and/or water (>**kperikperí**)  
**kpétemùu** *id.* daubed with dirt (as teeth stained heavily with coating of dirt particles)  
**kpéte nì** *see* **ikpéte nì** in so far as  
**kpéwe** *id.* describes sound as of blow on the head with a stick (>**kpéwe**): **Erí ìngbekebí àkí kpéwe ki ni wò tịbị famụmị** He hit him on the head with a stick.  
**kpéwemọ** *adv.* with a strong beating [blow?]  
**kpẹbuu<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes a distended stomach  
**kpẹbuu<sup>2</sup>** *id.* shortish  
**kpẹbuu<sup>3</sup>** *id.* an expression saying that a woman is in the family way  
**kpẹè** (=kpẹin) *excl.* never!; (emphatically) no! not at all; (=kpáraà)  
**kpẹẹ<sup>1</sup>** *id.* unconcernedly; idly  
**kpẹẹ<sup>2</sup>** *id.* clinking: **Olólo famụda aba, kpẹẹ kị fieyemi** When the bottle is struck, it clinks. (=kpẹin)  
**kpẹẹkpẹẹ** (=kpẹkpẹkpẹ) *id.* talking intelligently and fast (*usu.* with **ẹrẹẹ**)  
**kpẹẹlekpẹẹle<sup>1</sup>** *id.* delicate; weak; on the verge of falling (of tears, or tree on the edge of a cliff whose base has partly been eroded)  
**kpẹẹlekpẹẹle<sup>2</sup>** *id.* taking things lightly  
**kpẹẹnekpẹẹne** *id.* a feeling of pain from a slight dislocation at the joints  
**kpẹẹrekpẹẹrekpẹẹre** *id.* talkative; loquacious; chattering; talking quickly or smartly; sputtering; spluttering  
**kpẹin** (=kpẹi=kpẹẹ) *excl.* never!; (emphatically) no! (=kpáraà)



**kpéìn<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* dare (do): **Ị kpéìn nì ẹrẹ́ẹ̀ mọ̀, ye ị famúḍou wèè** If you dare talk, I will beat you.

**kpéìn<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes a high-pitched sound: **Olólo famúda aba, kpéìn kị (kpéìn kị) fiyémí** When the bottle is struck, it gives a clinking sound. (=kpéẹ̀)

**kpéke<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* talk or act in a jovial, agreeable manner

**kpéke<sup>2</sup>** *n.* cape; headland

**kpékeḷe** *v.i.?* fish with a rod by shaking the rod to keep the bait moving in order to draw the attention of fishes

**kpékeḷeè** *id.* (kept) too near the edge; dangerously poised

**kpékeḷeḿo** *adv.* in a dangerously poised way

**kpékpè** *id.* talking fast and intelligently, or insolently (as child to elder)

**kpékpè** *id.* toiling; working laboriously

**kpékpèkpè (=kpékpèè)** *id.* talking intelligently and fast (*usu.* with ẹrẹ́ẹ̀)

**kpékpèkpèè** *id.* close and threatening (*e.g.* of flood water, or of someone seeking a quarrel edging up): **Boweibení bo ni ògbó mọ̀ kpékpèkpè kị pàadọ̀** The flood-water has risen and is threatening to overflow into the town.

**kpékpèṅe** *v.i.* be quite empty

**kpékpèrè** *id.* close (of relationship) **kpékpèrè bina owei** very close male relative

**kpékuú** *id.* short; low; not high or tall

**kpéle** *n.* trifle

**kpéleè** *id.* describes a protruding and overhanging object (as child's stomach) (<kpéleè)

**kpéleḷe** *id.* empty and tired-looking; disappointed

**kpéleḷeè** *id.* describes a tired and disappointed mood when paddling [different from preceding?]

**kpélikpéli** *id.* describes swollen cheeks (*e.g.* as a result of drinking or of being forcibly weaned) (<kpòkùkpòkù)

**kpéluyú** *id.* lonely; lonesome

**kpèṅbèè** *id.* looking sickly; inactive

**kpèṅṅèè** *id.* slender but less in degree of quality [meaning?] to **peḷeḷeè**; it can be abusive as well as praising

**kpèṅgbèè** *id.* portable; capable of being easily carried by hand (as a box, handbag) [n or m?]

**kpèṅgbèṅkpèṅgbèṅ** *n.* a four-cornered wooden drum used in the **Asúkò** dance (ideophonic, describing the sound of **agumpé**) [n or m?] [same as **agumpé**?]

**kpèṅḡṅkpèṅḡṅ** *id.* attractive; neat [ng or ngh?]

**kpèṅḡḡèè** *id.* weak and indolent; languid; apathetic [ng or ngh?]

**kpèrèè** *id.* lonely

**kpèrèrèè** *id.* slender; slim

**kpèrìí** *id.* very short with protruding stomach

**kpèrìkpèrì** *id.* enlarged belly owing to overfeeding (<kpèrìkpèrì)

**kpèṅṅé<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* be enough, sufficient: **Imbíbi fùlọ̀ paanímí yòó, kpèṅṅímí yòó** Fishing in the lake has yielded enough for soup, it's sufficient.

**kpèṅṅé<sup>2</sup>** *id.* dormant; inactive; not in use

**kpèṅtí** *v.t.* discuss (matter)

**kpèṅun** *id.* very low or very short (as a very short neck)

**kpéwè** *id.* describes a light blow (<kpéwè)

**kpíbu** *id.* brittle (>kpíbu)

**kpíbuu** *id.* (giving forth) sound (as) of something bursting

**kpíiii<sup>1</sup>** *id.* flying out together, or moving out at once in a group (of people)

**kpíiii<sup>2</sup>** *id.* falling with a thud

**kpîñ** *id.* thickly woven, as of cloth or fish-trap; thick, well covered (as swarms of bees flying in the sky) (*opp.* **godobágòdobá**)

**kpíiri** *v.t.* roll (ball, etc.)

**kpíirikpíiri** *id.* heavy; heavy with child (>kpíirikpíiri)

**kpíkaàkpíkaà** *id.* describes the movement of one with an injured leg

**kpíki** *v.i.* limp; walk like a lame person

**kpíkpi** *id.* (giving forth) sound (as) of knocking on someone's door at night

**kpilamukpilamú** *id.* describes a lazy movement by someone who has very flexible legs (*see next*)

**kpilamuu** *id.* describes a person with very flexible legs, with the result that when standing the legs are pulled backwards; this is taken as a sign of laziness and thus not commended

**kpilibu** *id.* (giving forth) sound (as) of something heavy falling into the river; with a loud splash (>**kpilibu**)

**kpimu** *id.* describes noise produced when a big object falls to the ground; thumping

**kpinkikpìn** *id.* cry of a monkey

**kpípuu** *id.* (giving forth) sound (as) of something bursting (as a boil)

**kpiribuu** *id.* sound produced when a sharp-pointed stick or iron pierces deep into the skin (>**kpiribu**)

**kpíridiì** *id.* describes a long line of people or fishes clustered or tied to a rope and being dragged along

**kpíridii** *id.* describes lazy or slow movement of person or canoe (>**kpíridii**)

**kpírií** [5] *v.p.* roll on the ground

**kpírii** *id.* describes a sudden or unexpected advance towards an opponent, *esp.* during wrestling; (*fig.*) describes action taken on the spur of the moment, or impromptu decision

**kpírikikpíríki** *id.* (of the body of a person) rough; covered with a rash (>**kpírikikpíríki**)

**kpirimú** *id.* averting the eyes as a sign of displeasure

**kpíripu** *id.* banging; shutting with noise of sudden impact

**kpíririì** *id.* with sound of a heavy dragging motion (>**kpíririì**)

**kpísii** [4] *id.* bursting

**kpítii**<sup>1</sup> *id.* dark; terrifying; indistinct

**kpítii**<sup>2</sup> *id.* describes a massive collection of people: **Kími mọ yọbọ kpítii kị èmi** The people are crowded in the place. (>**kpítii**)

**kpitikpití** *id.* describes the falling of something in great quantity, as fruits such as wild mangoes (**bou-ogbéin**)

**kpítirií** *v.i.* move or gather in great numbers (of people or animals)

**kpíakpíá** *v.i.* dress gorgeously; look gay; appear attractive, charming and alluring

**kpíbu** *id.* brittle (<**kpíbu**)

**kpíin**<sup>1</sup> *id.* pitch-dark

**kpíin**<sup>2</sup> *id.* very many; uncountable

**kpíirikpíiri** *id.* heavy with child (<**kpíirikpíiri**)

**kpíirikpíiri** *id.* describes something small-sized but quite mature and tough (of human beings or fruits)

**kpíkò** *id.* short; not long or tall

**kpílamuu** *v.i.* be absent for a fairly long time

**kpílibu**<sup>1</sup> *id.* sound produced when a small but heavy object falls into the water; plop (<**kpílibu**)

**kpílibu**<sup>2</sup> *id.* short

**kpílikò** *see* **ikpílikò** very short

**kpílikpíli** *v.a.* [*or id.?*] completely black

**kpímkpím** *id.* tight; very full (*cf.* **pímpim**)

**kpímuu** *id.* completely blocked; deaf; totally, completely dark

**kpíninghikpíninghí** (= **kpíninginkpíningin**) *id.* describes a wobbling movement due to weakness in the joints

**kpínkpínkpín** *id.* talking through the nose (*usu.* with **eré**): **Ará eré sè kpínkpínkpín** Her talking is through the nose.

**kpínyo** *id.* agreeing readily; saying 'yes' without hesitation

**kpípúu** *id.* in abundance; surplus; very many

**kpíraikpírai** *id.* describes the sound of slopping about (in walking)

**kpíribuu** *id.* sound produced when a small sharp pointed stick or iron, such as an office pin or spines on the edges of the raffia palm leaf, pierces the skin (<**kpiribuu**)

**kpíridii** *id.* describes a lazy or slow movement of a person or canoe (such as an **igbumú**) ? (<**kpíridii**)

**kpírìdìkpírìdì** *id.* describes a lazy or slow movement

**kpírìkìkpírìkì** *id.* (of the body of a person) rough; covered with a rash (<kpírìkìkpírìkì)

**kpírìkìtìjì** *id.* very close to each other, *esp.* of two women in different canoes, moving side by side and conversing

**kpírìmù** *v.i.* cut, cease, stop abruptly

**kpírìmùkpírìmù<sup>1</sup>** *id.* soft; easily broken

**kpírìmùkpírìmù<sup>2</sup>** *id.* (of eyes) blinking all the time

**kpírìmùmò** *adv.* abruptly

**kpírìngìnì** (=kpírìngìnì) [check pron.] *id.* stopping automatically or suddenly

**kpírìrìjì** *id.* with sound of a light dragging motion (<kpírìrìjì)

**kpítaa<sup>1</sup>** *id.* persistent; putting one's whole mind and strength into doing something

**kpítaa<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes an over-loaded canoe, when the canoe is almost level with the water

**kpítìbùu** *id.* describes impending bad weather; also abusive when applied to human beings, *i.e.* ugly face

**kpítìjì<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes a massive collection of people, but implies a smallish size, thus more compact: **Kími mò yòbòò kpítìjìkì èmi** The people are crowded in the place. (<kpítìjì)

**kpítìjì<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes very bad impending weather (<kpítìjì, but discuss different meaning)

**kpítìkpítì** *id.* tightly bound or knotted [any kpítìkpítì?]

**kpíyaa** *id.* conscientious; scrupulous; having a strong sense of duty

**kpíyainkpíyain** *id.* describes the cry of hornbill or vampire (**amúsù**)

**kpíyùn** *id.* agreeing to a proposal very readily and easily without thinking; accepting, consenting, or approving without any protest

**kpó<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* mould (fufu, etc.) into lumps

**kpó<sup>2</sup>** *n.* ball or lump of fufu, native chalk or native medicine

**kpó<sup>3</sup>** *n.* coil or roll (of twine or thread); **éri kpo** ball of thread; **tùwèni kpo** ball of twine

**kpó<sup>4</sup>** *id.* sound of explosion, or of hitting someone on head

**kpòà** *id.* sound of a matchet cutting; sound of thrashing, beating or whipping with stick

**kpóan** *id.* describes a sudden shock or fear, usually experienced on hearing bad news

**kpóankpòan** *id.* describes the pain experienced during an acute headache

**kpofiyòò** *id.* empty; at a loss

**kpogozàà** *id.* chunky; describes a large piece of block [meaning?]

**kpói** *v.i.* make noise by pressing the thumb against the middle finger; snap fingers at someone in a threatening way (by bigger person) (>kpói) [v.i. or *id.*?]

**kpòù** *id.* noise produced by the explosion of a well-loaded gun

**kpòin** *id.* tall and straight; towering; perpendicular

**kpóka** *id.* describes a hard knock, such as when the toe knocks against a stone protruding above the surface, and the sound produced from such a knock

**kpokirikpókiri** *id.* bony (>kpòkìrìkpòkìrì)

**kpókiyo** *v.t.* oust; thrust; push; eject

**kpókiyokpòkiyo** *id.* cumbersome; troublesome; inconvenient (of things in the way)

**kpokomukpokomú** *id.* sound of gulping, quaffing, drinking in long draughts

**kpókoro** *id.* (giving forth) loud sound (as) of an empty calabash vessel falling or being disturbed (>kpòkòrò)

**kpókorokpòkoro** *id.* making noise like rats trying to steal from a rack

**kpókorokpòkorokpókoro** *id.* making sound like a calabash rattling

**kpokozàà** *id.* biting off a large lump at a time

**kpókpó<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.t.* cut into pieces with matchet, knife (*e.g.* plantain or yam) for the purpose of sacrificing to the deities, *esp.* during a storm

**kpókpo<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* clear, “brush”, farm by cutting grass short, not uprooting (*e.g.* for plantain, cocoa, rubber, farms) (*cf.* **dín, dúnù**)

**kpókpo<sup>3</sup>** *id.* sound of pounding in a wooden mortar: **utáràn temi bara, kpókpo**  
Pounding fufu, kpokpo!

**kpokpóbà (=kpokpóbàù)** *n.* hook, line and rod, used in the bush or river (*cf.* **déi**);  
**kpokpóbà koromọ** fish with hook, line and rod

**kpokpóbàù** *see* **kpokpóbà**

**kpókpoḡiyàì** *n.* bits of raw food offered to the gods

**kpokpoí** [5] *v.p.* peel off (as of skin)

**kpokpokpoó<sup>1</sup>** *id.* (of fever, cold) severe

**kpokpokpoó<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* do something enthusiastically; react strongly, either positively or negatively

**kpokporoó<sup>3</sup>** *id.* brawny; strong and muscular; tall and thick (fatter than **kpongboroó**)

**kpókorò** *id.* describes sound of a large key unlocking (<**kpókoroḡ**)

**kpókunaa** *id.* describes higher water than expected (of flood, fishpond, lake)

**kpokukpokú** *id.* oversized as if inflated; swollen beyond normal (>**kpokukpokú**)

**kpólaà** *id.* describes the sound and action of beating someone with the whole palm; (*fig.*) do something wholeheartedly: **Erí sịlì akpa fun ki akị naá kpolaà naá à sẹnmèè** He gave her a ₦200 note, without hesitating. (>**kpálaà**)

**kpokikpólóki** *id.* spraying saliva unconsciously while talking; dribbling when eating

**kpokpoló<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes things dropping from above in large quantity, as fruits from a shaken tree, or palm-nuts from the bunch, or big drops of copious dribble (*cf.* **wolowoló**, which describes things falling through holes)

**kpokpoló<sup>2</sup>** *id.* scattered about; dropping off [combine with preceding?]

**kpólomuu** *id.* precipitous; deeper than expected when tested (of water)

**kpoloó** *id.* overlong (of rope, etc.) (>**kpoloḡ**) (=lokpoó)

**kpólu<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* take (away) secretly, stealthily:  
**Áràù vi erèma burumọ kpolumeé** She stole the other woman’s yams secretly.

**kpólu<sup>2</sup>** *n.* tuft; **dúma kpolu** tuft of hair; bunch of hair gathered together in one place on head by women

**kpólumọ<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* tighten the wrapper at the waist by rolling it up into a lump

**kpólumọ<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* coax; try to persuade someone do something [?? example?]

**kpongboroó** *id.* brawny; strong and muscular; tall and thick (less fat than **kpokporoó**)

**kpómu** *id.* snapping suddenly and falling down (as rope)

**kpondorúù** *id.* over-sized (of human, as of a boy too big for his age)

**kpónonò** *id.* springing out, as of a big snake

**kponukúù** *id.* fat, big and hairy (of men)

**kpóó** *v.t.* clear away (rubbish); gather (things)

**kpòò** *id.* sound from explosion or gunshot; sound of something bursting

**kpóòà** *id.* sound of large pod exploding and scattering its seeds (>**kpáàà**)

**kpòòkpòò** *id.* rhythmically, as of sound of pounding: **utáràn temi bara, kpòòkpòò**  
Like pounding fufu – thud thud!

**kpóokpoo** *id.* loudly (*e.g.* of cutting tree in forest, or of calling people loudly and repeatedly)

**kpóokpoo** *id.* describes a quick knocking against a hard thing, strong wood or head with a club, cudgel or hammer, and the sound so produced (<**kpéekpee**) [discuss; different from preceding?]

**kpoolokpooló** *id.* loosely hanging

**kpóolokpòolo** *id.* hanging loosely; suspended in a relaxed manner from above

**kpoomẹ́n** [5] *v.dir.p.* be collected, gathered into one place; be wrinkled or gathered in lines, as of the wrinkles of face (= **gbitirií**)

**kpoomọ** *v.dir.* gather towards, together (as of rubbish); **kpoomọ tẹ́rì** fill or cover up; conceal

- kpoomótèrí** *n.* **A.** the lowest and smallest yam mound (**bùú**), usually squeezed in between bigger ones in order to occupy a seemingly wasted space; **B.** mounds specially prepared for planting **izón odu** (old cocoyam)
- kpoorókpòoró** *id.* in bigger or larger sizes, as gravel or palm-kernels
- kpoorókpòoró-òun** *n.* gravel [*larger sand*]
- kpóoro<sup>1</sup>** *id.* emaciated; describes a marked decrease in weight or size, as when one is ill
- kpóoro<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes when flood water or tide water decreases faster than expected
- kpòòye** *n.* a game in which a piece of clay in a round shape is hollowed, turned upside down and dashed straight and forcefully on the ground to produce a loud noise
- kpópaa** *id.* describes the action and the loud noise produced when something is broken off, *e.g.* tree branch
- kpopiyaá (=kpopuyaá)** *id.* with a big splash, but not spreading out like **kpopuwaá** (used with **kóro**) (>**kpapiyaá**)
- kpópu (=kpópuù)** *id.* explosive sound (as of hard pod of fruit bursting on impact with the ground and scattering its seeds) (contrast **túsì**, of a fruit bursting open as it hits the ground in a squashy way)
- kpopuwaá** *id.* with a big splash and spreading out (as waves) (*used with kóro, cf.* **kpopiyaá / kpopuyaá** with a big splash, but not spreading out)
- kpobuú** *id.* describing a big pointed thing (thorn, nail) piercing deep into another, *e.g.* skin
- kpóroi** *id.* describes the sound and the way a hard object is thrown into a hollowed object, *e.g.* canoe
- kporkakporoká** *id.* the state of being in a mad hurry; rashness due to excessive speed (of big persons)
- kporkikpóroki** *id.* untidily scattered (of objects inside house) (>**kpòròkìkpòròkì**)
- kporkporó<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes how a big python loosens its grip when attacked, or a rope suddenly slackens; (*fig.*) how things get lost in quick succession
- kporkporó<sup>2</sup>** *id.* pattering (with bigger lines of rain) (>**kpòròkìkpòròkì**)
- kpòroràà** *id.* describes a loud noise, as of canoe breaking asunder
- kpòroròò** *id.* suddenly coming into view (as a person without knocking, or a large snake seen either moving towards one or quickly gliding away) (>**kpáraràà**)
- kpórosi** *id.* entering forcefully, suddenly, and completely
- kpuruu** *id.* describes stagnant, barely moving portion of a river or stream, or stagnant water in a pool or lake (=lokuu<sup>2</sup>)
- kpuruú** *id.* swollen; dilated; distended; inflated; puffed up
- kpósaà<sup>1</sup>** *id.* telling off (rebuking) someone without reservation; speaking out frankly; being brutally frank
- kpósaà<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes the noise produced when a bag containing gari, etc., bursts open suddenly
- kpósaà<sup>3</sup>** *id.* describes a sudden bursting out to see something: **Wónì oróro dùò mú naa, abadìbòò kpósaà kị paameé** We followed the stream and burst out at the ocean.
- kpotií** [5] *v.recip.* chase each other
- kpotoró** *v.t.* gather abundantly; amass; collect things without discrimination
- kpótu** *v.t.* chase; drive away
- kpóun** *id.* (making) resonant sound (as of hitting the head heavily on something)
- kpóunkpòun<sup>1</sup>** *id.* well matured (as plantain)
- kpóunkpòun<sup>2</sup>** *id.* repeated sound as of something metallic reverberating inside a container
- kpowaa** *id.* sound of waves lapping heavily on shore
- kpó<sup>1</sup>** *part.* also; too; (not) even; **eri kpó** he too...: **Kenì kímì kpó bógha** Not even one person came: **Ekebí kpó má Bùru koromótọ** This time Rat threw Yam; **alá kpó àlaghayembi** not long after...; ...**kpó ...kpó ...má(nì) ...kpó** (*used to connect*

*parallel sentences*) ...and ...and ...and ...too: **Osuo kpó koromi; kima kpó paami; máni ùráú kpó paami** Rain fell; a storm came; and then the sun shone too. [TONE?]

**kpó²** *conj.* if... or if (...or if): **Ọńna kị koro kpó, Obóri ki koro kpó, máni Íwiri ki koro kpó, fína nì akíyaí yèé** If Sheep falls, or if Goat falls, or if Tortoise falls, he should be tied up and carried away. [TONE?]

**kpòà** *id.* trifling; unimportant: **béi kpòà kímìbì** this unimportant person

**kpóì** *v.i.* make noise by pressing the thumb against the middle finger; snap fingers at someone in a threatening way (<**kpóì**)

**kpókìkpòkì** *v.t.?* touch here and there; pick pocket; pilfer; steal [*id.* ?]

**kpókìrì** *id.* rather bony

**kpókìrìkpókìrì** *id.* bony (<**kpokirikpókiri**)

**kpókó** *v.t.* (*usu.* **tíbì kpókó**) nod the head (as human, to show assent, or lizard)

**kpókòrò** *id.* (giving forth) sound (as) of an empty calabash vessel falling or being disturbed (<**kpókoro**)

**kpókòrò** *id.* describes sound of a key unlocking (<**kpókoro**)

**kpókpo** *v.t.* *usu.* **kpókpoí**; cadge from another person continuously; sponge upon (somebody): drain; extort from: **Kímì bo ni ì kpókpo fí kumò** No one should come and sponge on me.

**kpókpo kpó²** *id.* empty, bare (as when the entire soup in a plate is licked up, leaving it totally bare)

**kpókpo kpó²** *id.* describes a bald head or windswept ground; well scraped, as a palm-kernel or other fruit with the outer part fully eaten or cleaned off; void of any cover

**kpókpolò** *id.* with a clinking sound: **Igodobí tòlíí tími àkpabì kpókpolò kírìbò kóromèè** The key dropped with a clink from the pocket with a hole.

**kpókpolò (=kpókpolè)** [5] *v.p.* (*used with kóro*) fall out, scatter (as sparks, coins, ripe palnuts)

**kpókponùkpókponù** *id.* acting in an evasive and guilty way, as a result of a guilty conscience

**kpókposìkpókposì** *id.* **A.** full of dirt, with bits of rubbish scattered here and there; **B.** very unkempt (of person); **C.** *fig.* the (unimportant) masses (*derog.*)

**kpókukpókú** *id.* describes swollen cheeks (<**kpokukpókú**, > **kpèlìkpèlì**)

**kpòlè** *v.i.* be leisurely; do things without haste

**kpòlòkìkpòlòkì (=kpòlòkìkpòlòkì)** *id.* **A.** talking fast and smoothly, point by point; **B.** describes several people talking at once

**kpòlòmù** *id.* swallowing something small at once (*e.g.* seed, tablet)

**kpòndòrùù** *id.* bedraggled appearance, as of a person, rat or fowl after being drenched by rain or soaked in water

**kpònikpòni** *id.* **A.** badly shaved, uneven (of hair on head); **B.** unevenly cleared or weeded, as of farm

**kpònìfìkpònìfì** *id.* shabby as to the hair or feathers, *esp.* when poorly shaved

**kpònrònkpònròn** *see* **kpònrònkpònròn**

**kpòpò** *id.* sound of knocking on (someone's) door

**kpòpòbà** *id.* (*always with bára*) as if: **kpòpòbàkímì bára** behaving as if he is of any importance: **kpòpòbà egberi bára** a story as if it is of some importance

**kpòpòkpòpò** *id.* **A.** sound of cutting a tree in the bush; **B.** sound of knocking on a door

**kpòpòkpòkpòpò** *id.* sound produced when a door is knocked upon with the hand or something hard

**kpòpòlò** *id.* hanging down (<**kpòoolò**), as the eye wattle of **ekpékpòpòlò**, the White-Headed Plover (*Vanellus albiceps* CHARADRIIDAE)

**kpóṣṣ** *id.* resembling exactly (of human beings): **Béi òweibi kẹnì dàù wòò, kpóṣṣ**  
This man is the spitting image of his father!

**kpóṣṣì** *id.* describes flinging an opponent in the air in wrestling, or landing a fish from a hook by flinging it up in the air (*cf.* **figíí, fuguú** discuss – these are not in)

**kpóṣṣìkpóṣṣì** *id.* describes how people in a gathering leave one at a time at some reasonable interval

**kpóròkìkpóròkì** *id.* untidily scattered (of many small objects inside house) (<**kpóròkìkpóròkì**)

**kpóròkòkpóròkò** *id.* (of engine, person) easily spoilt or broken down; delicate

**kpóròkòkpóròkò** (= **kpóròkòkpóròkò**) *id.* pattering (with small lines of rain) (<**kpóròkòkpóròkò**)

**kpóròṣṣ** *id.* depressed; sorrowful; remorseful; dejected; melancholic; dispirited

**kpóròṣṣìkpóròṣṣì** *id.* crammed untidily and dangerously full

**kpóròṣṣ** *id.* dull; sad

**kpóròṣṣìkpóròṣṣì** *id.* **A.** nasty; filthy; worthless (generally of rubbish dumped); **B.** of eyes discharging pus

**kpóròṣṣ** *id.* wet; damp

**kpóròṣṣ**<sup>1</sup> *v.i.* be oldish but young in appearance [example?]

**kpóròṣṣ**<sup>2</sup> *v.t.* tow a boat, canoe

**kpóròṣṣ**<sup>3</sup> *v.t.* (*of something*) stub: **Ine amá bùṣṣì ekure kpóròṣṣì** I have stubbed my right foot.

**kpóròṣṣìkpóròṣṣì** *id.* describes eyes which wander around restlessly

**kpóròṣṣ** *id.* reluctantly (as in giving out something that is commandeered)

**kpú** *id.* falling with a thud (>**kpú**)

**kpúfuun** *id.* describes suppressed laughter

**kpúkee** *id.* bulging or protruding unattractively (of buttocks, forehead) (>**kpúkee**)

**kpúkekpúke** *id.* describes the way a top-heavy person walks (>**kpúkekpúke**)

**kpúkpu**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* demolish (walls)

**kpúkpu**<sup>2</sup> *v.t.* sift; sieve; shake (mat or cloth); empty completely

**kpúkpumò** *v.dir.* shake (mat or cloth) towards: **Eṣerìbì nì ì kpúkpumò kumò**  
Don't shake the cleaning-mat in my face.

**kpúkpuye** (= **kpúkpuì**) *n.* sieve made of cane-rope [**kpúkpu**<sup>2</sup> + **yé** 'thing']

**kpúkpuì** *see* **kpúkpuye**

**kpúkpuì** *v.p.* coming out spontaneously; describes feathers falling out of themselves, or ripe palm fruits popping out

**kpúkpuurú** *id.* round (as of head)

**kpúkpuṣṣ** *id.* describes disproportionate, top-heavy shape of people with bulging chest

**kpúobukpúobu** *id.* describes sinking through crust of sand

**kpúobuú** *id.* crashing (as of something hollow breaking or suddenly giving way)

**kpúruké**<sup>1</sup> *n.* obsolete beautiful pot (not seen by 1930s) (= **sa[a?]nkpúruké**) (*cf.* **béṣṣ; lị-tùṣṣ-béṣṣ > ogbobéṣṣ > okpúrùbìyáì > opirìsìkì > kẹngẹ**) [where does this one fit in?]

**Kpúruké**<sup>2</sup> *n.* personal name [<**kpúruké**<sup>1</sup>]

**kpúruruu** *id.* protruding as a long and large cluster, as of a bunch of plantain; a big stomach, or a long line of fishes stuck or clustered together (>**kpúruruu**)

**kpúruú** *id.* roundish and large

**kpúu** *id.* describes birds or people leave a place at the same time

**kpúurukpúuru** *id.* describes the movement of a mote in the eye [?]

**kpú** *excl.* sound of something very small falling, as of a very small man falling in wrestling (<**kpú**)

**kpúa** *id.* ignoring what is said; not reacting as expected; avoiding being excited or committed

**kpúin**<sup>1</sup> [5] *v.p.* wriggle along on belly, buttocks, etc. (as of baby who cannot yet walk) (= **kpúnmeín**) [sp?]

**kpúin**<sup>2</sup> [5] *v.i.* be surplus; glut the market (of fish, food, etc.)

**kpúń<sup>3</sup>** [5] *v.i.* show unspoken disapproval by gestures, slow reluctant action, etc.

**kpúkéę** *id.* bulging or protruding unattractively; jutting out (<**kpúkee**)

**kpúkékpúké** *id.* describes the way a top-heavy person walks (<**kpúkekpúke**)

**kpúkpeí** [5] *v.p.* get loose, free

**kpúkpo** *v.t.* loose; untie; release from confinement

**kpúkpurúú** *id.* compact; contracted

**kpúlekpùlẹ** *id.* describes the gait of a child with a big belly, or a shortish woman who is heavily pregnant

**kpúlukpúlú** *id.* in small units; of little value; trivial; insignificant

**kpún** *v.t.* **A.** pull; haul; drag; **kpún fùgú/figí** draw the opponent and throw over the hip; **kpún kan** devour [?]; tear (cloth, book, etc.); **igbó kpún** haul in castnet; **B.** (*fig.*) **bìbì kpún** drag (out) a case; argue a case; be argumentative: **Erí bìbì kpún timi, mú bìbìgbawarì ladou** He has dragged out the case until it has gone to court.

**kpunmẹín** [5] *v.dir.p.* wriggle along on buttocks, etc. (as of baby or sick person) (= **kpún**)

**kpúrurúú** *id.* **A.** protruding, as a long and large cluster, as of a bunch of plantain; a big stomach, or a long line of fishes strung together and dragged along the ground; **B.** describes a child following an older person reluctantly because forced to (<**kpúruruu**)

**kpusukpusú** *id.* tiny; very small (as of fishes caught or pieces of firewood collected); too small to be useful; of little value; trivial

**kpútiríí** *v.i.* come together by itself, as a net in water (contrast **gbuníí**, which is difficult to disentangle); hence, form ridges or wrinkles, as skin

**kpútukpútú** *id.* (cut) into fragments; full of fragments; fragmentary

**kpútura** *v.t.* gather up hastily, so as to crumple; roll up or fold carelessly (of mat, trousers, wrapper) (*cf.* **kúta**)

**kpútuy** *id.* compact; closely packed together; congested

**kpururúú** *id.* roundish (<**kpuuruú**)

**kpúwaa** *id.* deliberately silent; defiantly quiet; indifferent to what one is told (*cf.* **gumúgumú**)

**kpuwáì (ya)** *excl.* serve you right! (*cf.* **káariyòò!**) (*esp.* used by children)

**Kristù** *n.* Christ [<English **Christ**]

**krúy krúy krúy** *excl.* verbal alarm raised, *esp.* by women, when an unusual thing happens [delete?]

**kuanlî** *id.* twining (as plant); bending to one side (as leg); not straight (as road, plank) (*opp.* **gomúú**) (>**kuanlî**)

**kuanlikúanli** *id.* twining (as plant)

**kubú** *v.t.* tattoo; **ongó kubu** tattoo body

**kúbu<sup>1</sup>** *n.* “fathom” (square measure of cloth) (*cf.* **túu<sup>3</sup>**); **kála kubù** “short fathom” (*i.e.* 72 inches x 32 inches); **opu kubú** “long fathom” (*i.e.* 72 inches x 36 inches) (= **duwení**)

**kúbu<sup>2</sup>** *n.* width of something (*e.g.* canoe, floor) (= **agbobú**; **akuú**); breadth; **báarakubù** **A.** palm of hand; **B.** whole inside of closed hand; handful; **búokubu** sole of foot

**kúe<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* suffer severe bleeding, mostly in a pregnant woman, *esp.* in cases of threatened abortion

**kúe<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* collapse (of banks into water)

**kueké** *n.* alarm; warning; **kueké tũa** raise an alarm to warn others of danger

**kuekéè** *id.* slanting; not balanced

**kuekué** *v.a.* be red

**kuí<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* slap water with tail (as fish); snap at prey in attack

**kuí<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* prepare a wine-palm for tapping by making a slit in the bud for the palm-wine to flow out

**kuí<sup>3</sup>** (= **kií<sup>3</sup>**) *v.t.* cut; wound by cutting; mark (ground) by cutting a mark

**kuí<sup>4</sup>** (= **kií<sup>4</sup>**) *v.t.* plant (*e.g.* cocoyam) in between yam mounds with a machet

**kuí<sup>5</sup>** *see* **kií<sup>2</sup>** appoint (day)



**kuí<sup>6</sup>** *n.* preparation of wine-palm for tapping  
**kií<sup>3</sup> (=kuí)** *v.t.* plant (e.g. cocoyam) in  
 between yam mounds, etc.; intercrop  
**kií<sup>4</sup> (=kuí)**  
**kui-yá-sụọgha** *n.* name of a medicine which  
 protects the owner from matchet cuts  
**kukukuú<sup>1</sup>** *id.* hot; very warm  
**kukukuú<sup>2</sup>** *id.* very anxious; impatient; hasty  
**kúkuleè** *id.* (of stomach) stodgy; heavy;  
 bulging (due to much food) (>**kúkuleè**)  
**kúkuri** *v.t.* gnaw, to remove the remaining  
 flesh or tissue from a bone, nut, etc.  
 (>**kúkuri**)  
**kukurii** *v.i.* push one's way into a room, etc.  
**kúkuùndukú** *n.* sweet potato (*Ipomoea*  
*batatas* Lam. CONVOLVULACEAE)  
**kúla** *see* **kúle**  
**kúle (=kúla =kíle)** *v.t.* **A.** greet; salute; *n.*  
 title; nickname; **kúle fì** have title; **B.** thank;  
**nụ̀àkuleye** thank-offering  
**kulilii** *id.* very slimy or dirty  
**kulilikúlili<sup>1</sup>** *id.* slimy; dirty (as body)  
**kulilikúlili<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes glossy skin resulting  
 from pomade or camwood being used neatly  
 on the body [recheck this and previous]  
**kúlukulu** *v.a.* be very black (=dirimaá,  
**kúrukuru**; >**kúlukulú**)  
**kúluu** *id.* describes something very dark and  
 smooth  
**kumbilî** *id.* crooked (as of tree)  
**kumbilikúmbili** *id.* crooked (as of tree)  
**kúmeni** *see* **kumoni**  
**kúmoni (=kúmeni)** *n.* **A.** Ịzọn; original  
 (Kólokùmá); **Kúmonibọ** Ịzọn person; **B.**  
 pure or “deep” Ịzọn, unmixed with any other  
 language: **Wónì béingbàìbì kúmoni kì**  
**fìenghími** Today we shall speak pure Ịzọn.  
**kúmonifụ̀** *n.* salt type resembling **koun**. It is  
 made from mangrove branches and roots.  
**kumú** *n.* **A.** climbing herb which is beaten  
 and put in ponds to kill fish [is this a  
 specific herb or a general term?]; **B.**  
 generally, anything used as fish poison  
 (contrast **díri**, a general term for any  
 “medicine”)

**kún** *v.t.* plait, *esp.* hair with thread; **tìbì kun**  
 plait hair [also in general, without thread?]  
**kuné<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* present gifts to a daughter going to  
 stay with her husband: **Wó tọ̀bọ̀uma yèi**  
**biri sù̀ng̀hídeì nì, wó kùne ni a pírìyemi**  
 As our daughter is now going to stay with  
 her husband, we are presenting gifts to her.  
**kuné<sup>2</sup>** *n.* presenting of gifts to a daughter  
 going to stay with her husband: **Ọ̀rọ̀ kunebí**  
**ye bingha** What they presented to their  
 daughter was not much. [check trans]  
**kuneí** [5] *v.i.* refrain from (doing something);  
 be sobered; learn a lesson (from previous  
 experience): **Tọ̀bọ̀bì kùneídọ̀** The boy has  
 learnt his lesson.  
**kúnemọ̀** *v.t.* (*usu.* **túu kunemọ̀**) end; stop; be  
 last (thing); **túu kunemọ̀ erein** last day; day  
 of judgment  
**kúnoun** *n.* extreme end [**kúne-u** ?? –u  
 deriving n from v??]  
**kúnwen** *see* **kúwen** scrape against  
**kuokuó** *id.* red; reddish  
**kúopu** *id.* describes a pleasant and  
 fashionable sound made when paddling  
 (popular among women), *esp.* when going  
 short distances, for farming or fishing  
 (contrast **gbiripú** for distant places)  
**kúra (=kúre)** *n.* powerful animal, probably  
 hyena [< Hausa **kúuraa** spotted hyena]  
**kuraa** *id.* falling on to one's hands and knees  
**kúre<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* erode [check if **sụ̀rụ̀jì** also means  
 ‘erode’ (Ijolox)]  
**kúre<sup>2</sup>** *n.* erosion; landslide  
**kúre<sup>3</sup> (=kúra)** *n.* powerful animal, probably  
 hyena [< Hausa **kúuraa** ‘spotted hyena’]  
**kurereè** *id.* steep  
**kurí** *v.a.* wear away (e.g. of matchet, broom,  
 hair on head): **kuri ẹ̀dejin** worn-down knife  
 [or v.p. from kúre ??]  
**kúru** *n.* tree used for carving canoes (*Lophira*  
*alata* Banks ex Gaertn. f. OCHNACEAE)  
**kúrukuru** *v.a.* be black, dark (as of water) (= **kúlukulu**)

**kurumúkùrumú** *n.* drum title for the founder of Gbanraín, now answered by the whole of Gbanraín

**kúrurukùruru** *id.* (giving forth) sound (as) of snoring

**kúruu** *id.* black; grave-looking

**kúsu<sup>1</sup>** *n.* underpart of canoe; keel

**kúsu<sup>2</sup>** *n.* hollow of back

**kúsukusu** *id.* burnt ash-black; very black

**kútou** *n.* (*mus.*) set of 3 conical, open, wedge-laced drums, the centre one being longer and bigger than the side ones; they are placed on two plantain stumps on the ground in one row, and the drummer sits on the central drum with the two side ones under his legs; he then beats with a stick with the right hand and also beats with the left hand simultaneously; used *esp.* for the **óu** (masquerade) dance

**kutú** *n.* tree with large inedible fruit, used for medicine for matchet wounds (*Desplatsia dewevrei* (De Wild. & Th. Dur.) Burret TILIACEAE)

**kútu** *n.* **A.** lump (as of “farina”, sugar, or earth); **B.** (*geom.*) solid figure; **kútu miẹ** solidify; **agórokutu** cuboid; **atúkutu** cone; **fánukutu** cube; **ogórankutu** prism; **terínímíkùtu** closed shape; **zálaakutu** open shape

**kútukutu** *id.* in lumps

**kúu** *n.* pitcher (= **ungú**, **búu<sup>2</sup>**)

**kúwen** (= **kúnwen**) *v.t.* scrape against

**kuúkùúkùú** *id.* the cry of **otíti**, the Senegal coucal (*Centropus senegalensis* CUCULIDAE)

**kuú-kùú-ù** *id.* cry of the Red-billed Wood-Dove (*Turtur afer* COLUMBIDAE)

**kúa** *v.i.* play (game) in such a way that loser gives up an extra (top, etc.) for each one he loses

**kuaín** *v.i.* leave en masse

**kuaakúa** *id.* red (of eyes, *esp.* as result of staying in water too long)

**kuanlî** *id.* twining (as plant); bending to one side (as leg) (*opp.* **gòmúú**) (<**kuanlî**)

**kuanlî bọọ** *v.p.* pass away (of a big and disastrous event such as war, epidemic, or catastrophe) [connected with previous?]

**kúatà** *n.* **A.** one and a half “yards” of cloth; **B.** headtie of one and a half “yards” (larger than normal one “yard”) [<*English quarter*]

**kúayà** *n.* choir [< *English choir*]

**kúayaj** *n.* game of tops in which **kúa** is practised

**kubaí** *v.i.* be confined (to one place)

**kuebẹẹ** (= **kúẹbẹẹ**) *id.* moving away stealthily with something, as people stealing a canoe

**kúẹnkúẹn** *id.* (give forth) sound (as) of sharpening a cutlass on a whetstone

**kúfíẹẹ** (= **kúfíẹẹ**) *excl.* loud exclamation of rejection of a bad event

**kufíẹẹ** *excl.* an expression of rejection: ‘May it never happen!’ It is usually accompanied by deliberate spitting. [*emphatic version of previous entry*]

**kugbaí<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* withdraw out of shame: **Tọbọbú ye miẹ sèimọdẹi ni, kugbaídou wée** Because the boy had done something wrong, he was ashamed and left the group (to one side).

**kugbaí** *see* **kigbaí** demand compensation (= **ifirí**)

**kují** *n.* star appearing at certain times; **báinghítimi kují** morning star; **buboru kují** evening star; **déinbiri kují** star appearing at midnight

**kújịkujị** *id.* describes shrill cry, as by babies or women, as in calling attention, or whining sound made by dogs when beaten

**kukáà** *id.* stunted; not developing or growing fast, as of a person

**kúkiri** *v.t.* gnaw; bite persistently; wear away with the teeth; nibble

**kukulá** *n.* tree used for carving canoes and paddles [specimen needed]

**kúkuleẹ** *id.* heavy and bulging (<**kúkuleẹ**)

**kukuleí<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* struggle to carry or get over or get to the top of an object that is rather too big for one

**kùkùlẹ̀**<sup>2</sup> *v.i.* (*usu.* **fì kùkùlẹ̀**) eat too much, resulting in the distension of the stomach

**kùkùrì** *v.t.* gnaw; erode; chip (<**kùkùrì**)

**kùkùrùkùkùrù** *id.* stingy; reserved; hesitant; finding it difficult to express one's desires or wishes freely [check meaning]

**kùkùyàìkùkùyàì** *id.* dirty; describes an unwashed dirty child or plate; dirty behaviour

**kùlì** *n.* trick; cunning; craftiness; cleverness; dexterity; skill; **kùlì tya** become cautious (as fish which have learnt to nibble at bait without being caught)

**kùlìlìkùlìlì** *id.* well-cooked, *esp.* of **kékefìyàì** or **ẹgbẹ̀nẹ̀ fùlọ̀** (<**kulilikùlìlì**) [does not correspond with meanings given there]

**kùlùbìyàìkùlùbìyàì** *id.* dirty, as a result of not washing (of person)

**kùlùkùlù** *v.a.* be very black (<**kùlùkùlù**) [check verb]

**kùmbìrì** *v.t.* bind the end of an **ìkàrà** or **ingoó** by placing a stronger cane-rope at the edge and tying it (*cf.* **gbéin** sew, **kemí** repair)

**kùmọ̀**<sup>1</sup> *part.* only; alone; **kenì kìmì kùmọ̀** only one person; **dọ̀lọ̀ kùmọ̀** only a little/short time; **ì kùmọ̀** only you! (in praise or admiration); **ọ̀ kùmọ̀ kùmọ̀** between themselves; **ọ̀ kùmọ̀ kùmọ̀** between yourselves; **wó kùmọ̀ kùmọ̀** between ourselves

**(kùmọ̀)**<sup>2</sup> *part.* (*used between cognate complement and verb for emphasis*): **àràú tònmo kùmọ̀ tònmo tími ní...** she kept on imitating it until...

**(kùmọ̀)**<sup>3</sup> *part.* (*refers to time, used in set expressions*); **oru kùmọ̀** in olden days; **tàri kùmọ̀** for a long time: **Arí tari kùmọ̀ i kóruyemi** I've been waiting for you for a long time; **tùbù kùmọ̀** from time immemorial

**kùmọ̀** *t.m.* don't (*negative imperative marker*): **Mú kùmọ̀** Don't go.

**kùmọ̀tìbì** *adv.* alone (more permanent than **bìbẹ̀tìbì**): **Erí kùmọ̀tìbì kì kọ̀dọ̀** He is left alone (as a result of bereavement, etc.)

**kùmùkùmù** *id.* describes the feeling of suffocating; extremely hot and airless

**kùmù** *id.* airless, as a tightly-closed room

**kùn**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* make sacrifice, *usu.* **ìkjan kùn**

**kùn**<sup>2</sup> *v.t.* "put", originate, a proverb, *usu.* **kabù kùn**

**kùn**<sup>3</sup> (= **kùùn**) *v.t.* (always with **tọ̀rù**) be polite, considerate: **Àràú wò tọ̀rù kì kùn kọ̀ àrùbì àkì nì ọ̀ pìrìmì** She gave him the canoe out of consideration. [*avoid face*]

**kunẹ̀gbẹ̀** *id.* weak and feeble; lacking strength of character or ability

**kùngbọ̀** [3] *v.a.* be sour (as of soup) (<**kọ̀lọ̀**, where food has gone off and is producing bubbles)

**kunìghùn** *id.* sit or stay in a huddled way

**kunìghùnmo** *adv.* helplessly: **kunìghùnmo tìtẹ̀** sit in a huddled and helpless manner

**kùnrìn** *see* **kùrìn** fish sp.

**kunrunkunrùn** *see* **kurunkurùn**

**kùnù**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* mourn (*general term*) (contrast **dúú**<sup>1</sup>, *for widows*)

**kùnù**<sup>2</sup> *n.* mourning; **kùnù bìdẹ̀** mourning dress; widow's weeds

**kunukunú** *v.acc.* [?] feel pity for: **Kunukunú kaamééé** It's a pitiable situation (= **dii ghó ènéni kaamì**)

**kùnùpulou** *n.* special first-rate palm oil (contrast **egbèpulou**, oil that has gone pale and bad)

**kùnwen** *see* **kùwen**

**kùọ̀** *v.t.* wipe (clean); **kùọ̀ sìn** erase; wipe away

**kùọ̀mọ̀** *v.dir.* wipe on (something)

**kùpẹ̀** *id.* with a very bent trunk; with a hunch

**kùpẹ̀mọ̀** *adv.* in a very bent way

**kùpù**<sup>1</sup> *n.* eczema

**kùpù**<sup>2</sup> (= **kùpùù**) *n.* slight sound produced by a light knocking on the head

**kùpùlù** *id.* describes a small opening or small mouth

**kùrají<sup>1</sup>** *n.* year; **béi kùràì** this year; **bóyemi kùrají/ombu kùrají** next year; **bóodej kùrají** last year; **kùrajimọ sẹ/kùrají kùrají** every year; **Kùrají kùrají yò!** “Quite an age!”; I haven’t seen you for ages!; (*tech.*) **opu kùrají** leap year

**Kùrají<sup>2</sup>** *n.* one of the Kólokùmá deities whose seat is at Ayibabiri

**kùrajibaj** [4] *n.* tall perennial variety of okro

**kùrají ìngbe-ìngbé** *n.* an animal of the deer type, not found in the Kólokùmá area, which is said to produce a new horn each year, thus indicating its age [‘year, horn horn’]

**kùrají-ọdọzo-biri** *n.* (*tech.*) century

**kùrẹj** *v.aux.* **A.** be able to; **B.** (*tech.*) capable of being changed; **kùrẹj nì ẹrìnghimi** visible; **kùrẹj wàimonghími** reversible

**kùrẹ-kùrẹ-kùrẹ** *id.* sound produced from a drum

**kùrìkùrì<sup>1</sup>** *id.* small and tough-looking, due to stunted growth (of person, animal or fish)

**kùrìkùrì<sup>2</sup>** *id.* niggardly; ungenerous

**kùrìj** (=kùnrìj) *n.* fish (*Pseudotolithes elongatus* (sp?))

**kùró<sup>1</sup>** *v.a.* **A.** be strong, hard; **kùró bení** unfavourable current, tide; **kùróbọó** strong person; **kùró ẹfẹrù** strong wind; stormy wind; **kùró fìrì** hard task, labour; **kùró kírì** firm ground; hard soil; **kùró kìmí** strong person; **kùró okólò** loud tone or voice; **kùró sùó** pose as strong man; **bára kùró** hardworking; **berí kùró** hard of hearing; **bólou/tọrù kùró** brave; **ongó kùró** be well, healthy; **túbo kùró** be expensive, dear, precious; **B.** heavily fermented (of palm-wine) **kùró urú** strong drink; alcohol; **C.** scarce (of food, fish); **D.** acute (of disease); **D.** very fragrant

**kùró<sup>2</sup>** *n.* **A.** strength; power; ability; **B.** (*tech.*) energy; force

**kùró-dù-kpò-(kùró)-dù-kpò** *excl.* drum message announcing a draw in wrestling

**kùró-ìkpútù** *n.* (*tech.*) granite

**kùró-ìfjàn** *n.* ground tobacco, *i.e.* snuff with sufficient potash added to it

**kùrókùró** *id.* violently; forcibly

**kùrómọ<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* harden; strengthen; stiffen; encourage: **Miẹ kùrómọ** Make (it) strong; **Búọ kùrómọ** Walk harder, faster.

**kùrómọ<sup>2</sup>** *adv.* drastically; strongly; vigorously; firmly; energetically; powerfully; strenuously; violently

**kùrónamá** *n.* dangerous wild animal [*strong-animal*]

**kùrónama-tóbọ** *n.* cub [*strong-animal-child*]

**kùró-ugú** *n.* (*tech.*) steel

**kùrunkurún<sup>1</sup>** *id.* feeling something moving in or on the body

**kùrunkurún<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes very slow movement: **ọ kpọ kùrunkurun wenj bóyemi** He too is slowly walking towards me: **Osími kì kùrunkurun nì ì taní nì uwóuyemi** It is a millipede which is slowly climbing up me.

**kùrurukururu** *id.* sound of shrill crying/screaming, in pain or alarm

**kùruru-kururu-kururu** *excl.* verbal alarm raised, *esp.* by women, when an unusual event occurs

**kùsẹ** *id.* (of stomach) bulgy, due to illness or malnutrition (*cf.* **kìsọn, kùrurẹ**)

**kùta** *v.t.* fold, gather up neatly (cloth, etc.); roll up [check] (mat, wrapper, trousers, etc.) (*contrast kpùtura*, which implies a rough bundling up)

**kùtaj** [5] *v.p.* be folded, gathered, rolled up

**kùtajkùtaj** *id.* folded up; gathered up; rolled up

**kùtukpẹ** *id.* handy; of small size; portable (as small box capable of being carried easily by hand)

**kùú<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* make a noise; roar

**kùú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* loud roaring noise

**kùú<sup>3</sup>** *n.* mahogany tree or wood (*Khaya spp.* MELIACEAE)

**kùún** *n.* comb (of cock)

**kùunkùn** *n.* child’s name for fish

**kùwẹ** *v.i.* move stealthily; move unnoticed

**kúwẹn̄m̄o** (=kúnwẹn̄m̄o) *adv.* completely (as of plentiful food eaten): **Erí kúwẹn̄m̄o nàà òpu fìyáí àgba sẹ̀ fì sinmeèè** He ate up a whole big plate of food.

**kúwìkúwìjì** *id.* describes the whining of a smaller dog or child when beaten: **Obiribí ki kúwìkúwìjì dòroumi** The dog made a whining noise (<káwookawoo).

## L

**laá** *n.* whitish slimy matter produced by inflamed or injured eye

**láa<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** reach (place, time); arrive at (place): **Ọmìní àmábì làamì** They reached the town: **Séjì erein làadó** (It) has reached the day of the dance: **Láadó** It is time; (*fig. uses*) **eré /owéi /kímì laa** attain the normal height for a woman /man /person; (*in a more abstract sense*) become mature, responsible, well-off; **eré /owéi /kímì laagha** be below the normal height for a woman /man /person; **eré /owéi /kímì laa kòò** be above the normal height for a woman /man /person; **kírì laà** fall; come down (*lit.* 'reach ground'); **tìbì laa** be of age; be head, master or boss; **B.** *v.i.* (*with reference to time*) arrive: **Séjì erein làadó** The day of the dance has arrived; **C.** happen to; affect; concern; relate to: **Yé ù lamí** He was hurt: **Weri ì láanghìdọ** You will be abused: (**Káarijì**.) **láanìmì** Serve you right!; **dùdù laá** come into contact with each other; **D.** suffice; be enough (for): **Kímìjọ fìrì làagha** The men are not enough for the work: **Erí nàá dùba laaghá** He is not yet big enough: **Burubí dùba bo sóu laadó** The yam is now big enough to be harvested.

**láa<sup>2</sup>** *v.aux.* succeed in: **Erí laa bodọ** He has succeeded in coming: **Ọmìní laa nì ọ kọrìghá** They did not succeed in catching him.

**láa<sup>3</sup>** *n.* sky above (*only used in dirges*)

**láabaralabara** *adv.* anyhow; at random: **Kímì labaralabara nì ine eré sèimọ kúmọ**

Let people not say bad things about me anyhow. [-aa- or -a-?]

**láamọ** *v.i.* (do) thoroughly: **Yeé ù famọ láamọmì** I beat him thoroughly; **mìẹ lamọ** do adequately

**labá<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* coil; embrace; wrap **Ọ dúdù labá.** Embrace each other

**labá<sup>2</sup>** *n.* embrace

**lába** *n.* judgement (*general, embracing* **ugúla** (*smallest*), **bìbì** (*smaller*), **béře** (*larger*)); **lába pẹře** give judgement [do these words mean judgement or case, or both?]

**labajì** [5] *v.p.* be coiled; *v.recip.* embrace each other

**labamọ** *v.dir.* coil round spirally

**lábapẹřoweì** *n.* judge (*cf.* **bìbìpẹřoweì** (*for smaller cases*), **béřepẹřoweì** (*for larger cases*))

**Lábaọkọlọ** (=Lábọọkọlọ=Alábọkọlọ) *n.* oldest deity in Kólokumá ìbe, whose seat is at Okóloba

**labulabú** *id.* tasting immature, as a young plantain fruit

**lágħa** *v.neg.* be less than (*tech.*)

**lágħalèlei** *n.* is-less-than sign (*tech.*)

**lájnzì** *n.* launch (river craft) [*<English launch*]

**lajìtiríkì** *n.* electric light; **lajìtiríkì bara** electric [*<English electric, contaminated with light*]

**laká** (=lìká) *v.t.* soil: **egberi naá kímì laka** soil someone's name by false report

**lakaì** (=lìkaì) *v.p.* be soiled

**lakaìlakaì<sup>1</sup>** *id.* slimy; filthy; dirty (as of unwashed hands, or plates after eating)

**lakaìlakaì<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes careless behaviour

**lákèin** *v.i.* get stuck to; get fastened to; cling to

**lalá** *n.* permanent swamp, not suitable for cultivation, but only for fishponds and lakes; fen; bog

**lálala** *id.* bright; light; whitish; very clean (*cf.* **fánfanfan**)

**láraà** *id.* extremely white; immaculate

**lataláta** *id.* careless

**laúù** *id.* **A.** describes dull weather; **B.** not bright (of colour); **C.** defaced (as coin)

**láyelaye** *n.* anything

**lazòò** *id.* dull white or yellow

**lébele** *n.* porcupine, *esp.* Brush-tailed Porcupine (*Atherurus africanus* HYSTRICIDAE); **perę lebelé** Crested Porcupine (*Hystrix cristata*)

**leé** *v.t.* keep an eye on; watch (someone)

**lèè** *id.* fast; rapid; quick-moving; swift; speedy (as of bobbing movement of floaters on fishing-net) (>lèè)

**leeleé** *v.a.* be sweet, sugary

**lèemọ** *adv.* rapidly; swiftly (of motion)

**leelemọ** *v.cs.* sweeten

**leelúù** *id.* angry [sentence example?]

**leí** [5] *v.acc.* resemble: **Béi tọbọù bó dàù mó lèiyemi** This child is beginning to resemble his father: **Ọ (dudụ mó) lèimí** They resemble each other.

**lekálèká** *id.* looking aside or behind at something at short intervals and moving away

**lékè<sup>1</sup>** *n.* swing; swing in which a strong climbing rope (**ingá**) is tied to two strong sticks pinned by the river side; on the loop provided, someone sits and is pushed by others until he is ready to jump into the water

**lékè<sup>2</sup>** *n.* enthusiastic praise; sentimental affection; **lékè bajin** jubilate over having won a case, where others come freely to join the jubilation

**léke<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* wander (*e.g.* as mad person; *cf.* **kán**)

**léke<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* struggle to earn a living

**léke<sup>3</sup>** *v.i.* be restive (and cry) due to pain or anger (*cf.* **gbála**); rave

**lékè-bajin-uru** *n.* drink bought by the winner of a case

**lekeleke** *id.* in a hurry, rushing (as of a person or animal, or river water swirling past): **Beni omọùn bara -- lekeleke** The way the current flows – swirling past.

**lékelèke** *id.* unsteady; restless; moving from place to place: **Isóun lekelèke** The **isóun**-fish moves about aimlessly.

**lekúkù (=lékùku)** *n.* bird, the feral or semi-domestic pigeon (*Columba livia* COLUMBIDAE)

**leleí<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* identify; recognize: **Arí ìne yémọ kị leleiyemi** I am identifying my own (things).

**leleí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* **A.** sign; mark; **B.** (*math.*) sign; symbol; **denghileleí** is-greater-than sign (>); **désimàlì leleí** decimal point (.); **dịleleí** division sign (÷); **kịnleleí** numeral; **kịrìleleí** equals sign (=); **kịrìghaleleí** not-equals sign (≠); **lághalèleí** is-less-than sign (<); numeral; **mịèbìnmọleleí** multiplication sign (×); **sérisìnleleí** subtraction or minus sign (-); **C.** label (*tech.*)

**lélele<sup>1</sup>** *id.* very bright, shining (as of full moon)

**lélele<sup>2</sup>** *id.* bald; without hair (of head)

**lemuzee** *id.* tasteless; describes flat taste as of alum (>lẹmụzẹẹ)

**lẹbulu** *v.t.* smash; shatter

**lẹdì** *n.* lead (metal) (*tech.*). [*< English lead*]

**lẹé<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* beat; flap: **Erí tọbọù lẹemì** He beat the child.

**lẹé<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* sharpen (on whetstone) (*rare*, = **fárii**)

**lẹé<sup>3</sup>** *see* **lẹé<sup>1</sup>** encourage pus to come to a head

**lẹè** *id.* describes slower movement (as of floaters moving on the current) (<lèè)

**lẹé<sup>1</sup> (=lẹé)** *v.t.* encourage pus to come to a head (as in a boil or whitlow) by applying an ointment (*e.g.* carbolic soap or burnt pith (**pìni**) of the bamboo palm mixed with palm-oil)

**lẹé<sup>2</sup>** *id.* privately; stealthily; secretly

**lẹé<sup>3</sup>** *see* **lẹi** please

**lẹlẹlẹ (=lẹilẹi, lẹlẹlẹi)** *id.* gently; gradually

**lẹmẹjìn** *see* **lẹimẹjìn**

**lẹmọ (=lẹimọ)** *v.t.* deceive; trick: **Kìmì ì lẹmọ kumọ** Let no one deceive me.

**lẹyeyé (=lẹi)** *n.* whetstone (=fárii) (**lẹé** ‘sharpen’ + **yé** ‘thing’)

**lẹi<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.i.? v.t.?* pretend to; feign to **Erí fịj lẹiyemi** He is pretending to be dead.

**lẹi<sup>2</sup>** [5] (=lẹyeyé) *n.* whetstone: (*used in proverbs, etc.*) **odúbèrì àkị lẹi tẹrì** deceiving

someone (*lit.* covering a whetstone with a cocoyam leaf) (=fárii)

**lẹ̀jì** (=lẹ̀ẹ) *excl.* “do”; please (expressing polite request) **Ámà, lẹ̀jì bo!** Madam, please come!:  
**Lẹ̀ẹ wẹ̀nì mu ò!** Do walk away, please!

**lẹ̀jìghá** (*used only in phrase*); **bára lẹ̀jìghá, búọ lẹ̀jìghá** hands and feet well built, and in proportion (only of human beings)

**lẹ̀jìlẹ̀jì** *id.* in a feigning manner; stealthily; cunningly

**lẹ̀jìmẹ̀jìn** [5] (=lẹ̀ẹmẹ̀jìn) *v.p.* feign; pretend  
**Kímìbì wò ọ̀ngòbì akì tọ̀rù miẹ̀ lẹ̀jìmẹ̀jìnmì**  
The man made himself out to be mad; **dòọ̀n lẹ̀jìmẹ̀jìn** feign sickness

**lẹ̀jìmọ** *see* **lẹ̀ẹmọ** deceive

**lẹ̀jìnsì** *n.* lens (*tech.*) [*< English lens*]

**lẹ̀kìjì** *id.* calmly; steadily; quietly; undisturbed

**lẹ̀kùlẹ̀kù** *id.* (treat) mildly, gently, dexterously

**lẹ̀lẹ̀** *id.* gently; gradually

**lẹ̀lẹ̀jì** *v.t.* coax, make up to, someone (to get something from them): **u manì à lẹ̀lẹ̀jìyemi**  
He is coaxing/making up to her.

**lẹ̀lẹ̀lẹ̀** *id.* with thin or light coating or covering

**lẹ̀lẹ̀mọ** *v.t.* coax; cajole; lull; soothe: **Tọ̀bọ̀ú lẹ̀lẹ̀mọ** Soothe the child; **lẹ̀lẹ̀mọ fì** get a share of something good by coaxing

**lẹ̀lẹ̀pan** (=ẹ̀lẹ̀lẹ̀pan) *n.* “wild pumpkin” or snake-gourd, a climbing plant with yellow flowers whose fruit is used as sponge (*Luffa cylindrica* (Linn.) M. J. Roem. CUCURBITACEAE) (=dùwẹ̀jìpan)

**lẹ̀lẹ̀wẹ̀ẹ̀** *id.* bevelled; levelled; without any protrusion; sloping (*general, contrasting with pìanlìjì for human beings*)

**lẹ̀mùzẹ̀ẹ̀** *id.* tasteless; describes flat taste as of alum (<lẹ̀mùzẹ̀ẹ̀) [different from next word, or combine?]

**lẹ̀mùzẹ̀ẹ̀** *id.* sickly-looking, as person

**líaa** *id.* filled to the brim; describes the continuous flow of liquid such as oil or **umaá** (>líaa) [do these 2 meanings go together?] [First meaning doubted; second said to apply only to **líaa**] [examples needed of correct uses]

**lídó** [4] (=ludó) *n.* ludo [*< English ludo*]

**lígboligbo** *id.* daubed excessively; excessively anointed (*e.g.* with grease)

**ligiloo** *id.* lazy; inactive; thick

**ligizoó** *id.* heavy and lazy, as the manatee (eméin) (>lìgìzọ́)

**líí** [5] *v.p.* be out of sight; disappear (*e.g.* of scar on the skin); fade away

**lília<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* roll excessively (*e.g.* a lump of fufu or gari in soup that is not quite sufficient, thus with an idea of wasting the soup or liquid that is so used): **Garíbì akì naá fùlọ̀ú lília kùmọ̀ èé** Don't roll the gari in the soup too much.

**lília<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* roll (on dirty surface)

**liiloo** *id.* not sharp; blunt

**liimó<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* hide (something) away; sneak away: **Ọ̀ngọ̀ liimọ** Hide yourself! (*e.g.* from police)

**líkà** *excl.* sorry! (expressing sympathy or apology) (= káà, dílà)

**likpáà** *id.* sticky; gummy (>lìkpáà)

**likpakû** *id.* with quality of being plastic, as clay (>lìkpakû)

**líkpíi** *id.* heavy, thick (of soup) (>lìkpíi)

**likpoó** *id.* dirty and heavy (>lìkpóó)

**liláí** *v.i.* wallow; roll about with the intention of smearing the body with mud

**lilakû** *id.* too sticky for comfortable cutting and swallowing (>lìlakû)

**lipú** [4] *n.* floater made of **pínì** for hook, line and rod

**lítà** *n.* litre (*tech.*) [*< English litre*]

**lía** *v.i.* (of food) go through the gullet quickly and easily; slip down the throat

**líaa** *id.* full to the brim, as cup of water or canoe; describes the continuous flow of liquid such as oil (<líaa)

**lialia** *id.* going through the gullet or throat quickly and easily

**lìgìlọ̀ọ̀** *id.* lazy

**lìgìzọ̀lìgìzọ̀** *id.* describes sluggish movement

**lìgìzọ̀ọ̀** *id.* fat and slow-moving (<ligizoó)

**lìjì** [3] *n.* oil-palm (tree) (*Elaeis guineensis* PALMAE); **lìjì gbèin** cut palm bunch; **ogbo lìjì dán** crush palm-nuts with the feet by a group

of men. The parts of **lị** are: **lị akàba** leaf base; **lị apùra** epicarp; exocarp; **lị bein** bunch; infructescence; **lị birì** trunk; **lị ẹrẹn** peduncle; **lị fẹrẹi** husk or carpels; **lị idùmu** fruit stalk; **lị ikèmi** root; spines round the base of bunch; **lị imòsou** male spadix or inflorescence; **lị ikàkai** fruits that fall down at the base; **lị iyànghi** undeveloped fruit; **lị menì** fleshy layer; mesocarp; **lị opùsu** oil-palm dust; **lị pomù** pinnate leaf or frond; **lị tịbì** top or apex; **lị tuù** base of palm tree; **lị urù** oil-palm wine; **lị ukùkura** spines or prickles at the stalk of pinnate leaf; **lị ụngbọ** a single fruit; **ikọtẹi lị bein** stunted palm bunch; **otí lị bein** bunch from the thin-shelled economic race *Tenera*; **otí lị ụngbọ** thin-shelled fruit from *Tenera* [discuss tone]: **Pína lị kị fị kpun bó ni lị pomù yari/piri** It is the ripe palm-nuts that bring death to the palm-fronds (because the fronds are cut to gain access to the bunches).

**lịdụù** *n.* weaver-bird, *esp.* Village Weaver (*Ploceus cucullatus*) and Viellot's Black Weaver (*Ploceus nigerrimus*); **pẹrẹ lịdụù** Spectacled Weaver (*Ploceus ocularis*) (PLOCEIDAE)

**lị-tịbì-ye-bịen** *n.* a stage in diarrhoea during which frequent evacuation of the bowels is accompanied by pus mixed with clotted blood

**lị-tụò-bẹlẹ** *n.* largest size of pot, for boiling palm-oil (*cf.* **bẹlẹ**; *Different sizes are:* **lị-tụò-bẹlẹ** > **ogbobelẹ** > **ọkpurubiyái** > **ọpirisíkì** > **kéngẹ**)

**lịká** (=laká) *v.t.* soil: **egberi naá kímì lịka** soil someone's name by false report

**lịkaí** (=lakaí) *v.p.* be soiled

**lịkọlịkọ** (=lịkọlịkọ) *id.* impatient; having excessive desire for something; longing for something, *e.g.* food, drink, or even a journey: **Arí fịyaimọ ẹrịbì, ine minimèin sẹ lịkọlịkọ kị miẹmị** When I saw the food, I (*lit.* my throat) felt like eating it.

**lịkpáà** *id.* sticky; gummy (<lịkpáà)

**lịkpakñ** *id.* with quality of being plastic, as clay (<lịkpakñ)

**lịkpji** *id.* heavy (<lịkpji)

**lịkpọọ** *id.* dirty and heavy (<lịkpọọ)

**lịlakñ** *id.* too sticky for comfortable cutting and swallowing (<lịlakñ)

**lịlịbáà** *id.* describes the standing posture of a very slender person with the body pushed forward and the legs (the knees) backwards

**lịlịbalịlịba** *v.i.* struggle hard; over-strain or over-stress oneself: **I béi lịlịbalịlịbayemibi, tié kị pángħimààà?** As you are struggling like this, what is going to happen?

**lịlịlị** *v.i.* **A.** struggle; make violent or determined effort; **B.** be excited and anxious; be emotionally involved

**lịlịlọ** *id.* visiting people without invitation, sometimes for material benefits (*esp.* of young girls) [sentence example?]

**loí** *n.* grub found in the living wine-palm (=amá-ì-nimi-kúmọ)(*cf.* **dọùn**, *general term, including koló, loí*)

**lọko** *v.i.* be over-cooked, over-done (of plantain only)

**lókòí** (=olókòí) *n.* herb (*Physalis angulata* Linn. SOLANACEAE) whose leaves are pounded with local soap to rub on body ritually after scarification, and whose seeds are used in the children's game **lórèí**

**lọkomọ** *v.cs.* become over-cooked, soft, over-done: **Beribamọ tųọ lọkomọ** Cook the plantain very soft.

**lọkpálọkpá** *id.* stride; cross over with long steps

**lọkpọó** *id.* overlong (as rope) (=kpọó); (of human being) with long limbs and lazy-looking (>lọkpọó)

**lọkposilọkposi** *id.* very flexible; soft-bodied (>lọkposilọkposi)

**lọkulọkú<sup>1</sup>** *id.* with big jaws, fat from neck up (>lọkulọkú)

**lọkulọkú<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes appearance of slack musical strings or ropes, and the resulting sound of the instrument, *e.g.* drum, guitar

**lọkuu<sup>1</sup>** *id.* drowsy; drooping, due to tiredness from excessive labour or over-feeding (>lọkuu)



**lokuu**<sup>2</sup> *id.* describes stagnant, barely moving portion of a river or stream, or stagnant water in a pool or lake (= **kporuu**)

**lolàà** *id.* extensive; spreading wildly

**lóló** *v.i.* **A.** shout; be wild in speech or action; be fierce; **B.** become possessed by spirits (*e.g.* during a masquerade); **Óu loloyemi** The “masquerade” is possessed.

**lólógìdì** *n.* noisy, extrovert person (*contrast ogbórukìmjì, ogbóru-ere* someone always looking for trouble)

**lolololó** *id.* describes a fierce advance with wide-open staring eyes

**lólomọ** *v.dir.* be furious towards; exaggerate

**loloú**<sup>1</sup> *v.i.* shout (= **doróú**) [verb example needed]

**loloú**<sup>2</sup> *n.* shout of alarm; **lolou tuá** raise an alarm

**loó** *n.* weal on the skin due to thrashing or caning; burn, scald, etc.

**lío** *v.i.* be inflamed (of the skin or part of the body)

**loolóo** *id.* full of such weals

**lómomọ** *v.t.* coax; try to persuade

**loóò** *id.* describes a tall, lazy person

**lopû** *id.* very long; elongated; extended

**loporû** *id.* (of person) slender and very tall

**lórèì** (= **lóròí**) *n.* game played by children; it begins with the foot of each participant in turn being measured and marked on the ground, radiating out from a central point. Then the round seed from (**o**)**lókòí** is pushed into the path traced around the outside of the radiating lines. The measurement from the origin to that point where the seed is, is added to the player’s original length. So it continues until if the player just before you (from left to right) has encircled yours, you are defeated and so have to surrender. [discuss]

**lóu** *v.t.* peel deeper than necessary, and so waste, as yam [sentence example ]

**lobìlòbì** (= **lopiìlòpiì**) *id.* long; describes a tall, slender person

**lobìlòbìjì** *id.* tasteless

**lobìjì** *id.* tasteless

**lọí** [5] *v.i.* roll on the ground, sprawl (of person, after falling); sprawl over the ground (of yam vines, etc., which should have been staked)

**lọkọ** *v.a.* be easy, soft (of cooked food); flexible

**lọkọlọkọ** *id.* (*always used with (new) moon*); **akalú lọkọlọkọ** expression of praise for a new moon

**lọkọmọ** *v.cs.* weaken; enfeeble

**lọkọpọ** *id.* slack; inactive; dull; weak

**lọkúlọkú** *id.* describes big swollen jaws, fat from neck up (*abusive*) (<**lokulokú**)

**lọkúu**<sup>1</sup> *id.* drowsy, due to tiredness from labour or over-feeding; appearing weak and tired (<**lokuu**)

**lọkúu**<sup>2</sup> *id.* describes a person fairly swollen at the jaws

**lọkposìlọkposì** *id.* flexible; soft (<**lokposilokposi**)

**lọlì**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* **A.** press; straighten (*e.g.* a cane or stick); **B.** iron (cloth)

**lọlì**<sup>2</sup> *v.t.* knead into paste, as bread

**lọlìjì** *id.* dull in action, appearance or movement

**lọlọbìjì** *id.* very long

**lọmúu** *id.* insipid with respect to taste (of food without enough salt and pepper added to it); a taste or situation that evokes vomiting

**lọp**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* smear, plaster, with mud, etc.; **wárijì** renovate a house

**lọp**<sup>2</sup> *v.t.* massage (person)

**lọpọlọpọlọ** *id.* tender; weak

**lọpọlọ** *id.* very tall; very long

**lọpọlọ** *id.* move or walk in a dull, sluggish way

**lọpọ** *id.* **A.** describes a lazy, weak person sitting or sleeping tiredly; inactive; passive; **B.** describes the falling or flattened position of some grasses after they have been recently freed from flood

**lọpọsì** *n.* **A.** headtie (of one “yard”, *i.e.* square yard; *cf.* **kúatà**); **B.** one “yard” of cloth in general; **Iẗon lọpọsì** headtie made of a silky cloth

**lọpílọpí** (=lọbílọbí) *id.* long; describes a tall, slender person

**lọsìí** *id.* extremely weak; feeble; frail

**lọlọlọ** *id.* slovenly of speech; not articulating well

**lúaa** *id.* (of motion) swift; rapid

**lúalùà** *id.* always eating this or that (>lúalùà)

**luamií** *id.* flexible; bending flexibly (>luamií)

**ludó** [4] (=lidó) *n.* ludo [*English ludo*]

**luekeé** *id.* describes the curved shape of a stick when some heavy material is suspended from it (>luekeé)

**lugbeé** *id.* describes the protrusion of the tongue (>lugbeé)

**lúgbule** *v.t.* wrap with the idea of covering up, also implying a careless wrapping

**lukpáà** (=likpáà) *id.* gummy; sticky

**lukpakû** *id.* easily worked (of clay)

**lúkpuu** *id.* very dirty (<lúkpuu)

**lúlu** *v.t.* **A.** soften over fire (of plantain/banana leaf) so that it becomes flexible for wrapping fufu, gari, or “buns”; **B.** wrap small fish like **umbólì** in leaf and place on fire to roast

**lululuú** *id.* describes a fierce quick advance (of snake, man, wild animal) (>lululuú)

**lúmọ** *v.t.* warm, bake already boiled yam, cocoyam, etc.

**luwaa** *id.* calmly; freely; undisturbed

**lúwaà** *id.* **A.** describes the steady flow of river or stream water; **B.** describes the steady movement of a fairly big snake (>lúwaà)

**luwaí** *id.* describes the healthy creeping of yam vines, *esp.* when they are overdue for staking

**lúalùà** *id.* always eating this or that (<lúalùà)

**luamií** *id.* flexible; bending flexibly (>luamií)

**lùẹ** *id.* quietly; stealthily; peacefully: **Erí kẹnì lùẹ kí bụnụ famì** He just fell asleep peacefully.

**lueke[1]** *v.i.* sway up and down (*e.g.* of **tákì** carrying-pole when heavily loaded)

**luekeé** *id.* describes the curved shape of a stick when some heavy material is suspended from it (>luekeé) [different from preceding?]

**lugbeé** *id.* describes the protrusion of the tongue (<lugbeé)

**lukpáà** *id.* describes a lanky, unattractive person

**lúkpuu** *id.* dirty; extremely dirty (<lúkpuu) [example?]

**lululuú** *id.* a fierce quick advance of a small person with wide open eyes (<lululuú) [example?]

**lụwaa** *n.?* (usu. with **lẹi**) peace: **Lẹi lụwaa mó timi** Live in peace.

**lúwaà** *id.* describes the steady movement of a smaller quantity of water; or a slower steady flow of water (<lúwaà)

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**-ma** (*enc.*) *def.* the (feminine singular); **tọbọmá** the girl; **yenghimá** the mother

**má** (**máni** before vowels) *adv.* **A.** again; (*with negative*) any more: **Má miẹ kumọ.** Don't do it again: **I maá bọghá èè** I will not agree any more; **B.** and then (*often followed by kpọ*): **Árụbì ìgbe, máni arụ ìgba kpọ kaka** Bring the canoe to land and then moor it with the rope.; **C.** and (*linking parallel sentences*) **Beké ìginámọ temiyémi; Diídì má ègbẹne temiyémi.** Beke is pounding pepper, and Diidi is pounding “bush-mango” seeds.: **Bìdẹbì àkì bó, máni èdẹin kpọ.** Bring the cloth, and the knife too. **kpọ...kpọ...má(nì)...kpọ** (*links parallel sentences*): **Wó sẹi kpọ sẹinghími; wó duma kpọ túnnghími; wó manì ègelé kpọ gbanghími.** We will dance; we will sing; and we will also dance in procession.

**maa** [1] *num.* two (*qualifying form; cf.* **maamú**); **maa burú** two yams; **maa síi** *see mesí*; **maa bẹbẹ tùà suboi** double-barrelled gun; **maa tọrụ tùà** **A.** have second sight; **B.** be educated; **ọrọ maá kẹmì** the two of them

**máa** *n.* ghost [compare with **màan**; nasality?]

**maalàà** *id.* cross-eyed (=malakáà)

**máalamàala** *id.* unsteady or untrustworthy; describes an unsteady character (=méselemèle)

**maamú** *num.* two (*cf.* **maa**); **maamú karamó** second; **maamú pùí** fork (of road or river); **maamú zii** have twins; **maamú zii tóbòu** twin baby

**maamúpùí** *n.* fork (in road)

**máàn** *v.i.* turn round; rotate; **tòrú maàn** (of eyes) suffer from vertigo, have a sensation of whirling, giddiness or dizziness (>**mùùn**)

**maasunyé** *n.* (*tech.*) two-dimensional shape

**maátùtù** *n.* game played by children

**maginjimó** *n.* cigarette cup used in packing the magnum cigarette in former days. It was much bigger than the Bicycle cigarette cup. [*< English magnum*]

**maîn** *a.* **A.** blank; closed up (*e.g.* a pitcher or bottle without an opening); **B.** shapeless plump face (of person); **C.** without marks; devoid of markings or signs

**máìkà** *n.* (*tech.*) mica [*< English mica*]

**máìkuroşikòpu** *n.* (*tech.*) microscope [*< English microscope*]

**maìn** [5] *v.i.* vanish (magically); disappear into the spirit world; (*fig.*) disappear deliberately

**maìn mó** *v.cs.* cause to vanish, disappear (*also mié màìn mó*)

**mákpamàkpa** *id.* untrustworthy with respect to money, etc.

**mákùrì** *n.* (*tech.*) mercury [*< English mercury*]

**mála** *n.* fear: **Mála ìne ghó fàmí** I was struck with fear.

**málafàá** *v.i.* be afraid, fearful

**malakáà** *id.* cross-eyed (of person) (=maalàà, balakáà)

**málamàla** *id.* describes a shiny or silvery iron object or plate (*e.g.* iron box, “pan” plate, etc.)

**málamala** *id.* filled with fear or foreboding

**málamòmalamò** *adv.* filled with fear in anticipation of an uncertain result

**máli** *id.* cutting an object very neatly, usually with a knife (>**máìj**)

**máìj** *id.* cutting an object very neatly, usually with a knife (>**máli**)

**máìmalìj** *id.* shaved completely: **Áràù kẹ̀nì tóbòu tìbì sẹ̀n máìmalìj** She shaved the child’s head completely.

**máìjì** *id.* scarce; out of sight for a long time

**málu** *id.* flashing (>**málu**)

**málumàlu** *id.* flashing regularly (as lighthouse); (*fig.*) showing off one’s possessions or one’s relations’ achievements

**máluù** *v.i.* flash; (*fig.*) show off (>**máluù**)

**máluùye** *n.* lightning [**<máluù + yé**]

**málu** *id.* flashing (<**málu**)

**málu málù** *id.* known to steal and tell lies; deceitful; unreliable

**máluù** *v.i.* flash: **ù maá malùùyémò** See how it is flashing: **Suboi kí malùùmàáà?** Was it a gun that caused that flash?; (*fig.*) show off

**mamíwàtá** *see mamíwòtá*

**mamíwòtá** (=mamíwàtá) *n.* mermaid; “mammy-water”; water spirit associated with riches (= **atámamí**) (*cf.* **beniperé**, which refers to any water-spirit that enriches human beings) [*< Pidgin mamíwòtá*]

**manama** *dem.* (*usually used with béi and déin*) **béi manàma dein** recently; a few days ago; just of recent

**manáfíkí** *a.?* fictitious: **Béi manáfíkí ègberi** This is a fictitious/false story.

**máni** *see má*

**manran-** *see maran-*

**máramazaa** *id.* vanishing; disappearing (completely)

**marankpáà** *id.* moving away stealthily; disappearing unnoticed

**maranmarán** *id.* lightly (as of rubbing on body); fleetingly (as of something briefly glimpsed)

**máranmàran** *id.* half-seen (of a person or animal seen moving quickly in the bush without being identified); (*fig.*) acting somewhat abnormally

**máranmàranmáran** *id.* describes a fast movement in the bush, *esp.* when the

moving object is not easily recognised, or is not quite visible

**maríngà** *n.* rhythm of old school band-set given by the bass drum [*Cameroon meréngè* ?]

**masamasá** *v.a.* be of fairly light complexion

**masínì** *n.* machine [*<English machine*]

**masísì** *n.* match(es) [*<English matches*] (=agbaná = kpáarakayè)

**máùñ** *v.i.* be shocked at (something heard), *esp.* when one is exposed to excessive cold or other ugly situations in life

**méelemèele** *id.* describes the movement of a large flat object in water; (*fig.*) of untrustworthy character (=máalamàala) (> mēḷemēḷe)

**meén** *id.* passing noiselessly (of a large, light-coloured, spherical object, in air or water) (>mēén)

**Meín** [5] *n.* Mein *ibe* in Western Iẓon. Its towns are: Ogobiri (Ugobiri) (headquarters), Kajámà, Oyobu, Fantí, Okunbirí, Ériàma, Agoró, Agorógbène, Kábiamà, Bìlabirí, Akákiamà, Búmọ̀undi (Bomadi), Síama, Ogbein-amá, Ogríagbène, Kálaofiyoubène, Akúgbene, Okóloba, Ogodobírì, Eḷẹ̀biri, Ogbeingbené, Agbọ̀dọ̀bírì, Eḡọ̀dọ̀, Kíagbòdo, Bikoroghá, Ofónibẹ̀ingha, Ayákoromọ̀, Gbékẹ̀bọ̀, and Engbélẹ̀biri Quarter in Adọ̀bù. Its *ibe tẹ̀mẹ̀súò* is ?? Its *ibe orú* (deities) are ??

**Mein-ótù** *n.pl.* people of Meín

**melimelí** *v.a.* be sugary, sweet (>mēḷimēḷí)

**mélimeli** *id.* bald; bare; thoroughly scraped (*e.g.* of head shaved with razor)

**mélumèlu** *v.i.* spread rumours (*cf.* ikpé, which means to tell lies or reveal secrets)

**mélumelu** *id.* describes repeated quick downward movement, as of fish, or swift withdrawal or disappearance (>mēḷumēḷu) [Does this exist?]

**mélùù** (=mélù) *id.* describes a quick downward movement, as of fish after taking in air, or any quick disappearance (>mēḷùù)

**memikaá** *id.* tasteless, *esp.* of soup; insipid

**méngemèngele** *id.* unreliable (of person)

**mení<sup>1</sup>** *n.* flesh; (*tech.*) fleshy pulp (of fruit); **meniamá** proteins

**mení<sup>2</sup>** *n.* thickness (of objects); (*spec.*) excessive thicknesses or bulges in a canoe which, if left alone, keep the canoe uneven, and thus cause it to bend towards one side or the other, or cause cracks. When such portions are observed, they are removed carefully with the appropriate axe before the final heating is done.

**mérin** (=ménrin) *n.* hindrance; apparent interference with what previously seemed to be going on well (always used with **súọ**): **Mérin sọ̀dọ̀ wèé.** Something seems to have gone wrong (said for example when help that was promised is not actually forthcoming, or when a patient has a relapse; in each case interference from other people or supernatural agencies is suspected).

**meséí<sup>1</sup>** (=imeseí) *v.i.* look about in an affected way; grimace to show disapproval of someone's statement

**meséí<sup>2</sup>** (=imeseí) *n.* affected look or disapproving grimace

**mesí** [4] (=maa síí) *num.* forty; two score; **mesí kàramọ̀** fortieth

**metemeté** *id.* describes the pulverised and moist state of foods, *e.g.* sugar, pepper, tomato, etc., after being ground

**mèùñ** *id.* round and smooth; rotating round and smoothly in quick succession, as tops (**ọ̀gbọ̀lọ̀**) in play

**mezeé** *id.* of delicate, fair skin

**mẹ̀n** *v.i.* be sharp (as razor, cutlass)

**mẹ̀ẹ̀** (*shortened form of gbá amẹ̀ẹ̀* 'said that'); *see* **ámẹ̀ẹ̀**

**mẹ̀ḷemẹ̀ḷe<sup>1</sup>** *id.* playfully; coaxingly; entreatingly

**mẹ̀ḷemẹ̀ḷe<sup>2</sup>** *id.* slyly [combine with preceding?]

**mẹ̀ḷemẹ̀ḷe** *id.* describes a quick irregular movement of flat objects inside the water, as when a matchet or knife is dropped in the

water; (*fig.*) of untrustworthy character (<**méelemèele**)

**mẹ̀ẹ̀n** (=mẹ̀ẹ̀n) *id.* moving quietly and slowly (<**meén**)

**mẹ̀ẹ̀nmọ́** *adv.* in a quiet and slow way

**-mẹ̀jín** *suff.* (*suffix added to verbs, with various meanings including to somebody*):

**ị paamejín** happen to me [*probably -mọ́ + -í/í*]

**mẹ̀kpẹ̀ẹ̀** *id.* describes slow and quiet movement, as of someone sickly or weak, or of someone creeping up with bad intentions, as a thief or sniper

**mẹ̀lẹ̀mẹ̀lẹ̀** *id.* thin (as slices of yam or plantain); not thick; light

**mẹ̀lị́** *v.t.* lick (directly) (*cf.* **tába**, where the finger is used)

**melimelí** *v.a.* be sugary, sweet (>**mẹ̀lị́mẹ̀lị́**)

**mẹ̀lị́mẹ̀lị́<sup>1</sup>** *v.a.* be sugary, sweet; **mẹ̀lị́mẹ̀lị́ urú** soft drink (<**melimelí**)

**mẹ̀lị́mẹ̀lị́<sup>2</sup>** *id.* gently; slowly; politely; courteously: **Mẹ̀lị́mẹ̀lị́ kị ẹ̀rẹ̀.** Talk gently.

**mẹ̀lị́mẹ̀lị́** *id.* in a frantic mood to taste or lick or eat anything in the house, either due to hunger or a tendency to pilfer

**mẹ̀lụ̀mẹ̀lụ̀** *id.* or *v.i.?* describes repeated quick downward movement, as of fish, or swift withdrawal or disappearance (<**mẹ̀lụ̀mẹ̀lụ̀**)

**mẹ̀lụ̀** (=mẹ̀lụ̀) *id.* describes quick downward movement, as of fish after taking in air; withdrawing swiftly (as tongue of snake), or any quick disappearance (<**mẹ̀lụ̀**)

**mẹ̀mẹ̀rẹ̀ẹ̀n** *id.* restored; repaired; brought back to a former state

**mẹ̀mụ̀ụ̀<sup>1</sup>** *id.* dull, sickly in appearance or movement (of people)

**mẹ̀mụ̀ụ̀<sup>2</sup>** *id.* thoroughly done (of food); boiled soft

**mẹ̀ngẹ̀rẹ̀mẹ̀ngẹ̀rẹ̀** *id.* bobbing, irregular motion (as of buoy); spinning motion (as of top (**ọ̀gbọ̀lọ̀**))

**mẹ̀nị́** *adv.* now; then

**mẹ̀rẹ̀nẹ̀rẹ̀n** (=mẹ̀nẹ̀rẹ̀nẹ̀n) *id.* softly; gently; not in haste

**mẹ̀rẹ̀rẹ̀n** (=mẹ̀nẹ̀rẹ̀n) *id.* smooth, as of a smooth surface

**mẹ̀tẹ̀** *v.i.* [or *id.?*] be broken down or disintegrated into paste or pap (as overcooked yam in too much water); (*fig.*) idle, redundant (as employee)

**mẹ̀tẹ̀mẹ̀tẹ̀** *a.* in very fine particles; minute-grained (as of snuff)

**mẹ̀tẹ̀rẹ̀jẹ̀** *v.i.?* [or *v.p.?*] become soft and watery (of pounded fufu) and thus getting spoilt; soften

**mẹ̀tirikì tọnbaraama** *n.pl.* metric units (*tech.*) [*<English metric+??*]

**-mị** *see -mị*

**-mị** (*enc.*) (**-mị** after narrow vowels) *t.m.* **A.** (*simple past, with verbs of action*): **Tọ̀bọ̀bọ̀jẹ̀ bànhjị́.** The boy ran.; **B.** (*present state, with adjectival verbs*): **Bị̀dẹ̀bị́ pìsímí.** The cloth is wet.; **C.** (*habitual*) **Indi ába, ị fị́mị́.** If (there is/was) fish, I eat/used to eat (it).

**mídị́anjị́** *n.* (*tech.*) median [*<English median*]

**múirin** (=múinriin) *id.* describes a round and bulky object, *e.g.* timber, barrel (>**mújrijin** ?but check difference in meaning )

**múirinmúirin** (=múinrinmúirin) *id.* emphatically describing how a round thing moves or is moved

**míkímíkí** *v.i.?* hold intimate discussion in secret; suppress a matter in private

**mílilí** *id.* smooth (>**mílilíjẹ̀**)

**mílílita** *n.* (*tech.*) millilitre [*<English millilitre*]

**mímíyoun** (=imímíyoun) *v.t.* suck and draw in forcefully (as child sucks breast, or as in drinking through a straw) (contrast **indóu**, which is gentler)

**miní<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* pass under (*e.g.* clothes-line); It is a taboo or indecent act for menfolk to pass under the clothes of women on the clothes-line, and is believed to make them weak;

**mini bọ̀** pass under such

**miní<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* pass the decapitated head of an enemy under the seat of the canoe, to enable one to claim title to having killed him

**minì** *n.* (*tech.*) mean [*<English mean*]

**mínikimìniki** *id.* moving secretively as if up to something

**minimaa** *id.* kept in complete secrecy [tone?] [any **mịnịmaa?**]

**minimeín** *n.* throat; gullet; **minimeín ghò tịe** stick in the throat while eating; **minimeín tụa/minimein tụa** be greedy (= **mịnịmọ́**, **okolotuú** under **okoló**) [**mịnịmọ́** + **yé**]

**mínimini** *id.* big; fat; huge; plump (of person, animal, barrel, neck) (>**mịnịmịni**)

**minítù** *n.* (tech.) minute [<English *minute*]

**mísìsì** *n.* frock; gown (English style) [<English *missis?*]

**mítà** *n.* (tech.) metre; **mítà fanụ** square metre; **mítà gbasá** metre stick; **mítà rula** metre ruler; **fánụkutu mita** cubic metre [<English *metre*]

**mítikimítiki** *id.* describes a secret way of attempting to suppress a matter that has already come to the public

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**-mịé<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* do; make; **dií mịé** **A.** imitate; **B.** do carefully; **C.** be lenient with; (**kịmị**) **mịé gèlekúù** astonish; amaze; astound; **kẹnị bara mịé** do all in the same way; **kịmị mịé kpọ mịégha** behave politely; **ongó a (akị) kịmị mịé** be proud; be egocentric; self-conceited

**mịé<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* come to the surface of the water to take air or food (of fishes) (= **sọụ**)

**mịé beinmọ** *v.p.* fulfil

**mịé bìnmọ** *v.p.* (math.) multiply

**mịé bìnmọlelei** *n.* (math.) multiplication sign (×)

**mịé bìnmọnghịyè** *n.* (math.) multiplicand

**mịé bìnmọghópàayọ** *n.* (math.) product

**mịé bìnmọyé** *n.* (math.) multiplier

**mịé bọ** (= **mịé bọ́**) *n.m.f.* doer; maker; performer

**mịé bọ́<sup>1</sup>** *v.p.* **A.** exceed; do beyond what is expected; **B.** praise for being very kind or performing very well

**mịé bọ́<sup>2</sup>/bụọ** *v.p.* override the ceremonial bounds, such as those of the ancestors or the deities

**mịé bụnụmọ** *v.p.* lull to sleep

**mịé daá** *v.p.* let

**mịé dẹrị** *v.p.* deride; mock; make fun of; ridicule; sneer at; scoff at

**mịé dẹrịyèé** *n.* mockery; derision

**mịé díá** *v.p.* show, exhibit; demonstrate (= **tọnmọ**)

**mịé dọdọmọ** *v.p.* make very cold; dampen

**mịé dọmọ** *v.p.* (*fig.*) appease; assuage; calm; pacify; soothe

**mịé dụbamọ** *v.p.* enlarge; magnify

**mịé-egbéyè** *n.* something worth doing; duty worth doing

**mịé fàmọún** *v.p.* end; conclude; waste

**mịé finimọ** *v.p.* widen

**mịé gàanmọ** *v.p.* enlighten; elucidate; clarify

**mịé gbasímọ** *v.p.* make equal; equalize

**mịé ghọ sọ́** *v.p.* be an outcast (of female)

**mịé-ghọ-sọ́-èrè** *n.* female outcast.

Traditionally, when a woman miscarries, gives birth to a child prematurely which dies, gives birth to a still-born child or to twins or triplets, she becomes a **mịé-ghọ-sọ́-èrè**, and is allowed to stay only on the outskirts of the town/village. She is not allowed to fish on the lakes or other fisheries, or to reach some places in the forest to cut yam stakes or rattan (**apíe**), or enter shrines and some **péle** or **ugúla**. If she is not freed by being in the family way, or by giving birth to a child in the normal way before she dies, she is wrapped in a mat and thrown away into the river. Nobody mourns for her. But since the advent of Christianity this custom is no longer observed.

**Mịékínimi** *n.m.f.* personal name [‘Known by your deeds’]

**mịé kịrịmọ** *v.p.* correct; amend; set right

**mịé kùromọ** *v.p.* strengthen

**Mìẹlaamó** *n.* personal name [*Do very well*]  
**mìẹmìẹbará** *n.* custom; traditional way  
**mìẹmọ mìẹ mọtìmì** *v.p.* dilly-dally (=kọrì kọrì tìmì)  
**mìẹmọ** *v.dir.* do towards; do unto  
**mìẹ naá** *v.p.* **A.** hear news: **Yé àmábọ̀ mìẹ nayémàáà?** Are you hearing from home?; **B.** hear an unexpected noise (in a quiet place)  
**mìẹ nimimọ** *v.p.* notify; inform  
**mìẹnimimọyè** *n.* announcement; notice; information; banns (of marriage)  
**mìẹ nì akí** *v.p.* do it (for) yourself  
**mìẹ nì èbimọ́** *v.p.* **A.** make better; improve; (*tech.*) purify; **B.** (*in a bad sense*) punish properly  
**mìẹ nì ìmbelemọ́** *v.p.* sweeten; make interesting  
**mìẹ paamọ́** *v.p.* **A.** devise; manufacture; **B.** reveal indirectly  
**mìẹ pèremọ́** *v.p.* enrich  
**mìẹ pìnamọ́** *v.p.* whiten; ripen by force [tone?]  
**mìẹ saramọ́** *v.p.* hasten [tone?]  
**mìẹ sèí** *v.p.* be guilty  
**mìẹsèí** *n.* guilt (=mìẹsèiyé) [*mìẹ sèí+-í*]  
**mìẹ sèimọ́** *v.p.* damage; spoil  
**mìẹsèiyé** *n.* guilt (=mìẹsèí) [*mìẹ sèí+yé*]  
**mìẹ serimọ́** *v.p.* heighten; raise up  
**mìẹyè** *n.* something done; deed: **Wó mìẹyè sèighá** (*lit.* What we do is not bad). This expression is used by people (*esp.* women) who think or claim that whatever they do is above reproach, and that they are infallible. It is also an expression of praise uttered during dances, or when dance or war canoes are passing by the village.  
**mìẹyemí pàa** *n.* (*tech.*) pattern  
**mìẹ zàumọ́** *v.p.* shorten; make smaller; belittle  
**mìjrijin** (=mìjnrìjin) *id.* describes a smoothly-cut round surface (<mìiriin ?but check difference in meaning)  
**mìjrijinmìjnrìjin** *id.* **A.** looking from side to side; **B.** rolling a round object carefully on a

smooth surface; **C.** describes the quick rolling of the eyes or head. It can also be slow, as when a woman rolls her eyeballs around gently

**mìjì** *v.t.* swallow: **Mìjìnghì aba, sùbá; páamọnghì aba, ùkpán** To swallow, a fish-spike; to bring out, lack of fish (*i.e.* on the horns of a dilemma)

**(mìjì)** *v.t. used in:* **ungbóu mìjì** miss the midrib of the lower part of the raffia leaf during the process of plaiting thatch. This usually happens with a beginner.

**mìjì** *conj.* as; until; while: **Ọrọ andá tìmì mìjì mọ, ọ sẹ́ koromì.** As they were wrestling, they all fell down.

**mìjìkìjìmìjìkì** *id.* feeling as if something is moving intermittently under the skin

**mìjìmámìjìma** *id.* suppressing a secret which is not yet known to the public; stopping the spread of a piece of news in a secretive manner

**mìjìmìjì** *id.* big, fat, huge, of person, animal, barrel, neck (< mìnìmìnì)

**mìjìmọkọrìghá** *n.* yam variety which is very good for food, hence the name [*cannot check appetite*]

**mìjìmọ́** *n.* area including throat; throat below Adam's apple; **mìjìmọ́ tuu tuá** be greedy; be gluttonous (= mìnimeín, okolotuú)

**mìjìmọtuú** *n.* gluttony; greed [*mìjìmọ́+túu*]

**móbàìjìama** *n.pl.* (*tech.*) mobiles [*<English mobiles*]

**módù** *n.* (*math.*) mode [*<English mode*]

**moolomóolo** flexible (of people, *esp.* women)

**mórun** (=mónrun) *id.* ripe, as fruit; mature; succulent; juicy

**mótò** *n.* car [*<English motor*]

**motomotó** fleecy; velvety; pulverised state of grains, *e.g.* maize

**motoo** *a.* fine, smooth-looking person, implying some sort of light colour (>mọtọọ)

**mọ<sup>1</sup>** *conj.* (*tone always low, requires an immediately preceding high*) **A.** as soon as;

when: **Fí sǐn mọ̀, ọ̀ mumí.** When they had finished eating, they went; **B. if: Ị bángħì mọ̀, ye i kpótudọ̀** If you run, I will chase you.

**mọ²** *part.* (tonal enclitic) with (*cf.* **mọmọ**):  
**Erí wò ta mọ̀ bomi.** He came with his wife.

**-mọ³** *def.* (tonal enclitic) the (*plural*):  
**wárimọ̀** the houses

**-mọ⁴** *v.suff.* (tonal enclitic) (*adds causative meaning to verb*): **bóu** drink; **bóumọ̀** cause to drink

**-mọ⁵** *suff.* (tonal enclitic) (*creates adverbs*):  
**mẹ̀n** quiet and slow; **mẹ̀nmọ̀** quietly and slowly

**mọ¹** *adv.* thus; like this; so; **mọ̀ kị** this way:  
**Wó mọ̀ kị mịẹ̀ mịẹ̀dọ̀ aba, ebighá** If we do it like this, it is not good: **Mọ̀ kị èmi** It's like this: **mọ̀ kị** then; moreover; so; now **Wó ye fì sǐndọ̀ ába, mọ̀ kị wó siidọ̀** When we have finished eating, then we will go to farm; **mọ̀ kpò** still; yet; **mọ̀ mịẹ̀** do thus; do like this; **mọ̀bì** [meaning?]: **Mọ̀bì pàadọ̀ aba** If (it) happens so...; **mọ̀ mịẹ̀ mịẹ̀/mọ̀ tìmi tìmi** such as this: **Wónì naá mọ̀ mịẹ̀ mịẹ̀ yè ẹ̀righa.** We have never seen such a thing as this before.; **mọ̀ tìmidẹ̀jì kị/mọ̀ wẹ̀rìdẹ̀jì kị** just wait, wait for a while

**mọ²** *part.* (*used to show that object has been put at beginning of sentence*): **Kẹ̀nì òbori tọ̀bọ̀ ọ̀ mọ̀ ẹ̀rimì.** It was a kid that they saw.

**-mọ³** *v.suff.* towards; against (*directional suffix*): **Tìnbì nì ụ̀ sẹ̀sẹ̀rẹ̀mọ̀.** Lean the stick against him.

**mọ̀ kpò** *adv.* still, yet: **Erí mọ̀ kpò naá bogha** He has still not come yet.

**mọ̀ mịẹ̀ kọ̀** because of this action: **Áràù mọ̀ mịẹ̀ kọ̀, wónì a tókonimi** Because of her action, we praised her.

**mọ...mọ** *part.* (tonal enclitics) and: **Ẹ̀gbẹ̀ mọ̀, Aláere mọ̀** Ẹ̀gbẹ̀ and Alaere

**mọmọ** *part.* (tonal enclitic) and; with (*form of mọ² 'with' and the second part of mọ...mọ 'and', used after short pronoun in second position in sentence*): **Áràù ị̀ mọmọ̀**

**bonghími.** She will come with me: **Ị mọ̀ ị̀ mọmọ̀ mu.** Let me and you go.

**mọngọ̀** *n.* mug; cup [*<English mug*]

**mọ̀ nì** *conj.* or: **Indíí mọ̀ nì náma ààà?** Is it fish or meat?

**mọngmọngmọ̀** *id.* very fleshy and fine:  
**ọ̀ngọ̀ sẹ̀ mọngmọ̀ ngọ̀** The whole body is fleshy and fine.

**mọ̀mọ̀mọ̀mọ̀** *id.* fairly acceptable; interesting

**mọtọ̀** *a.* fine-looking, as the smooth body of a child (*<motoo*)

**mọ̀jùn** [1 or 4/5?] *n.* scarcity, shortage, of foodstuff; famine; hunger (*cf.* **ụ̀kpán**): **Béi amà mọ̀jùn koro káamì** There is a great shortage of foodstuff in this town: **Mọ̀jùn ị̀ kọ̀rìyẹ̀mì/Arí mọ̀jùn kọ̀rìyẹ̀mì** I am hungry; **mọ̀jùn iné** endure hunger; **mọ̀jùn korú** be short of food or starving for an extended period; fast: **Erí mọ̀jùn koruyẹ̀mì** He is fasting.

**mọ̀jùnkorú** *n.* famine; starvation; fasting:  
**Mọ̀jùnkorubí èbighá.** Starvation is not good; **mọ̀jùnkoro kùràì** year of famine: **Mọ̀jùnkoro kùràì ya, gbún (ụ̀yan) kị fìyemèé** In a year of famine, wild beans are eaten.

**mú** *v.i.* go; **múda wàì bo** die and return several times; reincarnate several times (*lit.* 'go and come back')

**mukee** *id.* grinning

**mukemuké** *id.* grinning (*>mukemuké*)

**múla** *n.* a short duration of time; spark (of fire)

**mulukútùbú** *n.* sixth-generation slave

**múmọ̀** *v.cs.* make go

**mumú** [4] *n.* person who refuses to speak out [*<Yoruba?*]

**mumúlù** *n.* bug sp.

**munemuné¹** *n.?* early morning

**munemuné²** *id.* not clear; dim [*combine with preceding?*]

**munemuné³** *id.* soft and smooth, as of velvet, or well-pounded fufu

**muniû** *id.* flexible, pliable

**músu** *v.i.* be moist; become damp



**múule** *v.t.* roll a round object, such as a log, on ground (*contrast búule*, roll objects which are not round, including human beings)

**múulee** *id.* moulded into a smooth roundish shape; smoothed (of wood) by carving and cutting off lumps or crooked parts

**múulemuule** *id.* big, roundish, soft and smooth object (as a big plate of fufu or a large heap of mud)

**múurunmùurun** (=múunrunmùunrun) *id.* roll like the **dòùn** grub

**mújìn** *v.i.* **A.** dissolve; **B.** become thin, lean, emaciated; **mújìnghimi** (*tech.*) soluble; **mújìngha** insoluble

**mújìnmọ** *v.cs.* **A.** make dissolve: **Benibí òtókò mújìnmọmì** The water dissolved the mud; **B.** make thin, lean, emaciated; **Dọnbí à mújìnmọmì** The sickness made her lean.

**mújìnmọghiyè** *n.* (*tech.*) solvent

**mụkẹmụké** *id.* beaming; with a radiant smile or look of pleasure (<**mukemuké**)

**mụlamùla** *id.* flickering; flashing [Is there also **mụlamùla**?]

**mụlẹ̀** *id.* instantly; momentarily; in a flash

**mụlẹ̀jì** *v.i.* **A.** move slowly and gracefully, as by a plump person during dancing or walking; **B.** roll slowly, as by a smooth-bodied fish on a smooth surface (*e.g.* mud-fish in a canoe)

**mụlẹ̀mụlẹ̀** *id.* light; soft

**mụlẹ̀mụlẹ̀** *id.* describes a slow movement or rolling of a fat person or fish

**mụmụmụmụ** *id.* painful; with a feeling of serious heat (from fire) (=gbjìn)

**mụnẹmụnẹ** *id.* soft and weak-bodied; describes a weakling or sickly person

**mụngamụnga** *id.* tender; frail; delicate

**mụnìjì** *id.* flexible, as a kitten or cat

**mụnụmụnụ** *v.i.* murmur; talk with clenched teeth

**mụnụmụnụ** *id.* the quality of being slender, long and attractive, as a girl's neck

**mụrẹnmụrẹn**<sup>1</sup> (=mụnrẹnmụnrẹn) *id.* describes a smouldering heat, as from fire

**mụrẹnmụrẹn**<sup>2</sup> (=mụnrẹnmụnrẹn) *id.* with a smile on the face; keeping cheerful all the time

**mụrụ̀jùn** *id.* describes the pretty nature of the face and body when anointed lightly; **Kóro sẹ mụrụ̀jùn** The face looks smooth and attractive.

**mụrụ̀jùn** *id.* rounded; not twisted

**mụsẹ** *id.* smiling with the mouth

**mụsẹmụsẹ** *id.* keeping a half smile on the face all the time

**mụ̀jùn** *v.i.* turn round; rotate; **tọrụ mụ̀jùn** (of eyes) suffer from vertigo, have a sensation of whirling, giddiness or dizziness (<**mààn**)

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**Nna** *int.* so; **Na, ọ mọ kị èmi yaàà?** So, he is like that?

**naá**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* hear; understand; **naaghá** not heard; not understood; **naa kirí** **A.** way something is heard: **Wó naa kiribi, béi gbaà bara kị paameé** The way we heard it is how we told it; **B.** hear wrongly: **Árì egberibí nàa kírímèé** You heard the story wrongly; **naaghá lèi** feign not to hear; **déin naa** be able to wake in night at pre-arranged time; **fúru naa** perceive a smell; **Naabọ á gba nàaghábọ dĩa** Any person who has heard should tell the person who has not heard (*closing sentence of a proclamation by a town-crier*); (*fig.*) **naa kpọ nàagha** determined; unperturbed

**naá**<sup>2</sup> [4] *adv.* (not) yet: **Naá karagha** (It) is not yet complete; **Naá pínagha** (It) is not yet ripe.

**naá**<sup>3</sup> (=naná) (*short for nì akì*): **Akì nàá ọ̀ pìrì** Give it to him.

**naánà** *n.* mummy! mother! (*archaic form of address*) (=ínà)

**naayéé** *n.* **A.** hearing: **Wo naayémọ kùromí.** [This sentence has been queried. Any more common example?] He is hard of hearing; **B.** thing heard: **Ine naayébì ebighá** What I heard is not good.

**náin<sup>1</sup>** (=náìjìn) *v.acc.* be near, very close **Erí bo yọọ mò náinmì** He came near to the place.

**náin<sup>2</sup>** *n.* ninepence [*<English nine*]

**náìjìn** (=náìjìn) *v.acc.* be near, very close

**náìlònjì** *n.* artificial material such as nylon, plastic [? or is this always **ròbà?**], polythene, etc.; **náìlònjì akpa** polythene bag [*<English nylon*]

**náinmọ** *v.dir.* come near to

**nainmọnáinmọ** *id.* quite near; close; recent

**náìrà** *n.* naira, the Nigerian currency, symbolized by ₦ [*<Nigerian English naira*]

**Najírìà** *n.* Nigeria [*<English Nigeria*]

**nákijì** *v.acc.* be very near but not quite touching (*cf.* **náìjìn**) (*opp. of* **gìlìjì**)

**náma** *n.* A. animal: **Aká fà namá deinbiri kọọ ogboin tu ghọ mumi** The toothless animal goes to the foot of the “bush-mango” tree at midnight (to get his share of the food while others are sleeping; *i.e.* the disadvantaged person needs extra time and trouble to get what he wants); **Bọlọ daa/kọrì nama sèi beni bóughá** The first animal in the line will not drink dirty water (applied to someone favouring people further back in the line); **B.** meat; **alagbá nàma** (*lit.* ‘gun meat’) a portion of the meat of certain animals given to the compound by the hunter, *e.g.* head, ear, nose, tail, and offal, for their consumption. This is done in recognition of the fact that it is these men (not women) in the compound who are directly responsible for his well-being in case of any mishap. These portions of the animal are given to the oldest man; and it is his responsibility to prepare it and invite all male members, including boys who have been circumcised, but excluding any who have had sex in the previous night (which would defile the hunting activities), to dine with him in the house of the hunter. In return, the members of the compound through the compound head pray for his health and prosperity in his occupation.

They sometimes “spray” the hunter with money. After the feast, the bones are taken to **ukúatà**, a special shrine where they are kept for reference and worship: **Náma dẹgha, indi dẹghá** It is not a matter of sharing meat or fish. This is the last sentence of a spokesman in a gathering after giving out titles (**kúle**) to some respected men, to assure others that they are not neglected.

**námabawarì** *n.* abattoir; slaughter-house [**náma** + **bá** kill + **warì** house]

**námabọ** *n.* foot(print) of animal [**náma** + **bọ** foot]

**námadiri** *n.* “medicine” which protects crops from being destroyed by animals [**náma** + **díri** medicine]

**náma-dẹgha-ìndi-dẹghá** *n.* common people: **Náma-dẹgha-ìndi-dẹghámọ bárasin yèè!** Don’t worry about the common people! [*phrase-noun from common polite expression (see under náma)*]

**námafiyajì** *n.* food, usually plantain, cut into three pieces and cooked with blood and meat from a freshly-slaughtered domestic animal, without palm-oil [**náma** + **fiyaji** food]

**náma-ingbe** *n.* horn of animal [**náma** + **ingbeé** horn]

**naná<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* have; own; possess

**naná<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* marry; **eré nana** marry (of man) (*object is never* **taá** ‘wife’); **yei naná** marry (of woman) (*object is always* **yeí** ‘husband’)

**naná<sup>3</sup>** (=naá<sup>3</sup>) (*short for* **nì akì**): **Akì nàná ù pìrì** Give it to him.

**naná<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.t.* take complete possession of; occupy fully (*e.g.* enemy territory): **Áràù boyọ nànaíđọ**. She has taken complete possession of the place. [Can **boyọ** be treated as a compound?]

**naná<sup>2</sup>** [5] *v.recip.* be closely-knit (in marriage or friendship): **Ọrọ maá kìmì duduú nànaíđọ**. The two people are very close to each other. [**naná<sup>1</sup>** possess + **-í** reciprocal]

**nayaí** *v.recip.* commune; take a decision together; talk together; discuss intimately [*naá<sup>1</sup> hear + -yaí reciprocal*]

**náyei** *n.* game by little boys and girls; the participants sing a song and mention the name of each of them in rotation

**Nedúgò-Agbíá** *n.* a town in Gbanraín **ibe** of Northern Iẗon

**neén** *id.* reddish (as of a fruit getting ripe)

**neneneé** *id.* tender, as of boil full of pus (>**neṅeṅé**)

**neṅeṅé** *id.* tender; quite distended; only covered with a very light skin (as of a boil on the point of bursting, or a football that has been over-inflated) (<**neneneé**)

**neṅheṅghé** *id.* describes something jelly-like, such as porridge

**-ngími** (**-ngí**, **-ngí** (*tonal enclitic*) *in middle of sentence, agreeing with preceding narrow or wide vowel*) *t.m.* **A.** (future): **Wónì mịṅghími.** We shall do (it).: **Erí tịṅ timinghimi.** He will be standing.; **B.** (immediate future) (with **-dọ**): **I banghịngíḍọ.** I'm about to run.; **C.** (past conditional) (with **tímimi**): **Akúgha tímimi aba, arí bounghi tímimi.** If it had not been bitter, I would have drunk it.

**nía** [3] *num.* (*qualifying form of nóin*) four; **nía buò** four feet/legs

**níajkọkì(yè)** *n.* (*geom.*) quadrilateral; **kịrịgha níajkọkì(ye)** trapezium [*nía + ikọkì corner +yé thing*]

**nienié<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* be very near, close by

**nienié<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* be partly in sight

**nigbaá** *id.* sheepish; inactive; stupid [subdots, or 2 forms?]

**nigbanigbá** *id.* sheepish; acting foolishly [subdots, or 2 forms?]

**nigbimọ** *v.t.* bully; cheat

**nií** *v.t.* sniff

**niiyé** *n.* nose [*nií +yé thing*]

**nikenike** *n.* highlife dance for young people prevalent in the late 1950s and early 1960s in and around the Niger Delta [*<n'ike n'ike, title of an Igbo song*]

**nikorií** *id.* sheepish

**nikúì** (= **nukû**) *id.* describes a faint thing; almost indistinguishable, such as a fading scar or tribal mark (>**nukû**) (Any **níkúì**?)

**ningbí<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* bully; inflict punishment arbitrarily on someone weaker

**ningbí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* bullying: **Iné tọbọ ningbibi èbidọ** Your bullying of children is enough (stop it).

**-nimí** [4] *t.m.* (*present state, with intransitive verbs*): **Erí bụnụnimí.** He's asleep.

**ními** *v.t.* know; **ními dụ** all that one knows about a matter; **fún ními** be educated; **nímigha mịṅ** act as if one does not know; claim ignorance; **ními wẹrị** knowingly; consciously

**nimighanímigha** *id.* without showing off, in a natural way (of people living together)

**nimighajin-nímighajin** *id.* peacefully: **Nimighajin-nímighajin bara timi** Live in peace. [or **nimighajin-nímighajin**? check pronunciation ]

**nímimọ<sup>1</sup>** *v.dir.* act clever towards: **Yé iyé ními baramọ sè, akí nì i nímimọ kumọ** However clever you may be, don't show off to me.

**(nímimọ)<sup>2</sup>** *v.cs.* (*always used with mịṅ*); **mịṅ nímimọ** make known to; inform of; notify

**Ními-wẹrịya-ì-furughá** *n.* traditional lunar month, corresponding roughly to late April to May, the time of the first water-yam harvest in Iẗonland [lit. 'Had I known, I would not have stolen'] (Refers to a woman who stole yams from a bush-farm, not knowing her own near the river were also ripe.)

**nímuùnímuù** *id.* sheepish; behaving like a person with no initiative or independence (>**nímụùnímụù**)

**ningbaá** *id.* stupid; sheepish [or **ningbaá**?]

**nínghinì** (= **níninì**) *num.* eight (*counting form*); **nínghinì karamọ** eighth

**nínghina** [3] *num.* eight (*qualifying form*); **nínghina kịmì** eight people

**nínghinangayè** *n.* (math.) octagon [*nínghina* +*angá* side+*yé* thing]

**níní** *v.t.* cheat; bully

**níni** [3] *n.* nose; **níni fiennò** sniff; inhale; **níni ọfín** blow nose; (fig.) **níni òfoinmọ** enjoy some relief from pressure (*lit.* put one's nose above water)

**nínibarà** *n.* wing of nostril [*níni* +*bára*<sup>2</sup> hand]

**ninibará** [5] *n.* robbery; **ninibara kòòn** commit robbery; bully (of a child) [*níní* +*bára*<sup>4</sup> way] (=fúrusu)

**ninibarasùù** *n.* guerrilla warfare [*ninibará* +*sùù*<sup>2</sup> war]

**nínibọlọ** *n.* tip of nose; **nínibọlọ ghọ** **gbaná** boast about one's kindness to a particular person [*níni* +*bọlọ* tip]

**nínibọ̀** *n.* entrance to nostril [*níni* +*bọ̀* door]

**ninifọ̀** *n.* dishonest business or transaction; **ninifọ̀ túbò** act dishonestly in business [*níní* +*fọ̀* market]

**níninì** (=nínghinì) *num.* eight (counting form); **níninì karamọ** eighth

**níni-opòolo** *n.* nostril [*níni* + *opòolo* hole]

**níniyaìnmọ̀** *n.* top of bridge of nose [*níni* + *yáìnmọ̀*<sup>2</sup> joint]

**níniyeàma** *n.pl.* mucus [*níni* +*yé* thing +*-ama* plural]

**níniyè** *n.* catarrh [*níni* +*yé* thing +*ì* ?]

**nì**<sup>1</sup> (*ni* after wide vowels; tonal enclitic) *part.* who, which (always low, and preceded by high): **Eri kí òwéibi nì bó tubokiri finibọ̀bì.** It was he who came as the first man to open the trading post.

**nì**<sup>2</sup> (*ni* after wide vowels; tonal enclitic) *part.* (links verbs to what follows when next word begins with a vowel): **Yébi àkì nì ì pìrì.** Give me the thing.

**nì**<sup>3</sup> (*ni* after wide vowels; tonal enclitic) *part.* and others (of the same group) **Tọnye nì** Tọnye and his group; Tọnye & co.: **Bìbìbarì nì** Bìbìbarì and others

**nì**<sup>4</sup> (*ni* after wide vowels; tonal enclitic) *conj.* as; after: **Bónghi nì, erí arù kì dọyémì.** As (he) wants to come, he is looking for a

canoe.: **Áràú bẹ̀lẹ̀ sùurudẹ̀jì nì, bẹ̀lẹ̀bọ̀ nàma tẹ̀mì.** After washing the pot, she put meat in it.

**nì**<sup>5</sup> (*ni* after wide vowels; tonal enclitic) *part.* (adds emphasis; only used as below): **Ọ núa nì yoo!** Greetings to all of you!

**nì**<sup>1</sup> *id.* very small (e.g. of eyes); microscopic

**nì**<sup>2</sup> *a.* very small; minute (as of wick turned very low)

**nìkítàà** *id.* shortish; dwarfed; describes a very short person, or the penis

**nìkítì** *id.* very short

**nìkítìnìkítì** *id.* reluctant; showing signs of reluctance

**nìkọ̀** *id.* short (of neck); coming out in a short manner

**nìkpákàra** *n.* a round (red or black) flat bead in big and small sizes; it is threaded on a string and worn around the waist by women. It is the most favoured of beads by women.

**nìkpirì** *id.* short, stunted; contracted

**nìmùnìmù** *id.* very tight, as of a rope tied round the waist

**nìmùùnìmù** *id.* behaving sheepishly, or like a person with no initiative; unable to speak out [*<nìmuùnìmuù*]

**nìnìmẹ̀jìn** (=nìnìmẹ̀jì) *v.i.* shrink

**nìnìmọ̀** *v.cs.* cause to become shorter; reduce the length of; (fig.) pressurize

**nìtìtìtì** *id.* describes a very small quantity of liquid in a container (cf. **tìnrìntìnrìn**)

**nodorii** *id.* describes sheepish look of a stout person (>**nọ̀dọ̀rìjì**)

**nóin** *num.* four; **nóin karamọ** fourth (cf. **nía**, qualifying form)

**nonghonongho** *id.* describes something smooth and attractive, such as a plump body, or well-prepared starch or fufu

**nóun** *n.* needle: **Pẹ̀rẹ̀ kìmì (kpọ̀) ìngó owei bara ghọ noun bimi** A rich person asked a needle from a poor man (*song*). (= **lága** archaic)

**nóuntolu** *n.* sharp-edged grass (*Panicum repens* Linn. GRAMINEAE) [*nóun* +*tólu* pierce]

**nòdòrìjì** *id.* sheepish look of a slender person; (*abusive*) inactive (<**nòdòrìjì**)  
**nòjìn** *id.*? high up  
**nòmù<sup>1</sup>** *v.a.* **A.** be mad; **nòmù bará** madly;  
**nòmù lẹ́jì** pretend to be mad; **B.** (*fig.*) have a mania for; be a glutton for; be crazy about:  
**erẹ nòmù** have a mania for talking; **fìrì nòmù** be a glutton for work/a workaholic;  
**sẹ́jì nòmù** have a mania for dancing  
**nòmù<sup>2</sup>** *n.* madness; insanity  
**nòmumòqó** *v.cs.* make mad [**nòmù<sup>1</sup>** + **mọ** causative]  
**nukû** (= **nikûì**) *id.* describes a faint thing; almost indistinguishable, such as a fading scar or tribal mark (>**nukûì**)  
**númuùnúmuù** *id.* unable to talk; behaving like a madman  
**nùà** *excl.* (*a greeting, used esp. as follows*):  
**A.** welcome!; **B.** thank you!; **nùà kule** give thanks  
**nùàkuleye** *n.* thank-offering [**nùà** + **kùle** greet + **yé** thing]  
**nụgbanụgbá** *id.* behaving like a fool; childish; sheepish  
**nụgbọ** *v.t.* torture someone bitterly  
**nukû** *id.* very faint (of mark or cut) (< **nukû**)  
**nukunukú** *id.* describes a slightly swollen face  
**nukunùkù** *id.* slow, inactive behaviour, almost showing reluctance or unwillingness  
**ny-** see **y-**

## O

**o<sup>1</sup>** (**yo** after **i, ì**; **wo** after **u, ụ**) *emph.* (*adds emphasis to sentence; can be indefinitely lengthened for special effect*): **Egberí yòò!** A story!  
**o<sup>2</sup>** *excl.* so: **O, yébi mo ki pàama** So, it happened like that.  
**obé** *n.* African pear (*Dacryodes edulis* H.J. Lam. BURSERACEAE) [*<Igbo ùbé*]  
**obébè** (= **obóbò, obóbà**) *n.* **A.** ladder (*general term*); **B.** (often **yé bi obèbe**) divining frame

(with three rungs); (**obébè and obóbò** ‘ladder’ are often used interchangeably, but some good speakers differentiate them as is done here); **obébè dọ̀tọ̀tọ̀** (*lit.* the ladder has pointed at him/her) an expression used when, during the interrogation of the dead, a particular person of the family of the dead is pointed out as being to die soon; in some, but not all cases, the death can be averted by sacrifice

**obékè** *n.* cocoyam type

**obína** (= **obúna**) *n.* mat (*general term, esp. in connection with sleeping, cf. ogbónomù*);

**búnụ-òbina** sleeping-mat: **Búnụ-òbina ebíí** The marriage is blessed with children.

**obína-tìbì-oweì** (= **obúna-tìbì-oweì**) *n.*

chairman; president [**obína** + **tìbì** head+ **owéì** man]

**obirí** *n.* dog; **agbalakókò obiri** spotted dog;

**náma kọ̀rì obiri** hunting dog; **obiri wẹ̀nì**

**ìsọmụ** expression used when someone is distracted from his errand (*lit.* ‘the errand

Dog ran’); **péle dii obiri** watchdog; **pulou tabadéjì òbiri** person who is suspect

because of a bad reputation (*lit.* ‘a dog that has licked oil’); **Sayings: Búṣṣṣa sèì obirí**

**séjì ọ̀wẹ̀gha** comment on someone who is obliged to appear as the only qualified

person (*lit.* ‘An emaciated dog does not fear the dancing-place’); **Obirí sọ̀nọ̀mà ziiya,**

**kẹ̀nì bụ̀ ọ̀tụ̀ sèimí** Dog gave birth to seven young, but one was emaciated; **Obiri warì**

**kọ̀qọ̀ tími nì okí dìmì** expression used when someone has begun to use a natural talent

without formal training (*lit.* ‘The dog that stays in the house has learnt to swim’)

**obiri-akpíjì** *n.* dog flea (or tick?) [**obirí** + **akpíjì** flea/tick]

**obiribunumó<sup>1</sup>** *n.* herb (*Selaginella myosurus* (Sw.) Alston SELAGINELLACEAE) [**obirí** + **búnụmọ** make sleep?]

**obiribunumó<sup>2</sup>** *n.* newly-developing pubic hair (as a result of puberty) [**obirí** + **búnụmọ** make sleep?]

**obírìma<sup>1</sup>** *n.* mole (little black spot on skin)

- obírima**<sup>2</sup> (=obúruma) *n.* mole cricket (*Gryllotalpa africana*), used as bait, *usu. beni-óbìrima*
- obírima**<sup>3</sup> *n.* (also **bou-obírimà**) pod of a shrub containing seeds used for dye (*Euphorbia hirta* Linn. EUPHORBIACEAE)
- obírima**<sup>4</sup> *n.* (also **pọ̀-obirima**) herb used for ink (*Eclipta alba* (Linn.) Hassk. COMPOSITAE); **obírima-inki** ink from the herb
- obírima-gẹ̀gbasá** *n.* pen-holder [**obírima** + **gẹ̀gbasá pen**]
- obírima-tèbi-pẹ̀lẹ̀** *n.* centipede [**obírima** + **tèbí vagina pẹ̀lẹ̀ cut**]
- obirinini** *n.* (*fig.*) keen sense of smell: **Erí òbirinini kí t̀̀animí** He has a very keen sense of smell. [**obírí** + **níní nose**]
- obiritọ̀bọ̀** *n.* puppy; **obiritọ̀bọ̀ bàra timi ifiebi** when I was in my youth [**obírí** + **tọ̀bọ̀ child**]
- obiri-oweí** *n.* herb used as medicine for the foot (*Asystasia gangetica* (Linn.) T. Anders. ACANTHACEAE) [NB **ọ̀kúrò** and **beriba-igbá** have been identified as the same plant; is this correct?] [**obírí** + **owéí man?**]
- obó** *n.* pipe; **suboi-obó** barrel of gun
- obóbà** (=obébè, **obóbò**) *n.* ladder (*cf.* also **obébè**)
- oboboó** *n.* tree (*Mansonia altissima* (A. Chev.) STERCULIACEAE) [check id.]
- obodogùù** *int.* once upon a time (*a way of beginning a story*)
- obókù** *n.* water-yam type (fat and white)
- obolí** *n.* sod; turf
- obómu seri** *v.p.* weave lines irregularly in **ingoó** so that parts of the trap are raised while other parts are lowered
- obooroó** *n.* **A.** depressed ground; hollow place; valley; **B.** (*in dirges*) grave
- obóri** *n.* **A.** goat (*general term, cf. okotí* he-goat, **iyọ̀rọ̀-obori** nanny-goat); **obóri imẹ̀lẹ̀jẹ̀** goat's fat; **Sayings: Buru fighá òbori ki aká yàinmí** An innocent person is blamed/made a scapegoat (lit. 'It was the goat that did not eat yam that had its teeth broken'); **Imẹ̀lẹ̀jẹ̀ t̀̀a obori, kírí ki dùo ni akímí** A goat that puts on fat can be detected from childhood; **obóri kaka igba mọ̀ òbóri mọ̀** involuntary involvement due to circumstances (lit. 'the goat's tether and the goat'); **B.** (*fig.*) fool
- obóribau** *n.* disfavoured wife (=obóri-wari-koru-arau, opposite of **yei di eré, dii eré**) [**obóri** + **baú daughter**]
- obórifurou** *n.* mildew: **Obórifurou (ki) bìdẹ̀ kòrìmí.** The cloth has become mildewed. [**obóri** + **fúròú belly (from stained appearance)**]
- obóri-imẹ̀lẹ̀jẹ̀** *n.* plant resembling waterleaf whose thick dark-green leaves are cooked and eaten to treat infertility of women (*Portulaca oleracea* Linn. PORTULACEAE) [**obóri** + **imẹ̀lẹ̀jẹ̀ fat**] (=udisituá) [check the id.]
- obórikorigha** *n.* medicinal herb whose seeds stick to one's clothes (*Cyathula prostrata* (Linn.) Blume AMARANTHACEAE) [Is this the same as **tọ̀bọ̀-gbala-túo?**] [**obóri** + **korí catch** + **-gha not**] (=bìdepálì)
- obóritọ̀bọ̀** *n.* kid [**obóri** + **tọ̀bọ̀ child**]
- obóri-wari-koru-arau** *n.* disfavoured wife [**obóri** + **wari house** + **kóru keep watch** + **-arau female**] (=obóribau, opposite of **yei di eré, dii eré**)
- obósi** *n.* red calico
- oboyaí**<sup>1</sup> [5] *v.i.* **A.** shout ceremonially during the **uzí** ceremony for a deceased hero, or during a storm; **B.** shout (of hunter) on killing certain large animals (elephant, pygmy hippo, leopard, buffalo, or manatee)
- oboyaí**<sup>2</sup> [5] *n.* ceremonial shout
- obúbu** *n.* globe-fish; puffer-fish (*Tetraodon lineatus* TETRAODONIDAE)
- obudóú** *n.* mist; fog; clouds
- obúdu** *n.* ooze; mud (clay); silt-clay deposited by flood water, brought out from the water and used in floating palm-kernels (contrast **alabúmà**)

**Obúdupotou** *n.* traditional lunar month corresponding roughly to December (when it is still muddy underfoot)

**obúgu** *n.* catfish, in the group of **ulúma** (*Clarias buthupogon* CLARIIDAE)

**obúna** (=obína) *n.* mat (*general term, esp. in connection with sleeping*); **búnụ-òbuna** sleeping-mat: **Búnụ-òbuna ebií** The marriage is blessed with children. (=ogbónomụ)

**Obúnàgha** *n.* the ecclesiastical headquarters of Gbanraịn **ibe** in Northern Iẗon

**obúna-tìbì-owei** (=obína-tìbì-owei) *n.* chairman; president [**obúna** + **tìbì** head+ **owéi** man]

**obúruma** (=obírìma) *n.* mole cricket (*Gryllotalpa africana*), used as bait, *usu.* **beni-òbùruma**

**odedé** [4] (=ededé) *n.* flower; ornamental shrub (= **fìlávà**); (*tech.*) corolla; petals [*cf. Igbo òdòdó, Urhobo ódódó flower*]

**odedébàra** *n.* (*tech.*) stamen (filament and anther) [**odedé** + **bàra** hand]

**odedébàrabọlọ** *n.* (*tech.*) anther [**odedé** + **bàrabọlọ** fingertip]

**odedébìrì** *n.* (*tech.*) style [**odedé** + **bìrì**<sup>4</sup> belly]

**odedébọlọ** *n.* (*tech.*) stigma [**odedé** + **bọlọ** tip]

**odedéfùrou** *n.* (*tech.*) pistil [**odedé** + **fùròù** belly]

**odedépọda** *n.* (*tech.*) pollen (grains) [**odedé** + **pọda** powder]

**odedé-tùo** (=odedé-tùa) *n.* medicinal herb (*Aspilia africana* (Pers.) C.D. Adams COMPOSITAE) (=owéi-iyọunkọrì) [**odedé** + **tùo** herb]

**ódèé** *n.* **A.** antelope type, probably the Yellow-backed Duiker (*Cephalophus sylvicultor* CEPHALOPHINAE), now almost extinct in the area (probably = **aminikaá** = **ìsagháj-tùu-nama**); **B.** (*fig.*) sheepish person

**Odi** *n.* Odi, the northernmost town in Kólokùmá **ibe**, the seat of Kólokùmá Zibaaraụ

**odingbilá** [1/4] (=odingbilaá =edingbilá = edingbilaá) *n.* ram

**odó** [4] *n.* biggest size of mortar, used in pounding fufu (*cf. okuná, ukpúrutè*) [*cf. Yoruba odó, Èdo òdó, Urhobo ódó, Igbo ódō* 'mortar']

**odóbàra** *n.* pestle [**odó** mortar + **bàra** hand]

**odóbaj** *n.* very small snail (*Achatina* sp.);

**odóbaj bii** go into a town or compound singing and dancing, to shame the people into coming out to wrestle with them;

**odóbaj dọ** look for snails; look for small presents in kind from neighbours (*esp.* when a relative dies and the presents, mostly in the form of foodstuffs, are needed to entertain visitors and sympathisers)

**odogoríà** *n.* game for boys, in which one boy holds a midrib of the wine-palm in each hand and is dressed in wine-palm leaves like a masquerade. He chases and flogs the other boys.

**odógu** *n.* chief; head of a body of men, organization or party; ruler of a group of men [*<Igbo òdógwú* champion]

**odóguasàra** *n.* scorpion (*Pandinus* sp.) [*<Igbo òdógwú ọ̀zàrà* scorpion]

**odokó** *n.* large bird of prey; it resembles the hawk, but bigger [identify?]

**odoón** *n.* yellowish substance used as medicine; hence, yellow [*<Ogba òdnò* yellow]

**odon-odón** *id.* bright yellow

**odú<sup>1</sup>** [4] *n.* cocoyam (all types from family ARACEAE); **beké-òdu** new or imported cocoyam (*Xanthosoma mafaffa* Schott.);

**bou-odú** inedible wild species (*Rhektophyllum mirabile* N.E. Br.); **ekúe-**

**odu** [describe!]; **Isélema-odu** a strong reddish cocoyam from Warri; **ìzón-odu** old cocoyam (*Colocasia esculenta* (Linn.) Schott.); **owéi-odu** male cocoyam which does not produce tubers

**odú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* white of egg

**odú-ba-bùru-baá** *n.* universal antidote taken by wrestlers, which must be removed after

wrestling before going to the farm (or it would kill the crops) [*odú + báa kill + burú yam + báa kill*] [check tone]

**odúbàù** *n.* cocoyam tuber [*odú + baú daughter*]

**odúbèri** *n.* cocoyam leaf [*odú + berí leaf*]

**odúbèrí** *n.* sting-ray (*Dasyatis* spp.) [*odú + berí leaf (from the shape?)*] (=síkà)

**odubó** *n.* duty; service; **odubo gbaá** serve [*<.Urhobo òdìbò, cf. Igbo òdìbò, òdìgbò servant*]

**odubo-aráù** *n.f.* servant-girl; handmaiden [*odubó + -aràù female*]

**odubo-owéi** *n.* (man-)servant [*odubó + owéi man*]

**odubo-tòbòù** *n.* servant [*odubó + tòbòù child*]

**odúbùrú** *n.* **A.** a children's game played during the yam harvesting season. Two children agree in the presence of a third person to call on each other's name. One scores or wins a point when the person called answers **oó** (which is the more honoured answer by custom). But when the person answers in any other form, such as **ẹ́n** or **teyàà** or **ùún**, no score is made. The winner is the first person to make seven points. The loser then roasts a very nice water-yam for the winner, which should be eaten on a well-swept floor watched by others. The yam is carried and supported by the two hands, but not placed on any plate. If any crumb(s) drops on the floor, the yam is shared by all. If no crumb falls, the loser continues on different days until seven yams have been so roasted; **B.** the yam so roasted [*odú + burú yam*]

**odudú** *n.* imaginary monster or bogeyman supposed to be frightful and used in frightening children (*esp.* when crying or misbehaving); **Odudú boyemi** [check tone]The monster is coming; **Odudú òdì** Look at the monster.

**odúfìdòn** *n.* chest pain, usually associated with the effect of eating 'old' cocoyam with fresh pepper [*odú + fì eat + dọ́n pain*]

**odúgbòró** *n.* twisting line or shape; illegible handwriting; squiggle

**odú-gbòró-gbòró<sup>1</sup>** *n.* picture-writing on a sandy surface, where children use one, two or three fingers to produce wavy lines

**odú-gbòró-gbòró<sup>2</sup>** *n.* children's game where one child moves towards the rest, calling 'Odú-gbòró-gbòró-...' on one breath. A player who takes a breath before reaching the others is disqualified.

**odú-ìmbi** *n.* scale of a whale [Do whales have scales? Correct description? or remove this word?]

**odú-ìgalì** *n.* protrusion at the base of the little finger, or additional finger [*odú + ìgalì lump*]

**odumagalì** [4] *n.* chameleon [*cf. Edo ógúnmàgàlà, Igbo ógùmáàgàlàbà, etc.*]

**odú-mò-buru-mò-kunóun** *excl.* no more! stop doing that! [*odú + mò and + burú yam + mò and + kúnoun end*]

**odú-òpotou** *n.* flower of **ìzón-odu**, the old cocoyam [*odú + ?*]

**odútìbì** *n.* cocoyam corm [*odú + tìbì head*]

**odúudu** *n.* bird, probably the Hadada Ibis (*Bostrychia hagedash* THRESKIORNITHIDAE)

**ofé** (=ofó) *n.* (also **ofédòn**) asthma

**oféfè** *a.* weak, empty (*usually in a derogatory sense*); **oféfè kìmì** an ineffective, lightweight person

**ofían<sup>1</sup>** *n.* broom (*cf. ìlía, ofínye*)

**ofían<sup>2</sup>** *n.* yam shaped like a broom

**ofían<sup>3</sup>** *excl.* an expression willing an evil event not to happen, or averting an imminent evil; **ofían-òfían yọ̀mọ̀ tẹ̀** Don't fear, advance (nothing will happen) (*phrase used in traditional maritime warfare*)

**ofínyo-gbòlùbáù** *n.* masquerader with no mask on his head; in other respects, he is dressed in the same way as other dancers



**ofiofiò** *n.* underhand business; **Ofiofiò sùòdòu** Some one must have gone behind your back to advise against what was previously agreed or promised.

**ofiyouú** *n.* whirlpool; eddy

**ofó** (=ofé) *n.* (also **ofódon**) asthma

**ofófò<sup>1</sup>** *n.* tree which is not good for firewood (*Myrianthus serratus* (Trécul.) Benth. CECROPIACEAE); (fig.) useless: **ofófò kìmì** useless person [Is this just another form of **oféfè**?]

**ofófò<sup>2</sup>** *n.* wateryam type which is very white inside and requires less than the normal time for cooking

**ofógùma** (=ofúogùma) *n.* shrub with red seeds which are used to cure crawcraw (scabies), and by children to paint their fingernails (*Bixa orellana* BIXACEAE)

**ofóin** *v.i.* float; **ofóin tọlọ** pick up floating things such as fish: **Wó mu tọrùbọ̀ ofóin tọlọ kọ̀ mými** Let us go to the river and pick up the remaining fish (from the explosion); (fig.) used to refer to someone who goes late to a gathering and receives inferior things

**ofóinmọ** *v.cs.* make float

**ofókolo** *n.* game, usually played on the sandbank at night by boys, in which waste or used-up palm bunches are lit and thrown at opponents (=idúmu-ogbaj)

**ofoló** *n.* bonga-fish or bonga shad, from brackish-water areas, sold on racks (*Ethmalosa fimbriata* Bowdich CLUPEIDAE) (=abáneri =kígbo<sup>2</sup>)

**ofomú** *n.* heavy breathing, panting, usually after a strenuous job or running

**ofomúkòrighá** (=ofomukòrighá) *n.* medicinal climber on trees or shrubs with thick round leaves used for fever and to give strength for wrestling or hard work [**ofomú** + **kọrì** catch -gha not]

**ofónì** *n.* the biggest species of shrimp or “prawn”; **kọrọ-ofonì** palm beetle

**ofóni** *n.* bird (general term); fowl; **amá-ofonì** domestic fowl; **bou-ofónì** wild bird; **eré-**

**ofonì** hen; **kála òfonì** (‘little bird’) secret informer; **kíri-ofónì** domestic fowl; **owéi-ofonì** cock; rooster; **ogonọ-ofónì** wild bird; **Sayings: Ikjan tiri ládèi ofonì, ikjan ọwéighà** A fowl that has reached the sacrificial field does not fear it (he is resigned); **Kála òfonì yé nìmi bọwéidọ aba, konu kọ̀ ifírìmi** If a little bird is too clever, it is disembowelled from the back (*i.e.* when someone is too clever, people find an unexpected way to attack him); **Ofóniama Ìgbon ghọ mumáàá?** Have all the birds migrated to Hausaland? (*i.e.* Have all the better people left the town?); **Ofóni mọ̀ bụnụ kìmì kị ofóni ọngọrì naamì** Someone who sleeps with a fowl hears its snoring (*i.e.* someone who is close to another person understands them); **Ofóni suoyemò! koo!** Birds are entering! (said jokingly when someone is found pilfering furtively); **Tịn-ghá òfonì ọsáin ghọ bágha** A cock that has not yet crowed is not slain on the war-shrine; **uvja ofónì angála gbọlumi** A greedy fowl pecks at glowing charcoal.

**ofoníà** (=ofoníyàn) *n.pl.* “farina” (a dry food prepared from cassava)

**ofóni-anga** *n.* bird’s/hen’s egg [**ofóni** + **angaá** egg]

**Ofónibiri** *n.* a town in **Opokumá ibe** of Northern Iẓon

**ofónibìbì<sup>1</sup>** *n.* herb (*Oldenlandia ?herbacea* (Linn.) Roxb. RUBIACEAE) [IS IT MEDICINAL?] [**ofóni** + **bìbì** mouth]

**ofónibìbì<sup>2</sup>** *n.* (tech.) beak; bill (of bird) [**ofóni** + **bìbì** mouth]

**ofónibụọ<sup>1</sup>** *n.* medicinal herb found as weed on yam farms (*Phyllanthus amarus* Schum. & Thonn.); **eré-ofonibụọ** a herb (*Phyllanthus odontadenius* Müll. Arg., both herbs EUPHORBIACEAE) [**ofóni** + **bụọ** foot, from the shape of the leaves]

**ofónibụọ<sup>2</sup>** *n.* tattoo marks placed at the sides of the mouth or eyes, having the shape of the toes of the fowl, *i.e.* broad arrows [**ofóni** + **bụọ** foot, from the shape]

**ofónidọ̀n** *n.* epidemic disease of fowls [fowl pest?] [*ofóni* + *dọ̀n sickness*]  
**ofóni-imemein** *n.* claw (of bird) [*ofóni* + *imémein claw*]  
**ofóni-mịnịmọ** *n.* gullet (of bird) (=ofóni-okolotuu) [*ofóni* + *mịnịmọ throat*]  
**ofóni-okolotuu** *n.* gullet (of bird) (=ofóni-mịnịmọ) [*ofóni* + *okolotuú throat*]  
**ofóni-otoin** *n.* boil which, when ripe, does not contain pus, but water, lighter and less serious than the ordinary boil; carbuncle [?][*ofóni* + *otoín boil*]  
**ofóni-tìbì-ghọ-bịengha** *n.* tree used to mark boundaries, whose leaves are chewed and medicinally spat on to body for pain from pneumonia, and whose root is cut up and taken in gin or cooked in plantain for hernia [check uses] (*Millettia aboensis* (Hook.f.) Bak. or *M. thonningii* (Hook.f.) Bak. LEGUMINOSAE-PAPILIONOIDEAE) [*ofóni* + *tìbì head* + *ghọ on* + *bịẹn defecate* + *-gha not*]  
**ofónitọ̀bọ̀** *n.* chick(en); young fowl [*ofóni* + *tọ̀bọ̀ child*]  
**ofónitọ̀rọ̀** *n.* blindness which is pronounced only in the night, and sometimes when the sun is hot; night-blindness (*nyctalopia*): **Erí òfónitọ̀rọ̀ tọ̀nìmí** He suffers from night-blindness. [*ofóni* + *tọ̀rọ̀ eye*]  
**ofóniyai** *n.* form of abuse in which one stresses one's own weakness, misfortune, etc., in comparison with someone else's better position (*cf.* **siyai**); **ofóniyai fie** speak in such a way  
**oforontanighá** [4] (=ofonrontanaghá) *n.* purlin  
**ofóra** *n.* husk; slough  
**ofórorobèníbòù** (=ofórorobèníbóu) *n.* medicinal herb growing on **ogbúdu** silt clay near water, usually near lakes (*Hydrolea palustris* Schum. and Thonn. HYDROPHYLLACEAE), used as soap (it lathers well) to wash body after fishing in such lakes, from February to June

**ofótìbjawere** *n.* snake, probably the Gaboon Viper (*Bitis gabonica* VIPERIDAE):  
**Ofótìbjawere gba meèe: Ị babọ̀ ị mọ̀mọ̀ yọ̀yọ̀** Viper/Adder says: The person who kills me will go with me.  
**ofukú<sup>1</sup>** *n.* bellows  
**ofukú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* a style of hair-plaiting in which no thread is used, associated particularly with priestesses and with the Okpotu festival;  
**ofuku dụnụ** plait in the **ofukú** style  
**ofúogòrì** *n.* reckless living; **ofúogòrì mịẹ** play the fool; **ofúogòrì tọ̀bọ̀** young person with foolish or wild behaviour  
**ofúogùma** (=ofógùma) *n.* shrub with red seeds which are used to cure crawcraw (scabies), and by children to paint their fingernails (*Bixa orellana* BIXACEAE)  
**ofúro<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* blow with mouth (as fire, or sore when a hot medicine is applied)  
**ofúro<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* talk; address an audience; give a speech; **ofúro paamọ** speak out; say out boldly  
**ofúromọ** [3] *v.t.* dust; brush away  
**ofúropa** *n.* the appearance of rash on the mouth of a patient  
**ofúrumà** *n.* fish resembling **elêi**, the Sicklefín Mullet, found in both the river and the sea (*Liza falcipinnis* Valenciennes MUGILIDAE)  
**ofurumofú** [4] *n.* bladder (of fish); lungs (of humans and animals)  
**ogbó** *n.* land (as opposed to water); **ebi ogbó** good or fertile land; **zii ni ogbó gbein** bear children, all of whom live long (i.e. when children are born, they are metaphorically thrown from water to land, to be preserved)  
**ogbobelẹ** *n.* large pot for big families *Sizes of pot include:* **lịi-tuọ-bẹlẹ** > **ogbobelẹ** > **ọkpurubiyái** > **ọpírísìkì** > **kẹnge**. [*ogboó* + *bẹlẹ cooking-pot*]  
**ogbobíè** *n.* used in: **Ogbobíè kẹnị ghọ tẹi kpọ kẹnị** out of the frying-pan into the fire [literally?]  
**Ogbobínì** *n.* Igbobini, a town in Western Apọi  
**ogbóbiri** *n.* dry land; an area which is far from the river [*ogbó* + *bíri middle*]

**ogbobíḍé** *n.* “uniform”; same material worn by members of a group (= **kéni-torù-bíḍé**) [**ogboó** + **bíḍé** cloth]

**ogbódié** (= **ogódié**) *n.* small fish, the topminnow (*Aphyosemion* spp. CYPRINODONTIDAE) [check name]

**ogbódo** *n.* ginger lily, whose sap is ground with Ethiopian pepper; the liquid is taken for malaria and to clear the urine; **eré-ogbodo** type with smooth leaf-sheath (*Costus afer* KerGawl.); **owéi-ogbodo** type with bristly rim below top of leaf-sheath (*Costus lucanusianus* J. Braun and K. Schum. COSTACEAE); Saying: **Ogbódo bènì ìrìgha** In the ginger-lily, water will never get dry.

**ogbo eréin** *n.* big, great, momentous day

**ogbógozì** *n.* smallest canoe made of the trunk of **paá** tree, with one seat at the centre and paddled by only one man

**ogbói** *n.* remnants of fairly large pieces of a broken canoe

**ogbó-igburugburu-arù** *n.* train [**ogbó** + **igburugburù** chain + **arù** boat]

**ogbó-iwiri** tortoise (= **ogbó-ìkagi**) (*Kinixys* sp.) [**ogbó** + **iwiri** tortoise]

**Ogboin** *n.* Ogboin **ibe** in Southern Iẓon. Its towns are: Amasómà (headquarters), Otuán, and Amátòlò. Its **ibe tẹmẹsúò** is **Ogboin tú fìdìfìdì**. Its **ibe orú** (deity) is Adegbe; **Ogboin pọọn** Ogboin dialect

**ogboín** *n.* mango tree and fruit; **bou ogbóin/ìẓon ogboin** “bush mango” (*Irvingia gabonensis* Baill. IRVINGIACEAE); **beké ògboin** imported mango (*Mangifera indica* Linn. ANACARDIACEAE); Sayings: **Eré sei, ogboin seí** However unattractive a woman, someone will marry her (*i.e.* an unattractive woman is like a fresh bush-mango fruit, which is eaten even if it looks bad or tastes sour); **Imbẹlé, imbẹlé ògboin tuu** Sweet, sweet under the mango tree (said when people repeat an act because of previous good experiences).

**ogbó-ìkagi** tortoise (= **ogbó-iwiri**) (*Kinixys* sp.) [‘land-tortoise’]

**ogbokó** *n.* bird, probably the Goliath Heron (*Ardea goliath* ARDEIDAE)

**ogboló** *n.* wake; disturbed pattern of water left by moving boat or fish

**ogbolokúrò** *n.* title of **ẹkẹy**-fish (*Heterotis niloticus* Ehrenbaum OSTEOGLOSSIDAE)

**Ogbóloma** *n.* town in Gbanraín **ibé** of Northern Iẓon

**ogbómà** (= **ogbúmà**) *n.* protective “medicine” for war (*cf.* **agbaá, ikòlò**)

**ogbomọ́** *v.cs.* **A.** elevate; raise, which is used instead of **ogboó** in some cases *i.e.* make a sand barrier across the shallow inlets of the sandbank to trap small shrimps (**otútù**); **B.** (*fig.*) support or help financially; rally round a person with a view to raising his social status

**ogbóni** *v.t.* persecute

**ogbóntùà** [one word or two?] prevent, obstruct; intercept, impede: **Kìmì ìnẹ wẹ̀nìngì fìrì ghọ ogbóntùà (or ogbón tùà?) kùmọ** Let no one hinder the work I’m doing.

**ogboó<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* be of the same age; be contemporary; **A mọ ì mọmọ ògboó.** She and I are of the same age: **Ogbo pòsì pòsì** People of the same age-grade should do things together. [Is this really a verb or a noun ‘age-grade’?]

**ogboó<sup>2</sup>** *n.* society; club; group; **ogbo ghọ sọ́** join a society or club; **ogbo tìbìówèi** chairman; president

**ogboó<sup>3</sup>** *n.* (*usu.* **tịn-ogbo**) buttress root

**ogboó<sup>4</sup>** *n.* long slender fish (*Caecomestacembelus decorsei*) POLYPTERIDAE??)

**ogboó<sup>5</sup>** *n.* method of setting lobster-pots (**ingoó**) used by only a few women; **ogbo indí** fish caught by this method; **ogbotirí** the area enclosed for **ogboó** fishing

**ogbóògbó** *n.* **A.** something imaginary, make-believe; **ogbóògbó fìyàì tuọ** cook make-believe food (of children); **B.** name of an imaginary town or person in a story; **C.**

dummy (*i.e.* a silent, stupid person); simpleton

**ogbórodii** *n.* a thorny creeper (*Dioscorea minutiflora* Engl. DIOSCORACEAE); **eré**

**ogborodii** (*Rhigiocarya racemifera* Miers MENISPERMACEAE)

**ogbórongbo** *n.* empty thing (*e.g.* tin)

**ogbóru** *n.* pugnacious attitude; **ogbóru ɖou** be aggressive, spoiling for a fight; seek a quarrel

**ogbóru-ere** *n.* someone always looking for trouble

**ogbórukimi** *n.* someone, *esp.* man, always looking for trouble (*contrast* **lólogidi** noisy, extrovert person)

**ogbotiri** *n.* at the spot; instantly; scene of incident or accident; [discuss] **ogbotiri kòpò kóro** collapse and die instantaneously on the spot

**ogbótòrú** *n.* a nickname or wrestling title; an imaginary god invoked for the removal of the teeth of the opponent [discuss]: **Yé ikpé egberi gbadò aba, ogbótòrú ìné akamò wòrò** If you tell lies, let the bogeyman knock out your teeth (threat to children).

**ogbudú** *n.* traditional wickerwork coffin (made of “bamboo”). The grades in ascending order are: 1 **agbádà** woven with pieces of bamboo to wrap and bury children, pregnant women, those who die accidental deaths or of bad sicknesses, and witches and wizards; 2. **azaalá ògbudu** for young man and women who have not married; 3. **dúru ògbudú** for those who have grandchildren; 4. **èdè ogbúdù** for those who have great-grandchildren; 5. **igbéma ogbudu** ?=**èdè dèjìn ògbudu** for those who have great-great-grandchildren

**ogbudugbú** *n.* dregs

**ogbudugbudú** *n.* (*tech.*) residue (= **túkoyò**)

**ogbúgba** *n.* thickness [give example of it meaning ‘thick’]

**ogbúmà** (= **ogbómà**) *n.* a protective “medicine” for war (*cf.* **agbaá, ikólò**)

**ogbunugbunú** *id.* unaccountable, such as some types of death

**ogbúrùn** (= **ogbúnrùn**) *n.* bird, any turaco (MUSOPHAGIDAE); (*tech.*) **beké ògburun** peacock

**Ogídi** *n.* nickname of Kajama [dots?]

**ogidí** *n.* matchet; “cutlass”

**ogidi-abó** *n.* scabbard; sheath

**ogidikirikpùn** *n.m.f.* pygmy; extremely small person much below the size of an ordinary man

**Ogidimálù** *n.* fierce “masquerade” [*matchet-flash*]

**ogìè** *n.* a forked stick together with a bottle of water and other things attached to a possession kept outside, and used to scare away prospective rogues from it; **Ogìè ọ** **kòrìdò** He has suffered for tampering with something to which **ogìè** had been attached (*lit.* ‘**Ogìè** has caught him’); **ogìè tọa** attach **ogìè** to something

**ogilooló** *n.* **A.** natural source of water; spring; **ogilolo bení** spring water; stream water; **B.** erosion channel; **ogilolo puú** run down erosion channel

**Ogínaarau** *n.f.* God (*usu. used when lamenting*) (= **Wóyenghi, Ayíba, Áyòù, Súoarau /Soarau Tẹmẹarau, Zibaarau**)

**ogírì** *n.* **A.** shrub which bears fruit containing edible seeds (*Cucumeropsis mannii* Naud. CUCURBITACEAE), **B.** fresh seeds of the above, whitish, of the size of **egúsi**, but with more pointed edges, used as ingredient for soup; **C.** fermented lump of seeds of both *Cucumeropsis mannii* and **egúsi**

**ogírì banghì** *v.p.* scatter in panic [any connection with **ogírì**?]

**ogírìzì** (= **ugírìzì**) *n.* tree used to mark boundaries (*Newbouldia laevis* (P.Beauv.) Seemann ex Bureau, and *Kigelia africana* (Lam.) Benth., both BIGNONIACEAE)

**ogó** *n.* food crops (plantains, cocoyams, cassava, etc.) gleaned from former crop; **ogó kaán** glean left-over crops [check tone]

**ogódié** (=ogbódié) *n.* small fish, the topminnow (*Aphyosemion* spp. CYPRINODONTIDAE) [check name]

**ogódo** *n.* an obstinate person; obstinacy due to deafness

**ogóin** *n.* killifish or Toothed Carp (*Aplocheilichthys* spp., CYPRINODONTIDAE)

**ogólo** *n.* game played by boys or men with the stem of the plantain in the bunch and **ogólogbasa**, a piece of bamboo sharpened at one end

**ogólofie** *n.* slave [any special type?]

**ogólofie-bijen-bagha** *n.* scapegoat; a slave; a person forced to work for and obey another against his will [slave is not scapegoat!]

**ogólogbasa** *n.* piece of bamboo sharpened at one end, used in the game of **ogólo**

**ogóni-òu** *n.* inexperienced and unskilful masquerader who comes to dance a day or two before the real masqueraders come to dance; any bad dancer [any **ogóni** by itself?]

**ogoo** *n.* solo in a song; **ogo yaí** sing a solo

**ogoráàn** *id.* angular; with an edge

**ogóran** *n.* vertical sharp edge of any upright symmetrical object; (*tech.*) edge

**ogórankutu** *n.* (*geom.*) prism

**ogóran-ogoran** *n.?* sideways (emphasized) [example?]

**ogorí** *n.* draw (in wrestling) as a result of both contestants falling; **ogori koró** draw (in wrestling) by both contestants falling: **Orọ maá kịmị ogori koromí** Both contestants fell (and so neither won) (*cf.* **kurọ dú kpò dú kpò**)

**ogórì** *n.* “bush-cow”; buffalo (*Syncerus caffer nanus* Sparrman BOVIDAE) [*cf.* *Isoko ogholì*]

**ogou** *n.* axe (in general); (specifically) blade

**ogoufúú** *n.* helve or handle of axe

**ogúanràun** *n.* giant; superman in stories associated with Ado (Benin)

**ogúga<sup>1</sup>** *n.* door (*cf.* **bọọ**)

**ogúga<sup>2</sup>** *n.* supporter

**ogugú** *n.* hole; pit; pond; **ogugu bení** pond water

**ogúmògú** *n.* hand piano; a kind of musical instrument made of a wooden box on which varying lengths of bamboo are fastened to the top plank with a flexible cane rope. An oblong hole is bored at the end of the bamboo lengths for resonating. It is used during the **keébì** dance. [*Igbo ògwúmòògwú box piano*]

**ogún** *n.* warfare; mishap; panic; crisis [*< Yoruba ogun war*]

**oguró** *n.* boiled, squeezed and strained palm nut liquid used for soup

**ogúzòú** *n.* edible red fruit of the plant **akaanlá** (*Aframomum sceptrum* (Oliv. & Hanb.) K.Schum. ZINGIBERACEAE), which resembles alligator pepper: (Sayings:) **ịsanị mọ, ogúzòú mọ** indistinguishable, like identical twins; **Ịsanị erị kùrọghá, ogúzòú** You don't challenge alligator pepper (which is strong), only **ogúzòú** (which is sweet and powerless); *cf.* **Ị la kị kùrọ** When it is me, you show your power.

**ói** *num.* ten; **ói karamọ** tenth

**oíin** *v.i.* usually **tené òíin**; move together, and have equal success together: **Béi maa kịmịmọ tené òinmí** These two people are always succesful as partners (in fishing, hunting, etc.)

**oín** *v.i.* swell

**oín-dọn** *n.* diffused dropsy; (*med.*) anasarca

**oíya** [3] *num.* ten (*qualifying form*); **oíya namà** ten animals

**oíya-kuràì-biri** *n.* (*tech.*) decade

**oíyangayè** *n.* (*tech.*) decagon; ten-sided figure

**okekéè** *id.* concave (as cliff or broken waterpot)

**okí** *v.i.* swim

**okíí** *n.* sawfish (*Pristis* spp. PRISTIDAE)

**okinikínì** *n.* title for the python (**uturóowèi**), also taken as a title by good wrestlers

**okíri** (=ukíri =ukúri) *v.i.* **A.** crawl; **B.** (*fig.*) struggle; manage; labour; work hard at: **Ye okíri timi bei warị kọrị sùọdọ aba, ị kịmị bọọmọ sọọgha** As I have toiled at this

house, if I finish building it I will not allow anyone to stay in it.

**okírikà** *n.* cold; fever

**okírímọ** *v.cs.* force to crawl by holding legs

**okóbà** *n.pl.* money; Sayings: **Okóbà bin naá kímì dẹnghìgha** Money is never enough for someone; **Okóbà dẹba naá kímì dẹnghìgha** Money is not worth more than a human being; **Kímì òkóbà dọ wẹrì, bíbì korughá; kímì òkóbà dọ wẹrì, fìi korughá; bíbì paamò, òkóbà páadọ; kímì fìjímò, òkóbà páadọ** No one saves money against a case; no one saves money against a death; but when a case arises, money appears; when death happens, money appears [*?<English copper 'bronze coin of low value', cf. also kópà*] (= **igbegí, sílì**)

**okóbàrà** *n.* mat with two corners woven with cane ropes; **kála òkobàrà** a mat rainhood, usually woven with **pínì** or **akaanlá**: Saying: **Mú baj mu baj, kála òkobàrà** Every day a rainhood mat (wrestling drum message that a weak person, or someone who enjoys wrestling but is not much good at it, has fallen).

**okóbàbiri** *n.* (*tech.*) amount

**okóbàtìbì** *n.* (*tech.*) coin

**okóbàtoru** *n.* cowry

**okóka** *n.* shelf of a sandbank [plural?]

**okokaí** *v.i.* call someone loudly: **Áràú òkokaí nì ọ tìnmí = Áràú ọ tìjìn nì okokaímí** She called him very loudly (usually of a mother calling her child in annoyance).

**okókò** *n.* yam beetle (family SCARABAEIDAE)

**okókobàrí** *n.* butterfly

**okokodjà** *n.* coconut; **okokodjà tìn** coconut palm. Its parts and products are: **okokodjà apura** coconut fibre; **okokodjà beni** coconut milk; **okokodjà ingbi** half-shell used as ladle or cup; **okokodjà meni** coconut flesh; **okokodjà pomu** coconut frond; **okokodjà tìbì** fruit in outer husk; **okokodjà ungbou** midrib of coconut leaflet (*Cocos nucifera* Linn. PALMAE) [*Portuguese o coqueiro 'the coconut palm'*]

**okokodjàpalì** *n.* bird associated with palm trees, the African Palm Swift (*Cypsiurus parvus* APODIDAE) [*'coconut palm-sticker'*]

**okókolo** *n.* precipice; steep bank, slope

**okókopòlì** *n.* West African Grey Parrot (*Psittacus erithacus* PSITTACIDAE) [*cf. Igbo òkòðkò 'parrot' + Polly 'common English name for a parrot'*] (= **okolobìbì**)

**okókò-saka-buru** *n.* yam that has been burrowed into by the yam-beetle [*'yam beetle-burrowed-yam'*]

**okólaì** *n.* a graceful bird which flies up from the ocean, probably the African Skimmer (*Rynchops flavirostris* RYNCHOPIDAE); **abadì-okólàì** seabird, probably a tern (*Sterna* spp. STERNIDAE)

**okoló<sup>1</sup>** *n.* voice: **egbé okolo** bass voice; **ogbòlò okolo** treble voice

**okoló<sup>2</sup>** *n.* creek; a canal or channel dug to carry water for navigation

**Okóloba** *n.* town in Kólokùmá ìbe of Northern Iẓon. (In English usage sometimes included wrongly with **Seibókòrogha** under the name 'Sabagreia'.)

**Okólobìri** *n.* town in Gbanraìn ìbé of Northern Iẓon

**Okólodè** *n.* festival in Ekpetiama which is celebrated on 5 June every year

**okolotuú** *n.* **A.** throat; **B.** (*fig.*) greediness, gluttony; (*cf. minimeín, mìnìmọ́*); **okolotu tùà** be greedy

**okómù** *n.* white round yam

**okomúkà** *n.* person with a large head

**okonroón** [5] *n.* harmattan

**okoó** *n.* half-shell of coconut with stick attached, used as ladle (*cf. agbèi*) (also = **okokodjà ingbi?**)

**okoókpòmu** *n.* wallet; a container of treasures for women

**okoón** *v.t.* skim

**okóon** (= **okóngho**) *n.* fish (*Phractolaemus ansorgii* Boulenger PHRACTOLAEMIDAE)

**okóri<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* recede (of hairline); **Tíbjì**

**òkóriyemi** His hairline is receding/ He is getting bald.

**okóri<sup>2</sup>** *n.* expert

**okoríkòko** *n.* bird (used only in proverbs):

**Okoríkòro** [check] **gbáyemèé: Kúraj fàyá, kúraj boyemèé** The **okoríkòk/ro** bird said: Another time will come (said, for example, by a defeated team).

**Okorosó** *n.* shrine set up for the protection of people against the attacks of crocodiles in Osiamá in Southern Iẗon

**okosí** *n.* otter (general name) (*Lutra maculicollis* and/or *Aonyx capensis* LUTRINAE), and also the Marsh Mongoose (*Atilax palidunosus* VIVERRIDAE)

**Okotiamá** [4] *n.* the headquarters of Gbanraìn ibé in Northern Iẗon

**okotí** *n.* he-goat (cf. **obóri**)

**okoti-adírimà** *n.* variegated type of **ogbólò**, black and yellow, found on pepper plants

**okoti-ítákù** *n.* young he-goat

**okotitákù** *n.* a shrub (*Hedranthera barteri* (Hook.f.) Pichon. APOCYNACEAE and (?) *Mussaenda isertiana* DC.) [**okoti** + **ítákù**]

**okotó** *n.* forehead; fortune; luck

(**okotoba**) *see* under **èkèy**

**okotú** [4] *n.* (usually **okotú tòbòy, okotú èreabau**) smaller of two girl attendants on a newly circumcised woman, who carries things for her, e.g. when she is going to take her bath (= **koomo tòbòy**)

**Okówari** *n.* name of a group of towns, namely **Abúwàrì, Ayákdòróamà, and Órubiri**, in Opokumá **ìbe** of Northern Iẗon

**okóyaji** *n.* name of a dance which originated in **Sampòy** in Kólokùmá; **okóyaji dumaama** songs sung during **okóyaji**

**okpó<sup>1</sup>** *n.* **A.** mud seat round sides of **ugúla**; **B.** natural submerged sandbank or causeway; **C.** embankment; **okpó tùa** make embankment in bay or inlet to catch shrimps

**okpó<sup>2</sup>** *n.* big top whose pointed end has been broken off, resulting in a very strong top for playing

**okpoí** *n.* **A.** squirrel (general); **B.** specific type, intermediate in size between **kékùrù** (smaller) and **dúdu** (bigger): **Saying: Okpoí ìsagháì òwèigha** The squirrel does not fear the kapok-tree (however big it is).

**okpoi-saán** *n.* name of a plantain whose aborted fingers resemble a squirrel's tail [*'squirrel tail'*]

**okpókìrikpó** *n.* the biggest round pellet [bullet?] for gun used in shooting big animals such as buffalo, elephant, etc. (cf. **angìlì, ofurù, ukpárù, gbólù**)

**okpókoro** *n.* uncracked palm nuts, after flesh has been removed, containing both shell and kernel (cf. **ivín**, which refers to both cracked and uncracked nut)

**okpókpo** *n.* empty case of something; skull, *usu.* **tíbjì okpokpo**

**okpokurú** [4] *n.* edible grub which develops in the decayed trunk of the wine-palm, or non-edible type which develops in rubbish-heap; it has many legs at the front and a tough skin; the larva of **toungòlì**, the Rhinoceros Beetle (*Oryctes* sp.) (cf. **osokurú**, which is smaller)

**okpolokpàà** *id.* very wide scar, sore or sheet of paper

**okpólokpò** *n.* stool carved from a single piece of wood such as **paá, eké**

**okpómù** *n.* small cane-rope basket

**okpómùtun** *n.* a fez woven with cane-ropes and covered with cloth both inside and outside, and fitted with a tassel; worn only by mock policemen during native dances

**okponú** *n.* harpoon

**okpóoro** *n.* "porridge" or pottage without fish, meat, or shrimps

**okpórogù (=akpórogù)** *n.* trough; long unfired canoe used for "mashing" palm-fruits into **ibobó**, the raw palm oil

**okporokoó** *n.* stockfish [cf. *Igbo ókpòrókō*]

**okporokotuún** *n.* top-hat [?+ 'hat']

**okporokoró** *id.* describes someone who has grown tall

**okporúmàdede<sup>1</sup>** *n.* balloons used as toys by children

**Okporúmàdede<sup>2</sup>** *n.* masquerade made up of headties

**Okpotú** *n.* **A.** name of a lake at Agadagbabou, which belongs to the whole of Kólokùmá; **B.** festival associated with the lake, celebrated in April, involving swimming across the river and use of a bull-roarer; young women circumcized the previous year dress up with a short wrapper like a shirt, tie headties on their arms, and carry fancy umbrellas; **okpotu ƒọ́n** whirl a bull-roarer to make a sound.

**okpúrù beni** *n.* farina soaked in pepper soup, *esp.* that of meat

**okpútù** *n.* decayed matter; piece of a decayed animal or fish; **náma okputu** decayed animal; **indí okpútù** decayed fish

**Okú** *n.* nickname for the founder of Tombia in Ekpétiamá

**okúan** *n.* belle; the most beautiful woman in a group [plural?]

**okúlèí (=ekúlèí)** *n.* African Black Kite (*Milvus migrans* ACCIPITRIDAE)

**okúlèí-ùngbo (=ekúlèí-ùngbo)** *n.* seed (*Dioclea reflexa* Hook.f., *Mucuna flagellipes* Hook.f., *M. pruriens* (Linn.) DC. LEGUMINOSAE-PAPILIONIOIDEAE)

**okumá** *n.* shea butter, prepared from the seed of the shea butter tree (*Vitellaria paradoxa* Gaertn. f. (formerly *Butyrospermum paradoxum*) SAPOTACEAE) [*<Igbo (Onịcha) òkwùmá < Idoma òkwùmé 'shea butter'*]

**okuná** *n.* smallest size of mortar, used in pounding pepper, “bush mango” seeds, etc. (*cf.* ukpúrùtè, odó)

**okuró** *v.i.* cry loudly, wail

**okurú** *n.* bag for keeping ammunition and gunpowder, made of hide

**okurukúrù** *n.* bird, any owl (STRIGIDAE)

**okurukúrùtòbọ** *n.* owl

**okuún** *n.* ocean [*< Yoruba òkun ocean*]

**olíeliè (=olíoliò)** *n.* bird, the African Pied Wagtail (*Motacilla aguimp* MOTACILLIDAE); **perẹ-olíeliè** Pin-tailed Whydah (*Vidua macroura* VIDUIDAE)

**olíeliè-gbamú-tùlá (=olíoliò-gbamú-tùlá)** *n.* **A.** white lily (*Crinum* sp. AMARYLLIDACEAE); **B.** game in which lily-flowers are torn to pieces and placed on the body of a player lying face upwards on the ground, while the others clap their hands and sing: **Olíeliè-gbamú-tùlá, yóru wòò! Oḡumụ dedérùdé èèè!** After some time another child takes the place of the first one [*meaning of name?*]

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**oló<sup>1</sup>** *n.* joking; **oló miẹ** act the fool; be playful

**oló<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* be false; **oló bẹbẹ** false word; **oló egberi** false story; **oló ye** false thing [verb?]

**ólò** *excl.* hello (*used by mature people to address someone politely*); **ólò, i yeí yò** hello, my husband!; **ólò, ị taa o** [tone?] hello, my wife!

**Olóbìrì** *n.* town in Kólokùmá ìbe which is the seat of Kólokùmá Egbesu where his staff (**òkòlò**) is kept, while the main part of the shrine is at Seibòkòrogha.

**olobú** *v.a.* be deep (of water, pit); **olobu elémùlemu beni** deep well water; **olobughá èlemulemu beni** shallow well water

**olófùràgù** *a.* troublesome; mischievous

**ológbòsì** *n.* cat (*Felis catus*): Sayings: **Erí òlógbòsì tọrụ tụa wónìmí** He has the eyes



- (keen sight) of a cat; **Ológbòsí yè nìmi kì ológbòsí bàamì** It was the cat's cunning that killed it. [*Yoruba òlógbò cat + ?English pussy cat*]
- ológbòsítòbò** *n.* kitten [**ológbòsí + tòbòú child**]
- olókò** *n.* fruit of the wild date palm used by diviners for predictions, usually stained white and red [discuss]; **olókò bii** predict through the use of **olókò**, or consult the spirits by the use of **olókò**; **olókò tìn** the date palm tree which bears the **olókò** fruit (*Phoenix reclinata* Jacq. PALMAE) [confirm identification]
- olóko** *n.* law; agreement; bet; **olóko dan** violate law; **olóko ghò koro** break law; **olóko seimò** abolish law; **olóko tya** enact law; make bet; Saying: **Pín kòriye òlòko ghò fàá** Something that is pressing one (to defecate or urinate) has no law = Necessity knows no law.
- olókò-bii-ere** *n.f.* female diviner using **olókò**
- olókò-bii-oweì** *n.* male diviner using **olókò**
- olókòí (=lókòí)** *n.* herb (*Physalis angulata* Linn. SOLANACEAE) whose leaves are pounded with local soap to rub on body ritually after scarification, and whose seeds are used in the children's game **lórèí**
- ololají** [5] *v.recip.* have a successful partnership (in hunting, fishing, marriage, etc.): **Orò maá kìmì ololajímì**. These two people are always successful together.
- ololó** *n.* one-stringed fiddle
- olólo** *n.* bottle; **olólo bìbì tuoye/ olólo bìbì teriye** money added to bottles of drinks for extras at traditional ceremonies [*cf. Igbo ólóló, ólúló, etc.*]
- olololò** *n.* addiction to any bad practice: **Erí kèní furubi òlólólò** He is addicted to stealing. [Is it a noun?]
- olómò** *v.dir.* accuse falsely
- oloo<sup>1</sup>** *n.* plant of the cactus type with thick green leaves and stem whose sap is poisonous to the eyes [discuss] (?*Euphorbia deightonii* Croizat EUPHORBIACEAE)
- oloo<sup>2</sup>** *n.* over-boiled palm oil, which appears yellowish; **olo bọ́** be over-boiled (of oil)
- olòòdo** *excl.* exclamation when someone discovers tricks that were being played on him
- olótù** *n.* champion; hero: Saying: **Yénimigha òlotu sọ́ tiri kọ́ fìmì** A foolhardy hero dies on the battlefield. [*cf. Urhobo ònótù/òlótù <Yoruba olótú head, convener, chairperson < oní 'owner' + òtú meeting, gathering*] (= **azarì**)
- olulú<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* grow precociously; **Burumó òluluyemèèè** The yams are showing precocious growth (= **Burumó gbodagboda kì pàayémèèè**)
- olulú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* anger; wrath; **olulu sọ́** show anger easily
- olúlu** *n.* driver or soldier ant (sub-family DORYLINAЕ); **olúlu igbalì** line of soldier ants: Sayings: **Bou kìmì kpótuwa, olúlu** When the bush is driving someone out, soldier ants (seeing soldier ants in the bush is a sign that something has happened or is about to happen in the town; used fig. when someone reports he is no longer received freely as he was formerly); **Olúlu bìnnyá, sọ́n bamì** When there are many soldier ants they kill the worm = Many hands make light work. [*? < Igbo (Ọnìcha) élúlúū, élùúlúū, élèghélū 'soldier ant'*] (= **igílà**)
- olúlu-igbalì** *n.* temporary hairless line on the head of some babies, which usually disappears when the first hair is shaved or cut off
- olúlulú** *n.* (also **olúlulú sọ́n**) dungworm, which moves fast, is brittle, and has a red portion near the head
- ombóye** *n.* tasselled velvetine used to cover the **túu sukou** of the masquerade
- omóni<sup>1</sup>** *n.* **A.** slavery; **B.** slave (*in general*); **C.** (*specifically*) male slave who has been purchased and whose male children are also slaves. The names for the different generations of slaves are as follows: **omóni-ebiede** first-generation son of **omóni**;

**oṅgbárij** second-generation slave; **abiata** third-generation slave; **agbaide** fourth-generation slave; **kpákpò** fifth-generation slave; **mulukútùbú** sixth-generation slave; **sé-gho-kòrì-yèrì-fijì** seventh-generation slave; **tòn-suogha-òmoni** eighth-generation slave. A woman is married and is not **omóni**; her children are freeborn, but can raise only one hand in ceremonies where those with two free parents raise two.

**omóni<sup>2</sup>** *n.* whitish type of **oṅbòlò**, with pointed black tip, commonly found among **imbebele**

**omónibou** *n.* burial ground for slaves and strangers

**omóni-ebiede** *n.* first-generation son of **omóni**

**omónifijì** *n.* bond-service; service not appreciated by the master (= **omóni-odubo**)

**omónikomjì** *n.* first male son of a slave

**omóni-odubo** *n.* bond-service; service not appreciated by the master (= **omóni fijì**)

**omoró** *n.* beautiful girl with a fair complexion; handsome boy with a light skin

**omosóu** *n.* flower (of oil-palm); **omosóu tụa** flower (of oil-palm)

**omòun** *n.* sweat; perspiration; **omòun páa** sweat; perspire: **Omòun wo ghò paayémi/Erí òmòun páayemi**. He is sweating; **omòun tụa** sweat; perspire: **Erí òmòun tujamjì** He perspires.

**omòunmèlì** twig or vine snake (*Thelotornis kirtlandi* Caus.)

**omuú** *v.i.* blaze (as fire); shine

**ongóloi** *n.* short form of **osi ongólòì** empty snail shell

**ongorí** *v.t.* show contempt, sneering, jeering, derision, scorn, or ridicule: **Erí wòó òngorimeé** He made a contemptuous gesture (behind his back).

**ongorû** *id.* describes a person who appears to be too big for his play group, or a person higher in status than his mates

**óniní<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes one who cheats

**óniní<sup>2</sup>** *n.* snake species which is harmless

**Onisá** *n.* **A.** lake opposite Abari, owned by **Kabo ibe**, fished annually at the **Kabo Seigbeín Ûge**; **B.** a channel connecting the River Nun at the north of Odi to the River Niger. It is navigable only during the flood season.

**onúga** *n.* cloth type

**onúmòkóungbà** *n.* name of a charm or medicine

**onunoun** *v.t.* investigate secretly and stealthily; make a preliminary investigation

**onyoma** [tone?] *n.* usu. **lìj ònyoma** cover a palm bunch carefully on top of the palm tree to prevent it from dropping any of its ripe fruits to attract other palm cutters (= **lìj terì**)

**oó** (yoó after **i, j**; woó after **u, ʉ**) *emph.* (adds exclamatory force to sentence containing ideophone or descriptive verb: used at end of first phrase): **Túoama òó, ʉ maá zèzerùuyémò!** Look at the grass; it has become very thick!: **Yé diiyemi bara òó, zèzèè kpò mijè.** See how aimlessly he is gazing!

**òó** *excl.* oho!

**oónà** *excl.* oho!

**óóó** *excl.* so!

**òoon** *id.* a loud buzzing or humming noise made by flies over a decayed carcass or faeces

**oóò** *excl.* hoot

**opéree** *id.* wide open; agape (>**opéree**)

**opiín** [4] *n.* yaws in anus

**opó<sup>1</sup>** (= **opúo** *archaic*) *v.t.* peel with hand (as banana) or knife (anything where the peel separates easily from the body)

**opó<sup>2</sup>** *n.* trail or track, showing that something has passed

**Opokumá** [4] *n.* Opokumá **ibe** in Northern Iẗon. Its towns are: Okówarì (Abúwàrì, Ayákòróamà and Órubiri), Gbanran-amá, Ofónibiri, Igbáinwarì, Gbanranbirí, Oyóbu, and Akanranbirí. Its **ibe tẹmẹsúò** is **Opokumá nì igbúdùgbú/igbídìgbí, ẹndẹ fiyá, síi kò**. Its **ibe orú** (deities) are **Opokumá Ègbesu** (male) (at Órubiri),

**Opokumá Zibaaraŋ** (female) (at Ayákòróamà), and **Benikúrukuru** (at Abúwàrì).

**opoí** (=opuoí *archaic*) *v.p.* peel off by itself, as skin

**opoláà** *id.* very wide (as of scar, or surface wound or mark)

**opoó** *n.* barrel; **suboi opó** gun barrel

**opóolo** *n.* hole

**Opóoloaku** *n.* Polaku town at the southern end of Gbaraṅ **ibé**, somewhat hidden from view from the main river [**opóolo** + **akú=okú** *side*]

**opóolo-opoolo** *id.* full of holes [**opóolo** + **opóolo**]

**opóra-opora** *id.* full of husks

**opóriópò** *n.* pig [*<Portuguese o porco the pig*]

**opóriópòtòbòu** *n.* piglet [**opóriópò** + **tòbòú** *child*]

**opóriópòwari** *n.* pigsty; piggery [**opóriópò** + **wari** *house*]

**Oporoza** *n.* Iẓon town in Gbaramatu **ibe**

**opóto** *n.* nickname for “fufu”

**opówèi** *n.* catfish type, the larger size of **ìkíràikòrì** (*Synodontis* spp., including *S. sorex*, *S. batensoda* and *S. membranaceus*)

**opu-** *a.* (combining form of **opuí**) big; great

**Opuadá** [4] *n.* one of the chief male deities of Gbaraṅ, whose seat is at Kóroama [**opu** + **ada** ?]

**Opu-aiṅ** *n.* name of a lake in Ekpétiamá **ibe** [**opu** + **aiṅ** ?]

**opu-angá** *n.* the big side of anything divisible [**opu** + **angá** *side*]

**opu-bìdè-séi** *a.?* abundant; limitless; without reserve; very opulent [**opu** + **bìdè** *cloth* + **sei** ?]

**Opudábà** *n.* one of the Kólokumá deities whose seat is at Kalama [**opu** + **daba** ?]

**opudòṅ** *n.* smallpox [**opu** + **dòṅ** *sickness*] (=akìrìkpòkpò, ìgánran dṅṅ, oṅṅṅ dṅṅ, oṅṅṅkiriwei)

**opúo** (*archaic*, =opó<sup>1</sup>) *v.t.* peel with hand (as banana) or knife (anything where the peel separates easily from the body)

**opu-obòrì** (=opu-obòrì) *n.* elephant [**opu** + **obòrì** *goat*] (= **bílá**) [check tone]

**opu-oṅún** *n.* (*tech.*) lemon [**opu** + **oṅún** *lime*]

**opuoí** (*archaic*, =opoí) *v.p.* peel off by itself, as skin

**opurokúù** (=purokúù) *id.* dull (of weather)

**opúru** *n.* **A.** general term for larger kinds of “crayfish”, shrimp or “prawn”, including **agbadá**, **ayánfaran-bara-dii**, **desi-ní-ùbabèṅ**, **indébèfú**, **ingbéte**, **ofónì**, and **ṅṅṅ** (contrast **otútù**, for smaller types); **B.** more specifically, medium-sized as opposed to very large types (contrast **agbadá**, for largest types); **opúru adie** shrimp-colony, where shrimps are packed together in one place under the soil; **bou opúrù** type caught outside the flood-plain, larger and darker than **itóbo opuru** (*Macrobrachium felicinum*); **dúwèj opuru** inedible shrimp, pale and with very soft carapace (? *Callichirus turneranus*); **eré opuru** female shrimp; **itóbo opuru** *Macrobrachium felicinum* caught on flood bank, of medium size, lighter than **bou opúrù**; **Kólamá tṅṅ opuru** shrimp sp. (*Atya gabonensis*?); **opúru anga/oṅṅṅ** eggs or roe of shrimp; **opúru tṅṅ** reeve or thread shrimps on a string; **fina òpuru** shrimp cake

**opuí** *n.* big thing (=opuyé)

**opúru-anga** *n.* shrimp (“prawn” or “lobster”) roe prepared for eating (=oṅṅṅṅṅ)

**opúru-oṅṅṅ** *n.* herb with pink or mauve flowers used medicinally for bronchitis and fevers (*Dissotis rotundifolia* (Sm.) Triana MELASTOMACEAE)

**opurúrù<sup>1</sup>** *n.* a rotting disease that attacks the edible part of the coconut, making it inedible

**opurúrù<sup>2</sup>** *n.* name given to a very lazy or weak person

**opúru tṅṅ** *v.p.* bear female after male, or male after female, and continue alternating

- like this until the end of childbearing  
[‘string shrimps’]
- opusú** *n.* particle of dust; **lǐj opùsu** oil-palm dust
- opuú<sup>1</sup>** *a.* big; great; famous; **opu bení** big flood; (*tech.*) **opu bará** big hand (of clock); **opu kùráj** leap year
- opuú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* greatness; eminence; importance;
- Opu-Ugùla** *n.* chief deity of Ikibiri [*opu* + *ugùla* council]
- opuyenghí** *n.* great-grandmother (*cf.* **kosuyenghì** grandmother)
- órie** *n.* state of being an orphan; orphanhood; **órie tòbòú** an orphan (*cf.* **gbálj tòbòú** ‘adopted child’)
- orísi** *n.* laziness; a state of indecision and of inactivity
- orisií** *n.* male type of **ogírizi**
- oró** [4] *n.* soft mat
- oróduo** *v.i.* mimic or imitate circumcision, as done by younger, under-age, girls:  
**Eréwòumòq oróduoyemi** The little girls are playing at circumcision.
- oróbàsa** *n.* reed from which the warp of the **oró** mat is made [*oró* + *gbása* stick]
- orómi-òromi** *id.* peeping or looking here and there with the intent of getting food to eat
- ororeí** *v.i.* be skinned
- ororó** *n.* **egúsi** or groundnut oil
- oróro<sup>1</sup>** *n.* gutter; stream; natural channel [ditch?] (= **ùbaá**)
- oróro<sup>2</sup>** *n.* bull-roarer; **oróro fòun** play bull-roarer
- orosó** *n.* tailor ant (*Oecophylla*)
- orotó** *n.* flute having a blow-hole at the end, and one at the side, made either of calabash or of the horn of an antelope
- oroún** [4] *n.* unbranched stem of plantain, banana (inside false stem)
- óru** *n.* deity; god; divinity; “juju”; **óru kari** worship a deity; **óru koro** dance for the gods; be possessed [? **Áràú oru koroyemi** She is possessed by a deity. [check meaning **óru koro** be possessed; **OR óru sùq**]; **óru kòrj** (of deity) possess; be avid for; be dedicated to; be devoted to; **óru subo** be bearer of a deity; **óru sùq** be of abnormal shape (of plant) and therefore devoted to a deity; **péle-bòq-dii-oru** deity which protects a **péle**, made in same form as **tómu-bòlòq-dii-oru** (it is not worshipped); **tómu-bòlòq-dii-oru** deity protecting the quarter, carved with machet in right hand, spear in left, wearing a loin-cloth of **alòq** or **inùú**; one faces the river, one faces the bush, to protect the quarter from evil
- óru-arù** *n.* sacrificial canoe [*óru* + *áru* canoe]
- órubèrèbòfighá** [tone?] *n.* smaller fish with a long snout (*Gnathonemus tamandua* MORMYRIDAE) (= **órufebele** = **bìbikònbòlò**, *cf.* **etélé**, general name for all snouted fish)
- óru-egele** *n.* dance in procession for the deity [*óru* + *egelé* processional dance]
- órufebele** *n.* smaller fish with a long snout (*Gnathonemus tamandua* MORMYRIDAE) (= **órubèrèbòfigha** = **bìbikònbòlò**, *cf.* **etélé**, general name for all snouted fish check if this is correct) [*óru* + *fébele* *Marcusenius spp.*]
- órufuowei** *n.* son-in-law of the **óru**, *i.e.* husband of the woman who is organizing an **órusej** for her personal god (*cf.* **igua-aráú/owéi** representing the children) [*óru* + *fúo-owéi* son-in-law]
- óru-odubo** *n.* service of a deity [*óru* + *odubó* service]
- oru-otú** *n.* ancestors; forefathers [*óru* + *otu* people]
- órupegi** *n.* small insect-eating bat (suborder MICROCHIROPTERA) [*óru* + *pegí* bat]
- órusej** *n.* dance for a deity [*óru* + *sej* dance]
- órusubowei** *n.* male worshipper of a deity [*óru* + *subó* carry + *owéi* man]
- oruú** *v.a.* be old, ancient; **oru amá** ancient town; **oru kumòq** (from) a long time ago; “since long”; **orú òrú** (**kumòq**) long ago; from time immemorial; **oru serí** olden times
- óruwarj** *n.* shrine [*óru* + *wárij* house]

**ós (os)** *excl.* shoo! (cry to drive away fowls)  
(*cf.* **túa tua**)

**Osiamá** *n.* town in Southern Iẓon

**osibólóu** *n.* slug [*osí* + *bólóu front*]

**osidunghó** *n.* tree often used for firewood  
[identify?]

**osí<sup>1</sup>** *n.* giant land snail, edible (*Achatina* and *Archachatina* spp.); its parts are **osi angá** eggs (edible), **osi bólóu front** (edible), **osi filá** slime, **osi ingólèi** shell, **osi tuú** end (inedible); **osi ɔngó** look for snails; **osi tìbí** a single snail; **amá ogbo osi** snail found around town (not eaten); **bou osí** edible snail found in bush; **perẹ osí** king snail; **Saying: Osí fíla kí àkí kíri bọmọ wẹri wẹnimí** The snail softens the ground with its slime and walks on it (advice to be humble when approaching someone for a request).

**osi-ingólèi** *n.* snail-shell

**osi-ìkpáì** *n.* small snail; **Saying: Osi-ìkpáì mọ náma-aka mọ bọmí** The small snail and the elephant-tusk are equal (referring to a hunter who was carrying an elephant-tusk home on his head and was still searching for a snail with his foot; i.e. if care is not taken one can lose out on a bad exchange).

**osími** *n.* millipede; **Osími takí ingbeke mọ, osími mọ** The stick that carries the millipede (is thrown away) with the millipede (i.e. one should dispose of all bad things at once).

**osímidii** *n.* a muscle contraction often observed on the fleshy part of the upper arm when suddenly struck

**osisí** *n.* seine (net); **osisi kọn** fish with **osisí**

**osisí** *n.* friendly society, thrift society, whereby members collect a given amount of money at the end of a given period (usually a month), and the proceeds are given to one member; the fund continues to rotate at the end of every month; **osisi miẹ** form such a society [*cf.* *Yoruba esúsú, Igbo ésúsú, isúsú revolving loan fund*]

**osisi miẹ** *v.p.* make light of; attach no importance to (*cf.* **yékụẹ**)

**osíosiò** *n.* Olive Colobus monkey (*Colobus verus* CERCOPITHIDAE)

**osó** *excl.* used in: **Greeting: Osó sò sàà!**

**Reply: Áin yòò! Question: Inda síiyà?**

How many score? **Reply: Óiya sii yò!** Ten score! (greetings for people returning to town from fishing in lakes)

**osobá** *n.* (usually **wári òsoba**) long period spent at home because of sickness: **Wári òsoba a kọrimí** Staying indoors for a long time has made her pale and dull.

**osokurú** *n.* larva of the yam-beetle (*Coleoptera* sub-family), grub resembling the **okpokurú** in shape and form, but smaller in size. It lives in the soil and in coconut shoots, and destroys crops. [Is it edible?]

**osúà (=osúò)** *n.* good luck (in all activities except farming, which has **beí**); **osúà diri** name of a medicine which brings good luck to hunters and people who fish: **Timítimi ni osúà** Timítimi is lucky. This is a panegyric or eulogy, praise bestowed on someone who succeeds where others fail

**osún<sup>1</sup>** *n.* state of having become bonded to a deity in exchange for protection (contrasted with **omóni**, the state of bought slavery); **osún sụọ** become a slave (*fig.*): **Arí ìné òsun sụọgha èé.** I won't be a slave to you [*cf.* *Igbo òsú someone dedicated to the service of a deity as a slave*]

**osún<sup>2</sup> [4]** *n.* starch prepared from cassava; **osún gbè** prepare starch for food; **osún kpòò** lump of starch; **osún tàbụ** break starch up in a container and pour water over it; **ifé osun** starch which has gone bad before being prepared

**osún-gbè-bẹlẹ** *n.* pot used for preparing starch [Is this a particular size? If so, where does it fit in?] [**osún<sup>2</sup> + gbée stir+ bẹlẹ pot**]

**osún-gbè-gbasa** *n.* stick used for beating starch [**osún<sup>2</sup> + gbée stir+ gbása stick**]

**osuó** *n.* rain [*<Urhobo òsìò rain*]

**osúò<sup>1</sup>** *n.* cabbage tree, whose roots are steeped in gin or water and taken as a remedy for

hernia (*Anthocleista vogelii* Planch.  
LOGANIACEAE)

**osúò<sup>2</sup>** *see* **osúà**

**osuoará** *n.* line of rain [*osuó* + *bára hand*]

**osuobení** *n.* rainwater [*osuó* + *bení water*]

**osuofiní** *n.* lightning; thunderbolt; meteorite  
[*osuó* + *fíní fire*] (=ogonofiní)

**osuo-ifè** *n.* rainy season [*osuó* + *ifè time*]

**osuo-ipé** *n.* rainbow (a sign that rain will fall)  
[*osuó* + *ipébu bow*]

**osuokaramó** *n.* protruding canine teeth of  
human beings and bush pig

**osuo-koromó-ùluma** *n.* catfish believed to be  
brought down by rain [*osuó* + *kóromó make  
fall* + *ùluma catfish*]

**osuo-korj-dírì** *n.* a medicine which prevents  
rain from falling at the time of any  
important event or function [*osuó* + *korj  
hold* + *dírì medicine*]

**osúowèi** *n.* dwarf, *esp.* used in myth; sprite;  
small goblin; an evil and mischievous spirit.  
Its titles are **akpakírikpùn** and  
**bounanáòwei**.

**oteín** *see* **otoín**

**otí** *n.* large size (*used in the following  
collocations*): **otí beriba** large size of finger  
of plantain; **otí lji-ungbo** large size of palm  
nut

**Otí** *n.* chief deity of Tombia in Ekpetiama

**otíetiè** *see* **otíotiò**

**otíotiò** (=otíetiè) *n.* swallow (bird) (family  
HIRUNDINIDAE): Proverb: **Otíotiò téi èbi  
eriya, búmqun fàmi** When the swallow  
enjoys life on the sandbank, it stays there  
(i.e. over-indulgence in pleasure distracts  
one from a purpose).

**otítí<sup>1</sup>** *n.* **A.** bird, the Senegal Coucal  
(*Centropus senegalensis* CUCULIDAE); **B.**  
(*fig.*) lazy or weak person; **otítí warj** **A.** nest  
of coucal; **B.** hole formed by children piling  
up sand over foot and carefully withdrawing  
it

**otítí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* brownish-yellow palm kernel that has  
gone bad, especially through age

**otó** *n.* profuse flow (of liquid); much flow as  
liquid; **asjìn otó** profuse flow of blood;  
**pulou otó** profuse flow of oil from  
“mashed” heap of palm fruits

**otobó** *n.* hippopotamus (*Hippopotamus  
amphibius* HIPPOPOTAMIDAE)

**Otoboyaj** *n.* one of the Kólokùmá deities  
whose seat is at Sampòù

**otoín** [4] (=oteín) *n.* boil; **ofóni otoiñ**  
carbuncle

**otoín-wàrj** *n.* mature boil

**otókorotòrupina** *n.* smallest size of Niger  
perch (*Lates niloticus* CENTROPOMIDAE)  
(**otókorotòrupina** < **ikíríka** < **zalaá** < **kjina**  
< **káran**) [or **káaran**?]

**otóngbolo** *n.* mosquito

**otóni** *n.* wing; organs for flying

**otónibolou** *n.* (inside of) armpit

**otónibolouduma** *n.* hair inside armpit  
[*otónibolou* + *dúma hair*]

**otónibolou-indou** *n.* swelling in armpit  
experienced by some pregnant women  
[*otónibolou* + *indóu breast*]

**otóni fini** *v.p.* get accustomed to; be free;  
behave freely

**otoooló** *n.* tuft of grass or hair

**otóro** *n.* plant with corm (*Anchomanes  
difformis*) [Is this the same as **bou  
bekéòdu**?]; **eré otoro** (*Amorphophallus  
sp.*) (both ARACEAE); **owéi otoro**  
(*Haemanthus sp.* AMARYLLIDACEAE)

**otóro<sup>2</sup>** *n.* excessive water suspected in the  
womb during pregnancy

**otórobeni<sup>1</sup>** *n.* describes a pond or lake without  
enough fish

**otórobeni<sup>2</sup>** *n.* tasteless soup which in most  
cases lacks ingredients [discuss]

(**otu**) *n.pl.* (*toneless enclitic*) people (acts as  
plural of **bo**): **béi òtu** these people; **Iẗon-otu**  
Iẗon people; [*cf. Yoruba òtú meeting,  
gathering, Edo òtù society, age-group,  
Urhobo òtù majority/group of people, Igbo  
òtù group, society, etc.*]

**Otuán** [4] *n.* town in **Ogboin ibeé** of  
Southern Iẗon

**otumopú** [4] *n.* heart(s) in the game of cards  
**otumotuwei** *n.* (long or short) trousers;  
**dánghaj òtumotuwei** (long) trousers; **ikísa otumotuwei** shorts [*< Nembe otumótuawei trousers, shorts*]  
**otúo** *v.t.* collect; contribute; collect money or fish from people; **igbegi otùòwei** tax collector  
**otúoye** *n.* collection; contribution [*otúo + yé thing*]  
**otútù** *n.* general term for various small (juvenile) freshwater shrimps (contrast **opúru**); **abadì otútù** very small salt-water shrimp; **bou otútù** bush shrimp, comprising several species, generally considered tastier; **tòrù otutu** juvenile shrimps of *Macrobrachium* genus migrating upstream, esp. *M. felicinum*  
**otúwò** *n.* bucket, esp. old type made of bark (= **bókitì**)  
**óu<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* cry (*old form of yóu*); **beriba óu** latex of plantain  
**óu<sup>2</sup>** *n.* “masquerade”; *i.e.* the mask (worn on top of the head), the masquerader, and the masquerade dance; **óu bou tei** rehearse masquerade dance; **óu gbein** dress a masquerade; **óu seì** dance masquerade: **Óu mà seri ghò kịmị kuigha** A masquerader cannot cut one twice (*i.e.* you can do something bad to a person once but not twice = Once bitten, twice shy); **Tólumòbọ fà óu kịn bọmị** A masquerader with no instructor misses the step.  
**óubeni** *n.* tears [*óu<sup>1</sup> + bení water*]  
**óu-ari** *n.* crocodile tears; **óu ari tịa** shed crocodile tears [*óu<sup>1</sup> + ári trick*]  
**óu-foun-ereabụ** *n.f.* (*pl. óu-foun-erewọqama*) girl who fans masquerade during the dance [*óu<sup>2</sup> + fọun fan + eréabàú girl*]  
**òun** *n.pl.* sand (*general, including small stones*); **òun sẹlẹ** grain of sand; **kporókpòrò òun** gravel; pebbles; **pụrụpụrụ òun** sand  
**óuseì** *n.* masquerade dance [*óu<sup>2</sup> + seì dance*]

**óusikou** (= **óusukou**) *n.* a humped device tied to the back of the waist of a masquerader [*óu<sup>2</sup> + síkou = súkou humped device*]  
**óuyaj** *n.pl.* tears (used in dirges) [*óu<sup>1</sup> + yaj things*]  
**óuyenghi** (= **óuyenghi**) *n.* placenta [*?óu<sup>1</sup> + yenghí mother*]  
**ovekèè** *id.* vacuous; empty; leaving an empty space, *e.g.* space between two teeth  
**oviín** [5] *v.p.* go out (of lamp or fire); “quench”; be extinguished  
**ovín** *n.* yaws; **ovín kòro** suffer from yaws (= **izáì**)  
**ovín-ingbe** a weakening disease that attacks the joints of small children preceding the attack of yaws  
**ovinmọ́<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* quench; put out [*oviín + -mọ causative*]  
**ovinmọ́<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* clean (*e.g.* blackboard); erase; disconnect  
**oviri<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* suffer from (*esp.* injury, burden); *n.* suffering; agony  
**oviri<sup>2</sup>** *n.* suffering; agony  
**oviyaì** *n.* complaint; **oviyaì fíe** complain about poverty, lack of people, etc. (*opp. siyaì*)  
**ovódi<sup>1</sup>** *id.* (gone) for nothing: **Indimọ́ mu ni òvódi ki fàmị** The fish are lost for nothing.  
**ovódi<sup>2</sup>** *id.* with no truth, baseless  
**ovóli** *id.* worthless; meaningless  
**ovoumọ́** (= **ovoumọ́**) *v.t.* test (*e.g.* gun, engine)  
**ovuloú** *n.* movement of water caused by paddles, propellers, fish, or animals  
**ovúnvuùn** *n.* mudwasp (*Belenogaster* sp., family *Sphecidae*) [also dragonfly?]  
**ovurú** **A.** space between; **B.** (*specific*) uninhabited space between two sections of a village, usually overgrown; **C.** (*tech.*) interval; **beké èkẹn-ovuru** week (of seven days); **fini búò ovuru** stride; **kála búò ovuru** pace  
**ovúu** *v.i.* roam about  
**ovuvuú** [5] *n.* lungs; lights (of meat)

**owéi** *n.* **A.** male, man; **bólou owei** elder brother; **owéi ere!** strong woman! (*term of praise*); **owéi kịmị** male person; **owéi kịmị!** strong man! (*term of praise*); **owéi paa** develop one's personality (as a man); come of age (*cf.* **eré paa**, **kịmị paa**); **owéi popolo** tie cloth in a special way around the waist folded heavily to the right or left; **owéi pui** boast; show one's strength (*e.g.* by slapping chest): **Sayings: Owéi dẹnghịye, sé dẹnghịye** What tires one man tires all: **Owéi dùba ghọ fàá, bára ungbou ki èmí** It doesn't matter how big a man is, it's the bones that count: **Owéi puiya saa** A promise is a debt (and must be redeemed): **Owéi taarụ taarụ, eré noin noin** Men always three times, women always four (a basic principle of Iẓon culture); **B.** male; used in many compounds (as below) to indicate a species or type of something that is contrasted with a smaller or weaker species or type regarded as **eré** (woman)

**owéibara** *n.* right hand [**owéi** + **bára hand**]

**owéibara-ànga** *n.* male side, *i.e.* right (*cf.* **eré**) [**owéi** + **bára hand** + **angá side**]

**owéibùrú** *n.* white long yam (*Dioscorea*) [**owéi** + **burú yam**]

**owéi-ìkpìrìbùìkpìbù** *n.* medicinal herb (*C. diffusa* *Burm. f. subsp. diffusa* COMMELINACEAE)

**owéin** *v.t.* bite: **owéin dị kịmị, owéin dọn kaamị** A person who can bite feels the pain of a bite.

**owéi-òbirí** *n.* (male) dog

**owéi-òfoni** *n.* cock (fowl)

**owéi-ogbodo** *n.* ginger-lily with bristly rim below top of leaf-sheath (*Costus lucanusianus* J.Braun and K.Schum. COSTACEAE)

**owéi-ombi/owéi-òmbị** *n.* medicinal herbs, including (*Laportea aestuans* (Linn.) Gaud. ex Miq. URTICACEAE), used as antidote to poison; (*Urera* spp.), used to stimulate the penis and for diarrhoea and chest pain;

(*Smeathmannia pubescens* Soland. ex R.Br. PASSIFLORACEAE), used as chewing-stick

**owéitòbọ́** *n.* male child

**owéitòbọ́yẹ** *n.* hernia; **bólou oweitòbọ́yẹ** indirect hernia

**owórò** *n.* carved piece of **burún**-wood on which **isélebara** is ground to produce camwood paste

**owóú** *n.* smoke

**owou-owóú** *id.* full of smoke; smoky [**owóú** + **owóú**]

**owoutayé** (=owoutuwéi) *n.* chimney [**owóú** + **túá** + **yé thing**]

**oyedé** *n.* **A.** brown or yellow type of **ogbólò**; **B.** (fig.) light-skinned woman (=pína-aràù): **Áràù òyedé èè** She is a light-skinned woman.

**oyobá** [4] *n.* banana; **zii eré fị oyoba** banana variety for newly-delivered women (=agbàrabù) *cf.* Hausa *ayaba*

**Oyóbu** *n.* the Anglican headquarters of **Opokumá ibe** in Northern Iẓon

**oyomá** *v.t.* *as in:* **lị òyoma** mark an immature palm-bunch as one's property: **Eri lịbị òyomadọ** He has marked the palmfruit (to reserve it for himself when ripe).

**Oyonmá** *n.* Onyoma, a town immediately south of Oporoma in Southern Iẓon

**oyónbàù** *n.* giant water bug (*Belostoma*); name of the legendary wife of **Iwírì**, the Tortoise

**ozó** *n.* drum used for the **ozó** dance

**ozobáí** [5] *n.* brass; nickel; (*tech.*) bronze; **odon ozóbàí** brass

**ozoóòn** *id.* very tall; long

**ozún** *n.* skin (usually of animals); **náma ozun** animal skin; **ongó ozun** skin of human being; **wóni ozun** snakeskin

**Ozuúndù** name of the most important character in one of our tales (*cf.* **Oziídì**) [Oziidi is not in!]



**ọ<sup>1</sup>** [1] *pron.* they; them (*short subject and object pronoun preceding consonant; cf. ọrọ́<sup>1</sup>, ọrọ́<sup>2</sup>*): **ọ sẹ́** all of them: **Ọ boyémi** They are coming: **Erí ọ tǐnmí** He called them.  
**ọ<sup>2</sup>** [2] *pron.* you (*plural*) (*short pronoun object form preceding consonant; cf. ọrọ́<sup>2</sup>*): **o sẹ́** all of you: **Wónì ọ tǐnyemi** We are calling you people  
**ọ<sup>3</sup>** [3] *pron.* you (*plural*) (*short pronoun subject form preceding consonant; cf. ọrọ́<sup>1</sup>*): **Ọ bọyemààà?** Are you (*plural*) coming?  
**Ọbá** (=Abá) *n.* Ọba (of Benin): **Abá fìrì wẹ̀nì baj kì, Ọbá fìyaj fì baj** The day you work for the Ọba is the day you eat the Ọba's food. [*Yoruba ọbá or Edo ọbá* ]  
**Ọbá-àma** *n.* Benin (*esp. in folk stories*) [*Ọbá + amá town*]  
**ọbá-ìbọlọ** *n.* white bead-shaped fruit borne by Job's Tears (=aká-ìla *Coix lachryma-jobi* Linn. POACEAE), used as beads by children [*Ọbá + ìbọlọ bead*]  
**ọbará** *n.* human blood (*cf. asìjìn*) [*cf. Igbo, Urhobo ọbàrà* ]  
**ọbara-ọbára** *id.* bloody [*ọbará x 2*]  
**ọbìrìkì** *n.* total confusion; state without any progress: **Egberibí bo ni ọbìrìkì kọ páami** The matter is at a stalemate.  
**ọbọdì** (=abọdì) *n.* tree (*Baphia nitida* Lodd. LEGUMINOSAE: PAPILIONOIDEAE), used for carving pestles; roots are medicinal for the treatment of malaria and blood purification  
**ọbọlọ** *n.* name of a tree [to be identified; specimen?]  
**ọbọró** *n.* spear-fishing in a canoe with **imbíowei**  
**ọbọrò** *n.* fish (*Bagrus* spp. BAGRIDAE); **inéngi-ọbọrọ** sp. of **ọbọrọ**  
**ọbọwèi** *n.* rheumatism  
**ọbọwèidiri** *n.* herb or shrub (*Tristemma hirtum* P Beauv. MELASTOMACEAE) [Not the same as **bou ọgugou** or **okoti ìngbí**, which have also been identified as *Tristemma hirtum*?] Also identified as *Diodia scandens* Sw. RUBIACEAE, which is also identified as

**ìkìnrìnrìn** or **tein tuó**. Can we get specimens? [*ọbọwèi + òdìrì medicine*]  
**ọbubọ́** *n.* back door; posterior gate or door (*refers only to door, unlike tounbọ́, which refers to either door or window*) [*ọbùú + bọ́ door*]  
**ọbubú** *n.* food prepared with boiled unripe and ripe plantain and oil pounded together. This is served on the first morning when anyone – boy or girl – is circumcised. It is also a food for the deities and for noblemen.  
**ọbugú** *n.* deeper part of the fishpond or lake to which fishes resort for safety when disturbed  
**ọbùú** *n.* back; behind (= **konú**): **Ọbù òdì kùmọ** Do not look back; **ọbù tujá** go backwards; move towards the stern (= **tounbọ́**)  
**ọdaá** *n.* stagnant inlet between the mainland and a sandbank, including the clay area of the sandbank on which grass and scrub grow, with many earthworms and water weeds  
**ọdédè** (=edédè) *n.* medicinal grass good for the treatment of sores [specimen?]  
**ọdjà** *n.* fish sp., the climbing perch (*Ctenopoma kingsleyae* Günther ANABANTIDAE) (=káma)  
**ọdìfómù** *n.* iodoform [*<English iodoform* ]  
**ọdìlẹ́** (=edulẹ́) *n.* leopard (*Panthera pardus* FELIDAE)  
**ọdọgumaá<sup>1</sup>** *n.* duck (family ANATIDAE); **amá-ọdọguma** domestic duck; **bou-ọdọguma** wild duck: **beni akí ọdọguma konú dọsumọ** pouring water on a duck's back (*cf. like water off a duck's back*)  
**ọdọgumaá<sup>2</sup>** *n.* (*also bou ọdọguma*) medicinal herb whose seeds resemble the head of a duck (*Heliotropium indicum* Linn. BORAGINACEAE) [not the same as **umbú kòromọ òdìrì**, which has very thick leaves] [Is it different from **amá ọdọguma** whose leaves are used to make a love potion? Get specimens of all]  
**ọdọgumatọbọ** *n.* duckling [*ọdọgumaá<sup>1</sup> + tọbọú child* ]

**ọdọ́** *v.i.* walk like a king, slowly and majestically (in an appropriate situation); walk confidently; swagger, strut (showing off inappropriately) (= **abeí**)

**ọdọ́zọ** *v.i.* [or n.?] be many (a word used when the number is moderate and not too many); (tech.) hundred: **ọdọ́zọ kẹ́nì fìní** one hundred and one: **ma ọdọ́zọ** two hundred; **ọdọ́zọ ọgìzì** one hundred thousand

**ọdúdu** *n.* heart; (fig.) courage

**ọdúdu-duo-bo-igba** *n.* (tech.) artery [**ọdúdu** + **duó** from + **bó** come + **igbá** rope ]

**ọdúdu-gho-muyemi-igba** *n.* (tech.) vein [**ọdúdu** + **gho** at + **múyemi** is going + **igbá** rope ]

**ọdúmú** *n.* **A.** smallest size of python (at most 2 feet), brightly coloured, very rare, lives in water, associated with riches; **B.** python resembling the puff-adder, but with a white streak down the centre of its head; usually still (it is a bad omen if it moves); must be buried if seen dead; seen on a farm, it foretells a good harvest, and can be offered chalk and **ọbubú**; **C.** mythical form of the python (contrast **uturóowèi**), which has become very large, lives in the river, and has a diamond in its head; belongs to the water deities (**beniorú** or **benieré**) and is believed to confer riches.

**ọdúmudon** *n.* sickness attributed to python, as a result of not appeasing or caring for it (esp. the **ọdúmú B.**), causing emaciation and coldness of the body. The traditional treatment involves appeasing the python, treating the child with **ọdúmú-igba**, and rolling it on a dunghill. [**ọdúmú** + **dọ́n** sickness]

**ọdúmú-igba** *n.* creeper (*Cissus aralioides* (Welw. ex Bak.) Planch. AMPELIDACEAE) [not the same as **igúasì**]. Noted as cure for child from **ọdúmú** family suffering from **ọdúmú** sickness. [**ọdúmú** + **igbá** liane]

**ọduṣon** *n.* waves; ripples: **Dába ọduṣon, tiri paaghá** Waves on the daba-swamp do not

come out in public (*i.e.* Let secrets remain secret).

**ọduú** *v.i.* frown; pout

**ọfín** *v.t.* **A.** sweep; **B.** blow (nose); **tiri-ọfín-àrau** a female compound sweeper (in tales); also the name of a mask, the dancer of which performs the normal duties of the female sweeper in the early morning of the dancing day. The sweeping is a ceremony.

**ọfínmọ** *v.dir.* sweep towards [**ọfín** + **mọ** directional]

**ọfínye** *n.* broom (= **ilía, ofían**) [**ọfín** + **yé** thing]

**ọfírì<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.a.* be hot (as pot, water); **ọfírì bènì** hot water; **ọfírì bẹlẹ** hot pot

**ọfírì<sup>2</sup>** [3] *n.* heat

**ọfírìmiẹpaamọye** *n.* (tech.) fuel [**ọfírì** + **miẹ** make+ **páamọ** bring out + **yé** thing]

**ọfírìmọ** *v.cs.* warm soup or food in a container (*cf.* **dúdumọ**) [**ọfírì** + **mọ** causative]

**ọforọ** *v.i.* froth; foam: **Iẓon-urubi ọforoyemi** The palm-wine is foaming; **Fúloubi ọforodoú** The soup has become sour (as shown by bubbles).

**ọfọ** *n.* camp; temporary centre; resting-place in bush, farm, around fishpond, etc.

**ọfọ<sup>1</sup>** *n.* **A.** moonfish (*Citharinus citharus* CITHARINIDAE); **ọfọ ingbe** organ inside **ọfọ** which when cleaned and roasted is good to eat; **tobu ọfọ** type commonly found near coast

**Ọfọ<sup>2</sup>** *n.* a “masquerade” carved in the shape of an **ọfọ**-fish

**ọfọ<sup>3</sup>** *n.* a light, normally straight, tree used for rafters and purlins, *esp.* when using corrugated iron sheets on mud walls, and also for yam stakes (*Carapa procera* DC. MELIACEAE)

**ọfọ-iperẹ** *n.* juvenile **ọfọ<sup>1</sup>**

**ọfúkù** *n.* clothes moth (family TINEIDAE)

**ọfurú** *n.* bullet, bigger in size than **angìlì** (*cf.* **angìlì, ukpárù, gbólù, okpókìrikpó**)

**ọfúrùma<sup>1</sup>** *n.* shark (family SPHYRNIDAE)

**Ọfúruma<sup>2</sup>** *n.* a “masquerade” carved in the shape of a shark

**ogbaá** *n.* triggered trap; **ogba pítẹ́** fish with **ogbaá**

**ogbái** (=agbái) *n.* missile; **ogbái gbein** fight by throwing fresh sticks cut by women (*esp.* between two quarters or towns); **ogbái peḷẹ́** cut sticks for missiles (by women, who stand behind men to supply them); **idúmu ogbaj** empty palm-bunch after extraction of nuts

**Ogbía-ẹdein** (=Agbía-ẹdein) *n.* dagger (=ogíen =ogíán) [What is the **Ogbía** or **Agbía** referred to?]

**ogbodó** *n.* sword (= **alápu-ogidi**)

**ogbogozò** *n.* a small bowl (bigger than **uyánsubo** = **uyánsibe**) used in measuring gari, rice, beans, etc., for sale

**ogbólò** *n.* garden snail whose spiral shell is used as top (*Limicolaria* spp.); **ogbólò dụnụ** remove flesh from **ogbólò** after boiling or roasting; **ogbólò keke** chip the wide end of **ogbólò** shell to prepare it for use as top; **ogbólò tan** gather, look for tops; **ogbólò tein** play tops. (Different varieties are **adirimà** (black, found on pepper plants); **afilà** (whitish-yellow, very rare; if damaged or lost the culprit would formerly pay the owner an agreed number of tops continuously till the District Officer arrived); **apínà** (pinkish); **bou-ogbólò** (large dark-brown, from forest areas, paid for like **afilà**); **egéni** spotted type; **ingbíri** (very big, from the **omóni** group, beats others); **okoti-adirimà** (variegated black and yellow, found on pepper plants); **okpó** (big, with the point broken, resulting in a very strong one for playing); **omóni** (whitish, with pointed black tip, commonly found among **imbebelé**); **oyédè** (brown); **túburu-ogbolò** (bigger, tiger-striped, obtained from the Niger above the bifurcation). Types which have been treated are **ikpí-ogbolò** loaded with mud and used in **ingbíri**; **avíaranyoro-ogbolò** the inside has been scraped out after removing the flesh, resulting in a very light top.

**ogbólò-aka** *n.* edge of **ogbólò** [**ogbólò** + **aká** edge]

**ogbólò-apan** *n.* small basket for keeping tops [**ogbólò** + **apaán** basket]

**ogbólò-ogugu** *n.* shallow hole for playing tops [**ogbólò** + **ogugú** hole]

**ogbólòtuu** *n.* pointed end of **ogbólò** [**ogbólò** + **túu** end]

**ogbónomụ** *n.* general term for mat, *esp.* in connection with sleeping (*cf.* **obúna**); **búnụ** **ogbónomụ** sleeping-mat

**ogboó** *v.i.* expectorate; cough up and spit

**ogboolò** *n.* ivory bangle worn by important and wealthy men and women in ancient times

**ogboolò-tua-wónì** *n.* snake ringed at the tail [identify?] [**ogboolò** + **túa** put + **wónì** snake]

**ogboolò-wain-t̃ñ** *n.* tree whose leaves are so rough that they can be used as sandpaper (= **ikórónsi**) (*Ficus exasperata* Vahl MORACEAE) [**ogboolò** + **wain** scrape + **t̃ñ** tree]

**ogboró** [4] *n.* mormyrid or trunk-fish (*Mormyrops anguilloides* MORMYRIDAE)

**ogborò gbein** *v.p.* prepare one’s way to get major help by giving small gifts to put someone under an obligation: **Ogborò saa akì naá, bou gbein kí bòu bara fínìyémèè** Giving ceremonial food to the spirits of the forest opens your way with the forest (=Kindness begets kindness).

**ogborogí** *n.* “Indian spinach” (*Basella alba* Linn. BASELLACEAE)

**ogborù** *n.* diamond(s) in the game of cards

**ogboṣbasá** (= **gbṣbasá**) [4] *n.* juvenile **iyóro** (snakehead) fish (*Parachanna obscura* CHANNIDAE)

**ogboyeé** *n.* sputum [**ogboó** + **yé** thing]

**ogbudú** *n.* sludge; thick sediment remaining after removing the good oil

**ogbugbá** *n.* groin

**ogbúnụ** *n.* mouse (*general term for small rats, mice or gerbils found in the bush, as opposed to ekeé for house-rats*)

**ogí** *n.* gonorrhoea; **túu beĩnmọ ogí** charm which a man puts around the waist of his wife or lover or across the door (without her knowledge) when he suspects her of being unfaithful to him. The medicine is believed to cause severe gonorrhoea if any other man has intercourse with her.

**ogíán** (=ogíén) *n.* dagger (=Ogbíá-ẹdeĩn=Agbíá-ẹdeĩn)

**ogídigidì** (=ogídigidìwọ) *n.* black water-loving bird with red legs and yellow bill which makes a very loud noise with the rest of its group, probably the Black Crake (*Amaurornis flavirostris* RALLIDAE). Its name imitates its call – **ogídigidì-wọọọ**

**ogíén** (=ogíán) *n.* dagger (=Ogbíá ẹdeĩn=Agbíá-ẹdeĩn)

**ogízì** *quant.* plenty; abundant; countless; innumerable: **indi ogízì** plenty of fish: (*tech.*) thousand: **ma ogízì** two thousand: **ọdọzo ogízì** one hundred thousand

**ogó** *n.* in-law (excluding father- and mother-in-law); **ogó-aráù** female in-law; **ogó-owèi** male in-law; **ogó tèi=ogó tei** have joking relationship with one's in-laws: **Ogó tèi bíbì kólo bíbì = Ogótèiye kóloye** Jokes between in-laws, serious jokes (i.e. Many a true word is spoken in jest). [*cf. Igbo, Urhobo ógò*]

**ogóbìdé** *n.* silk cloth

**ogòmú** term used to address in-law (male or female); **ogòmú bàlaka** polite form of address to in-law [*cf. Igbo ógò m' my in-law*]

**ogoneí** [5] (=ogoneĩn=ogonyé) *n.* **A.** moon (= **akalú = díiye = finyé = tọniyeé**); **ogoneí bọlọ, ogonei bọlọ** first quarter of moon; **B.** month; (*tech.*) **beké ọgonei** calendar month; **Iẓon ogonei** lunar month [*ogonó + yé thing*]

**ogoneí-ọgoneí-gbẹ** *n.* (*tech.*) salary [*ogoneí + ọgoneí + gbẹ pay*]

**ogónìọ** *n.* tiny person

**ogonó** *n.* top; up; over; above

**Ogọnọ-Aráù** *n.* God (*lit.* 'She (who dwells in) the sky') (=Ogínarau) [*ogonó + yé thing*]

**ogonobení** *n.* waters above the firmament (*lit.* 'sky water') [*ogonó + yé thing*]

**Ogonobenitárì** *n.* male name (**Ogonobenitárì nì ì tarì kúmọ èè** Let it not be surface love that you show to me.)

**ogonobeniyé** *n.* (*fig.*) hypocrisy; **ogonobeniyé miẹ** be a hypocrite [*ogonó + yé thing*]

**ogonofiní** *n.* lightning (*lit.* 'sky fire') (=osuofiní) [*ogonó + yé thing*]

**ogonogbana-bìdẹ** *n.* the upper wrapper tied on top of the other around the waist of a woman (=ogonogbanayé) [*ogonó + yé thing*]

**ogonogbanayé** *n.* upper wrapper tied on top of the other around the waist of a woman (=ogonogbana-bìdẹ) [*ogonó + yé thing*]

**ogonoghọ-peri-ba** *n.* person whose upper teeth develop before lower ones [*ogonó + yé thing*]

**ogonogofonì** *n.* bird of the air; flying bird (as opposed to **kiri-ofonì** 'ground bird', domestic fowl) [*ogonó + yé thing*]

**ogonopaa-búrù** *n.* yam that has been exposed so that it is not good for eating; (*fig.*) top-heavy (of person): **Béi kìmì, ogonopaa-búrù ogonó sùomọ** This person is top-heavy. [*ogonó + páa come out + burú yam*]

**ogonosaisái** *n.* the peak; extending far upwards; pinnacle [*ogonó + yé thing*]

**ogonotorú** *n.* sky; weather; (*tech.*) space [*ogonó + tọru<sup>1</sup> river*]

**ogonowarì** *n.* "upstairs"; house with more than one storey [*ogonó + warì house*]

**ogonyé** (=ogoneí=ogoneĩn) *n.* **A.** moon (= **akalú = díiye = finyé = tọniyeé**); **ogoneí bọlọ, ogonei bọlọ** first quarter of moon; **B.** month; (*tech.*) **beké ọgonei** calendar month; **Iẓon ogonei** lunar month [*ogonó + yé thing*]

**ogótèiye** *n.* joke between in-laws: **Ogótèiye kóloye** Jokes between in-laws, serious jokes (i.e. Many a true word is spoken in jest). [*ogó + téi play + yé thing*]

**ogúgòù** *n.* shrimp ("prawn" or "lobster") roe prepared for eating (= **opúru-anga**)

**ogúgọ** *v.t.* pounce upon, *esp.* rough-handle the head and the upper limbs

**ogugúù<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes a narrow bowl-like hollow, *e.g.* pond, pit, etc.

**ogugúù<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes face of human beings, but *esp.* that of monkey, with sunken eye-sockets

**ogugúù<sup>3</sup>** *id.* very small cramped room

**ogumú** *n.* toad (*Bufo regularis*); **ogumú dan líj** performing two tasks at a time and not completing either (*lit.* ‘palm fruits mashed/crushed by toad’)

**ogumú-suúrú-bùò** *n.* (*fig.*) inescapable problem, like a toad washing its feet [**ogumú** + **súuru** wash + **bùò** foot]

**ogún<sup>1</sup>** (= **ongú**) *n.* lime (tree and fruit) (*Citrus aurantifolia* (Christm.) Swingle RUTACEAE); **opu-ogún** (*tech.*) lemon (*Citrus limon* (Linn.) Burm.f. RUTACEAE)

**ogún<sup>2</sup>** *n.* “potassium”, blue/green mineral for medicine, *usu.* **beké ògún** (= **beke lálà**), used in treating yaws

**ogùru** *n.* potassium iodide (balls of powder, taken in gin as medicine for rheumatism)

**òjì** *v.i.* **A.** wither (of crops); **òjì fàá** wither until it dies or perishes; **B.** (of human beings) become emaciated; grow lean; decrease in size; **C.** (*fig.*) retrogress; decline

**òjìdọ** *n.* debilitating disease for adults [**òjì** + **dọdọ** sickness]

**òjì** *id.* **A.** (of people) talking, crying or shouting together; talking without listening to one another; making a general noise (= **gíyọ̀**): **Kímímọ òjì ki kútímimi** The people are being rowdy (*e.g.* as a classroom without a teacher); **B.** of a whole group shouting against one or two people, or of two contending parties

**òjímọ** *v.cs.* cause to wither; cause to become emaciated [**òjì** + **mọ** causative]

**òjìn-òjìn-òjìnyòò** *excl.* count-down for the start of an event; a signal to show the beginning or climax of an event

**ọkaá<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* do carpentry; **ọka bara gbàsà** (**tụa**)<sup>1</sup> embellish a carving

**ọkaá<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* relate stories or incidents in a roundabout way so as to make them appear less incriminating, and thus extricate oneself from blame: **Erí ègberibí ọka kị ọkamị** He told the story so as to exonerate himself; **ọka bara gbàsà** (**tụa**)<sup>2</sup> (*fig.*) embellish an account of something

**ọkafirí** *n.* carpentry [**ọkaá<sup>1</sup>** + **fírí** work]

**ọkakimí** *n.* carpenter [**ọkaá<sup>1</sup>** + **kímí** person] (= **ọka-owéi**)

**ọka-owéi** *n.* carpenter: **Ọka-owéi wàrì titéi fàá** (There is) no seat in a carpenter’s house [**ọkaá<sup>1</sup>** + **owéi** man] (= **ọkakimí**)

**ọkárì** *v.i.* be jovial, humorous

**ọkẹkẹ** (= **ẹkẹkẹ<sup>1</sup>**) *n.* Greater White-nosed Monkey (*Cercopithecus erythrogaster* CERCOPITHECIDAE) (*the Nigerian subspecies is martini*, with white on the throat and chest, hence sometimes called the White-throated Guenon Monkey)

**ọkẹkẹkẹ** (= **ẹkẹkẹkẹ<sup>1</sup>**) *n.* bird, the African Darter (*Anhinga rufa* ANHINGIDAE)

**ọkjà** *n.* kingfisher without shining plumage; (*song when kingfisher is hovering over water*)

**Ọkjà, sẹj nì indi gbólù** Kingfisher, dance and peck fish! (*repeated until the bird dives for the fish, then the song ends with Gọ̀!*);

**Árì ọkjà aàà?** Are you a kingfisher? (*said to someone who is fond of dancing*); **bou-ọkjà**

Giant Kingfisher (*Megaceryle maxima*); **tọru-ọkja** Pied Kingfisher (*Ceryle rudis*) (both ALCEDINIDAE)

**ọkìkà** *n.* **A.** ring prepared from the fibre inside cane-ropes on which a water pot is rested; **B.** (*usu.* **tọ̀n ọkìka**) ring around the tip of the penis

(**ọkì̀n**) *see under puló*

**ọkìlọkìlọ-beni-dí** *n.* young monitor lizard, “iguana” (*Varanus niloticus* VARANIDAE) (traditionally not eaten in Kólokùmá) [**ọkìlọkìlọ** ? + **bení** water + **dí** look at] (*cf.* **abedí**)

**ọkítí** *n.* back of hips (*cf.* **ikóki**)

**ọkọba** *n.* fork of tree; forked stick

**òkòba-tụa-asu** *n.* hooked punting-pole  
[òkòba + *tụa* put + *asú* punting-pole]  
(?=azùà)

**Òkódjia** *n.* Okordia (Akíta) **ibe** in Northern Iẓon. Its towns are: Agbobiri (headquarters), Akumoni, Kalabá, Ayamábèlẹ, Ikarámà, and Ánàkiri. Its **ibe tẹmẹsuó** is **Alúku ògò**. Its **ibe orú** (deities) are **Ekpésùsú** (at Agbobiri) and **Ibrédèni**; **Òkódjia igoni** epithet for a visitor who takes away extra food to eat later

**òkòfeyé** *n.* (*tech.*) hire-purchase [òkòfó + *fé* buy + *yé* thing]

**òkòfirí** *n.* hired labour [òkòfó + *fírí* work]

**Òkógba** *n.* Ogba **ibe** in Rivers State

**òkòlò** *n.* staff; sceptre

**òkòlòbìbì** [5] *n.* West African Grey Parrot (*Psittacus erithacus* PSITTACIDAE):

**Òkòlòbìbìámà pìriyemí** The parrots are chattering; **Òkòlòbìbì gbadò, erí arùbò bíyòughà kpò, wo ipíyòunbì emí yèè** Parrot says even if he is not in the canoe, his feather is there (representing him). [òkòlò ? + *bìbì* mouth] (= **òkòkòpòlì**)

**òkòlòkòfó** *id.* immense volume; large quantity, as of water

**òkòlòlò** (=òkòlòlò) *n.* straight tree (*Symphonis globulifera* Linn. f. GUTTIFERAE) which grows only in swampland. Its resin is used for gum and paint, its trunk for carving canoes, planks and firewood: **Òkòlòlò eré tuu duo mu ni ìyou famí** **Òkòlòlò** followed a woman to the swamp and stayed there (*saying used when a man goes to live at his wife's place*).

**Òkòlòmà** (=Kòlòmà) *n.* Kóluama in Southern Ijò; **Òkòlòmà tọrụ** Kóluama river

**Òkòlòmà-tọrụ-èdèdè** (=Kòlòmà-tọrụ-èdèdè) *n.* medicinal herb, also used for love potions (*Emilia coccinea* (Sims) G. Don COMPOSITAE) ((*O*)kòlòmà + *tọrụ* river + *èdèdè* grass)

**òkòfó**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* hire; employ

**òkòfó**<sup>2</sup> *v.t.* (not) to be short of (*only used in negative*): **Erí bìbì òkògha** He is talkative (*i.e.* he does not lack the ability to talk).

**òkòfó**<sup>3</sup> (=òkòfó) *n.* tree with a poisonous seed, the Calabar bean, used mixed with “pomade” to kill head-lice (*Physostigma venenosum* Balf. LEGUMINOSAE: PAPILIONOIDAE)

**òkòfó**<sup>4</sup> *n.* container, such as an earthen pot (*always used in connection with palm wine*):

**uru òkò** a pot or keg of palm wine

**òkòrò** *v.i.* make a loud musical sound

**òkòròkòrò** *n.* wild vine species (**tanain igbá**)

**òkòtìbàù-indóu** (=òkòtìbà-indóu) *n.* butterfly fish (*Pantodon buchholzi* PANTODONTIDAE) [òkòtìbàù ? + *indóu* breast] (=eréwòu-indóu)

**òkòfó** (=òkòfó<sup>3</sup>) *n.* tree with a poisonous seed, the Calabar bean, used mixed with “pomade” to kill head-lice (*Physostigma venenosum* Balf. LEGUMINOSAE: PAPILIONOIDAE)

**òkòfó** *n.* slimy whitish fluid vomited by babies, *esp.* after suckling

**òkòyáí**<sup>1</sup> [5] *n.* wedge of wood or iron

**òkòyáí**<sup>2</sup> [5] *n.* embellishment; **òkòyáí tųà** add embellishments to a story or play

**òkòyèé** *n.* wages [òkòfó + *yé* thing]

**òkpáka** *n.* (=akpáka) shell or carapace (of tortoise or turtle)

**òkpáka-òkpaka** *id.* having hard scales; lumpy (as fufu): **Utáràn sẹ òkpáka-òkpaka** The pounded fufu is lumpy. [òkpáka x2]

**òkpòkìrì**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* persuade; coax; lure: **Erí wòò òkpòkìrì bó ni òrọ angá ghò tųadọ** He has persuaded him to their side.

**òkpòkìrì**<sup>2</sup> *v.t.* sacrifice one piece at a time to save others, as in draughts: **Erí òkpòkìrì kumò òkpòkìrìyémì** He always sacrifices one piece at a time.

**òkpòkìrì**<sup>3</sup> *n.* method of sacrificing one piece at a time to save others, as in draughts: **Erí òkpòkìrì kị àkị ipélè teinyémì** He plays draughts always sacrificing one piece at a time.

**òkpòkpó**<sup>1</sup> *v.i.* fail to capture a piece with the king (or “crown”) in draughts; this gives the

opponent the right to seize the king, knock it and say ‘**Ọkpọkpọ bọdọ wèè**’.

**ọkpọkpọ<sup>2</sup>** *n.* bird, the hawk, *esp.* African Goshawk (*Accipiter tachiro* ACCIPITRIDAE)

**ọkpọkpọyárinjá** *n.* fowl with many of the feathers lost

**ọkpólọkì** *n.* bird, the Common Bulbul (*Pycnonotus barbatus* PYCNONOTIDAE), noted for its chattering: **Áràú ọkpólọkì yèè** She chatters like a bulbul. (= **ọkpólọkìpólò**)

**ọkpólọkì-igina** *n.* variety of pepper (*Capiscum annuum* Linn. SOLANACEAE) that produces the smallest pepper fruits. It grows wild, and is the favourite food of the bulbul [**ọkpólọkì + igina pepper**]

**ọkpólọkìpólò** *n.* poetic name for a bird, the Common Bulbul (*Pycnonotus barbatus* PYCNONOTIDAE) (= **ọkpólọkì**)

**ọkpọ́<sup>1</sup>** (= **akpọ́**) *n.* world; earth; universe; life; **ọkpọ fíí** enjoy life

**ọkpọ́<sup>2</sup>** *n.* “ironwood”; (*bot.*) duramen, *i.e.* the hard central wood of certain trees

**ọkpọ́orọ** *n.* “bamboo”; the whole midrib, consisting of the hard covering (**bụmọ́n**) and the pith (**pínì**) from the bamboo palm (**boyá**) (*Raphia vinifera* P.Beauv. PALMAE)

**ọkpọ́rọbìsá** (= **akpárabìsá**) *n.* a walker; a person who is fond of walking

**ọkpurubiyáí** *n.* third size of iron pot; gallon-size pot used for measuring raw “fufu”, palm-oil, **ẹgbẹ**; (*cf.* **bẹlẹ**; **lǐ-tuò-bẹlẹ** > **ogbobelẹ** > **ọkpurubiyáí** > **ọpírìsíkì** > **kéngẹ**)

**ọkpụ̀nkòrọ** *n.* fermented raw cassava flour (contrast **utáràn**, prepared “fufu”)

**ọkú** *n.* nearness; neighbourhood; close to; at the side of: **Wo ọkúbò tíẹ** Stand near him

**ọkúkù** *n.* a kind of insect which enters people’s eyes [identify?]

**ọkumá** *n.* ceremony performed in honour of a dead man who performed a ritual killing (**kìlẹ**) in his lifetime

**ọkúotu** *n.* nearby people; neighbours [**ọkú + otu people**]

**ọkúró** *n.* herb used as medicine for the foot (*Asystasia gangetica* (Linn.) T.Anders.

ACANTHACEAE) (= **obiri-oweí =beriba-igbá**) [Do these 3 names refer to the same plant?]

**ọkúrù** *n.* okro or okra (*Abelmoschus esculentus* (Linn.) Moench MALVACEAE):

**Ọkúrù dánhaj nanabọ dẹnghigha** Okra is never taller than its owner (e.g. your children will never be too big for you to chide them) [*< Igbo ọkwùrù okra*] (= **ẹkẹnẹtẹ**)

**ọlá** *n.* **A.** chief; **B.** rich man; **ọlá fí, ọlá sụọ** enjoy a position of lordship within a group

**ọlálì** (= **alálì**) *n.* feast; fiesta; **ọlálì fí** feast

**ọlá-oweí** *n.* rich man; chief [**ọlá<sup>3</sup> + oweí man**]

**Ọláoweí** *n.* male personal name [**ọlá<sup>3</sup> + oweí man**] (= **Aláoweí**)

**ọlìlìjì** *id.* quietly; stealthily; without notice (= **lúwẹ**)

**ọlókò<sup>1</sup>** *n.* trunk of elephant

**ọlókò<sup>2</sup>** *n.* helper (in need)

**Ọlomogà** *n.* original name of **Kìlẹgbẹghá**, a compound in Kaiámà

**ọlọ́** (= **alọ́**) *n.* white cotton fabric, shirting [calico?]

**ọlọ́<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* cough: (*fig.*) **Erí ọlọ́ kọ ọlọ́gha** He remained silent at the time of the accusation.

**ọlọ́<sup>2</sup>** *n.* cough

**ọlọ́dọ́n** *n.* any sickness, such as tuberculosis, characterized by constant coughing [**ọlọ́ + dọ́n sickness**]

**ọlùlù** *a.* narrow (as of the mouth of a pitcher, a hole, a doorway, or a path); small-mouthed [sentence example?]

**ọmá** *n.* electric catfish (*Malapterurus electricus* (Gmelin) MALAPTERURIDAE)

**ọmbìjì<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.p.* rub oneself with “pomade”, “camwood”; **ọmbìjì púlòu** “pomade”

**ọmbìjì<sup>2</sup>** *n.* nettle; **eré-ọmbìjì=eré-ọmbìjì** tropical stinging nettle (*Laportea ovalifolia* (Schumach.) Chew URTICACEAE), whose leaves are squeezed and placed on a fresh wound to stop bleeding, and on the toes as an anti-irritant, while its fruit is used as an antidote to poison; **owéi-ọmbìjì=owéi-ọmbìjì** of two kinds; one is tropical nettles (Laportea aestuans (Linn.) Gaud. ex Miq.

URTICACEAE), medicinal, used as antidote to poison; (*Urera* spp.), used to stimulate the penis and for diarrhoea and chest pain; (*Smeathmannia pubescens* Soland. ex R.Br.), used as chew-stick [This last to be confirmed]

**ḡmbijimó** *v.cs.* cause to rub over [**ḡmbijí** + **mó** *causative*]

**ḡmbijyé** *n.* something to rub on; “pomade” or body lotion [**ḡmbijí** + **yé** *thing*]

**ḡmbó** *n.* river turtle (*Trionyx* (or *Amyda*) *triunguis* Forskal)

**ḡmbulúù** *a.* smeared all over the body with mud (=ḡmbulúù)

**ḡmbókó** (=ḡmbókó) *n.* Ibibio; **ḡmbókó-otu** Ibibio people

**ḡmbu**[1] *dem.* (only used as follows); **ḡmbu kúrájí** next year

**ḡminí** [5] *pron.* they (*indep. pronoun*)

**ḡminì** *pron.* you (plural) (*indep. pronoun*)

**ḡmóùn<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* have strong current (of river)

**ḡmóùn<sup>2</sup>** *n.* strong current

**ḡmú** *n.* war (*less common than suú*)

**ḡmú-arú** *n.* war-canoe [**ḡmú** + **áru** *canoe*]

**ḡmúbeni** *n.* war dress; [uniform ?] [**ḡmú** + **bení** *special dress*]

**ḡmú-egele** *n.* processional war dance, featuring men with guns and women clapping hands behind the men [**ḡmú** + **egelé** *processional dance*]

**ḡmú-ete** *n.* ring around the sun on days when the weather is very fine [*war circle*]. It is believed to be a sign of war, immediately or in the near future (*cf. séj-ete*, ring around the moon) [**ḡmú** + **eteé** *circle*]

**ḡmumú** [4] *n.* house-fly (family MUSCIDAE); **Kenibó ghò tị ḡmumú víbò tịgha** The fly that settles on one cannot settle on the other (said of two people who are great enemies); **opu ḡmumù** blowfly (family CALLIPHORIDAE)

**ḡmú-owei** *n.* warrior; soldier [**ḡmú** + **owéi** *man*]

**ḡmúyai** *n.* bird, African Harrier Hawk, which raids nests and is regarded as lazy (*Polyboroides typus* ACCIPITRIDAE)

**ḡná** *excl.* let’s be off; let’s move; off we go!

**ḡndé** *num.* four hundred; **ḡndéna ḡndé** in four hundreds

**ḡndú** *n.* weft (in weaving)

**ḡndúú** [5] *dem.* that other side [=ḡnì **dúú**]; **ḡndu ángà** that other side; **ḡndu kímìbì** that other man

**ḡngìrì** *n.* auger [*<English auger*]

**ḡngó<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* search carefully and widely for something such as snail, etc., with the idea of combing the area; **osi ḡngó** look for snails

**ḡngó<sup>2</sup>** *n.* body; self; **ḡngó a kìmì tìn** assert oneself; be haughty; **ḡngó ba** be patient; endure; **ḡngó bara** forget oneself; neglect one’s own interest; act unbecomingly or unworthily; **ḡngó bọọ** A. get used to; be accustomed to: **Ikpé ye gbaḡi bo ni wò ḡngó bọọdọ** Telling lies has become a habit with him; B. be newly pregnant: **Áràú òḡḡneí òḡḡ bọọdọ** She is one month pregnant (*said only for the first month*); **ḡngó dii** be careful; “take time”; **ḡngó ẹrì** “see one’s time”; begin menstruating (of girl, woman); **ḡngó fì** get used to; **ḡngó iyerimọ** be humble; **ḡngó kịenmọ** be careful, mindful; **ḡngó koro** become emaciated; suffer flow of blood during menstruation or just after birth; **Áràú òḡḡ koroyemi** She is suffering a flow of blood; **ḡngó kùrọ** A. be well; B. be strong in body, hard-working; C. be stiff and over-muscular; **ḡngó kùrọmọ** “try”; take courage, do one’s best: **ḡngó kùrọmọ ò!** (*said to encourage someone who is working or who is sick*); **ḡngó ofoinmọ** show off; **ḡngó seimọ** pollute oneself; make oneself untidy; behave in such a manner as to lower one’s prestige; **ḡngó seri** A. praise oneself; B. purify oneself; **ḡngó tala** wash by standing in the water and throwing water with both hands over each shoulder in turn (but not down the back); and also to wash the front of the body from the waist up. This is done only by women when they are too tired to bath properly after work; **ḡngó tọlọmọ** prepare oneself; dress neatly; dress oneself up; **ḡngó tọa** (work) whole-



heartedly; throw oneself into (activity); **oṅgó ufoumọ** work less; relax; take it easy (applies to someone who has been working hard for a long time)

**oṅgó-kubu** *n.* (*tech.*) mass [*oṅgó* + *kúbu*<sup>2</sup> width]

**oṅgó-ebimọ-ye** *n.* (*tech.*) nutritional value [*oṅgó* + *ebimọ* make good + *yé* thing]

**oṅgọlí<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* clean up or scoop up completely (with hand, spoon, etc.) any semi-solid matter, skin; take or remove everything

**oṅgọlí<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* harvest prematurely and completely, even what is immature, *esp.* fruits

**oṅgó-miẹ-beinye-tùayemi-bara** *n.* (*bot.*) self-pollination [*oṅgó* + *miẹ* make + *béinye* fruit + *tùayemi* puts + *bára* way]

**Oṅgónimi** *n.m.f.* male or female name [*know* (*your*)self]

**oṅgọrí** *v.i.* snore

**oṅgósẹ̀idọn** *n.* a shaking or trembling disease, *e.g.* of the hand; generalised tremus (*med.*) [*oṅgó* + *sej* shake + *dọ̀n* sickness]

**oṅgú** (=oṅgún<sup>1</sup>) *n.* lime (tree and fruit) (*Citrus aurantifolia* (Christm.) Swingle RUTACEAE);

**opu-oṅgú** (*tech.*) lemon (*Citrus limon* (Linn.) Burm.f. RUTACEAE)

**oṅií** *v.t.* skin, flay (animals), *usu.* **náma oṅi** (= **ozún sin**); skin snakes, or fish such as **obúbu**; mark many parallel lines on the face, as done in parts of Anambra State; **opúru oṅi** clean shrimps for cooking

**oṅína** *n.* sheep (*cf.* **edingbilaá**)

**oṅinatọ̀bọ̀** *n.* lamb [*oṅína* + *tọ̀bọ̀* child]

**oṅiọ̀** (=aníọ̀) *n.* **A.** general term for the female shrimp (*i.e.* with eggs) of **opúru**; **B.** adult *Macrobrachium felicinum* (contrast **ingbéte**)

**oṅoṅun<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* mount animal skin on a drum

**oṅoṅun<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* prepare rope framework around pitcher for carrying or hanging on the wine-palm (**kọ̀rọ̀**) to collect palm wine

**oṅunú** *n.* a small calabash containing certain things, with a feather on it, used by a native doctor

**opaí** [4] *n.* catfish (*Auchenoglanis* spp. BAGRIDAE)

**opálí** (=apálí) *n.* twin (of plantain), *usu.* **opálí beriba**; **opálí puu** ceremonially break tie between living and dead before burial

**opéřeře** *id.* open; agape (<**opéree**)

**opiin** *v.t.* remove the top part of the skin of **iẓon odu** (the old cocoyam) so that the lower part can be held and pressed upwards (*cf.* **opó** for banana, **púu** for plantain, and **kára** for yam)

**opirisiki** *n.* small size of the three-legged iron pot (*cf.* **bẹ̀lẹ̀**; **lị̀-tuò-bẹ̀lẹ̀** > **ogbobẹ̀lẹ̀** > **okpurubiyái** > **opirisiki** > **kẹ̀ngẹ̀**)

**opómpọ̀tọ̀** *n.* frog jump; **opómpọ̀tọ̀ desi** frog-jump (for physical exercise or as punishment)

**opoporořo** *n.* waterside; shore; edge of water (?=**pọ̀u**)

**opoto** *v.i.* be very cheap

**opou** *n.* Mangabey monkey (*Cercocebus torquatus* CERCOPITHECIDAE)

**opúra** (=apúra) *n.* skin; bark; peelings

**opurú** *v.t.* **A.** seize a handful; **B.** seize by force (as stronger person seizes a weaker one); beat thoroughly (by stronger person)

**oreí** (=oro yé) theirs

**oreí** (=oro ye) yours (plural)

**oreřekẹ̀e** *id.* looking emaciated, lean

**orija** *n.* design; ornament, *esp.* in carving, sewing, weaving; embellishment; **orija tụa** embellish

**orijí** *v.i.* shrink; contract

**oririí** *v.i.* lessen or abate, as pain; recede (=tọ̀birií)

**oriyọ̀** *excl.* serve you right!; you deserve it! (=káarií)

**oro<sup>1</sup>** *pron.* you (*plural*) (*short object form preceding vowel*): **Eri oro erimi** He saw you people.

**oro<sup>2</sup>** [4] *pron.* you (*plural*) (*short subject form preceding vowel*; *cf.* **o<sup>3</sup>**); **Oro oki dimaàà?** Do you people know how to swim?

**oro<sup>3</sup>** [2] *poss.* your (*plural*); **oreí** (=oro ye) yours; your own: **Béi oreí** This is yours (*plural*); This belongs to you people.

**oróbà** (=róbà) *n.* rubber; plastic [*<English rubber*]

**oróó<sup>1</sup>** *pron.* they (*short subject form preceding vowel; cf. ọ<sup>1</sup>*): **Orọ okími** They swam.; *poss.* their **oreí** (=orọ yé) theirs; their own: **Bêi oreí** This is theirs.

**oróó<sup>2</sup>** [5] *pron.* them (*short object form preceding vowel; cf. ọ<sup>1</sup>*): **Wónì oróó èrìmì** We saw them.

**ororọ̀bìlẹghá** *n.* bird, the African Jacana or Lily-trotter (*Actophilornis africana* JACANIDAE) [**ororọ̀** water-lettuce (*in other dialects*)+**bìlẹ** sink-gha not]

**orọ̀sì** *n.* rice (*<Portuguese arroz*) (=sìkápà, atangbalá-ànga)

**orubá** *n.* fishing gear of raphia ribs and cane-ropes, shaped like cone with top cut off; **oruba imbí** fish with **orubá** (=zuyee)

**orụ-orụ** *id.* methodical; methodically: **Yébi àkì naá orụ-orụ mịẹ** Do the thing methodically.

**orúú** *n.* method; order; art

**osáìn<sup>1</sup>** *n.* snake, the Green Mamba (*Dendroaspis jamesoni* ELAPIDAE)

**osáìn<sup>2</sup>** (=asáìn) *n.* (usu. **sụ-ọsáìn**) war “medicine”, usually housed in a shrine; it can belong to an individual, family, compound or village/town; **osáìn guọ** procure war

**osáìnwàrì** *n.* shrine of a war-deity

**Osáìnzé** *n.* name of a man in fables or folktales, one of the champions, in almost in all cases connected with the war medicine

**osáìn**

**osía** (=asía) *n.* youth (period of life); **osía paa** dress as a young man

**osíabeni** *n.* period of youth [**osía** + **bení** age]

**osía-tọ̀bọ̀ú** *n.* youth; young man [**osía** + **tọ̀bọ̀ú** child]

**osìnọ̀** (=asìnọ̀) *n.* Black-Winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus* RECURVIOSTRIDAE) (=kẹ̀nì-bù-ọ̀-tẹ̀)

**osìnsìjìn** *v.i.* be bruised

**osísá** (=asísá) *n.* umbrella

**osíyàí** *n.pl.* youths; young men

**osọkọ** *n.* style of tying headtie with a pointed tip

**osómọ** *pron.* **A.** they (*emphatic*): **Osómọ bóyemi** They are coming; **B.** you people (*emphatic*): **Osómọ, ọ núa nì yo!** Greetings to all of you! (*cf. ọmìnì*)

**osúbajì** (=asúbajì) *n.* hoe

**osúbajìfụú** *n.* hoe handle [**osúbajì** + **fụú** handle]

**osúbajì-ugu** *n.* hoe blade [**osúbajì** + **uguú** iron]

**osúma** (=asúma, asíma) *v.i.* work as blacksmith

**osúma-ẹ̀lẹ̀lẹ̀** *n.* **A.** hardened charcoal, perhaps chemically produced during a long period of fanning; **B.** rusty iron substance found in the soil during cultivation (possibly marking site of old settlement) [**osúma** + **ẹ̀lẹ̀lẹ̀** slime]

**osúmakìmì** *n.* blacksmith [**osúma** + **kìmì** person]

**osúmaowei** *n.* blacksmith: **Osúmaowei bìmẹ̀jìn bó ùgu kì tẹ̀mẹ̀mì** The blacksmith is dedicated to his profession (and nothing else) (as others should be) [**osúma** + **owéi** man]

**osúmatọ̀bọ̀ú** *n.* apprentice or journeyman blacksmith [**osúma** + **tọ̀bọ̀ú** child]

**osúmayenghi** (=osúmayenghi) *n.* master blacksmith [**osúma** + **yenghí** mother]

**otí** *n.* single, lone person; **Ye otí ghọ pamààà?** Am I the only child in my family? or, Have I no supporter?

**otíjì** *v.i.* be blocked up

**otíkù** *id.* deaf; not hearing

**otọ̀gbọ̀rú** *n.* Egyptian Plover or Crocodile Bird (*Pluvianus aegyptius aegyptius* GLAREOLIDAE) (=ìlá-tụa-bọ̀-ìlá-singha)

**otọ̀kọ** *n.* **A.** mud; **amákoọtọ̀kọ** clay for moulding [one ọ or two?]; **gbéin otọ̀kọ** mud for “mudding” house; **wàrì lọ̀ọ̀ otọ̀kọ** mud for plastering house; **B.** (*fig.*) foolish person; **C.** (*fig.*) plenty; lots of; **kìmì otọ̀kọ** lots of people: **Ké wàrì fún otọ̀kọ** In Kay’s house, books are as plentiful as mud.

**òtúmù** *n.* aerial yam (*Dioscorea bulbifera* Linn. DIOSCOREACEAE)

**òtúnogòkí** *n.* bird, the hammerkop (*Scopus umbretta* SCOPIDAE): **Iné warìbì òtúnogòkí wàrì yaáà?** Is your house òtúnogòkí's house? (=akaràngbèlengbe = akaràngbelengbe)

**òu** *n.* **A.** air; steam; **ebi bìbì òu** good words; **sei bìbì òu** bad words; **B.** steam (also **òfìrìbèni òu** [check tone])

**òvìn** *v.t.* clear: **Erí yò sè òvìn sindò** He has cleared the whole place.

**òvìn-owei** (=òvùn-owei) *n.* African Black Kite (*Milvus migrans* ACCIPITRIDAE) (= ekúlèì)

**òvìrì** *v.i.* be very eager and smart: **Erí ègberì nàa bì, wo òngó sè òvìrì sindò** When he heard the story, he waass ready to act ("charged up").

**òvòrìnn** (=òvònrìnn) *id.* empty

**òvùkùù** *id.* describes a person's face resembling the shape of the carved **òvùò**, a short but deep face [What's a deep face?]

**òvùò** *n.* **A.** carved ancestral figure kept in the **kíriye wàrì**; **B.** covenant, *esp.* between two towns; **òvùò fì** make a covenant; **òvùò kòrì** be affected by a vow; **òvùò sai** strengthen covenant; **déin òvùò** secret agreement: **Òvùò fì baj, sùu tuu gbágha** On the day of reconciliation the cause of the disagreement is not mentioned; **C.** small wooden amulet or charm worn on body; carving at entrance to house or **péle**, etc. **D.** testament; **ayá òvùò** New Testament; **oru òvùò** Old Testament

**òvùòkiri-owei**<sup>1</sup> *n.* man from the place with which one's people have a covenant [**òvùò** + **kíri** land + **owéi** man]

**òvùòkiri-owei**<sup>2</sup> *n.* smallpox [(*fig.*). use of preceding?]

**òvùrùn** (=òvùn-rùn) *n.* crab (*general*, including **ìkán** and **elú**) [scientific names from Dimie]; **dùweì-òvùrùn** large poisonous hairy spider

**òweì**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* fear; be afraid of

**òweì**<sup>2</sup> *v.i.* be forbidden, taboo: **Òweìmòò!** It is forbidden! (= **díi** = **tón**)

**òweìyé**<sup>1</sup> (=òweìyeé) *n.* fear; **òweìyé miè** faint: **Áràù dàù fì nàa bì, òweìyé mièmi** When she heard her father had died, she fainted. [**òweì** + **yé** thing]

**òweìyé**<sup>2</sup> (=òweìyeé) *n.* taboo; forbidden thing [**òweì** + **yé** thing] (= **díiye** = **tónye**)

**òweìmò** *v.cs.* frighten [**òweì** + **mò** causative]

**òwòù** *n.pl.* children (*used as pl. of* **tòbòù**); **kála òwòuamá** small children; **kála-òwòuamá-dòn** convulsions

**òwòwò** [4] *n.* funnel-entrance trap, smaller than **ìkàrà**; **òwòwò pìtè** fish with **òwòwò**

**òyanyán** *n.* horse [*<*Igbo *ànyànyà*]

**òyèbè** *n.* fool; clown; idiot

**òyètètè** *id.* dumbfounded; speechless

**òyòrò-òwei** *n.* yam variety, whose tuber looks like a coiled snake

**òzá** *n.* fish, the silversides (*Alestes baremose*) Joannis CHARACIDAE)

**òzari** (=azarì) *n.* champion (= **olótù**)

**òzàrì** *n.* condition of being indoors due to ill-health or lameness; state of confinement due to ill-health

**òzàrìwari** *n.* **A.** house or place where one stays due to ill-health: **òzàrìwari ghò sùò** stay in the house because of sickness; **B.** (*fig.*) place or condition of suffering (opp. **edéere-wari**)

**òzìza** *n.* West African black pepper, used as a spice (*Piper guineense* Schum. and Thonn. PIPERACEAE) [*cf.* Igbo **ùzìzá** West African black pepper]

**Òzìzabifè** *n.* a name that occurs frequently in the folktales, connected with a champion in wrestling or fighting

**òzò** *n.* masquerade in procession which starts from the northern end of the main road of the town/village and ends at the southern end and beyond. Only one man wears the mask which is made of raffia leaves (from which the raffia has been extracted) and tied to a framework of cane-ropes. It is the last ceremony or play performed after New Year

in Kólokù má, after which people start to go to work on their farms. It is accompanied with songs and drumming.

## P

**paá** *n.* tree with light whitish wood

(*Cleistopholis patens* (Benth.) Engl. and Diels ANNONACEAE)

**páa**<sup>1</sup> *v.i.* **A.** come or go out: **Ọ wẹ̀nì páamì**

They walked out: **ụ bọ̀mọ́ paa** Let him go away: **Wó paa mu dǐ/dòú** Let us go out and see/look for it; **páa bo** come out; **páa fàá**; go out entirely; be lost in vain; **páa fagha** not to be lost in vain; **páagha ìgoli-wari** life imprisonment; **páa mu** go out; **páa tiẹ** volunteer; come/go out; **bọ̀lọ̀ ghọ paa** an order, alarm or exclamation made by one or more people, asking people to advance or come out in front with a view to encircle an enemy or obstruct his forward movement; **fúru paa**; smell strongly; smack of (something) fragrant; **B.** appear; shine (of sun): **uráú paayemi** The sun is shining; **C.** break out (as war): **Sụu paadó** War has broken out; **D.** happen: **Páa yọ ghọ paada, beri kááá naanghì** Let it happen and we just hear of it (said of a narrow escape, or on hearing of a disaster which affects others); **E. v.loc.** leave (marital home); divorce (husband): **Ì tamá ìne ghọ páadó** My wife has left me: **Áràú yèi ghọ paadóú** She has divorced her husband; **F.** be born; **arì paa kumọ** since I was born

**páa**<sup>2</sup> *v.i.* grow; flourish; **kìmì paa** develop one's personality; come of age (*cf.* **eré paa, owéi paa**) [or combine with 1?]

**páa**<sup>3</sup> [3] *v.a.* be clean: **páa bǐdẹ** clean cloth; **páagha** unclean, impure

**páa**<sup>4</sup> *n.* kind; sort: **Béi paabì ì dǐsẹghá** I don't like this kind.

**páa**<sup>5</sup> *a.* **A.** ordinary; plain: **páa (bolou) beni** plain water: **páa otumọ** ordinary people; **B.** empty; **páa bolou** empty; nothing (as of a fish trap catching nothing); **C.** free: **Páa**

**pírìye ìmẹ̀lẹ̀ bigha** A free gift does not ask for fat (*i.e.* one cannot demand extra for something freely given).

**páa kǐ** *adv.* just; simply

**paamejìn** [5] *v.dir.p.* occur to; happen to; appear to [**páamọ**<sup>2</sup> + **-j** process]

**paamejinyé** *n.* happening [**paamejìn** + **yé** thing]

**páamọ**<sup>1</sup> *v.cs.* **A.** send out; bring out; divorce (wife): **Erí wò tamá pàamọdọ̀** [check sentence] He has divorced his wife; **B.** vomit (*i.e.* bring out food); **C.** (*tech.*) emit [**páa**<sup>1</sup> + **mọ** causative]

**páamọ**<sup>2</sup> *v.dir.* contribute; donate (*i.e.* bring out money for something) [**páa**<sup>1</sup> + **mọ** directional]

**páamọ**<sup>3</sup> *v.cs.* (*used only in combination with another verb*) make clean: **mìẹ páamọ** make clean; **súuru paamọ** wash clean; **Bidẹmọ pọ̀ páamọ** Wash the clothes clean. [**páa**<sup>3</sup> + **mọ** causative]

**páamọbara** *n.* (*tech.*) (act of) emission [**páamọ**<sup>1</sup> + **bára**<sup>4</sup> way]

**páamọye** *n.* (*tech.*) emission; what is emitted [**páamọ**<sup>1</sup> + **yé** thing]

**paán**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* **A.** hoot at; heckle; **B. tǐjìn pàán** lead "cheering" on a formal occasion; **C.** sing loudly in chorus

**paán**<sup>2</sup> *n.* calabash cup used in drinking palmwine

**páapa**<sup>1</sup> *adv.* anyhow; at random; **páapa bara** anyhow; carelessly; **páapa bǐbǐ** useless talk; unfounded story; **páapa ye** useless thing; nonsense

**páapa**<sup>2</sup> [4] *adv.* often

**páapamọ** *adv.* anyhow; carelessly [**páapa** + **mọ** adverbial]

**paaraí**<sup>1</sup> (=paaraú) *v.t.* answer; reply; respond to an address

**paaraí**<sup>2</sup> (=paaraú) *v.t.* ransom; redeem

**páaraj** *n.* **A.** fragment; piece; cotyledon; **angba paaraí** one side of the face; **angba paaraí kǐmì** (=kǐmì angba paaraí) person consisting of one side of the body only; half-man (a mythical creature); **ẹgbẹne paaraí**

cotyledon of wild mango; **B.** (*math.*) fraction; **páaraɪ bɔ̀dɪ** fraction board; **dé̌sɪmàlɪ paaraɪ** decimal fraction; **ebébuu mɔ paaraɪ mɔ** mixed number; **ebi paaraɪ** proper fraction; **dé̌sɪmàlɪ paaraɪ** decimal fraction; **gbási paaraɪama** equivalent fractions; **sei paaraɪ** improper fraction  
**paaraú<sup>1</sup> (=paaraɪ)** *v.t.* answer; reply; respond to an address; **paaraú-owéi** man who responds  
**paaraú<sup>2</sup> (=paaraɪ)** *v.t.* ransom; redeem; **Paaraú-owéi** Redeemer  
**paaraúyé<sup>1</sup> (=paaraɪyé ??)** *n.* answer; reply [*paaraú<sup>1</sup> + yé thing*]  
**paaraúyé<sup>2</sup> (=paaraɪyé)** *n.* redemption [*paaraú<sup>2</sup> + yé thing*]  
**páaye** *n.* happening; event: **Páaye, bóoye** What happens passes away. [*páa<sup>1</sup> + yé thing*]  
**Páayebooye** *n.* personal name [*What happens passes away*]  
**paghaɪ** [5] *v.i.* (of deceased person) appear to a living person (in dream or ghost-form) to inform or warn of a coming event, or (most commonly) to demand completion of traditional burial rites; **paghaɪ dúwèi** the soul of a deceased person that does this; apparition  
**páɪ** *v.t.* pawn; pledge; receive (pawn or pledge); mortgage  
**páɪdɪsi** pie-dish [*<English pie-dish*]  
**painápùlɔ** *n.* pineapple (*Ananas comosus* (Linn.) Merrill BROMELIACEAE); **adukúù** **painápùlɔ** dark pineapple; **guegue** **painápùlɔ** brown pineapple [*<English pineapple*]  
**páɪye** *n.* pawn; pledge; mortgage [*páɪ + yé thing*]  
**pakalapákala** *id.* twisted sideways (of knees/ankles)  
**pakolopákolo** *id.* (of something metal) dented and spoilt out of shape; notched: **Sei ogídi bíbɪ, pakolopákolo** A damaged matchet-blade, all notched.

**palá** *n.* back of hand, *usu.* **bárapalà**; top (of foot), *usu.* **búɔpala**  
**pálalapàlala** *id.* describes walking on muddy ground squelching  
**palɪ<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** stick; paste on; **tɪn pàlɪ** paste (notice) on a tree; **B.** stick (fufu) to piece of fish, etc., and put in mouth together; **C.** pinch; pilfer  
**palɪ<sup>2</sup>** *v.acc.* go near: **Mú ni ù mómó pàlɪ** Go near him.  
**palɪ<sup>3</sup>** *n.* native razor blade (=tɪbɪɔkumèɪn)  
**palɪ<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.p.loc.* **A.** be stuck to: **Fúnbi tebùlubɔɔ palɪɪdɔ** The paper has stuck to the table; **B.** be too tight (of clothes) [*palɪ<sup>1</sup> + í process*]  
**palɪ<sup>2</sup>** [5] *v.p.loc.* be near, come close; [*palɪ<sup>2</sup> + í process*]  
**palɪkòò** *id.* irregular  
**palɪkòpálɪkò** *id.* irregular, badly shaped (as of teeth or toes)  
**palɪmèɪn** *v.dir.p.* be gummed to, attached to [*palɪmò + -í process*]  
**palɪmò** *v.dir.* come near: **Erí tòbòubɪ pàlɪmòmɪ** He came near the child. [*palɪ<sup>1</sup> + -mò directional*]  
**pám** *n.* (*geom.*) parallelogram  
**pamá** *n.* row or segment of natural objects in their natural arrangement, *e.g.* the segments of the orange, wax cells of the bee hive, alligator pepper seeds, or roe of the fish  
**pamáà** *id.* describes clustered rows or layers or segments like the bee hive  
**pánì** *n.* pan; bowl [*<English pan*]  
**panranraán** *see* **pararaán** flattish  
**papapaá** *id.* hot; **ɔfírɪ pàpapaá**; hot (as of water, body when the temperature is high): **Ọngó sè ará ghò pàpapa kí èmi** Her whole body is hot.  
**paraɪ** *see* **paraú**  
**páraɪn (=báraɪn)** *id.* free; with no restrictions; manifest; clear; distinct; **mɪɛ paráɪnmɔ** make clear; make free  
**pararaán (=panranraán)** *id.* flattish  
**pasá** *v.t.* patch, *e.g.* cloth; reforge, *e.g.* old axe by adding more metal

**pásapàsa** *id.* sound produced while walking on wet ground; patter [?]

**pasapasá** *id.* prosperous, flourishing; profuse:  
**Pasapasá ò!** an expression wishing one's self or others prosperity in a venture

**paséntì** *n.* (*math.*) per cent, percent (%); **árere paséntì** percentage profit; **fa paséntì** percentage loss; **súo fa paséntì** loss %; **súo paséntì** gain % [*<English per cent*]

**pasíí** *id.* descriptive of a person with a broad waist and well-formed legs

**pásiipàsii** *id.* walking with confidence [*cf.* with next, discuss]

**pásipàsi** *id.* describes movement and sound of someone with feet coming down flat on ground, lifting legs high and striding flat-footedly (*<kpásikpàsi*)

**pásisei** *excl.* please

**Patáìkòtì** *n.* Port Harcourt (older form; *cf.* **Pòòt**) [*<English Port Harcourt*]

**pátapata** *id.* very many; plentiful; in abundance

**pataraá<sup>1</sup>** *id.* messy (as faeces or split *akamu*) (*<potoraá*)

**pataraá<sup>2</sup>** *id.* coiled, as fairly large python (*<potoraá*)

**patarí** *n.* a loose underwear worn by women; a miniskirt [?]; petticoat [*?<English petty, shortened form of petticoat*]

**pátìòkò** (*probably shortened form of pá tèi yò kò*) why should it be?

**pebí** (=pebú) *v.t.* allow; let: **I pebí nì yé fì yò!** Please allow me to eat.

**pebú** (=pebí) *v.t.* allow; let: **I pebú nì yé fì yò!** Please allow me to eat.

**pebuu** *a.* describes a well-built house or a substantially-built person of average height: **Ébì pebuu kí pàamì** Ebi is well-built.

**peé** *v.i.* be at liberty; have a chance [sentence example?]

**peèè** *id.* describes sudden getting up from sleep

**peeleè** *id.* unexpectedly: **Erí peeleè ki akì nì u koromómì** He threw the person unexpectedly.

**peeleí** *v.i.* move about quickly, as when one is moved by spirits, or when one moves ceremonially to a special rhythm (*cf.* **yé suò**)

**peelepeele** *id.* describes rapid, irregular movement of something large (as aeroplane manoeuvring)

**peépèè** *id.* gadding about; roving; wandering aimlessly

**peerepèere** *id.* vigorous; physically strong and active; energetic; vivacious; smart; brisk; lively

**pegelepegelé<sup>1</sup>** *id.* moving fast and irregularly, on land, water, or air (as of humans, animals, or machines) (*>pegelepegelé*)

**pegelepegèle** *id.* move irregularly, as by bigger birds or aeroplanes (*>pegelepegèle*)

**pegí** *n.* bat (animal) (general term, CHIROPTERA); **óru pegi** small insectivorous bat (MICROCHIROPTERA)

**peí** (=pói =póu (*archaic*)) *v.t.* **A.** [tone class 2 or 3?]; believe; **fíe pei** wait in anxiety for news; **B.** obey; **gbá ye pei** be obedient

**pekéì** *n.* morning; **pekéìbòò** in the morning; (*tech.*) a.m.

**pekéìpèkei** *n.* [or *id.* ?] early morning; dawn [very early?]

**pele** *n.* **A.** houses built together in a rectangular shape with one side open; **B.** family, theoretically living together

**pelelépelelé** *id.* of strands or yam mounds far apart (opposite **kìtìkìtì**)

**pélipèli** *id.* describes fast unsteady movement, as of bats or people

**penenèè** *id.* emerging suddenly and unexpectedly from water: **Bumòunbí penenèè ki akì bení dùò páamì** The “bamboo” has suddenly appeared on the surface of the water.

**pénì** *n.* barrel; cask

**péni** *v.t.* pin; attach [example?]

**penií** *v.p.* be entangled, entrapped in a trap or case [**péni** + **-í process**]

**pénipèni** *id.* suffocating; having a choking feeling, as a drowning person

**pénimò** (=pónomò) *v.t.* force; rape (adult)

**péniowèi** *n.* pneumonia  
**pepeleé** *id.* flat (>**pepelelé**)  
**pepeleyéé** *n.* (*geom.*) plane figure [**pepeleé** + *yé* thing]  
**pépepe** *id.* pale, as grass that has been shut off from the light of the sun, or the legs of a person who has stood in the water for long  
**pepesií** *id.* broad, wide and flat  
**perepére** *id.* be easily seen through due to lack of thick vegetation, *esp.* where there is little or no undergrowth: **Wó mu dii bou sè perepère ki emi** The bush we went and inspected is thin and scanty.  
**pérepere**<sup>1</sup> *id.* innocent; free from guilt  
**pérepere**<sup>2</sup> *excl.* word used at time of purification by a priest or priestess, urging that the person should be brisk, smart and healthy, or free from pollution  
**pererupererú** *id.* flapping, as of birds  
**pereruú** *id.* describes the downward flight of a bird with wings outspread; swooping  
**pérerù**<sup>1</sup> *id.* pale  
**pérerù**<sup>2</sup> *id.* low and flattish; too wide, as roof  
**péri**<sup>1</sup> *n.* winged white termites which fly (ISOPTERA)  
**péri**<sup>2</sup> *n.* *used in:* **péri ba** develop white feathers on the wings, tail and underparts of the body, as “eagle” (Palm-Nut Vulture, *Gypohierax angolensis*): **Erí periba uge ki kòrì bómi** He brought an “eagle” which had grown its white feathers; **ogonọ ghọ peri bá** said of a child when it cuts the upper teeth first: **Ará tọbọbị ọgonọ kọ̀ọ̀ pəri bamị** Her child cut the upper teeth first.  
**péritan** *v.i.* be free, *esp.* in the absence of the person in authority as children do when the parents (*esp.* the father) are absent  
**périyan** *v.t.* surround in large numbers, as a weaker wrestler is surrounded by many others asking to wrestle with him  
**pesí** (=posí) *n.* youth; young men; **kála pesi** small boys

**pési** (=pósi) *v.acc.* be of same age as: **! mọ ị mọmọ pesi** I am the same age as you.  
**pesii**<sup>1</sup> *id.* term applied to women with fat buttocks: **Eréma sè pesii kí èmi** The woman has very big buttocks.  
**pesii**<sup>2</sup> *a.* broad and level, as farm-land, big tables, etc.  
**petibaa** *id.* be plump, as a child  
**peuu** *a.* describes a well-roofed house, not too high  
**pèṣen** *id.* **A.** describes a smooth gliding flight with spread wings; **B.** describes a very fast movement of light boats or canoes on the water  
**pélepepele** *id.* of rapid movement; describes something moving unsteadily, *e.g.* a plate thrown  
**peṣeṣin peṣeṣin** *v.i.* be eager; restless; very anxious: **! kẹ̀nì bẹ́i peṣeṣin peṣeṣinyemibi, i tíe kì ni i weringhímààà?** As you are gesturing and struggling like this, what abusive words are you going to say against me? [meaning correct?]  
**pegelepegele** *id.* moving fast and irregularly, on land, water, or air (as of smaller birds, insects or objects) (<**pegelepegele**)  
**pégelepegele** *id.* move irregularly, as by smaller birds or aeroplanes after being wounded or partly damaged (<**pégelepegele**)  
**peṣi**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* break (fragile object); “butcher”; cut up: **indi peṣi** “butcher” fish; **náma peṣi** “butcher” meat; **peṣi fàá** be broken entirely, as plate or canoe; be broke (financially): **Arí kẹ̀nì pẹ̀i fàdọ̀ wèé; kẹ̀nì òkoba kpọ̀ ine ghọ fàá** I’m broke; I don’t have any money at all; **kíri peṣi** destroy farms by browsing on them  
**peṣi**<sup>2</sup> *v.t.* carve or cut off in large pieces, as when moulding the bottom of the canoe into the correct shape  
**peṣikọ̀rì** [5] *n.* part of neck nearest the shoulder in animals, always given to butcher at any time an animal is cut up  
**peṣipeṣi** *id.* full of cracks and about to break (*cf.* **puipeui**, less close to breaking)

**pẹ̀pẹ̀nngi** (=pẹ̀pẹ̀nngi) *n.* whale

**pẹ̀kẹ̀lẹ̀** *a.* short, slim, and pleasing to look at

**pẹ̀kẹ̀pẹ̀ke** *id.* tall and very thin, with belly curved in

**pẹ̀lẹ̀** *v.t.* buy a measure of drink or salt: **Mú kẹ̀nì náìrà uru pẹ̀lẹ̀ bó** Go and buy a naira's worth of drink.

**pẹ̀lẹ̀<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* cut; stop; **pẹ̀lẹ̀ wonímí sẹ̀kì** (*tech.*) crossed cheque; **abalì pẹ̀lẹ̀** cut in a slanting way, slantwise; **fìna pẹ̀lẹ̀** unlock, untie, loose ceremonially; this is a ritual performed when it is suspected that a sick person is being bound by the spirits of the dead, as the art of unlocking those bonds; **ìgbá pẹ̀lẹ̀** cut rope ceremonially. When a person who has been sick for long finds it difficult to die, this ceremony is performed in order to shorten the period and free the person from further suffering; **ìyọ̀un pẹ̀lẹ̀** draw one's last breath; give up the ghost; **kọ̀n-ìgbá pẹ̀lẹ̀** cut necklace ceremonially in public to declare a widow's formal divorce from her husband within the family to whom she was allocated; **tebi pẹ̀lẹ̀** circumcize female organ, the clitoris; **tọ̀n pẹ̀lẹ̀** circumcize male organ; **umé pẹ̀lẹ̀** plot secret plan with evil intent

**pẹ̀lẹ̀<sup>2</sup>** *v.t. usu.* **bìbì pẹ̀lẹ̀** judge; decide; settle; **bìbìpẹ̀lẹ̀bọ̀** judge; **bìbìpẹ̀lẹ̀ erein** judgement day

**pẹ̀lẹ̀<sup>3</sup>** *v.i.* ebb (of tide); recede (of flood): **Séris pẹ̀lẹ̀yemi** The tide is ebbing.

**pẹ̀lẹ̀<sup>4</sup>** *v.i.* drum an accompaniment: **alìlì pẹ̀lẹ̀** drum on **alìlì**

**pẹ̀lẹ̀<sup>5</sup>** *v.t.* go in; **wáris pẹ̀lẹ̀ sùọ̀** rape; go into a woman's room unnoticed for sexual intercourse

**pẹ̀lẹ̀<sup>6</sup>** *v.t.* capture all the **ogbólò** of an opponent in the **ikóso** game in the normal course of playing

**pẹ̀lẹ̀<sup>7</sup>** *v.t.* trip up; cause to stumble by entangling or suddenly catching the feet; catch the foot (in wrestling)

**pẹ̀lẹ̀gha-dii** *n.* liane which is forbidden to be cut; its wood is taken in gin as medicine

[how can it be used for medicine if it is not to be cut?] (*Friesodielsia gracilis* (Hook.f.) van Steenis ANNONACEAE)

**pẹ̀lẹ̀j** [5] *v.p.* break; snap; **pẹ̀lẹ̀j koro** fall; fall down; be dried up, as stream; **pẹ̀lẹ̀j tẹ̀j** escape [**pẹ̀lẹ̀** + **-j** process]

**pẹ̀lẹ̀i<sup>1</sup>** *n.* cane rat; cutting-grass; "grasscutter" (*Thryonomys swinderianus*

THRYONOMIDAE) (=ikirí) [**pẹ̀lẹ̀** + **yé** thing]

**pẹ̀lẹ̀i<sup>2</sup>** *n.* sleeveless singlet [**pẹ̀lẹ̀** + **yé** thing]

**pẹ̀lẹ̀lọ̀** (=pẹ̀lẹ̀lọ̀) *id.* meticulously

**pẹ̀lẹ̀mẹ̀in** [5] *v.dir.p.* be stranded, cut off (as fishes from river, or person kept somewhere by rain) [**pẹ̀lẹ̀mọ̀** + **-i** process]

**pẹ̀lẹ̀mọ̀** *v.dir.* cross (one's path); intercept; interrupt; **bọ̀lọ̀ pẹ̀lẹ̀mọ̀ òò** a cry signalling that people should advance in front to intercept the movement of an assailant [**pẹ̀lẹ̀** + **-mọ̀** directional]

**pẹ̀lẹ̀paamọ̀ye** *n.* (*geom.*) cut-out [**pẹ̀lẹ̀** + **páamọ̀** bring out + **yé** thing]

**pẹ̀lẹ̀yemiye** [sub-dots?]*n.* (*geom.*) cutting [**pẹ̀lẹ̀** + **-yemi** present continuous + **yé** thing]

**pẹ̀lẹ̀j** *id.* (*usu.* **pẹ̀lẹ̀j banghì**) run away before an accident occurs; dodge; avoid something before it happens or falls: **Suotúmọ̀ boyemi naa bí, erí pẹ̀lẹ̀j banghì fàdọ̀** When he heard of the coming of the soldiers, he took to his heels.

**pẹ̀lẹ̀pẹ̀lẹ̀** *id.* unsteady; describes a restless person

**pẹ̀mẹ̀rẹ̀in** *v.i.* move restlessly, itching to go into action

**pẹ̀pẹ̀lẹ̀** *id.* flat (<pẹ̀pẹ̀lé)

**pẹ̀pẹ̀sìj** *id.* low and flat

**pẹ̀rẹ̀<sup>1</sup>** *a.v.* be rich; **pẹ̀rẹ̀ zìgeizìgei** be fabulously rich

**pẹ̀rẹ̀<sup>2</sup>** *n.* riches: **Pẹ̀rẹ̀ inéghà** He is showing off his riches (*lit.* not enduring his riches): **Pẹ̀rẹ̀ isé ise** Riches are of many kinds: **Pẹ̀rẹ̀ kìmì mà serì ègberi naamì** A rich man hears a story twice (i.e. people come to eat and ask for help in a rich man's house, so he hears the news before it is official): **Pẹ̀rẹ̀**



**kosú fà** Riches has no seniority (even a young person can be rich): **Perẹ pọọn lagha** [tone?] He is not satisfied with his wealth.

**perẹ<sup>3</sup>** *n.* ruler; clan head or equivalent of a king; **perẹ fíí** enjoy lordship, as in a person who is not entitled [required?] to paddle as a result of his/her rank or ill health

**perẹ-ikémì** *n.* tap-root [*perẹ* + *ikemí* root]

**perẹ-imemerékè** (=perẹ-umboberékè =perẹ-umbébèreke) *n.* “king” fern, ground up and rubbed on for swelling (**óin**) or for purification by women after menstruation (*Nephrolepis biserrata* (Sw.) Schott DAVALLIACEAE) [*perẹ* + *imemerékè* fern]

**perẹin** *id.* describes the way some fishes like **ofọu**, **usaú**, etc., (and even people) jump over fences or given targets

**Perẹkirí** *n.* Aboh Kingdom in Delta State of Nigeria

**Perẹkosúfà** *n.* personal name [*Riches has no seniority*]

**perẹmó** *v.cs.* enrich [*perẹ* + *-mọ* causative]

**perẹinperẹin** *id.* frequently jumping

**perẹnperẹn** (=pénrenpenren) *id.* light in weight and thin

**perẹ-olielìè** *n.* bird, the Pin-tailed Whydah (*Vidua macroura* VIDUIDAE)

**Perẹpọọnlagha** *n.* name of a traditional deity in Otuan and in pre-Christian times in Kìlẹgbegha quarter of Kaiama [*Not satisfied with his wealth*]

**perẹrèè** *id.* sloping gently; on a gentle gradient

**perẹperẹ** *id.* full of chiefs or rich people

**perẹperẹ** *v.i.* be pale, colourless (of man or grass): **Dọnbí wò ọngóbì miẹ bó perẹperẹ kí pàdó** The sickness has made him pale and yellowish.

**perẹrèè** *id.* evenly sloping

**perẹjì** *v.a.* become low (*e.g.* of seat); **perẹjì titèi** low seat

**perẹjìmọ** *v.cs.* make lower [*perẹjì*+*mọ*]

**perẹperẹjì** *id.* slowly and fully (of eating, working, talking, walking)

**perẹsụwa** *n.* (*tech.*) (Ghanaian) pesewa [*< English pesewa*]

**perẹtẹ** *id.* inactive; with nothing doing

**perẹtẹtẹ** *id.* hopping; skipping

**perẹturólù** (=perẹtulú) *n.* (*tech.*) petroleum [*< English petrol*]

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**píge** *v.t.* **A.** “pin”; fix stick in ground; fix feather in hat or hair; **B.** roast fish by putting a prepared stick through the mouth of the fish and pinning the stick with the fish over the fire. This is done in the bush when bailing fish-ponds and not in the town/village.

**pígeí** [5] *v.p.* become “pinned”, fixed

**pígirií** *id.* forcing oneself in or through (*usu.* with **súọ**): **Erí pígirií kí nàá waríjì sùọmì** He forced his way into the house through the crowd.

**píi** (=píiin) *id.* hooting from a ship, motor-horn or hooter

**píin** [5] *v.i.* be near

**píiin** (=píiii) *id.* hooting from a ship, motor-horn or hooter

**pilapilá** *id.* (flying) with big wings

**pímaa** *id.* gigantic

**pímpim** *id.* very full, *esp.* of stomach due to over feeding

**pín** *v.loc.* **A.** become too small for (of clothes): **Béi butùweibi ine ghọ pindó** This shirt has got too small/tight for me; **B.** be overcrowded: **Kímimọ izan bọọ ní waríbì pinmi** The people were so many that the house was overcrowded.

**píne<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* become thoroughly dried and matured, as of kernel

**píne<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* show clearly (of indelible pigment or scars from tattoo or sore)

**pínèi** *n.* leprosy [*pína* + *yé* thing]

**pínèidọn** *n.* leprosy [*pínèi* + *dọn*]

**pínì<sup>1</sup>** *n.* pith of the “bamboo” of the bamboo-palm (**boyá**) or less often the wine-palm (**kọrọ**); **pínì kambala** strands; strings from the **pínì**

**pínì<sup>2</sup>** *n.* pin [*<English pin*]

**pínìtɔnye** *n.* (*tech.*) pin drawing [**pínì<sup>2</sup>** + *tɔnye* drawing]

**pinmɛ́ɛn** *v.dir.p.* force one's way into or out of an already filled-up place: **Eri kpó pinmɛ́ɛn warìj dùò sùòmì** He too forced his way through (the people) into the house with the others: **Yòbì sùoghà; ɛnì kí nì ɛnì ɛbɛ kpó, erí laa pinmɛ́ɛn sùò tìtɛmì** The place was full; yet he got a place to sit down by forcing his way in. [**pínmɔ<sup>2</sup>** + *-í* process]

**pínmɔ<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* force into an already small space or push people in such a situation: **U pinmó** Force him to go forward (so that you can follow): **Pínmɔ pínmɔ, óloko pínmɔ** (song for a game where children push each other along a log till the end one falls off and rejoins at the other end) [**pín** + *-mɔ* causative]

**pínmɔ<sup>2</sup>** *v.dir.* push through; force one's way through: **Eri kpó pinmɔ warìj dùò sùòmì** He too forced his way through (the people) into the house; **pínmɔ paa** squeeze through [**pín** + *-mɔ* directional]

**pinmɔpínmɔ** *id.* successively; in succession

**píoo** *id.* describes a high degree of comprehension; properly understood

**píopio** *id.* protruding (of occiput); pointed; sharp (of larger object) (>**píopio**)

**pirain** *id.* very silent; quiet

**píramìdi** *n.* (*geom.*) pyramid [*<English pyramid*]

**piripirí** *id.* (of motion) fast; swift; rapid

**pírìrì** *id.* startled jump; start

**pisí** (=pusí) *v.a.* become wet, drenched

**pisimɔ́** *v.cs.* make wet; drench; soak: **Osuobí bìdɛmɔ́ pìsimòmì** The rain soaked the clothes. [**pisí** + *mɔ* causative]

**písùlù** *n.* pistol [*<English pistol*] [dots OK?]

**piteí** (=pìtɛyé) [4] *n.* trap (general) [**píté** + *yé* thing]

**pítí<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* bend (stick, rod, plywood); coil (*e.g.* fish, when preparing it for smoking)

**pítimɔ́** *v.dir.* bend towards

**pítimɔ́** *v.cs.* cause to bend

**píanlìj** *id.* with flat buttocks (not admired) (*cf.* **lèlùwɛ̀ɛ̀**)

**píjìn** *id.* with a whistling sound

**píkí<sup>1</sup>** [tone class 2 or 3?] *v.t.* turn; twist; spin; whirl

**píkí<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* switch on; put on (*e.g.* lantern)

**pílasipílasì** *id.* walking with bended knees

**pímuy** *id.* far; distant; distantly

**pín<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** tap (palm wine), *usu.* **kóro pín; líj pìn** tap mature oil-palm for wine (not normal in Kolokuma); **B.** (*fig.*) urinate copiously (of child)

**pín<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* *usu.* **líj bèin pín** [or **líj gbèin?**]; harvest palm-fruit by inserting **igóinzoro** between fruit and supporting leaf, and pushing to one side to cut off

**pína** [3] *v.a.* **A.** become white, bright; **Pínadèj òfoni má òrimaghá** A bird ("eagle") that has developed white feathers cannot return to being black; **B.** become ripe; **pína paa** be ripe all over

**pína-aràù** *n.* light-skinned woman (=oyedé) [**pína** + *-aràù* female]

**pína-erè** *n.* (female) European [**pína** + *eré* woman]

**pínakimì** *n.* (male) European (=pína-owèi) [**pína** + *kímì* person]

**pínamɔ<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* force to ripen; **mìɛ pínamɔ́** whiten; make white [**pína** + *mɔ* causative]

**pínamɔ<sup>2</sup>** *v.dir.* (*usu.* **tòrù pínàmɔ**) make eyes wide and stare at [**pína** + *mɔ* directional]

**pínamɔ<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* (*fig.*) scold; rebuke sternly; reprimand [If this is *fig.*, what is the literal meaning?]

**pína-owèi** *n.* **A.** fair-skinned black person (male); **B.** male European (=pínakimì) [**pína** + *owèi* man]

**pína paa** *v.p.* fight openly

**píní<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* ache (as head) [sentence example?]

**píní<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* *usu.* **píní fàá**; move away forcefully  
**pínwòkò** *excl.* a nursery expression; in saying this, the elder person pushes the head of the younger one

**píopio** *id.* protruding; pointed; sharp (<**píopio**)

**pipaa** (=pipaá) *id.* filled to overflowing (referring to non-liquids)

**pípi** *v.t.* **A.** squeeze; wring (clothes); **B.** revive (someone fainting) by pressing (*cf.* **ufúo**)

**pipimópipimó** *adv.* ceaselessly; incessantly

**pírí<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* give; **pírí kòrì** **A.** pawn; pledge; mortgage; **B.** do something with enthusiasm, such as eating, drinking, wrestling, fighting, working: **Ọ pii tími ni, ọ meṅèni pírí kòrì yáà** As they had been challenging each other, they encountered each other with enthusiasm: **Ugé fiyaímọ tọọ sin bí, wó paa kí pírí kòrímí** When the food for the festival was ready, we ate it with gusto.

**pírí<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* chatter (of parrot)

**pírí<sup>3</sup>** *n.* game played by women, involving clapping and moving the legs (*cf.* **imbíse**)

**pírimejìn-pírimejìn** *id.* derogatory expression referring to an inherited characteristic

**píríntì** *n.* print (cloth) [*<English print*]

**píṣẹ<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* take out palm nuts from the bunch

**píṣẹ<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* **A.** hatch (of young birds); **B.** develop and grow: **buru píṣẹ** (of new yams) develop from the old in the mound: **Ará burumọ èbi bara kí píṣẹmí** Her yams grew big: **píṣẹyemi fiyajì** (*tech.*) tuber

**píṣẹ<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* cause to burst or break, as of a small boil, crawcraw or scabies on the body

**písùlù** *pistol* [*<English*] [pi- or pí-?] [discuss: delete one entry]

**píté** *v.t.* trap; set (fishing or animal trap)

**pítẹyé** (=píteí) *n.* trap [**píté** + **yé** thing]

**pítẹípítẹí** *id.* emphatic; talking with emphasis

**pítìbaá** *id.* describes a very plump person sitting, or a bull frog resting

**pítìbùú** *id.* very full; filled to the brim (of people); packed to capacity: **Yòbì kìmímọ sẹ pítìbùú kí òmímí** [tone?] The place was packed with people.

**pítìjì** *id.* at very close range; nearly: **Ará ù kòrìngí òmímí, pítìjì dóló kumọ** She very nearly caught him.

**pítìmópítìmó** *id.* persistent, continual; demanding emphatically; asserting strongly

and repeatedly; stressing the importance of [correct meanings?]

**píyanpiyan** *id.* thoroughly; exhaustively; entirely

**plánkù** *n.* plank; **plánkùmọ tárasun** three lengths of plank; three planks [*<English plank*]

**pó** *id.* sound made when a hollow object (e.g. a floater) upside down strikes the water

**pòì** *id.* pale; yellow (*cf.* **pína**)

**pói** (=péi =póu *archaic*) **A.** listen; believe; **fié poi** wait in anxiety for news; **B.** obey; **gbá ye pòì** be obedient

**póipoi** *v.i.* be pale, yellowish [*id.* ? tone? *cf.* **pòì**]

**póko<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* (spend) honeymoon with: **Ọrọ ayá tàa mọ yei mọ mu ni Òlóbìri kọ tími pokoyemi** The new couple are honeymooning at Olobiri.

**póko<sup>2</sup>** *n.* pleasant honeymoon period shared by man and woman

**pokopokó** *id.* preparing food (usually yam) in big chunks, with plenty of oil and other ingredients

**Pólakù** *n.* town in Gbanrajin **ibé** of Northern Iẓon, more fully **Opóoloakù**, somewhat hidden from view from the main river [**opóolo** + **akù=okù** side]

**poleí** [5] (=poloí) *v.p.* peel off (as skin from scar); burst open; become chipped off: **Alalábì poleído** The enamel coating (of the bowl, etc.) has got chipped off. [**pólo<sup>1</sup>+í**]

**poleipólei** *id.* be chipped here and there: **Alalábì poleipólei kí pàadọ** The enamel plate has got chipped here and there. [**pólo<sup>1</sup>+í** process]

**polí-àrù** *n.* (railway) train [*shortened form of igbúrugburù-polí caterpillar* + **àrù** canoe]

**pólo<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.,v.i.* burst open; explode; break open; shatter in pieces; **pólo paa** burst out: **Fúmùbì polo paado** The seed has burst out of its pod (by explosion); (*fig.*) emerge from poverty to affluence [sentence example?]

**pólo<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* slap; clap; **bára polò** clap hands

**pólo<sup>3</sup>** *v.i.* harvest yam for the first time for the children to eat; **pólo fi** harvest in this form and eat

**poloí** [5] (=poleí) *v.p.* peel off (as skin from scar); burst open; become chipped off:

**Alalábì poloído** The enamel coating (of the bowl, etc.) has got chipped off.

**polokií** *v.i.* fight to the point of exhaustion:

**Maa diokó-òtumọ andá pòlokiimí** The two enemies wrestled seriously until they were exhausted.

**pololapólola** *id.* describes unsteady movement of trying to keep one's balance on slippery ground

**pololápòlolá** *id.* well spaced, as of strides or the spaced weft of a mat

**pólomọ** *v.dir.* snap or fillip two fingers at someone in contempt [**pólo<sup>2</sup>+mọ** directional]

**pómbo** *v.i.* suck with great anxiety with the mouth or with the help of an object, as a hungry child sucking the mother's breast

**pomú** *n.* compound leaf (*contrast berí for simple leaf*), as of **lǐj**, **beribaá**, **okokodiá**, **kórọ**, **boyá**; (*tech.*) **déri wonimí pòmu** compound leaf with net veins [check];

**igbóro-igboro pòmu** compound leaf with parallel veins [check]

**pomu-aká** *n.* (*tech.*) margin of compound leaf

**pomu-akáràbiri-ungbou** *n.* (*tech.*) midrib of compound leaf

**pomubólọ** *n.* (*tech.*) apex of compound leaf

**pónomọ** (=pénimọ) *v.t.* force; rape (adult)

**poó** *n.* tree used for building a long dug-out canoe for mashing palm fruits [species? identify?]

**pòd** *n.* po; chamber-pot [*<English po*]

**póo<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.t.* **A.** pull out; carve out; remove (*e.g.* eyes); cut out flesh of fish for bait; **B.** castrate; emasculate; **póo òbori** castrated goat

**póo<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* cut off the outer part (*e.g.* of fish, bark of tree)

**poorápòorá** *id.* in large units, as teeth:

**Akámọ sẹ poorápòorá** His teeth are large.

**pópolo** *v.t.* flatten the side of the tree after felling it to provide the base from where the carving out (of canoe) will be done

**porokopóroko** *id.* describes someone who was fat but is now lean due to illness or poverty

**pósalì ọdà** *n.* postal order [*<English postal order*]

**pósapòsapósa** *id.* describes walking on slippery ground covered with some water

**posí** (=pesí) *n.* youth; young men; **kála posì** small boys

**pósi** (=pésí) *v.acc.* be of same age as: **Ị mọ ị mọmọ posi** I am the same age as you.

**posi ọfìsì** *n.* post office [*<English post office*]

**posou** *v.t.* meet singly or in a group; attack; invade

**póto** *v.t.* boil more than necessary; over-boil

**potobupótobu** *id.* soft, as of a well-cooked yam, or soft mud and sand. It describes both the movement and the squelching sound produced when one moves in such places.

**pótopototo** *id.* in great number; myriad; multitudinous; piled up upon one another (not so high as **tíkpotikpo**)

**potoraá<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describing a messy thing, such as faeces of elephant (>**pataraá**)

**potoraá<sup>2</sup>** *id.* coiled, as of a very large python (>**pataraá**)

**potoraá<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes a fat person's way of sitting

**potou** *v.t.* **A.** cultivate a muddy area, planting sweet potatoes, cassava, or cocoyam; **B.** walk in muddy area

**potoupótou** *id.* muddy; soft

**poú<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** press down with a heavy weight; cover something with a heavy weight: **Ugu gbasabí àkì na fúnmọ pòu eni kị mà fiín fàghá** Put the iron rod to hold down the papers so they don't fly away; **angá pou** bend to one side; **atú pou** fish with **atú**; **B.** brood, sit on eggs, cover chicks (as hen): **Ofónibi wò angámọ poudọ** The hen has started brooding her eggs.

**pou<sup>2</sup>** *n.* bundle (of sticks, cane-ropes, “bamboos”, yam stakes, “thatches”); **pou pou fīna** tie into bundles

**pou<sup>3</sup>** *n.* hand or bunch of plantain, *usu.* **beriba pou**

**pou<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* become a witch

**pou<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* lose in a game [sentence example?]

**pou<sup>3</sup>** (*arch.*) (= **péi** = **póí**) *v.t.* listen

**pou<sup>4</sup>** *n.* witchcraft; witch

**poùbùní** *n.* bush fig tree, the inside of whose bark reflects light in the dark (*Ficus sur* Forsk. MORACEAE) [**pou** [which?] + **bùní**]

**poum̀ó<sup>1</sup>** *v.dir.* press someone on any part of the body to indicate one’s meaning or draw someone’s attention: **Iné barabì nì i poum̀ó kum̀ó** Don’t press your hand on me. [**pou**<sup>1</sup> + **m̀ó** directional]

**poum̀ó<sup>2</sup>** *v.dir.* cheat; oppress; **poum̀ó tubo** beat down price to less than normal: **Kìmì ì poum̀ó tubo kum̀ó!** Don’t try to force me into selling below the proper price! [**pou**<sup>1</sup> + **m̀ó** directional]

**poum̀ó<sup>2</sup>** *v.cs.* cause to lose in a game [**pou**<sup>2</sup> + **-m̀ó** causative]

**poyonbaú** *id.* juvenile **toriyé** (bigger than **báan**) (*Heterobranchus* spp.)

**pom̀í** *n.* fish, the featherback (*Papyrocranus afer* NOTOPTERIDAE)

**pom̀í-aká** *n.* [?] describes a situation when two teeth grow together like those of the **pom̀í** fish

**pomp̀ù** *n.* tap [*<English pump*]

**põnì** *v.t.* pull off (scales, scabs, etc.) from body; pluck (fowl) (*usu.* **ofóni põnì**)

**põó<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* wash (cloth)

**põó<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* speak ill of; backbite: **Qrõó ì põó tími nì, i mu ní ò kõrìdó** As they were speaking ill of me, I caught them at it.

**põó** *v.t.* snatch at; **põó nì àkì** snatch

**põõm̀ejin** *v.dir.p.* be released through one’s own effort [**põõm̀ó** + **-ì** process]

**põõm̀ó** *v.dir.* pull apart with a struggle [**põó** + **-m̀ó**]

**põõn<sup>1</sup>** *n.* **A.** satisfaction; enough; **põn laá** be enough for one; be to one’s satisfaction:

**Yébi ine ghó pòn laadó** It is enough for me/I am satisfied; **Põn laa fíyàì fì kì ebimì** It is good to eat food that is enough; **B.** too much; **põn dùú** be tired of: **Yébi wò ghó pòn dùú** He is tired of it.

**põõn<sup>2</sup>** *n.* voice; dialect; **Kólokùmá põõn** Kólokùmá dialect (of Iẗon)

**Põõt** *n.* Port Harcourt (= **Patáìkòtì**)

**põp̀ó** *n.* pawpaw (*Carica papaya* Linn. CARICACEAE) (= **beké-ùndu**) [*<English pawpaw*]

**põp̀ó<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* make watery or muddy by adding or pouring water on to clay and stirring or mixing them

**põp̀ó<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* coddle; nurse (as patient)

**põp̀óip̀ó** *id.* scantily; nasty; unclean; watery; messy

**põriyõpõriyõ** *id.* watery, as paste; filthy or dirty

**põtopõtó<sup>1</sup>** *id.* muddy: **Amá sè põtõpõtõ** The town is all muddy; **põtõpõtõ amá** muddy town

**põtõpõtõ<sup>2</sup>** *id.* very easy, as of problem or examination questions

**põtõpõtõ** *n.* pottage; “porridge”

**põtũ** *n.* a small lump packed compactly on one spot, *e.g.* a child’s faeces

**põu** *n.* waterside; moorage; **põu tua** fish at the waterside of the town with **atálaye**; (*Sayings*): **Bìen dìsè kìmì sèi põu tõnghà** Someone who wants to defecate does not worry about a bad waterside: **Eré sũõ põu tõngha** (= **Eré sũõ kiri tõngha** = **Eré ìgbé põu tõngha**) A woman can marry anywhere.

**põudà** *n.* powder [*<English powder*]

**põun** *n.* pound (money) [*<English pound*]

**põu-obirima** *n.* herb which produces ink (*Eclipta alba* (Linn.) Hassk. COMPOSITAE) [**põu** + **obirima** *Eclipta alba*]

**põutua** *n.* type of marriage by which a female relative of a deceased wife is given in marriage to the bereaved husband as compensation when she has died without a child, or even when the child dies without

cutting its milk-teeth: **Erí pọ̀tuta kị àkì (nì) wo erémà nanamì** He married his current wife as replacement for a lost one.

**pọ̀wẹ́¹** [5] *v.i.* be glad: **Ì pọ̀wẹ́dọ, ine tọ̀bọ̀u bo paadọ** I am glad now that my child has come back.

**pọ̀wẹ́²** [5] *v.i.* escape; slip from grasp: **Indi dei bíbì ghọ pọ̀wẹ́dọ** The fish has slipped off the hook; **pọ̀wẹ́ koro** slip and fall

**pọ̀yọ̀n** *id.* drenched (as a result of being beaten by rain, as cock); (fig.) battered by poverty and other problems

**prómọ (=púromọ)** *v.t.* group (objects) together; **púromọ fẹ** buy in a group (not singly)

**púàpúà (=puapuá)** *id.* talking or laughing anyhow

**puansíí** *id.* springy, as of “cushion chair”; cosy

**puepué** *id.* describes a well-cooked good yam, cocoyam, or sweet potato

**puí** [5] *v.p.* separate; fork; bifurcate; split open; **maamu ghọ pùí** split into two; fork (of road); **táaru ghọ pùí** fork three ways (of road)

**púí** *v.t.* deny; refute

**puilipúli** *id.* in bits, as of palm-kernels when cracked

**puiríí** *v.i.?* shove; jostle; push roughly; force one’s self [or *id.* ?]

**puiyai** [5] (=puyai) *v.acc.* compete; challenge: **Erí ì mọ̀mọ̀ bànghí pùiyaiyemi** He is competing with me in running.

**púkepùke** *id.* flapping like a fish out of water (as **opówèì**)

**pulíí** *v.p.* break into pieces, as a kernel when cracked

**pulou¹** *n.* oil; palm-oil; **pulou tują** **A.** add oil in cooking; **B.** (*fig.*) try by ordeal; **egbé pulou** hard oil; **kúnù pulou** special grade of oil; **ọ̀kìṣọ̀ pulou** soft oil; **ombì púlou** pomade

**pulou²** ordeal; **pulou tują²** try by ordeal

**pumoún¹** *n.* fart; flatulation; **pumoun baá** fart; flatulate; “defile the air”

**pumoún²** *n.* very lazy, weak person

**purirí** [4] *id.* defecating forcefully

**purobu** *id.* describes the sudden collapsing of flame

**purokúù (=opurokúù)** *id.* dull (of weather)

**púromọ (=prómọ)** *v.t.* group (objects) together; **púromọ fẹ** buy a group of objects (not singly)

**puroun-púroun** *id.* soft as of cushion, pillow

**purupurú** *id.* well-ground, but with bigger particles than **mọ̀tọ̀mọ̀tọ̀** (*e.g.* well-ground pepper, or sawdust)

**pusí (=pisí)** *v.a.* become wet, drenched

**púu¹** *v.t.* **A.** split: **fìní puú** split firewood; **B.** separate; breach; make a gap, *e.g.* through a dam; **púu tują** **A.** make a breach in a dam and thus allow in water; **B.** place leg outside the climbing loop to get nearer the palm-fruit being harvested; **púu tują anda** grip in a bear-hug and lift, as a wrestling technique; **C.** peel (plantain); **D.** incise; operate on; pierce; **bára puù** vaccinate; **fúróù puù** operate on the stomach

**púu²** *v.i.* germinate; sprout, as by plantain sucker when it is starting to grow

**púu-bo-erein** *n.* sunrise

**púumọ** *v.cs.* separate (into portions); separate (people fighting); (*math.*) **púumọ gbasì** distribute equally [**púu¹** + **-mọ** causative]

**púumọbara** *n.* (*math.*) expanded form (of numbers) [**púumọ**+**bára** way]

**puuríí** *v.i.* struggle into a space, or struggle out of an almost filled space

**puyai** [5] (=puiyai) *v.acc.* compete; challenge: **Erí ì mọ̀mọ̀ bànghí pùiyaiyemi** He is competing with me in running.

**púgọ̀ (=púkọ̀)** *n.* (usu. **deí púgọ̀**) rod (for fishing), made of the young frond of **kọ̀rọ̀**

**púkẹ̀** *id.* opening slightly; ajar

**púkẹ̀púkẹ̀¹** *v.i.* whisper [verb or *id.*?]

**púkẹ̀púkẹ̀²** *v.i.* gossip; reveal secrets [verb or *id.*?]

**púkẹ̀púkẹ̀púkẹ̀** *id.* gossiping

**púkọ̀ (=púgọ̀)** *n.* (usu. **deí púgọ̀**) rod (for fishing), made of the young frond of **kọ̀rọ̀**

**púla** *v.t.* remove or peel, *e.g.* the hard cover of **òkpóorò** of **boyá** or **kóro**

**pùlajipùlai** *id.* with bruises appearing here and there on the body

**pùlẹ** *id.* flying or moving off quickly

**pùlẹpùlẹ** *id.* always flying off, as an under-sized piece of cloth: **Wo ụwáin bìdẹbì**  
**pùlẹpùlẹ kị finyémi** His wrapper is badly tied and revealing too much.

**pùlụ** *id.* moving or flying out quickly, smartly; slipping in or out through an opening

**pùmẹin<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.i.* wake up briefly and then go to sleep again

**pùmẹin<sup>2</sup>** [5] *v.i.* get free; get out of trouble; recover from sickness: **Áràù ịzái sùò tími**  
**pùmẹindọ** She has recovered from yaws.

**pùmẹin<sup>3</sup>** *n.* instrument for tapping palm wine and cutting palm-fruits; a kind of chisel

**pùmụ<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* throw with force; fling with force: **Olótùbì súu kịmìbì pùmụ kóromọmì** The champion flung down the weaker wrestler.

**pùmụ<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* purify; sanctify: **ongó pùmụ** purify oneself [sentence example?]

**pún<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* boil food (yam, plantain, cassava, **beké-òdu** (but not **Iẓon-odu**)) for immediate use, without making soup, and using all the water

**pún<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* die without sprouting or germination, *e.g.* yam set, cocoyam set, plantain sucker

**pún<sup>3</sup>** *v.i.* (get) together; at the same time: **Eri ò seẹ kị akị pún kọrịmì** He grabbed both of them together.

**punẹẹ** *id.* very early (of morning)

**punẹpunẹ<sup>1</sup>** *id.* very early (of morning)

**punẹpunẹ<sup>2</sup>** *id.* very light, thin; transparent; not thick

**pún fẹin** *v.t.* roast (green plantain) without peeling (as in camp)

**punupunú** *id.* falling very lightly, as of rain, dust

**púpụ** *v.t.?* cheer people as they return from war, wrestling, etc. (*esp.* of women); come

out and join dancers to encourage them with words of praise [sentence example?]

**púra** *v.t.* elevate (floor); fill in (pit); **bára a tịbì púra** clasp hands over head

**puraa** *id.* remaining quiet, attentive, silent, passive: **Áràù dụụ gbà timibi, ọwọmọ sẹ puraa kị tími pói timimi** As she was telling a folk-tale, the children listened attentively without interrupting.

**pùrẹn** *id.* very short time; a short while [sentence example?]

**pùrẹpùrẹ<sup>1</sup>** *id.* cover lightly, *esp.* with leaves or rags

**pùrẹpùrẹ<sup>2</sup>** describes a low and weak fire or a very weak light breeze

**pùrẹpùrẹ<sup>3</sup>** *id.* just managing

**pùrẹpùrẹ<sup>4</sup>** *id.* describes a sore mouth, *esp.* sore lips

**pùrẹpùrẹ** *id.* chattering, talking continually and irrelevantly

**pùrìkì** *v.t.* rumple: **Áràù bìdẹẹ pùrìkìmì** She rumbled the cloth: **Áràù pùrìkì bìdẹ kị tọamì** She wore a rumbled dress.

**pùrìkìjì** *id.* tucked in, pleated, as by seamstress: **Áràù pùrìkì(j) bìdẹ kị tọamì** She wore a pleated dress. [Long or short vowel?]

**pùrìkìpùrìkì** *id.* of cloth that has become crumpled

**pùròò** *id.* solitary; deserted; forlorn; quiet

**pùrọpọsọnì** *n.* (*math.*) proportion; **dairẹktì**

**pùrọpọsọnì** direct proportion; **invasì**

**pùrọpọsọnì** inverse proportion [*<English proportion*]

**pùrụpùrụ** *id.* **A.** chopped finely (as onions, or tobacco for snuff (*used with kịrì*): **Ifiyàn beribi kịrì pùrụpùrụdẹ kị san.** Tobacco leaf should be finely chopped before grinding; **B.** (*tech.*) granular

**pùrụpùrụ-óun** *n.* sand [**pùrụpùrụ** + **óun** sand]

**pùrụpùrụyẹ** *n.* (*tech.*) particle [**pùrụpùrụ** + **yẹ**]

**pùrụrụ<sup>1</sup>** *id.* in abject poverty; poverty-stricken

**pururu<sup>2</sup>** *id.* unable to do anything due to laziness  
**puruṣi** *v.i.?* remain in a depressed mood [sentence example?]  
**pusi** *v.t.?* press an object flat with the hands and feet [sentence example?]  
**pusiṣi** *id.* highly productive; delivering (children) regularly and with ease  
**putu<sup>1</sup>** *id.* of small pieces; very small, as feet of small children or their footprints  
**putu<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes the footprint of a small person or animal  
**pu<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* crumble (*e.g.* chalk, foodstuff); give reluctantly; **pu korom<sup>o</sup>** crumble cooked food into small fragments and drop it on the ground when worshipping a deity or an ancestor, in the belief that it should also partake in the food like the living  
**pu<sup>2</sup>** *id.* small (of man, thing)  
**pu<sup>1</sup>pu<sup>2</sup>** *id.* in small bits, fragments  
**puwe<sup>n</sup>** *id.* (eat up) completely (*abusive*); **fi puwe<sup>n</sup>** eat up completely

## R

**ra<sup>1</sup>** *n. (tech.)* rabbit [*<English rabbit*]  
**raga (=ira<sup>1</sup>)** *n.* fishing-net let down from frame on bank; **raga ti<sup>e</sup>** fish with **raga**  
**ragaraga** *id.* over-anxious or impatient about food  
**raghairaghai** *id.* restless; irritating  
**ratà** *n.* trading in yams wholesale in heaps of fifties or one hundreds  
**reberebé (=reberébé)** *id.* postponing; dilly-dallying  
**rediosi** *n. (geom.)* radius [*<English radius*]  
**regérégè** *n.* type of “George” cloth with a lot of red  
**regeregé ò** *id.?* very thirsty and shaky; feverish within the chest, as when one is suffering from high fever or malaria  
**resio** *n. (math.)* ratio [*<English ratio*]

**reberébé (=reberebé)** *id.* postponing; dilly-dallying  
**rigimà** *n.* cunning act; device used to deceive or cheat another  
**rikitirikitì** *id.* describes how a small person walks alongside a bigger person  
**ririi** *v.loc.* feel excited: **Qngòbì ìne ghó rìriyemí** I am feeling excited.  
**Rivas Stefi** *n.* Rivers State [*<English Rivers State*]  
**ri<sup>1</sup>bu (=irubu-irubu)** *id.* describes a person suffering from stunted growth; describes eating very slowly and in little bits  
**rogorogó** *id.* sugary; delicious (of taste) palatable  
**rombòsi** *n. (geom.)* rhombus [*<English rhombus*]  
**roroó** *id.* sugary; delicious (of taste) palatable  
**ro<sup>1</sup>bà (=oròbà)** *n.* rubber; plastic [*<English rubber*]  
**rulà (=urulà)** *n. (tech.)* ruler [*<English ruler*]

## S

**sa** *excl. (expression of surprise when something is not found)* where can it have got to?  
**sáa** *n.* debt; **sáa fi** owe debt; **sáa gb<sup>e</sup>** pay debt; **Qro ará àkì sáa kì gb<sup>e</sup>mì** They used her to pay their debt (*i.e.* they married her into a family as compensation for an injury, etc., to one of their members); **sáa korom<sup>o</sup>** sell on credit: **Sayings: Gbé sa, fa saá** A debt that is paid is finished; **Oru saa bíikì<sup>mì</sup>, bíi tì<sup>bì</sup> pòumì** Someone who asks for an old debt reminds people of what he owes them; **Sáa bú<sup>1</sup>ughá, gb<sup>e</sup> da lùamó tì<sup>mì</sup>** Debt does not rot away, pay and be at rest; **Sáa m<sup>o</sup> saa m<sup>o</sup> b<sup>o</sup>oyai** One debt cancels another.  
**sáafi-ara<sup>1</sup>** *n.f.* female debtor [*sáa + fi owe + ara<sup>1</sup> female*]  
**Sáabò** *n.m.f.* personal name [*sáa+ b<sup>o</sup> person*]  
**sáabò** *n.m.f.* debtor [*sáa+ b<sup>o</sup> person*]



**sáafi-oweí** *n.* male debtor [*sáa* + *fí owe* + *oweí male*]  
**sáagbẹ** *n.* marriage in payment of debt; compensatory system of marriage [*sáa* + *gbẹ pay*]  
**saán** *n.* tail; hind part; (*fig.*) last part: **dúnọun san** last part of a lake; **san ipálipà** last section of a fish including the tail; **san kpuún** tease; pester; worry; irritate (*lit.* 'pull one's tail')  
**sáan** *n.* camouflaged artificial shelter made of sticks by fishermen in the river near sandbanks. When many fish have found their way into it, the fishermen fence the area around and catch the fish with **agbunú**; **sáan imbi** to fish in **sáan**; **sáan tịemọ/pige** make **sáan**  
**sáayerịbara** *n.* (*tech.*) credit [*sáa* + *yerị sell* + *bára way*]  
**sába** *v.t.* cross (water) (*cf.* **asába**)  
**sai<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* take (person or load) in canoe; **sai bejinmọ** ferry across; **áru sai** load canoe; **kimị sai** paddle someone somewhere  
**sai<sup>2</sup>** *v.loc.* accuse someone; blame someone for, *usu.* **tịbị ghọ sai: Ọmịnị bei paayèbi akị nị ará tịbị kọọ saimị** They blamed her for this happening.  
**sái<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** bail (fishpond, lake), *usu.* **búu sai**; **B.** sprinkle, splash, liquid on to; **tiri sai** sprinkle dancing-ground with drink before dance; **tin sai** water plants; **wári sai** sprinkle floor with water before sweeping, or with medicine to purify  
**sái<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* cover (place) (of silt)  
**saimọ** *v.dir.* order something through someone [*sai<sup>1</sup>* + *-mọ directional*]  
**sáimọ** *v.dir.* splash or pour (water, medicine, etc.) on to; **sáimọ tịbị/tirì** that part of the fishpond to which water is bailed [*sái<sup>1</sup>* + *-mọ directional*]  
**sáiyensì** *n.* science [*<English science*]  
**sain** (=sanhị) *v.i.* stay at a distance: **Iné sainnimi barabị ì dịseghá** I don't like your staying at a distance (*colloq.*); (*usu. followed by a second verb*): **Iné sain tịtenimi barabị**

**ì dịseghá** I don't like the way you are sitting far from us; **sain bunu** sleep far away; **sain tịe** stand far away  
**sáinsain** *id.* become lively; alert; smart; clever: **Bunu timi sèribi, ine tịbị sẹ bó sainsain kị pàamị** After sleeping my brain became more active.  
**sáisai** *n.* extreme top (of tree), *usu.* **ogono saisai** (=sókisokị) [noun or ideophone?]  
**saisaibáú** *n.* person in the land of the dead who ferries dead people from where they died to the other side of the river which is their new abode [*sai<sup>1</sup>* + *sai<sup>1</sup>* + *-baú girl*]  
**sáka** *v.t.* gradually bore, drill or burrow into something and stay in the hole (of insects or fish); **sáka paa** drill a way out and escape  
**sakalàà** *id.* not very tall; thin and delicate in posture  
**sakamịí** *id.* fairly tall with a long but well-proportioned neck  
**sakelèè** *id.* tall and thin with a badly-proportioned body, often having tiny legs  
**sakirị** *id.* describes a small lean-looking person  
**sakirịsákirị** *id.* dirty, ragged (of cloth, humans): **Bidẹ sẹ bó sàkịrịsákirị kị pàadọ** The cloth has become all ragged and dirty.  
**sákịrịsá** *n.* dragnet; trail-net; trawl-net; **sákịrịsá fọun** fish with **sákịrịsá**  
**sákiuutù** *n.* circuit [*<English circuit*]  
**sakparàà** *id.* gawky; lanky; skinny  
**sákpee** *id.* tall, with an elongated neck  
**sakpeí** *v.i.?* snub and turn one's face away in a proud manner; frown at; disregard (*cf.* **abeí**) [sentence example?]  
**salá<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* comb; **tịbị sala** comb hair  
**salá<sup>2</sup>** *n.* comb  
**salá<sup>3</sup>** *n.* moonfish (*Citharinus latus* CITHARINIDAE)  
**sála** *v.t.?* scatter backwards and above the surface, as seeds by fowls, or raise water behind with a paddle during the process of paddling: **Eri bènibí yọu sála kị mịemị** He paddled in a superficial way (not dipping the paddle deep and splashing a lot).

**sálaa** *id.* describes continuous leisurely laughter, *usu.* **deṛi saláa**

**sálakoò** *id.* ungracefully (jumping) of fish or man

**Salayóun** *n.* Sierra Leone; (*tech.*) **Salayóun lioni** Sierra Leone leone [*< English Sierra Leone leone*]

**samí** *n.* bird, the Yellow-billed Stork (= Wood Ibis) (*Mycteria ibis* CICONIIDAE) or Sacred Ibis (*Threskiornis aethiopicus* THRESKIORNITHIDAE); (Proverb) **Samí tujá òloko samí buọ kòrìmi** The law made by the **samí**-bird caught him by the leg (*i.e.* he was hoist with his own petard).

**sámì** *n.* bubble

**samínàngà** *n.* the act of choking an opponent in a fight between a strong person and a weaker one by encircling his neck with the left hand, thereby compressing his throat and blocking the windpipe. It is carried out by the weaker opponent with his/her back on the ground while the victim is above him/her with his/her head right inside the left armpit of the weaker person; **samínàngà tujá** carry out such an act

**Sampóú** [5] *n.* a village in Kólokùmá ìbe of Northern Iẓon

**sámpùlù** *n.* **A.** small specimen of a new product; **B.** left-over pieces of cloth which can later be joined, hence patchwork cloth [*< English sample*]

**sán<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* crush; grind

**sán<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* urinate; **sán pèlẹ́** keep dry at night (of children)

**sán<sup>3</sup>** *v.i.* (*used only in combination*); **sán zii** talk at length in reply to something said: **Erí san zii nì a pírimì** He replied to her at length.

**sán<sup>4</sup>** *v.i.* (*used only in combination*) peer (*see sánmọ<sup>3</sup> and sanmejn*)

**sán<sup>5</sup>** *n.* (*used only in combination*): **sán siin** “brush” or clear for the first time, used only in connection with plantain farm; follows **kíri djiin**, which is clearing the undergrowth, after which the plantains are planted; then

the trees are felled and the branches cut into pieces and left to provide partial shade; after about three months **sán siin** is done, *i.e.* the grass and branches are cut so as not to overwhelm the plantain, and then the next time **kpókpo** is done, *i.e.* the grass is cut lower

**sanaí** [5?] *v.i.* move in a way showing consciousness of one’s neatness and good dress, unwilling to mix with those of a lower standard

**sánamọ** *v.dir.* sprinkle over; fling (liquid) at [*\*sána ? + -mọ directional*]

**sán-djìná** *n.* urine [**sán<sup>2</sup> + djìna**]

**sangaláà** *id.* lanky, tall and lean (people)

**sangalangáà** *id.* have bad posture, as of a tall lanky person (*cf.* **yangaláà** for someone slightly fatter)

**sanghí** (=sajin) *v.i.* stay at a distance: **Iné sanghinnimi barabì ì dįseghá** I don’t like your staying at a distance (*colloq.*); (*usu. followed by a second verb*): **Iné sanghì tįtenimi barabì ì dįseghá** I don’t like the way you are sitting far from us; **sanghìn bunu** sleep far away; **sanghìn tį** stand far away

**sanghírìn** *id.* very tiny (of person)

**sángò** *n.* demijohn; thick glass jar

**sani** *v.t.* melt

**sán-igba** *n.* urethra; **sán-igba pèlẹ́** suffer from urinary incontinence [**sán<sup>2</sup> + igbá**]

**sanií<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.p.* melt

**sanií<sup>2</sup>** [5] *v.i.* shine; glisten; sparkle

**sani-sani-kilóbau** *n.* beautiful, handsome person

**sánkiri** *n.* plantain farm (=gbákiri = **gbágbakiri**) [**sán<sup>3</sup> + kírì**]

**sanloó** [5] *n.* gills (of fish)

**Sanma** *n.* town in Western Iẓon [which ìbeé? any details? ordinary sp?]

**sanmejn** [5] *v.i.* peer: **Erí sánmejn nàá yọọ dđimi** He peered over to look at the place.

**sánmọ<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* cause to urinate [**sán<sup>2</sup> + -mọ causative**]

**sánmọ<sup>2</sup>** *v.dir.* urinate upon, towards [*sán<sup>2</sup> + -mọ directional*]

**sánmọ<sup>3</sup>** *v.i.* **A.** call (or ask someone to call) to someone at a distance, *usu.* **sánmọ gba**, **sánmọ tịn**; **B.** *v.t.* peer round or across someone, *usu.* **kọn sanmọ**[*sán<sup>4</sup> + -mọ thing*]

**santuú** *n.* **A.** used in the expression **Santuú sèighá, sei sei sèighá** Eternal love does not end, even when spoilt it is not completely spoilt (*used as comment on a couple*); **B.** children's song accompanying a tug-of-war without a rope, the leaders on each side pulling hands [*saán + tíu end*]

**sán-ungu** *n.* urinary bladder [*sán<sup>2</sup> + ungu water-pot*]

**sán zii** see **sán<sup>4</sup>**

**sapó** [4] *n.* sponge [*Igbo sàpó sponge*] (*cf.* **įsaán**)

**sápusàpu** *id.* sound of a deep-water fish jumping in water (*cf.* **sáwasàwa** for surface fish)

**sára** [3] *v.a.* **A.** be quick; **bára sara** be quick in working/eating with the hand(s); **beri sará** be quick of hearing; **bịbị sara** be quick in speaking; **bụọ sara** be quick in walking; **ongọ sara** be smart; **tọrụ sara** be quick at seeing; **B.** (*fig.*) be short (of road); **sára ụwọụ** short road

**saradaá** [5] *v.i.* flower (of maize): **Akábị sàradaayémi** The maize is in flower.

**saradeí** *n.* trawl-line; "hook-and-line"

**sáramọ<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* hurry (someone): **ụ saramọ mié** Hurry him up (to do something).

**sáramọ<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* act quickly: **Erí fịrị wẹnị sáramọyemi** He is working quickly.

**sáramọbara** *n. (tech.)* speed; **ęgbẹj sáramọbara** average speed [*sáramọ + bára way*]

**sáramọbara-tọnmọye** *n. (tech.)* speedometer [*sáramọbara + tọnmọ point out + yé thing*] (=spidómità)

**sararàà** *id.* very numerous (of objects which are spread out, such as palm-nuts, gravel, etc.)

**sárarùu** *id.* icy cold; bitingly cold to the hands or feet when touched

**saraú<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* commit piracy; board a boat and attack in order to loot the cargo or kill the crew, *usu.* **árụ saraụ; tọrụ saraụ** cruise about ready for piracy

**saraú<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* sing the refrain, chorus, of a song

**saraú<sup>3</sup>** *n.* funnel

**saraųyọ** *n.* chorus; refrain [*saraú<sup>2</sup> + yọ place*]

**sasasaá** *v.i.* behave (oneself) well (*used in warning*): **Ábị, į sásasaá ò!** You (male), just behave yourself!

**Sátàdébàị** *n.* Saturday [*<English Saturday + báị day*]

**sátị** *n.* chart [*<English chart*]

**sáuun** *id.* cold; chilly (as iced water, ice-cream)

**sáunsaun** *id.* very cold, chilly (of water)

**saunsáun** *id.* uncomfortable feeling, as in wading through polluted water or rubbish)

**sáwasàwa** *id.* sound of a small surface fish jumping in water and making a splash (*cf.* **sápusàpu** for a deep-water fish)

**se** *excl.* oh! (showing surprise)

**segí** *n.* crocodile (*archaic; cf.* **igeré, atú** (*poetic*), **agúi, túgu**)

**segi-baa-kí-tùngbo-tụa** *n.* Black-Crowned Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax* ARDEIDAE) [meaning of name?]

**seí<sup>1</sup>** *v.a.* **A.** be bad, evil; **sei dawáị** bad dream; nightmare; **sei deín** dark night; **sei dụ bọọ** go down the wrong way (when eating or drinking); **sei egbéri** bad news, tidings; **sei fịj** unexpected or accidental death, as in child-birth; **sei undụ** bad life; **bólou sèi** be wicked; **Erí bolou sèimí** He is wicked; **tịbị biri sèi** have ill-luck; be unfortunate; **B.** (*fig.*) very much: **Eréma sèi bara kí èbimi** The woman is very beautiful.

**seí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* **A.** evil; mischief; **sei mié** do evil, sin; **sei timí** have a bad life: **Sei kí tọn** "medicine after death", *i.e.* advice too late; **Sei mó èbi mó kenị tuu ki wẹnịyemi** Evil and good move together; **Seibọ sèi sụọ, yé**

**èbi kí ìneí, tímibọ̀ fàbọ̀ pírìgha** Trouble is for oneself; if you have good it's for me; the one who has doesn't give to the one who hasn't (*three different sayings, sometimes said one after the other, all referring to a selfish attitude*); **B.** (*fig.*) faeces; excreta

**seibení<sup>1</sup>** *n.* bad tide for fishing [*seí<sup>1</sup> + bení water*]

**seibení<sup>2</sup>** *n.* pus from ulcer, wound or dead tissue [*seí<sup>1</sup> + bení water*]

**sei-bìbì-fìè** *a.?* ominous; wicked (of spirit, deity); difficult to deal with [*seí<sup>1</sup> + bìbì mouth + fìè talk*] (*opp.* **ebi-bìbì-fìè**) [sentence example?]

**seibou** *n.* burial-ground for those who die accidental and untimely deaths, whose ghosts are feared [*seí<sup>1</sup> + bou bush*] (=agbárabou)

**Seibókòrogha** *n.* town in Kólokù má ìbe of Northern Iẓon. (*The English name 'Sabagreia' is a corrupted form of Seibókòrogha and is often used to include the neighbouring town of Okólòba.*)

**seifíjì** *n.* disease affecting the leaves of yam plants, causing them to wither: **Seifí kórodou** The yams have been attacked by **seifíjì**. [*seí<sup>1</sup> + fíjì 'death'? or fí eat*] [check etymology]

**Seigbeín** *n.* annual feast, festival where evil things are driven out of the town [check meaning] [*seí<sup>2</sup> + gbéin cast away*]

**seikála-m̀nìbáù** *n.* spirit in the form of a bird which can advise an intended victim how to escape and warn the attacker

**seí kpọ̀** *conj.* however: **Áràù àrà tonye m̀jẹm̀jẹ, erí ẹ̀rẹ ẹ̀rẹ sèi kpọ̀** She did what she wanted, however he talked.

**seimọ̀** *v.t.* plaster mudded walls for the first time with hand and clay [or **seimọ̀?** check tone]

**seimọ̀** *v.cs.* (*usu.* **kóro seimọ̀**) grimace [or **seimọ̀?** check tone] [*seí<sup>1</sup> + -mọ̀ causative*]

**seimọ̀<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* **A.** damage; spoil; abolish (law); erase; **B.** counteract, neutralize (effect of snakebite) [*seí<sup>1</sup> + -mọ̀ causative*]

**seimọ̀<sup>2</sup>** *v.dir.* rebuke; reprove; chide; blame; assassinate someone's character; **dií sèimọ̀** despise; look down on; oppress [examples; tone wrong for *v.dir.*?] [*seí<sup>1</sup> + -mọ̀ directional*]

**seimọ̀<sup>3</sup>** *n.* medicine type, antidote for epidemic or poison, kept in a pot supported by live stick

**seimọ̀séimọ̀** *adv.* anyhow (as in selling something below cost price or preparing food in any form): **Garímọ̀ fọ̀ubọ̀ ìzandẹ̀jì nì, wónì seimọ̀séimọ̀ kị yẹ̀rìmì** As there was so much gari in the market, we sold it at a give-away price: **Indí kpọ̀ fàdẹ̀jìbì, fíyayimọ̀ à seimọ̀séimọ̀ tọ̀** As there is no fish, prepare the food in any way.

**seimọ̀tùré** *n.* abusive name given to the ugliest person

**seimọ̀ tọ̀** parboil (fish, meat, shrimps, etc.) to preserve [discuss]

**seisei-ni-okómbàù** *n.* the ugliest person

**sei-sin-bídẹ̀** *n.* nappy; diaper [*seí<sup>1</sup> + sìn remove + bídẹ̀ cloth*]

**seitemé** *n.* evil spirit; devil [*seí<sup>1</sup> + tẹ̀mẹ̀ spirit*]

**seituó (seituá)** *n.* Siam weed, a useless herb, causing injury if used to wipe anus (*Chromolaena odorata* (Linn.) King & Robinson COMPOSITAE) [*seí<sup>1</sup> + túo =túa herb*] (=fúrùtuó<sup>2</sup>=fúrùtuá<sup>2</sup>) [check if same]

**seiyeé** *n.* snake (=wónii = tanií = dánhèìn) [*seí<sup>1</sup> + yé thing*]

**sekelèè** *id.* out of proportion; describes a person whose lower limbs are smaller than the body

**sékelesèkele** *id.* describes the walking of a tall unbalanced person

**sérekpee** *id.* describes a tall and stately woman

**seri** [1] *n.* time; period: **u bo sérìbì**, when he came ... [tone in isolation?]

**serí** [5] *v.i.* (*probably a shortened form of serií*) get up; rise; get up (from sleeping); leave; go away: **Serí tẹ̀** Stand up: **Erí**

**sèrídọ** He has got up (from sleep)/He has left.

**séri<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** raise; lift up; haul up; **buru seri** stake yams; **dúma seri** raise a song; **ingo sèrì** take up lobster-pot; (*fig.*) **bára kọrì serií** raise someone to prosperity: **Oru baj fún yèrì ará bara kọrì sèrídọ** Selling old papers has made her prosperous; **B.** remove; take away; subtract (often **séri sùnn**): **Nájrà boloubọọ kẹnì kọbọ seri** Remove one kobo from a naira; **séri sùnn** **A.** take away completely; **ingbekemọ sèrì sùnn** take the rubbish away (from something or somewhere); **B.** (*tech.*) subtract; deduct; **ongọ seri** cleanse (husband) of impurity caused by wife (such as menstrual blood or cloth mixed in food) at the ancestral house; usually the expenses are borne by the wife

**séri<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* praise; **kímì seri** praise someone

**séri<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* choose, pick, usually according to seniority

**séri<sup>4</sup>** *v.t.* bestow, grant (supernaturally): **Egbèsù ki tọbọu serí nì a pírìmì** The Egbesu has bestowed a child on her/granted her a child.

**séri<sup>5</sup>** *v.aux.* begin to; start to; commence

**séri<sup>6</sup>** *n.* tide; **séri pele** (of tide) ebb; **séri sọ** (of tide) flow

**seribèni** *n.* rising water (at flood time) [*serí + bení water*]

**séribeni** *n.* rising or flow tide [*séri<sup>1</sup> + bení water*]

**serí** [5] *v.p.* **A.** rise (*e.g.* of flood): **Bení sèrídọ** The flood has risen; **B.** wake up: **Erí bunu timi sèrídọ** He has got up (from sleep); **C.** get up from sitting or lying position (*cf.* **serí**): **Erí títé timi sèrídọ** He has stood up (from a sitting position); **D.** desert; evacuate; leave one's abode: **Erí gbene dùo seriídọ** He has left the hamlet; **E.** come to a close (*e.g.* of work, game, service, or any ceremonial function) : **Fìrì ghọ sèrídọ** (They) have closed from work; **F.** (*fig.*) break out (of fire): **Wári sèrídẹjì nì, yémọ iyọunmì** The house

caught fire, and the things were burnt. [*séri<sup>1</sup> + -í process*]

**sérimọ<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* help to lift load [*séri<sup>1</sup> + -mọ causative*]

**sérimọ<sup>2</sup>** *v.cs.* **A.** cause to begin; **imbí serimọ** cause to begin fishing (on a lake); **B.** incite; tempt: **Áràù ù serimọ mu kímì mọ sùdọđọ** She has incited him to fight the person. [*séri<sup>5</sup> + -mọ causative*]

**sérimọ<sup>3</sup>** *v.cs.* cause to close (as ceremony) [check, [sentence example?]]

**serimọ sẹ** *adv.* always; every time [*serí + -mọ def.pl. + sẹ all*]

**sérimoye** *n.* (*tech.*) lever [*sérimọ<sup>1</sup> + yé thing*]

**sérisinleleí** *n.* (*math.*) subtraction or minus sign (-) [*séri<sup>1</sup> + sùnn remove + leleí sign*]

**sérisinyeé** *n.* (*math.*) subtraction [*séri<sup>1</sup> + sùnn remove + yé thing*]

**sérisinghọpaayo** *n.* (*math.*) difference [*séri<sup>1</sup> + sùnn remove + ghọ from + páa come out + yọ place*]

**sèùun** *id.* cold

**sẹ** *part.* all; **kímimọ sẹ** all the people; **ọ sẹ** all of them; they all; **ọ sẹ** all of you

**sẹn<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* shave (beard or hair); **ipọrì sẹn** shave beard; **tíbjì sẹn** shave hair

**sẹn<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* “dash”; give (out of admiration): **!kpọ mu ni à sẹndọ?** Have you also “dashed” her?

**sẹn<sup>3</sup>** (=sẹin) *v.t.* cut into slices (as yam for planting) [?*=sẹin = sẹnghì*][add agreed alts]

**sẹnle** *v.t.* split or peel off a small strip (with an instrument): **Apíe sẹnle pú** Peel off a small strip of cane-rope (*cf.* **wisí**, split or peel off with mouth or hand)

**sẹnlejí** *v.p.* split (by itself), as cane-rope: **Erí àpíe pù tími, (apíe) sẹnleídọ** As he was splitting the cane-rope, it got too narrow.

**ségbọru** *n.* the world, earth (= **akpọọ, ọkpọọ**)

**sẹ-ghọ-kọrì-yèrì-fíí** *n.* seventh-generation slave

**sẹí<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* dance [or *v.t.*?]

**sẹí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* dance

**sẹí-aru** *n.* dance canoe [*sẹí<sup>2</sup> + aru canoe*]

**sẹíbuọ** *n.* dance-step [*sẹí<sup>2</sup> + búọ step*]

**séj-ete** **A.** circle formed by spectators at dancing field; **B.** ring around the moon observed on clear night [*séj<sup>2</sup> + eteé circle*]  
**séjmo** *v.cs.* dandle (child); wag (tail), as dog [*séj<sup>1</sup> + -mó causative*]  
**séjmo** *v.dir.* **A.** dance towards; wag (tail) towards (owner), as dog; **B.** (*fig.*) show off: **Iné timi-ebibi nì jì séjmo kumò èè** Don't flaunt your luxurious life-style at me; **C.** urge forcefully; force someone to act against their will; threaten: **Áràú gbasabì àkì naá òdubo toḅòumà séjómì** She threatened the servant-girl with a stick [*séj<sup>1</sup> + -mó directional*]  
**séjín** (=séjén<sup>3</sup>) *v.t.* cut into slices (as yam for planting)  
**séjín** *v.i.* be mentally disturbed [sentence example?]  
**séjín<sup>1</sup>** *id.* long (of neck) (an admired feature)  
**séjín<sup>2</sup>** *n.?* planting distances [unclear] [sentence example?]  
**séj-ogbo** *n.* dancing club [*séj<sup>2</sup> + ogboó club*]  
**séj-tiri** *n.* dancing field [*séj<sup>2</sup> + tiri open space*]  
**sékì** *n.* cheque; (*tech.*) **péle-wonimí sékì** crossed cheque; **subowéi sékì** bearer cheque; **yóghòmùḅò sékì** traveller's cheque [*< English cheque*]  
**sékì-akpakpa** *n.* (*tech.*) cheque-leaf [*< English cheque + akpakpa page*]  
**sékì-fun** *n.* (*tech.*) cheque-book [*< English cheque + fun book*]  
**sékòṅì** (=sékòṅù) *n.* (*tech.*) second; **sékòṅì bara** second hand (of watch or clock) [*< English second n.*]  
**sélé<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* choose; pick; select; **ivín sélé** pick over kernels, removing bad ones  
**sélé<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* shun; forsake; desert: **Áràú àrá yei séléḅò** She has left her husband.  
**sélé** *n.* seed (of fruit); (*bot.*) ovule  
**séléj** [5] *v.p.* be chosen, selected [*sélé + -j process*]  
**séléjséléj** *id.* carefully selected to be uniform: **Óunmò séléjséléj kì èmi** The pebbles are

carefully selected so that they are all of the same size. [*séléj x 2*]  
**sélékokouyo** *n.* (*bot.*) receptacle [*sélé + kókou keep+yó place*]  
**sémbì** *n.* padlock and key [*< Portuguese chave key*]  
**sémbìgbasa** *n.* key [*sémbì + gbása stick*]  
**sémbiyenghi** *n.* padlock [*sémbì + yenghi mother*] (= **igodó**)  
**sémusémù** *id.* dwindling, decreasing, ceasing or lessening, as of the fall of rain or the movement of a crowd of people; abating  
**sénderẹ** *id.* completely or wholly without struggle  
**séni** *v.i.* writhe and moan in pain  
**séntimì** *n.* (*tech.*) centime [*< French centime*]  
**séntimità** *n.* (*tech.*) centimetre; **séntimità fanu** square centimetre; **fánukutu séntimita** cubic centimetre [*< English centimetre*]  
**sèrii** *v.i.* let go entirely: **Kenì sèrii nì wo ghò barasín** Leave him entirely.  
**sésere** *v.t.* lean in a slanting position: **Titéibì akì wári-akpàkpabò sésere** Lean the seat against the wall.  
**séserej** [5] *v.p.* lean against; recline: **Obóbòbì wári-akpàkpabì séserejnimì** The ladder is leaning against the wall. [*sésere + -j process*]  
**séserej-àkasì** *n.* deck-chair; easy chair [*séserej + akasì chair*]  
**sésereṃo<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* put or place an object against another object in a slanting way [*sésere + -mó directional*]  
**sésereṃo<sup>2</sup>** *adv.* slantingly [*sésere + -mó adverb*]  
**sétì sukúayà** *n.* (*tech.*) set-square [*< English set-square*]  
**sía** *num.* twenty (*qualifying form*); **sía kìmì** twenty people [*sii<sup>2</sup> + -a qualifying*]  
**siakii** *id.* entangled, caught by thorns, rope, etc., while walking (>**siakii**)  
**siakisiki** *id.* with difficult movement, because of something "hooking" one, usually in the bush (>**siakisiki**)

**sídi** *n.* (tech.) cedi; **Gánà sídi** Ghanaian cedi [*<Ghanaian English cedi cedi*]

**sigerétì** *n.* cigarette [*<English cigarette*]

**sigidî** *id.* of crooked appearance (of a person with big buttocks drawing the person back)

**síí<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* **A.** depart: **Árụ síidọ** (The) canoe has left; (*saying*) **Igoni sí kì, sáa** When the guests have departed, the debt (remains); **B.** go to bush to work for one's living: **Áràú síidọ** She has gone to the bush (to work).

**síí<sup>2</sup>** *num.* twenty; score; **síi karamọ** twentieth; **síi sii kịen** count in scores

**sílivà** *n.* silver; (tech.) **sílivà fun** silver foil [*<English silver*]

**síimọ** *v.cs.* **A.** push off (canoe); **B.** see off ceremoniously (*e.g.* a canoe for a special occasion, such as a war or dance canoe); **C.** see off (visitors from another town, who would normally come by canoe); **D.** remove burning brand from fire, *usu.* **fịnị síimọ**; [Could D, E, F be **sinmọ́**?] **E.** disassociate oneself from a group, *usu.* **ọngọ síimọ**; **F.** (hence) be excepted: **I síimọdeịbị, arị zịnị ọweiyemi kịmị kpọ fàá** Except for you, I am not afraid of anyone. [*síí<sup>1</sup> + -mọ causative*]

**síin<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* remove; subtract; dismember or cut off fronds of oil-palm tree when harvesting the bunches, *usu.* **lịj pomù sin**; cut off the limbs of fowl, animal or man from the shoulder or hip joint: **Náma buọmọ sìn** Cut off the animal's legs; **akáin sin** cut the fronds of the bamboo palm (**boyá**) and cut off the leaflets ready to prepare thatch; **beni síin** bail water (out of canoe); **bútuwei sin** remove clothes; undress; **díri sin** **A.** remove poison magically from body; **B.** taste drink or food before offering it to guests; **indi ikpákpàì sin** scrape off scales of fish; **náma ozun sin** flay animal (= **onịj**); **túbo sin** reduce price slightly

**síin<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* finish; complete; **wenị síin** finish working

**síin<sup>3</sup>** *v.i.* vomit [sentence example?]

**síin<sup>4</sup>** *v.t.* mention, name, *usu.* **eré sin**; **ama síin** confess adultery (of married women)

**síin<sup>5</sup>** *v.t.* (*usu.* **lịj síin**) mash or squeeze boiled palm fruits inside a mortar to extract oil

**síriri** *v.t.* rub; rub in

**siiríí** *v.p.* rub one's self [sentence example?]

**sikaa** *id.* describes an abrupt and temporary stopping of movement, as a canoe being stopped temporarily by the current, resulting in its standing still

**sikéì** *n.* (tech.) scale; balance; **sikéì balánsì** scale balance; **benibiriwárị sikeli** bathroom scales [*<English scale*]

**siki** *v.t.* worry; disturb; bother; trouble: **I siki kúmọ èé** Don't bother me.

**sikisiki** *id.* worrisome; pestering, troublesome [*siki x 2*]

**siko** *v.t.* drum for war: **Ọmụ ezebi siko** Beat the war-drum.

**sikoòsíkoò** *id.* describes the way creatures such as birds swallow something like a worm with difficulty, shaking it up and down

**sikou** (= **súkou**) *n.* humped device protruding from the back of the waist of a masquerade dancer

**sikpa** *v.t.* wade, *usu.* **beni sikpá** (*less water than tíkpa*)

**sikpaá** *id.* full to the brim: **Osuo benibí ògugubọ̀ sikpaa kị emi** The rainwater has filled the pit to the brim. (>**sikpaá**)

**sikpoó** *id.* in large numbers or quantity; plentiful, abundant, quite enough [sentence example?]

**silétì** *n.* slate (for writing in primary school) [*<English slate*]

**simasimá** *id.* lessened, abated (of pain)

**simení<sup>1</sup>** (= **sumení<sup>1</sup>**) *v.i.* (*only in combination*); **díi simení** pity; **simení kọrị** be filled with pity

**simení<sup>2</sup>** (= **sumení<sup>2</sup>**) *n.* pity: **Eri simení fàá** He has no pity.

**singberí** (= **sungberí** = **singberí**) *v.t.* scratch (with the fingers); **ọngọ singberi** scratch oneself

**singbí<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* choke someone inside the water; plunge, submerge in water  
**singbí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* wart (on face of bush-pig, etc.): **ubí s̄ngb̄jama** warts of a bush-pig (*cf.* **igáli** for human being)  
**singberí** *see* **singberí**  
**síoo** *id.* describes the profuse and continuous flow of water or other liquid, streaming off a surface in heavy rain, or pouring out of a container (>**s̄íoo**)  
**siorûn** *id.* describes the feeling of emptiness one experiences due to the sudden removal of something one has been accustomed to using, such as a familiar necklace or watch  
**sipíringì** *n. (tech.)* spring; **sipíringì balansì** spring balance [*<English spring*]  
**sipírítì** *n. (tech.)* methylated spirits [*<English spirit*]  
**siribusiribú** *id.* profuse oozing of liquid, as from a cut on the skin or on a root, or tears from the eyes  
**síridi** *id.* describes something which is being dragged, such as a snake or rope  
**sirikû** *id.* intertwined (>**s̄irikû**)  
**s̄irikis̄iriki** *id.* describes restricted movement, with small paces (>**s̄irikis̄iriki**)  
**sirikp̄n** *id.* weighty; well loaded; heavy-laden  
**siroó** *id.* plentiful; abundant; in large numbers; quite enough; existing in great quantity  
**sísei** *excl.* please (*cf.* **pásisei**)  
**sísì** (=s̄ísì) *older form*) *n.* sixpence [*<English six*]  
**sisí** *v.i.* be hesitant or reluctant to move or proceed  
**sisirû** *id.* numb; without feeling; stiff through cold or by the application of drugs or native herbs to a fresh wound  
**sisirûmọ** *v.cs.* be numbed: **Dírìbì ìnọun miẹ sisirûmọdọ** The medicine has numbed the pain.  
**sísirísì** *n.* small tree with greyish bark, used for matchet wounds (*Erythrina* sp. LEGUMINOSAE-PAPILIONIOIDAE)

**sisisi<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* be reluctant to act: **Suubòò munghibi ọ miẹ s̄isisimí** The idea of going to war made him reluctant.  
**sisisi<sup>2</sup>** *id.* reluctant to act: **Suubòò munghibi s̄isisi kí n̄i ọ miẹmí** The idea of going to war made him reluctant.  
**sísò** *n. (tech.)* seesaw [*<English seesaw*]  
**sitatistiks** *n. (tech.)* statistics [*<English statistics*]  
**sitétì** *n.* state, a political community organised as a component of a federation, *e.g.* Bayelsa State of Nigeria [*<English state*]  
**siwísì** *n.* switch [*<English switch*]  
**síwisi** *v.t.* switch [*<English switch*]  
**siyàì** *id.* completely soaked, with water dripping from clothes  
**siyáì** *n.* form of abuse in which someone stresses his own large number of relatives, riches, etc., to the disadvantage of someone else (*cf.* **ofóniyáì**); **siyáì fié** abuse in this way; **siyáì miẹ** do bad; be stingy, selfish (=d̄ama)  
**siyáisiyáì** *id.* lacking (as in abuse)  
**siyàì** *id.* completely soaked, with water dripping from clothes  
**s̄iak̄i** *id.* entangled, caught by thorns, rope, etc., while walking (<**s̄iak̄i**)  
**s̄iak̄is̄iak̄i** *id.* interwoven; tangled [check this and next; does it refer to movement or state?]  
**s̄iak̄is̄iak̄i** *id.* with difficult movement, because of something “hooking” one, usually in the bush (<**s̄iak̄is̄iak̄i**)  
**s̄jankòò** *id.* lean and bony; an ugly shape of a person or animal [subdots?]  
**s̄jasjá** *id.* ha ha! (of laughter)  
**s̄jbuu** (=s̄ipuu) *adv.* exactly: **Árì kẹnì s̄jbuu dènghi yọ kọ mú timimààà?** Where exactly have you been all this time?  
**s̄jdi<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* be on the verge being rotten, as fish  
**s̄jdi<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* **A.** briefly lose consciousness, especially with newborn babies and stammerers (contrast **f̄umu**, which is for a longer period); **B.** be suffocated in fish-trap (of fish)



**sìdì**<sup>3</sup> *n.* surprise and confusion: **Wo miyeyèmi seiyemo, sìdì kị ì kọrìmí** I am very surprised at his bad behaviour.

**sìdìmó** *v.dir.* push (amulet) up the arm to make it firm: **Ederí sìdìmó** Push the armlet up the arm (to make it tight). [amulet or armlet?]

**sìdìmọ́** *v.t.* go down the wrong way and make one cough or choke (of food or drink): **Wo bou bènibi ụ sìdìmọ́mí** The water he drank made him choke.

**sìgìdì** *id.* pulled in; pinched

**sìjì** *v.t.* move with circular rubbing motion; **A.** grate; **abábùrú sìjì** grate cassava; **B.** search for lice on head with forefinger, *usu.* **tìbì sìjì**; **C.** rub (part of body) against; **konu wáa yọ sìjì** rub one's back against something

**sìjìn** *id.* continuous noise, as of insect or of rain falling: **Osuó sè sìjìn kị koroyémi** The rain is falling with a loud continuous sound.

**sìjìn** *id.* (*tech.*) high, shrill continuous sound, as of cricket at night

**sìjirí** *v.t.* (*usu.* **indí sìjirí**) score (fish, etc.) with incisions for flavouring, *usu.* **sìjirí tuá** [is this a noun form?]

**sìjiri** *v.t.* saw (with blunt instrument)

**sìka** *n.* sting-ray (*Dasyatis garouaensis* DASYATIDAE) (*cf.* **odúbèrì**)

**sìkákà** *n.* mast of ship

**sìkápà** *n.* rice [*Igbo* **òsìkápá** <*Hausa* **shínkáafá**] (=òròsì) =atangbalá-ànga)

**sìké** *v.i.* swim with breast-stroke (esp. by women)

**sìkị** *v.i., v.t.* bother, worry. **Arí sìkịgha.** I don't bother, I am not in the least worried; **bére sìkịgha** not perturbed

**sìkịrìsìkịrì** *id.* hesitating; on the turn

**sìkọ́** *id.* being fed up (with husband previously dearly loved); get tired of: **Ará sìkọ́ timi yeibi bo ni àrà ghọ sìkọ́ kị pàadọ́** She has become tired of the husband she was infatuated with (= **sìlọ́**) [*cf.* **sìkọ́, sìlọ́ and discuss**]

**sìkọ́**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* be infatuated with; **sìkọ́ yéi** husband married for love

**sìkọ́**<sup>2</sup> *v.i.* hiccup; hiccough

**sìkọ́**<sup>3</sup> *n.* hiccup; hiccough

**sìkpaa** *id.* with no more progress;

deadlocked; at a stalemate, standstill: **Wo wenì ffrimọ sẹ bó sìkpaa kị tịemì** The work he was doing has come to a standstill.

**sìkpaá** *id.* full: [sentence example?]

(=<**sìkpaá**>)

**sìlì** *n.* money; shilling; **sìlì akpa** a "bag" of money, *i.e.* 100 pounds or 200 naira; **fún sìlì** paper money; (currency) notes; (*tech.*) **sìlì ọda** money order [*<English shilling*]

(=<**okóbà, igbegí**>)

**sìlìtoru** *n.* coins [**sìlì + toru** ??]

**sìlọ́** *v.i.* be tired, fatigued, disgusted, bored (=sìkọ́)

**sìmbirí**<sup>1</sup> **A.** *v.i.* tie a knot fast; **sìmbirì kaká** tie up tightly; **B.** *v.t.* (*fig.*) bewitch: **Áràù ụ sìmbirìdọ** She has bewitched him.

**sìmbirí**<sup>2</sup> *n.* *v.i.* solid, self-confident person:

**Wónì bēi sìmbirimọ** We are the solid people (nucleus or core of a group).

**sìmèntì** *n.* cement [*<English cement*]

**sìngbaa** *id.* constant; **Wo sìngbáa tịe sunbì aládejì nì, erí koromi** Standing in one place for a long time, he fell down.

**sìngbù** (=sìngbù) *id.* slow-moving due to much weight; heavy; sluggish

(=sìnghìnìsìnghìnì)

**sìmụ** *id.* tingling; strain

**sìndẹ** *id.* hard as a result of being kept, *e.g.* boiled or roasted yam, cassava; strong and inelastic, *e.g.* hard stick of some kind: **Tụọ beribámọ sìndẹdejì nì temi kpọ zịgeighá** The cooked plantain has become so hard that it could not be smoothly pounded.

**sìndụ** *id.* painful feeling due to strain or stress

**sìngbù** *see* **sìngbù**

**sìnghìnìsìnghìnì** *id.* slow-moving due to much weight; heavy; sluggish (=sìngbù)

**sìngìdìsìngìdì** *id.* long (of speech, story, in a derogatory sense)

**sìnìnì** *id.* gushing out continuously, as blood from the veins and arteries

**sínìnìsínìnì** *id.* gushing out in jerks, as blood  
**sínsìn** *id.* insistent and shrill (of sound) *e.g.* of cricket; **déinsínsìn** sound believed to be produced by the eggs of the praying mantis in the night

**sìnyaìn** *see* **sìyaìn**

**sìnyaìndòòn** *see* **sìyaìndòòn**

**sìnyaìnsìnyaìn** *see* **sìyaìnsìyaìn**

**sìnyònsìnyòn** *see* **sìyònsìyòn**

**sìṣṣ** *id.* describes the steady leaking of water or other liquid from a pond or a container (<**síoo**)

**sípùù** (=sìbùù) *adv.* exactly: **Árì kẹ̀nì sípùù dèng̀hi yò kò mú tímimáàà?** Where exactly have you been all this time?

**sìrìdìjì** *id.* describes a slender, dark-skinned, good-looking person

**sìrìkî** *id.* intertwined (>**sìrìkî**)

**sìrìkìsìrìkì** *id.* describes restricted movement (as of person wearing tight cloth) (<**sìrìkìsìrìkì**)

**sìrìrìjì** *id.* describes standing in a straight line

**sìsì**<sup>1</sup> (=older form of **sìsì**) *n.* sixpence [*<English six*]

**Sìsì**<sup>2</sup> *n.* personal name [*<sìsì*<sup>1</sup>]

**sìsìmò** *v.i.* shuffle; move with a slow, dragging walk

**sìsìmòsìsìmò** *id.* walking hesitantly; shuffling

**sìsìsìjì**<sup>1</sup> *id.* unrelenting; unremitting; unabating

**sìsìsìjì**<sup>2</sup> *id.* reluctant: **Wo wẹ̀nì tú gbà abá, erì s̀s̀s̀s̀ k̀j̀ m̀j̀m̀j̀** When he was asked to give an account of his stewardship, he was reluctant.

**sìtálìnjì** *n.* (comm.) sterling [*<English sterling*]

**sìtámpù** *n.* stamp; (tech.) **fún fìrìmò s̀támpù** postage stamp [*<English stamp*]

**sìtòkì** *n.* (comm.) stock [*<English stock*]

**sìyaìn** (=sìnyaìn) *n.* sleep; **sìyaìn bunù** sleep: **Erì s̀yaìn bunùnìmì** He is asleep; **sìyaìn kòrì** (of sleep) overtake one: **Sìyaìn ì kòrìdò** I feel sleepy.

**sìyaìndòòn** (=sìnyaìndòòn) *n.* (tech.) sleeping sickness [*sìyaìn + dòòn sickness*]

**sìyaìnsìyaìn** (=sìnyaìnsìnyaìn) *id.* full of sleep: **Ine tọ̀rùmò s̀ s̀yaìnsìyaìn** My eyelids are weighed down with sleep.

[*sìyaìn x 2*]

**sìyònsìyòn** (=sìnyònsìnyòn) *id.* quite often; insistently; time and again: **Erì s̀yònsìyòn k̀j̀ boyémi** He keeps on coming here.

**sòdà** *n.* soda [*<English soda*]

**sòda** *v.t.* solder [*<English solder*]

**soí** *v.i.* (usu. **soí koro**) fall down

**sóí** *id.* leaping (as antelope) (>**sòjì**)

**sóisòì** *id.* continuous leaping (as by person or large animal) (>**sòjìsòjì**)

**sókajìn** *id.* standing out prominently; towering above the others in a group

**sóko** *v.i.* fish for shrimps and small fish with **ẹ̀kẹ̀rẹ̀** at the waterside; (*fig.*) frequent (a place): **Erì Èbiowéi yò kò sokoyémi** He is always at Ebiowei's place.

**sókolomusòkolomu** *id.* describes sound made by wading in water

**sókolosòkolo** *id.* describes the gait of someone tall and unbalanced

**sókoroò**<sup>1</sup> *id.* raised beyond what is normal, as a long-legged person or someone on stilts (>**sòkòròò**<sup>1</sup>)

**sókoroò**<sup>2</sup> *id.* narrowed; tapering (>**sòkòròò**<sup>2</sup>)

**sókorosòkoro** *id.* movement of a long-legged person (>**sòkòròsòkòrò**)

**sókpoo** *id.* tall; high

**sokuláà** *id.* describes s.t. that is swollen or bulging

**sokulasókula** [4] *id.* describes s.t. protruding, swelling or bulging

**sólo** *v.i.* be restless; struggle hard: **Tòbòù solo kaamì** The child is very restless: **Erì s̀èì bara k̀j̀ s̀loyémi** He is struggling very hard.

**solobáà** *id.* tall, towering (*usually abusive*); bulging, protruding; long (of finger- or toenails)

**sólokasòloka** *id.* superficial way of paddling with the paddle held too high

**sololòò** *id.* long (as of fingers and toes) (>**sòlòlòò**)

**sómà** *excl.* a call used for dogs, and insultingly for a person

**sóndia** [3] *num.* six (*qualifying form*): **sóndia namà** six animals; (*modern decimalized forms*) **sóndia oi** sixty; **sóndia ọ̀dọ̀zọ̀** six hundred [*sóndie* + *-a qualifying*]

**sóndiangayè** *n.* (*tech.*) hexagon [*sóndia* + *angá side +yé thing*]

**sóndie** *num.* six (*counting form*); **sóndie karamọ̀** sixth

**sóndu** *n.* wormhill

**soolói** (=sooleí)[5] *v.p.* be hanging (of person or object): **Erí tịn ghọ̀ sòlòinímí** He is hanging (by his hands) from a tree; **bùọ̀ sòlói** suffer from a leg deformity causing a limp [*soolói* + *-í process*]

**sooloo** *v.t.* hang up; suspend: **tún sòolo** hang up the hat

**soósòó** *id.* prominent; conspicuous; outstanding; outspoken (as of a person)

**sorobusorobú** *id.* dripping or exuding profusely, as fluid

**sss** *excl.* shoo; a sound to drive away birds and fowls

**sóu** *v.t.* dig; harvest; **buru sóu** harvest yams; **ẹ̀pẹ̀tẹ̀ sou** dig soil

**sóutolu** *n.* canal [*sóu* + *tólu*<sup>2</sup> canal]

**sóu-uge** *n.* harvest festival [*sóu* + *ugé*<sup>2</sup> festival]

**souwa** *v.i.* make noisy effort (*esp.* of fish) in water

**sóì** *id.* leaping (as duiker) (<*sói*)

**sóìn** *id.* be restless: **Egberibí ù pinmọ̀yemi nì, erí sọ̀inmì** As the story was disturbing him, he became restless.

**sóìnsọ̀in** *id.* impatient; restless due to pain or anxiety

**sóìsọ̀ì** *id.* continuous leaping (as by small person with slender legs, or duiker) (<*sóisòì*)

**sóìsọ̀ìsọ̀ì** *id.* describes someone walking with slender legs, like the jacana

**sọ̀kí** *n.* chock; wedge; **sọ̀kí tụa** put a wedge or chock against a wheel, etc. [*<English chock*]

**sọ̀kí<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* pick out (with pointed instrument): **Okokodíà sọ̀kí nì ì pírí** Pick the coconut out (of its shell) for me; (*fig.*) find out the truth; **Béi ẹ̀gberi ọ̀ sọ̀kídáaba, túu paanghimi** For this issue, he is “tapped”; the truth will out. [tapped? meaning?] (*implies a deep enquiry, probing secrets*)

**sọ̀kí<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.?* tap; pinch as when one wants to give someone secret information [sentence example?]

**sọ̀kí<sup>3</sup>** *n.* ??; **sọ̀kí tụa** fill up hole (e.g. in canoe) with soft material like putty, rag, or **ìkpọ̀tọ̀** (the rotten pith of plantain)

**sọ̀kíjì** *id.* to the very top (=sọ̀kíjì)

**sọ̀kímọ̀** *v.cs.* **A.** wedge, chock; **B.** tuck in (shirt, etc.); tighten (wrapper): **Iné ọ̀wajin bídẹ̀bì sọ̀kímọ̀** Tighten your wrapper: **Andáoweibi wò bídẹ̀ sọ̀kímọ̀ naá àbulúkù mịẹ̀mì** The wrestler tucked up his wrapper to make a wrestling kilt.

**sọ̀kíjìsọ̀kí** *id.* to the very top: **Erí tịnbi ùwou mú sọ̀kíjì ki làmì** He climbed the tree to the very top. (=sọ̀kíjì)

**sọ̀kọ̀lọ̀sọ̀kọ̀lọ̀** *id.* describes gait of someone with slender legs

**sọ̀kọ̀lọ̀busọ̀kọ̀lọ̀bu** *id.* wading in water with slender legs

**sọ̀kọ̀rọ̀rọ̀<sup>1</sup>** *id.* raised beyond what is normal, as a long-legged person with slender legs (<*sọ̀koroò<sup>1</sup>*)

**sọ̀kọ̀rọ̀rọ̀<sup>2</sup>** *id.* narrowed; tapering towards a point (as in the **után** fish-trap) (<*sọ̀koroò<sup>2</sup>*)

**sọ̀kọ̀rọ̀sọ̀kọ̀rọ̀** *id.* movement of a long-legged person (>*sọ̀koroòsọ̀koroò*)

**sọ̀kọ̀sọ̀kọ̀** *n.* musical rattle made out of cane-rope, with a calabash bottom, containing pebbles

**sọ̀kọ̀tọ̀yọ̀kọ̀tọ̀** *n.* pot-herb (*Celosia argentea* Linn. AMARANTHACEAE) [*<Yoruba sọ̀kọ̀ yọ̀kọ̀tọ̀*]

**sọ̀kọ̀pọ̀** *id.* pointed; protruding

**sọ̀kọ̀pọ̀sọ̀kọ̀pọ̀** *id.* tapering towards a point

**sọ̀lfulù** *n.* (*tech.*) sulphur [*<English sulphur*]

**sọ̀lọ̀lọ̀** *id.* long but narrow (<*sólólóò*)

**sọ̀lúsọ̀lú** *id.* insisting; persistent

**sọ̀ngbọ̀lọ̀** *id.* growing gradually smaller and thinner at one end; pointed, as of mouth; tapering

**sọ̀mọ̀un** *n.* pity; sympathy; **sọ̀mọ̀un nimí** pitiful [? or full of pity]; sympathetic; **sọ̀mọ̀un nimighá** not sympathetic; having no pity

**sọ̀mọ̀sọ̀mú** *id.* feeling nauseous; **Dụa fiyajiámà kímì mịẹ sọ̀mọ̀sọ̀mú pamí** Some foods make one feel like vomiting. [*sọ̀mú*<sup>1</sup> x 2]

**sọ̀mọ̀** *id.* straight; directly: **Woó ègberí nàa bí, erí sọ̀mọ̀ wẹ̀nì bó ni ì lamí** When he heard the story, he came straight to me.

**sọ̀mọ̀** *v.i.* be nauseated; feel an unpleasant sensation in the stomach with a tendency to vomit

**Sọ̀ndìbajì** *n.* Sunday [*<English Sunday +báì day*]

**sọ̀nghìrìn** *id.* small and dried up

**sọ̀nì<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* select better ones from a group of bad things; be selective

**sọ̀nì<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* search out; enquire into: **Béi ègberibọ̀ kímì ì sọ̀nì kúmọ̀ èé; i túu nìminghi aba, zìnjout bii** For this issue, do not enquire from me; if you want to know, ask others (*implies a more frequent, continuous way of enquiring than sọ̀kì<sup>2</sup>*).

**sọ̀nìsọ̀nì** *id.* patiently and thoroughly; in a detailed way [*sọ̀nì<sup>2</sup> x 2*]

**sọ̀nleí** *v.i.* (*used in combinations*): **sọ̀nleí sọ̀** force one's way in through a crowd; **sọ̀nleí paa** force one's way out through a crowd [*sọ̀nleí<sup>2</sup> + -í process*]

**sọ̀nọ̀mà** *num.* seven (*counting form*); **Sọ̀nọ̀mà díiye** Seven is forbidden; **sọ̀nọ̀mà karamọ̀** seventh

**sọ̀nọ̀ma** [3] *num.* seven (*qualifying form*):

**sọ̀nọ̀ma kímì** seven men; (*modern decimalized forms*) **sọ̀nọ̀ma oi** sixty; **sọ̀nọ̀ma ọ̀dọ̀zọ̀** six hundred [*sọ̀nọ̀mà + -a qualifying*]

**sọ̀nọ̀mangayè** *n.* (*tech.*) heptagon [*sọ̀nọ̀ma + angá side +yé thing*]

**sọ̀nọ̀nì** *id.* thoroughly; patiently; carefully; in a detailed way

**sọ̀nraìn** *see sọ̀raìn*

**sọ̀n** *n.* earthworm; worm (*in general*); **sọ̀n soú** dig up worms (for bait); **amá-ogbo-sọ̀n** very small earthworm in town soil, used in baiting a small line by children; **bou sọ̀n** earthworm in clay swamp soil; **olúlùlù sọ̀n** dungworm, which moves fast, is brittle, and has a red portion near the head; **pẹ̀rẹ̀ sọ̀n** “king worm”- blind wormsnake [pictures?]; (*tech.*) **éřì sọ̀n** guineaworm; threadworm; **ẹ̀fẹ̀n sọ̀n** ringworm; (*tech.*) **fúróù bọ̀lou sọ̀n** roundworm; **kířì sọ̀n** earthworm; **té̀pù sọ̀n** tapeworm

**sọ̀nlo<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* tickle; cause one to laugh by scratching the armpit with the fingers;

**sọ̀nlo kị̀ biẹ̀n** be led by the nose, *i.e.* do things only when told [discuss]

**sọ̀nlo<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* poke around inside with stick;

**gbéře sọ̀nlo** explore hole for fish with stick; **berì sọ̀nlo** scratch, clean out ear

**sọ̀nlo<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* rape, ravish, defile (under-age girl) (*cf. pénimọ̀, rape (adult)*)

**sọ̀nron** *num.* five (*counting form*); **sọ̀nron karamọ̀** fifth

**sọ̀nran** [3] *num.* five (*qualifying form*);

**sọ̀nran kímì** five people [check tone];

**sọ̀nran najrà fun** five-naira note;

(*modern decimalized forms*) **sọ̀nran oi**

fifty; **sọ̀nran oiyà kọ̀pa fun** fifty-kobo

note; **sọ̀nran ọ̀dọ̀zọ̀** five hundred [*sọ̀nron + -a qualifying*]

**sọ̀nrangayè** *n.* (*tech.*) pentagon [*sọ̀nran + angá side +yé thing*] [double vowel?]

**sọ̀rọ̀** *n.* origin; source (of lake or fishpond);

**bùy sọ̀rọ̀** source of fishpond; **dúnọ̀n**

**sọ̀rọ̀** source of lake

**sọ̀pùlù** *n.* shovel; spade [*<English shovel*]

**sọ̀raìn (=sọ̀nraìn)** *id.* tall and straight; straight and long, as neck [check meaning]

**sọ̀rọ̀rọ̀** *id.* elongated

**sọ̀sì** *n.* church [*<English church*]

**Sọ̀sìkiri** *n.* Church settlement [*sọ̀sì +kiri land*]

- sòu** *v.i.* become activated, *esp.* in the following senses: **A.** sprout, germinate, grow (of plants); **B.** come up to surface; snap at flies (of fish); **C.** (of penis) be active, *usu.* **tòṣon sòu**
- sòumọ<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* cause to be activated; make germinate; make (fishes) come to surface; **akpírì/mìjìmèjìn sòumọ** tantalize (someone) by touching throat with food (done by children); make someone's mouth water [**sòu** + **mọ** causative]
- sòumọ<sup>2</sup>** *v.dir.* grow towards: **Tìn ikemibi kiri ki sòumọyemi** The root of a plant grows downwards. [**sòu** + **mọ** directional]
- sòutọru** *n.* node of plant; **sòutọru katì** **A.** cut off shoots from the node; **B.** (*fig.*) nip in the bud; foil one's plans [**sòu** + **tọru**<sup>6</sup> germinating point]
- sòweì** *v.t.* hide; **yé sòweì** hide something
- sòweì** [5] *v.p.* hide (oneself); be hidden, concealed: **Erí sòweìnimí** He is hiding.
- sòweì-zórù** *n.* game of hide-and-seek: **Ọwọmọtẹ tẹ zorú kì zoruyémààà?** **Sòweì-zórù** What game are the children playing? Hide-and-seek. [**sòweì** + **zorú** game]
- spidómìtá** *n.* (*tech.*) speedometer (= **sáramọbara-tòmọye**) [**<English speedometer**]
- sss** *excl.* shoo!; a sound to drive away birds and fowls
- suaa<sup>1</sup>** *id.* profusely (of sweating or flow of blood): **Erí suaa kí wẹ̀nì bó nì ì pamì** He came to me sweating (or bleeding) profusely. (>**suaa**)
- suaa<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes a noisy splash
- subeí** (= **suboí** = **suboyé**) *n.* gun [**subó<sup>1</sup>** + **yé** thing] or [**suú** + **bó** come + **yé** thing] [Which is the origin?] (= **alagbá**)
- subékè** *n.* one who helps others in various ways
- subó<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* carry; (*fig.*) bear (responsibility, etc.)
- subó<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* look after (animals, fowls): **obóri subo** look after goats; **ofóni subo** look after fowls (*cf.* **gbáìjì**, which is not used for fowls)
- suboí** (= **suboyé** = **subeí**) *n.* gun [**subó<sup>1</sup>** + **yé** thing] (= **alagbá**)
- suboifìjì** *n.* gun-caps [**suboí** + **fìjì** fire] (= **asángbafìjì** = **kíapìsì**)
- suboi-obó** *n.* tubular metal part of a gun; barrel [**suboí** + **obó** pipe]
- suboitọ́n** *n.* trigger [**suboí** + **tọ́n** penis]
- suboitìjìn** *n.* timber tree (*Milicia excelsa* (Welw.) C. C. Berg, formerly *Chlorophora excelsa* MORACEAE) [**suboí** + **tìjìn** tree] (= **alagbátìn**)
- suboyé<sup>1</sup>** [Does this form exist?] (= **suboí** = **subeí**) *n.* gun [**subó<sup>1</sup>** + **yé** thing] (= **alagbá**)
- suboyé<sup>2</sup>** *n.* **A.** load; **B.** (*fig.*) responsibility [**subó<sup>1</sup>** + **yé** thing]
- suboyé<sup>3</sup>** *n.* domestic animal [**subó<sup>2</sup>** + **yé** thing]
- súgà** *n.* sugar [**<English sugar**]
- súkou** (= **síkou**) *n.* humped device protruding from the back of the waist of a masquerade dancer
- sukúlù** *n.* school [**<English school**]
- sukúlùkiri** *n.* school compound [**sukúlù** + **kiri** land]
- sukúlùwarì** *n.* school building [**sukúlù** + **warì** house]
- sulekéé** *id.* protruding (from pocket, etc.)
- suleléé** *id.* **A.** describes a running nose; **B.** describes an overhanging lower lip (>**sulẹlẹlẹ**)
- sulesulé** *id.* protruding, as of eyes (>**sulẹsulẹ**)
- sulukúù** *id.* taut (as fishing-line caught on obstacle in water)
- súlusùlu** *id.* tugging; pulling sharply and roughly: **I béi sulusùlu kpunyemi igbabì, pẹlẹngħimi** The way you are tugging roughly at this rope, it will break.
- sumení<sup>1</sup>** (= **simení<sup>1</sup>**) *v.i.* (*only in combination*); **díì sùmení** pity; **sumení kọrì** be filled with pity
- sumení<sup>2</sup>** (= **simení<sup>2</sup>**) *n.* pity: **Erí sùmení fàá** He has no pity.
- sungberí** (= **singberí**) *v.t.* scratch (with the fingers); **ongó sungberì** scratch oneself

**suó<sup>1</sup>** *n.* form; shape: **Eréma pàsuobi ebi kamèèè** The woman is very well built.  
**suó<sup>2</sup>** (=súo=soó) *n.* sky; heaven  
**Súoarau** (=Suoaráu =Soaráu) *n.f.* God, controlling the fate of people [*súo=suó<sup>2</sup> + arau female*] (= **Wóyenghi, Ayíba, Áyòú, Ogínaarau, Tèmęarau, Zibaarau**)  
**surekpeé** *id.* looking stupid; hanging down stupidly  
**surereé** *id.* describes a running nose  
**suressuré** *id.* describes a running nose or dribbling  
**súríí** (=súurúye) *n.* sponge (for washing) [*súurú + yé thing*]  
**surukusúruku** *id.* describes a tangled mass of flesh; spongy; fibrous (>**surukusúruku**)  
**surukúù<sup>1</sup>** *id.* benumbed as a result of some accident or cramp  
**surukúù<sup>2</sup>** *id.* heavy (as bag)  
**sururúù** *id.* with pointed mouth; protuberant  
**súu** [3] *v.a.* be lazy, weak; **súu kímì** weak, lazy person  
**súu** [3] *n.* laziness; weakness  
**súwei<sup>1</sup>** (=sí oi fíñi) *num.* thirty; **súwei karamọ** thirtieth: **olólo asuwei** thirty bottles [*sí twenty+ ói ten*]  
**súwei<sup>2</sup>** *n.* revenge, *usu.* in **súwei dụnụ** take revenge on behalf of a weaker person [*?súu + owéi man*]  
**suweinsúwein** *id.* distressed; sad and melancholic; depressed; sorrowful  
**suaa** *id.* profusely (of sweating or flow of blood) (<**suaa**)  
**subá** *n.* spike, spine (of fish); **indi subá** spike of fish; **suba katí** remove spike  
**sụẹẹ** *id.* trickling of a few tears  
**sụẹsụẹ** *id.* trickling of tears  
**súín** *v.p.* be straight, horizontal, well spread out; (*tech.*) **súín ìgbalì** horizontal line [*sún stretch+-í process*] ?  
**súla** *v.t.* scratch in fighting, *usu.* **ọngọ súla**  
**súlajisúlaj** *id.* untidy skin or face; describes rough untidy writing or a tattooed face or body  
**sulalî** *id.* elastic; tensile

**súlasùla** *id.* worrying unnecessarily  
**sulẹlẹẹ** *id.* **A.** describes a running nose; **B.** describes an overhanging lower lip (<**suleleé**)  
**sulẹsulẹ** *id.* protruding, as of eyes (<**sulesulé**)  
**sụmịnịsụmịnị** *id.* pathetic; looking sorrowful  
**sún<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* stretch; straighten; **ọngọ sụn** stretch oneself; **apíemọ lẹlị sụn** straighten out the cane-ropes; **kpún sụn** pull straight; (**dụwẹj**) **sụn** (of corpse) lie in state  
**sún<sup>2</sup>** *v.acc.* be together with: **Ọ mọmọ sụn wẹnị** Move/go about with them.  
**sún<sup>3</sup>** *n.* bar (of soap), *usu.* **ẹsẹn sụn**  
**sún<sup>4</sup>** *n.* length of time: **Apó! béi sụn sẹ mánì ìné ẹrigha** Oh! (I) haven't seen you for such a long time: **Béi ìné ẹrigha sụn!** How long it is since I saw you: **I béi yè miẹ sụn aládo** You have been doing this thing for a long time. [Can this word be pronounced alone to get its real tone?]  
**súnmọ** *v.cs.* cause to be stretched, straightened  
**sunsunsụún** *id.* mild, warming heat as that from the sun, *esp.* in the morning hours, or late in the day in cold weather  
**súnunụụ** *id.* long (of speech, story) (*descriptive, not abusive*)  
**sụọ** [1] *dem.* that, such a (*applied only to people*); **sụọ aráu** that/such a woman/girl; **sụọ bọọ** that/such a person; **sụọ owéi** that/such a man/boy (*cf. anị*)  
**súọ<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** enter; come in: **Súọ ò!** Come in!; **súọ bo** come in; **B.** open; begin: **Fọụ sụọdo** The market is open; **C.** lodge, *usu.* **wárij sụọ; sụọ koro** come to stay with someone; **D.** live with husband, *usu.* **yei biri sụọ; E.** enter on relationship; become: **ará tọbọụ sụọ** become her child; **kẹnị ghọ sụọ** come together; sleep together; have sexual intercourse; **sụọ nì ẹrị** agree with; concur; see eye to eye with; **F.** (of goal) be scored (*lit.* 'enter goal'): **Kẹnị gólù má sụọdo** Another goal has been scored; **G.** hold (meeting): **Ọmịnị bìyaj sụọdo** They have held a meeting; **H.** *v.loc.* injure, attack (part

of body): **Ogidi ará buọ ghọ sụomị** The matchet injured her foot: **Inọun àrá bara ghọ sụomị** A sore developed on her arm; **I. v.acc.** accompany: **Erí ò mọmọ sụọ múmí** He accompanied them: **J. join** (others) in (used in many combinations): **sụọ bii** join in asking; **sụọ dīí** join in looking; **sụọ òdụ** join in seeking; **sụọ fī** join in eating; **sụọ mịẹ** join in working; **sụọ mu** join in going; **sụọ nàá** join in hearing; **sụọ paa** join in suffering; **sụọ sẹlẹ** join in choosing; **sụọ seì** join in dancing; **sụọ sùú** join in fighting; **sụọ tịẹ** **A.** join in standing; **B.** scold: **Erí ù mọmọ sụọ tịẹmị** He scolded (and even beat) him; **sụọ tọn** join in thinking, planning; **sụọ tun** join in singing; **sụọ wenì** join in walking, working; **sụọ zòrú** join in playing

**sụọ<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* get (profit); gain; **sụọ fàá** lose; **sụọ fà paséntì** loss percent; **sụọ paséntì** gain percent; **arere sụọ** make a profit: **Fọbì àrere sụomị** The trade made a profit.

**sụọ<sup>3</sup>** *v.i.* rise (of tide, flood); get full of water: **Séri sụodọ** The tide is up: **Adimọọ sụodọ** The water has entered the channels

**sụọ<sup>4</sup>** *v.t.* backbite; speak ill of: **Oró ì sụọ tími ni, i bo ni o kọrìdọ** As you were speaking ill of me, I've caught you.

**sụọbajì** (=yésụọbajì) *n.* day when everything goes well for one, beyond expectation [**sụọ<sup>2</sup> + báì day**]

**sụọbeni** *n.* high tide [**sụọ<sup>3</sup> + benì water**]

**sụọfayọọ** *n.* (tech.) loss per cent [**sụọ<sup>2</sup> + faá lose + yọ place**]

**Sụọkiri** *n.* male personal name [**sụọ<sup>1</sup> join + kírì place**]

**sụọmẹin** [5] *v.dir.p.* [or reciprocal?] accompany; join: **Erí ò sụọmẹindọ** He has joined them; **sụọmẹin koro** settle down with; stay with (e.g. in fishing camp): **Erí ò sụọmẹin korodọ** He has settled down among them.

**sụọmẹinsụọmẹin** *id.* accompanying (circumstances): **Sụọmẹinsụọmẹin yeama ki ì mịẹ mọbì èmi** So many things made me

to be so (*i.e.* not rich, because of family responsibilities).

**sụọmọ** *v.dir.* approach: **ù sụọmọ** (You) approach him.

**Sụọyaji** *n.* traditional lunar month, roughly corresponding to mid-August to mid-September, the time when all channels are flooded

**sụọyọ<sup>1</sup>** *n.* lodging-place [**sụọ<sup>1</sup> + yọ place**]

**sụọyọ<sup>2</sup>** *n.* profit; gain [**sụọ<sup>2</sup> + yọ place**]

**sùrẹrẹ** *id.* looking sorrowful, poor and preoccupied; badly dressed

**sùrẹrẹsùrẹrẹ** *id.* walking sorrowfully (= **enèni-èneni**)

**sùrẹsùrẹ** *id.* with tattered clothes

**sùrìjì<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.p.* fade when washed (of cloth) [**sùrù wash + -ì process**]

**sùrìjì<sup>2</sup>** [5] *v.i.* emerge from poverty to a better standard of living

**sùrìjì<sup>3</sup>** [5] *v.i.* **A.** become reduced through weathering till only the hard part remains; **B.** become bald: **Wo tìbì sùrìjìdọ** He has become bald.

**sùrù** *v.t.* mark out the boundary between two farm portions; delimit, demarcate; **kírì sùrù igba** rope used for the demarcation

**sùrùkùsùrùkù<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes a tangled mass of flesh; spongy; fibrous (<**surukusùruku**)

**sùrùkùsùrùkù<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes a securely tied knot

**sùrùkùù** *id.* tight, closely drawn, as of badly-fitting undersized dress, *esp.* of upper dress which is too small for wearer

**sùù<sup>1</sup>** *v.acc.* fight

**sùù<sup>2</sup>** *n.* fight; war; conflict; strife; **sùù ká bìo bẹlẹ** an aggressive person; one who takes delight in making or brewing trouble; be trigger-happy [discuss]; **sùù kọrì** separate two people who are fighting; **báma sùù** unending war; **báyajì sùù** feud which continues indefinitely; **fúru sùù = kpálì sùù** guerrilla warfare; **ninibara sùù** guerilla warfare; **Iné ki bụmọun sùù** It is endurance that counts in a fight on a sandbank.

**sụụ-arụ** *n.* war canoe [*sụụ*<sup>2</sup> + *arụ* canoe]  
**sụụbení** *n.* war-dress [*sụụ*<sup>2</sup> + *bení* dress]  
**sụụboú** *n.* battle-field [*sụụ*<sup>2</sup> + *boú* bush]  
**sụụbụrọ** *n.* war-front; theatre of war [*sụụ*<sup>2</sup> + *bụrọ* hearth]  
**sụụkímí** *n.* soldier [*sụụ*<sup>2</sup> + *kímí* person]  
**sụụkọrìbó** *n.* one who separates a fight:  
**Sụụkọrìbó kẹ̀nì umbolo** One who separates a fight can be injured (and cannot fight back). [*sụụ*<sup>2</sup> + *kọrì* hold + *bọ* person]  
**sụụn** *v.i.* be acceptable; be presentable; taste good (of meat or something savoury)  
**sụụrụ** *v.t.* **A.** wash (body, container, etc., but not cloth: *cf.* **pọ́**); **ivín sụụrụ** wash cracked palm-kernels to separate shells from kernels; (**ọngó**) **gẹgẹ sụụrụ** give one's self a quick wash, a lick and a promise; **B.** wash away, down: **Ọdụmọ mu ni ògbó sụụrụmì** The waves wash down the bank.  
**sụụrụye** (= **súrí**) *n.* sponge for washing plates [*sụụrụ* + *yé* thing]  
**sụụtẹmẹ** *n.* spirit of war [*sụụ*<sup>2</sup> + *tẹmẹ* spirit]

## T

**tá** (= **táa**) *excl.* hush! (exclamation of rebuke)  
**-tá** *see* -**dá**  
**ta(á)** *n.f.* wife; **taa mó yèi mó** husband and wife (lit. wife and husband); **ta sụ́** become a wife  
**táaàn** *id.* describes an aimless movement, as of a stranger in a strange land; wandering about  
**táalataàala** *id.* describes a state of insufficiency; too little, as of food or work  
**táantàantáan** *id.* describes a person walking unsteadily, as if disoriented  
**táarụ** *num.* three (*counting form*); **táarụ karamọ** third; **táarụ ghọ pùí** split into three (of road)  
**táa tị!** *excl.* don't fall! stay on your feet!  
**táa tụa**<sup>1</sup> *excl.* exclamation to hush, encourage or hearten somebody: **Táa tua! ámà, kóro kumọ ò!** Look out! (you woman), don't fall!

**táa tụa**<sup>2</sup> *excl.* shoo! (*call to drive away animals*)  
**tába**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* lick (with finger, *cf.* **mẹlì**); eat (orange, banana); **fùlọ taba** "lick" soup; eat soup with finger; **oyobá tábá** eat banana [check if tone class 2 or 3]  
**tába**<sup>2</sup> *v.t.* flower, *usu.* as in **ifolifo tabá** flower (of certain crops, such as okra or groundnuts) (= **ifolifo tụa**)  
**tabaj** *v.t.* receive someone enthusiastically:  
**Erí wò ikiaòwei tabaj nì akímì** He received his friend enthusiastically.  
**tábèí** (= **tábaye**) *n.* honey [*tába*<sup>1</sup> + *yé* thing] (= **bọ̀ùn**)  
**tabiyaa** *id.* unseasoned; unpalatable; not tasty due to lack of salt and pepper  
**taboloo** *id.* tasteless (lacking salt or sugar): **Fùlọ sẹ taboloo; fùụ kpọ fà** The soup is not tasty; it has no salt.  
**tabú** *v.t.* **A.** put, immerse, in water: **Indibí àkì bení tábụ** Immerse the fish in the water; **B.** dye: **Kọromọ tábụ** Dye the raffia.  
**tabụ-abábùru** *n.* tapioca [*tabú* + *abábùru* cassava]  
**tabụbení** *n.* colour; dye [*tabú* + *bení* water]  
**tafiyaan**<sup>1</sup> *id.* plumping lightly in water; splashing  
**tafiyaan**<sup>2</sup> *id.* describes unpalatable food, fish, etc., without relish (fish, meat, etc.): **Igínábèni tafiyaan kí èmì** The pepper soup doesn't have enough fish/meat, it's too watery.  
**taj** (= **taí**) keep still and quiet: **Taj mó tímì, ẹrẹ kumọ timi, ine boó ifiye laa** Stay still, don't talk till I come back (teacher to class) (*cf.* **kpain**, which only means not talking).  
**táimtebùlu** *n.* multiplication table [*<English times table*]  
**taín** [5] *v.p.* flock; congregate: **Kímimọ taín bodọ** The people have congregated here; **taín paa** come out in large numbers [*tán*<sup>1</sup> + *-í* process ]  
**taíndítàíndí** (= **taíndítàíndí**) *n.* **A.** drum rhythm used by older people in **egelé** (processional dance), and formerly by both



old and young on the wrestling field; **B.** onomatopoeic name of drum type (=kpangbúkpaṅgbú)

**tajnmó** *v.t.* put pot on fire; *usu.* **béle tajnmó**

**takaláà** *id.* describes an unbalanced posture of a tall person (<**takaléè**, **tákalij**)

**tákalaà** *id.* describes an unbalanced thing placed on another thing

**takalî** *id.* describes a tall, almost overhanging, thin, unbalanced person standing (> **takaláà**)

**tákalij** *id.* suspended precariously, like a small bunch of palm-nuts

**takataká** *id.* speedy, rapid, as of rising water or flood, or of the fast running of people or moving of a canoe or ship

**tákatàka** *id.* tottering, of a newly walking child

**tákalatàkala** *id.* movement of an unbalanced person: **Áràù takalatàkala wẹ̀nì bómi** She came walking in an unbalanced way, as if on her toes (implying thin, badly shaped legs, almost bending inwards, too tall)

**takelèè** *id.* tottering; on the point of falling (*cf.* **tangelèè**) [> **takaláà**]

**tákì** *n.* pole (bamboo or stick) for carrying palm-bunch, plantain bunch, etc., over one shoulder

**tákì<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* carry slung on pole over shoulder: **Lìj beinmò takì** Carry the bunches of palm-fruit on a pole over your shoulder.

**tákì<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* remove lump of food from pot with spike or ladle; remove millipede with a stick, *usu.* **osìmi takì**

**tákì<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* tie cloth in a special way, as by old men during labour; **ingbí tàkì** hook up the testicles with part of the cloth which is already tied to the waist

**takìtakì** *id.* **A.** scattered: **Tìnmọ̀ yọ̀bọ̀ takìtakì kì sọ̀nimí** The trees are growing here and there; **B.** petty: **Béi takìtakì egberimọ̀ ghọ̀ bárasin** Leave these petty matters.

**tákpetàkpe** *id.* staggering, as a drunken man (*cf.* **tálakpetàlakpe**)

**takpọ̀lọ̀** *id.* describes a shape in which the upper part is disproportionately bigger than the lower part

**tála** *n.* tree (*Sacoglottis gabonensis* (Baill.) Urb. HUMIRIACEAE) whose timber is used for canoes and for building; the heartwood is used to carve axe-handles; it has an edible fruit used as chewing gum (**ikábukabù**); its bark is used to flavour palm wine, cure malaria and stimulate the penis; **erétala** type which has **ikábukabù**; **kiritálá** another type: **Tála kpukpui bẹ̀ri ghọ̀ tųaghá** said when someone refuses to listen (lit. 'One cannot drum **tála** into the ear').

**talaítalaj** *id.* spread about, scattered about

**tálakatalaka** *id.* describes a tottering walk on slippery or uneven ground, as if about to fall

**talakítalakì** *id.* standing aloof; standing in scattered groups

**tálakpetàlakpe** *id.* describes walking on undulating ground in a hurry (*cf.* **tákpetàkpe**)

**táleketàleke** *id.* describes unbalanced movement

**táma<sup>1</sup>** *n.* body-hair (excluding that of armpit and the pubic hair, which is **iwírí**) (*cf.* **dúma**)

**táma<sup>2</sup>** (=tẹ̀mẹ̀) *n.* morale; mental state as regards courage, confidence and discipline: **Béingbàì ine tamá sẹ̀righá** My morale is low today; **Ọngọ̀ tama sẹ̀righá** My morale is low.

**tamamáà** *id.* surprising: **tamamáà egberi** surprising story

**tamanaín** *v.i.* guess: **I nìmi kágha, ì tamanajin kì tamanajin gbáyemi** I'm not sure, I'm just guessing.

**tamanajinyé** *n.* (*tech.*) hypothesis [**tamanaín** + *yé thing*]

**Támarau** *n.* God (assimilated form of **Tẹ̀mẹ̀arau**)

**tamarin** *n.* a four-cornered wooden drum formerly used in the **asuko** dance [*<English tambourine*] (=tandí (èze))

**tamátòsi** (=tomátòsi) *n.* tomato(es) [*<English tomatoes*]

**táma-tuagha-èke** *n.* petty thief (*lit.* ‘a rat without hair’) [*táma*<sup>1</sup> + *tuagha* not putting + *ekeé* rat]

**támì** (=támù) *n.* (school) term; (*math.*) term [*<English term*]

**támù** [3] *n.* downstream, (*hence*) south; **támù angà/támù dùyù** southern side; **támù kundùn** southern end (*opp.* **túbùrù**)

**támù-angà-otu** people who live to the south, or downstream [*támù* + *angá*<sup>1</sup> live + *otu* people]

**támùtamù** *id.* to the south [*támù x 2*]

**tán**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* collect, gather (small objects); **ẹgbenẹ taán** collect “bush-mango” fruits

**tán**<sup>2</sup> *v.t.* trip up (of feet); **bùọ tan** trip and get off feet. It is a wrestling trick in which one catches the opponent’s legs and thus causes him/her to stumble or fall.

**taná** *n.* **A.** raised bamboo drying rack (for cocoa, kernels, etc.) outside house; **tana serí** make, build a **taná**; **B.** long seat of lengths of trimmed bamboo or old plank of canoe, set under shady tree for public use; **C.** shelf; **D.** bridge

**tanaín** [5] *v.i.* spread; creep (*e.g.* of plants)

**tanaíntúo** *n.* a creeping herb (*Ipomoea aquatica* Forsk. CONVOLVULACEAE) [*tanaín* + *túo* herb] [Or is this a general term?] [Is it the same as **eméin-fi-tuo**?]

**tandí** (èze) *n.* a four-cornered wooden drum used in the **asuko** dance (an ideophonic name describing the sound) (=tamarin)

**tángbei** *v.t.* **A.** throw away; **B.** (*fig.*) renounce: **Iné seimọ tàngbei** Renounce your evil deeds.

**tangelèè** *id.* having bad posture; disproportionate (≥ **takelèè**)

**tanií** [5] (=taniyé) *n.* snake; **tanii zùọ kìmì** someone who tries to help a dangerous person [*taní*<sup>1</sup> + *yé* thing] (= **wónii** = **dánghèin** = **seiyéé**)

**taní**<sup>1</sup> *v.i.* climb by twining (as done by climbing plants or snake); **Burú gbasá duo**

**tàni ní uwóudọ** The yam-vines have climbed up the stakes.

**taní**<sup>2</sup> *v.i.* **A.** crawl slowly (as insects, snail); **B.** walk carefully, keeping one’s balance (as of someone on edge of canoe or tree-trunk across stream)

**taní**<sup>3</sup> *v.i.* slide; slip; **imbíbile taní** slip on wet or slippery ground

**taní**<sup>4</sup> (=tóní, tónù) *v.t.* **A.** take fire from somewhere and kindle one’s own fire; strike a match; ignite, *usu.* **finí tóní**; **B.** light (lamp), *usu.* **tùkpa tóní**

**tániḅajì** *v.i.* prepare; get ready: **Ọ tánìḅajì timi yò!** Be getting ready! [*<English stand by*]

**tániḡráfù** *n.* telegram: **Wo fìḅí, ọmìní tanìḡráfù kì gbele bómèè** They sent a telegram to inform people about his death. [*<English telegraph*] (=télegìramù)

**tánmọtánmọ** *id.* haphazardly; not thoroughly done

**tanwáin** (=tawáin) *n.* brownish edible fruit from a tree (*Hexalobus crispiflorus* A. Rich. ANNONACEAE); **tanwáin tìn** the tree itself

**tanzarínì** *n.* tangerine [*<English tangerine*]

**tára** [3] *num.* three (*qualifying form*): **tára kìmì** three people

**táraangayè** *n.* (*tech.*) three-dimensional figure or shape [*tára* + *angá*<sup>2</sup> plane + *yé* thing]

**táraikoli** (=táraikoli) *n.* (*tech.*) tripod [*tára* + *ikóli* leg of pot]

**táraìkọkì** *n.* (*geom.*) triangle; **finii táraìkọkì** obtuse-angled triangle; **gbabujì táraìkọkì** acute-angled triangle; **gọmù taráìkọkì** right-angled triangle; **kenlẹẹ taráìkọkì** scalene triangle; **kìrù taráìkọkì** equilateral triangle; **maa kìrù taráìkọkì** isocetes triangle [*tára* + *ìkọkì* angle]

**Tárakirì** *n.* name of an **ibe** in Western Iẓon. They are the descendants of their great ancestor Tarakiri, one of the sons of Iẓon; **Tárakirì Egbesu** the chief deity of **Tárakirì Ibe**

**tára-kuraj-màa-owóu** *n.* normal spacing of births [*tára* + *kuraj* year + *maa* two + *owóu* children ]

**tararaan** (=tanranraan) *id.* **A.** shallow, with some water flowing, but not deep (*cf.* **tatalaa**); **B.** (*fig.*) superficially: **Fírí wènjí bara sẹ tararaan** The work was not done seriously.

**tárasí** (=tési) *num.* sixty; three score (*in traditional counting system*) [*tára* + *sí* twenty] (=sóndia oi in the modern system)

**tárasun** *n.* length (to which something is cut); **plánkumọ́ tárasun** three lengths of plank; three planks; **kabólíkà ẹsẹnmọ́ tárasun** three bars of carbohc soap [*tára* + *sún* length]

**táripai** (=táripai) *n.* head (*old usage*) (=tíbi)

**tariyetariyé** *id.* staggering

**tarí<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* love; bless

**tarí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* love; blessing; **tarí pírí** bless; give blessing

**táribaj** *a.* the same; former: **Ọrọ ikiábì táribaj bara kí ẹmi** Their friendship is still the same. [*\*tári* first + *báí* day]

**táribajbaraye** *n.* (*geom.*) translation [?]/[*táribaj* former + *bára* hand? + *yé* thing]

**táribajaye** *n.* former one; original one [*táribaj* former + *yé* thing]

**tárij kumọ́** *adv.* some time ago; before long: **Arí tarí kumọ́ bódo** I came some time ago, "I have come since": **Arí tarí kumọ́ mú ni ile ogónọ́ ladó** Before long I had reached the top of the *ileé*-tree/stack of firewood. [*\*tári* first + *kumọ́* since]

**táripai** (=táripai) *n.* head (*old usage*) (=tíbi)

**tátà** *excl.* look out! (said to someone who is about to fall)

**tataá** *id.* eager; ardent; actively enthusiastic; earnest: **Áràú ìnẹ́ẹ̀ ẹ̀rí bí, tataa kí mịẹmị** When she saw me, she welcomed me warmly (enthusiastically). [Difference from **tatataá**?]

**tatalaa** *id.* shallow, as of a lake which is silted up and has only a little stagnant water (*cf.* **tararaan**) (*opp.* **gúdugudu**)

**tatataá** *id.* welcoming someone warmly: **Erí ìnẹ́ẹ̀ ẹ̀rí bí, tatata kí mịẹmị** When he saw me, he received me very cordially.

**taú<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* dip, especially into soup, with the finger(s); **pulou taú fí** eat boiled food with oil as relish

**taú<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* paddle effortlessly

**táù** (=ítáù) *n.* grand(child): **Béimọ́ sẹ ine taúámà** All these are my grandchildren.

**táùtọ́bọ́** *n.* grandchild [*táù* + *tọ́bọ́* child]

**tawáin** (=tanwáin) *n.* brownish edible fruit from a tree (*Hexalobus crispiflorus* A. Rich. ANNONACEAE); **tanwáin tìn** the tree itself

**táwìlì** *n.* **A.** towel; **B.** tripe; organ inside the largest stomach of a ruminant, resembling a towel; "towel" [*< English towel*; *B* is *Nigerian English usage*]

**te** [1] *inter.* what?; **te tọ́rú yéè?** what kind of thing?; **te tuu kọ́** why is it?; **te tuú wà?** for what reason?; **te yé kí?** (*usu. shortened to* **tié kí?**) what?; **Tié kí ì báamààà?** What has killed you? (*question put by diviner to corpse*): **Tié kí páamà?** What has happened?; **te yọ́?** where? (*cf.* **denghi yọ́?**)

**(tebi)** *n.* (*used only in combinations*); **bou tebí** part of bush nearest town; **kíri tebí** small yam-farm

**tebí** *n.* vagina

**tébùlu** *n.* table [*< English table*]

**téeè** *id.* **A.** gliding: **Ekúlèbì téeè kí fin finyémi** The kite glides in its flight; **B.** (*fig.*) in a daze: **Kuroyé kịmị pàamejndej sẹ, ubọ́ teèe kí wẹnjyemi** When someone has a serious problem he may move about in a daze.

**teereé** *v.a.* be round, circular, and big; **teere alálà** round plate (> **teereé**)

**téetèe** *id.* moving aimlessly, unsteadily: **Uruú ù kọ́rìdẹ́ nì, erí bo teetèe kí wẹnjimị** When he was drunk, he moved about aimlessly, swaying from side to side.

**tefeleé** *id.* describes a person who is not able to conceal much, and is therefore easily flattered or tricked; simple, open, naive,

- ignorant (of person): **Erí tẹfelee kí òmí ni a pírì tẹmọ koromọmì** He was naive, so she tricked him.
- tẹgeretẹgere** *id.* describes the movement of an adult or bigger bow-legged person (>**tẹgeretẹgere**)
- tegezaá** *id.* very large in size; enormous:  
**Tegezaa, yé korodọ wo!** It has happened, an enormous problem!
- teí** *v.i.* expose; reveal; **teí bànmọ kpọ faá** with no concern; **Erí ìne egbérì naa bì, teí bànmọ kpọ faá** When he heard what happened to me, he treated it with levity; **tiri teí** expose; **ìmọlọù tiri teí** let the tongue hang out
- teí<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.t.* play; make love; frequent a place and spend time there; **dóo tèì, fúa tèì, ọgọ tèì, yábì tèì** tease and banter (of near male and female in-laws among themselves; have joking relationship among male and female in-laws)
- teí<sup>2</sup>** [3] *n.* play
- teíaràù** *n.* girlfriend; lover [**teí** + **aràù** *female*]
- teín<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* shoot; hunt; **atángbà tein** injure by magically 'shooting' the victim; inject poison from one's own body into someone else's body; **bou teín** **A.** hunt for game; **B.** be poisoned by the bush (believed to be done by some evil spirits, such as **osúowèì**)
- teín<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* play (game that involves pieces, *e.g.* tops, draughts)
- teín<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* sting (of bee, ant, etc.); shock, as electricity or electric fish; cause to itch (of poisoned water, grass, fresh yam peelings, etc.): **Túomọ ìne ọngọ tèinmi** The grass is making me itch; **ogbóru tèin** be in a quarrelsome mood
- teín<sup>4</sup>** *v.t.* mottle; spot; **toru tein** mark with chalk: **Óru seì erema tòru teinyémi** The woman dancing for a deity is putting spots on her body with chalk; **tein yọwéì** paddle decorated with dots of different colours; **ẹdùlẹ (=ọdìlẹ) toru tein** apply native chalk of different colours mixed with water to a deceased person customarily and ceremoniously, as formerly done at Kaiama for those whose totem is leopard
- teín<sup>5</sup>** *n.* (in tops) a set of three pieces
- tein-á-suogha** *n.* name of a medicine which protects the owner from gunshots [**teín<sup>1</sup>** + **ya** when + **súogha** does not enter; *i.e.* when shot, doesn't enter]
- tein-leléì** *n.* (*geom.*) point; ; **ìgbalì ghọ emí tèin-leleiamá** collinear points; **ìgbalì ghọ fà tein-lélèiamá** non-collinear points [**teín<sup>1</sup>** + **leléì** sign]
- tein-owéì<sup>1</sup>** *n.* social wasp [any better identification?] [**teín<sup>3</sup>** + **owéì** man]
- tein-owéì<sup>2</sup>** *n.* one who shoots [**teín<sup>1</sup>** + **owéì** man]
- teintuó** *n.* herb (*Diodia scandens* Sw. RUBIACEAE) [**teín<sup>3</sup>** + **túo** herb]
- teí-owèì** *n.* boyfriend; lover [**teí** + **owéì** man]
- téitọbọù** *n.* child born without payment of bride-price; love-child (= **agbaj tọbọù**) [**teí** + **tọbọù** child]
- tékele** *v.t.* raise up above ground; hang (as cloth): **Akpaá tèkele** Carry the bag in the hand; **búọ tekele wenì** walk on tiptoe
- tekelèè** *id.* disproportionate, with the upper body bigger than the lower (>**tékelèè**)
- tékelepanì** *n.* bucket [**tékele** + **pánì** container]
- tékeneè** *id.* firm and well-built, as of person or canoe: **Ufoumọ sẹ tékeneè** The calves are fine and fleshy (but not too fat) (>**tékeṅẹẹ**)
- teketeké** *id.* unsteadily, as a toddler: **Erí ìne ẹrì bì, teketeke kí bànghì bómi** When he saw me, he came running unsteadily towards me.
- téketèke** *id.* tottering, as a newly walking child
- tekpeé** *id.* top-heavy with big head
- téketèkpe** *id.* walking swaying from side to side; (*fig.*) without any decisive opinion; having no opinion of one's own
- tekuú** *id.* well-shaped; bulky; well-balanced

**telefómù** *n.* **A.** telephone; **B.** rumour-monger; one who gossips; tale-bearer [*<English telephone*] (=telefónù)

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**télegiramù** *n.* telegram [*<English telegram*] (=tánìgráfù)

**tengbelee** *id.* with a big swelling or distension (>tengbelee)

**temí** *v.t.* pound; **díri temi** pound medicine; **utàrà̀n temi** pound fufu

**témi<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* stab; pierce; prick; inject

**témi<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* “hint”, drop a hint to someone so that he can investigate the full story: **I mu ní ù temi wónìmí, ìndaá nàá ye nagha** I went to “hint” him, but I have not yet heard anything from him.

**témiye** [4] *n.* spike (= **ùndùdù**) [*témi<sup>1</sup> + yé thing*]

**tenghetenghé** *id.* jelly-like (of large object) (>tenghetenghé)

**tépù** *n.* (measuring-)tape; (*tech.*) **tépù sọ̀n** tapeworm [*<English tape*]

**terí** *v.t.* **A.** cover; close: **bẹ̀lẹ̀ tèrì** cover the pot; **wáribọ̀ teri** close the door; **buru teri** germinate yams on the ground by covering them with mown grass; **lìjì teri** **A.** cover a palm bunch carefully on top of the palm tree to prevent it from dropping any of its ripe fruits to attract other palm cutters (=lìjì **ònyoma**); **B.** cover smoked or sun-dried palm-fruits in the **akpórogù** with plantain leaves to soften them through fermenting. This was the method used before boiling was introduced. After the palm fruits so softened have been crushed with the feet and enough boiling water has been added, the paste is covered again to allow the oil to drip off; **terighá èlemulemu beni** uncovered well-water; **B.** crown: **Ọ̀rọ̀ amánanaowei tun nì u teridó** They have crowned him (with a king’s crown).

**teribìbì** *n.* cover [*terí + bìbì mouth*]

**terií** [5] *v.p.* be closed; cover (place) thickly (as yam vines): **Buru kirí tèrìidọ̀** The yam farm is thriving. [*terí + í process*]

**teriíyè** *n.* shelter (e.g. umbrella, mat) [*terií + yé thing*] [or **teriyé?**]

**terimọ̀** *v.dir.* cover up (moving something with the hands): **Ọ̀tọ̀kọ̀ naá b̀urumọ̀ tèrimọ̀** Cover the yams with earth. [*terí + -mọ̀ directional*]

**terínìmíkùtu** *n.* (*geom.*) closed shape [*terí + -nìmì present state + kùtu piece*]

**tési** (=tárasì) *num.* sixty; three score (*in traditional counting system*) [*tára + sù twenty*] (=modern **sóndia oi**)

**tesíí** *v.i.* be flattened (as of head of a person); **tesíínìmí tìbì** flattened head: **Wo tìbìbì tèsì kí èmi** His head is flattened.

**tétete** *id.* describes a bright moonlit night

**teuu** (=teuú=teu=teú) *id.* not too high or low; average: **Wárij ùtu sẹ̀ teu kí èmi** The roof of the house is not too low. (>teuu)

**tẹ̀ẹ̀<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* beg; implore; pray [?tone class]

**tẹ̀ẹ̀<sup>2</sup>** *n.* prayer [Check tone class]

**tẹ̀ẹ̀rẹ̀** *v.a.* be round, circular, and not too big (<teereé)

**tẹ̀ẹ̀rùtẹ̀ẹ̀rù** *id.* describes the movement of a short or dwarfish bow-legged person, or of an ordinary small child

**tẹ̀ẹ̀tẹ̀** *excl.* expression urging a small child to try and walk, or calling on a child to toddle, usually followed by a song: **Okirikà b́oyemò! Tẹ̀ẹ̀tẹ̀ẹ̀ẹ̀!** Cold is coming! Walk!

**tẹ̀fẹ̀lẹ̀** *id.* very light; weightless

**tẹ̀gẹ̀rẹ̀** *id.* small and circular; also describes a short person with bow legs

**tẹ̀gẹ̀rẹ̀tẹ̀gẹ̀rẹ̀** *id.* describes the movement of a short bow-legged person or a child (>tẹ̀gẹ̀rẹ̀tẹ̀gẹ̀rẹ̀)

**tẹ̀jì<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* **A.** escape; be free: **Tẹ̀jì erema èbì na fì dẹ̀nghìmì** The woman who runs away is better than the one who dies in your house; **B.** be declared not guilty

**-tẹ̀jì<sup>2</sup>** (=dẹ̀jì) (*older form of -dẹ̀jì*) *t.m.* form of **-dọ̀** used in middle of sentence: **Ìkjan**

**kuntéjì kị yémọ sẹ fatóú** It is when sacrifice has been made that problems will end.

**téjìn<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.i.* drift with current; flow; glide;  
**Téjìn arù nìmi kọrì káamì** A canoe that is adrift is usually found by a person who is familiar with its owner (traditionally, one shilling per seat is normally paid for rescue of a drifting canoe, but one doesn't exact payment from a person one knows well);  
**téjìn daa** angle; fish with hook and line, especially for **ain**, while floating in canoe, holding the rod with the right hand, paddling with the left; **téjìngha bèni** stagnant water;  
**ẹdẹlẹ téjìn** float about uncared for, as a canoe

**Téjìn<sup>2</sup>** *n.* the headquarters of **Bíseni ibe** in Northern Iẓon

**téjìnmo<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* cause to drift; fish with a big **ẹkẹrẹ** as in **tẹjẹ**; **dúú téjìnmo** fish with a floating net [**téjìn<sup>1</sup>** + **-mọ** causative]

**téjìnmo<sup>2</sup>** *v.dir.* drift or float towards: **Alalábi téjìnmo bó** Float the plate towards me (traders moving by canoe can put a plate of food on the water gently to float down to someone at the other end of the canoe).  
 [**téjìn<sup>1</sup>** + **-mọ** directional]

**téjìnmo<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* let (nose) run: **Níni téjìnmo kúmọ ẹẹ** Don't let your nose run.

**téjìnmo<sup>4</sup>** *n.* (usu. **téjìnmo (páa)**) a style of women's blouse with a loose open neck

**téjìnmoḍeì** *n.* rectangular frame triggered baited floating hook; floating snaphook  
 [**téjìnmo<sup>1</sup>** + **déi** hook]

**téjìnmoḍù** *n.* floating net [**téjìnmo<sup>1</sup>** + **dúú** net]

**tékekẹ** *id.* aloft; high up; upward: **Ine warì-útùbi tékekẹ nì aréibi dèngħimì** My roof is higher than hers: (*fig.*) **Ine egbérìbi tékekẹ nì woí dèngħimì** My story surpasses his own.

**tẹkẹjì** *v.i.* act quietly, gently; be at rest; remain without work; be idle: **Lẹjì tẹkẹjì timí** Be calm: **I béi tẹkẹjì nì emi barabì ebighá** It is not good for you to be idle like this: **A tẹkẹjìnimí yà?** Is she getting on well? (*e.g.* with husband, or in sickness)

**tẹkẹlẹẹ** *id.* disproportionate, with the upper body bigger than the lower (<**tekeléè**)

**tẹkẹneẹ** *id.* small and well-built, as of a small well-built canoe floating on the water (<**tékeneè**)

**tẹkpẹmọ** *v.i.* pet; comfort; coax: **Izájì sùọ tọbọbì tẹkpẹmọ kị tẹkpẹmọyémì** It is usual to pet a child who is suffering from yaws: **Yéé ỳ tẹkpẹmọ timi mìnñdẹjì kọọ erí bo ni arubọọ bíyọumì** I had to coax him for a long time before he got into the canoe.

**tẹkpẹrẹẹ** *id.* floating motionless, as a canoe on the river; (*fig.*) sitting idly

**tẹlẹkịsì** *n.* (*tech.*) telex [*<English telex*]

**tẹlẹsìkọpu** *n.* (*tech.*) telescope [*<English telescope*]

**tẹlívìsìonì** *n.* (*tech.*) television [*<English television*]

**tẹmẹ<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** create: **Wóyenghi kị wo tẹmẹmì** It is God who created us; **B.** mould; form; shape; manufacture; mint (coin) : **Arí ẹpẹtẹ kìmì tẹmẹtọ** I have moulded a clay man; **C.** fabricate, make up (story): **Kìmì ẹgberì tẹmẹ kúmọ, páa bara kị dii gbá** Don't make up a story, state it as it happened.

**tẹmẹ<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* (often **dúwẹjì tẹmẹ**) honour the dead by shooting guns, dancing and telling stories after the deceased has been buried: **Erí dàụ tẹmẹyémì** He is honouring his dead father.

**tẹmẹ<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* appease (for sexual offence); **bu tẹmẹ** perform a ceremony as a peace sacrifice for the bush when any male and female human beings have sexual intercourse in the bush where fowls (cock and hen) are absent (the bush is desecrated if a couple have sexual intercourse in the bush without having a cock and hen with them); **kiri tẹmẹ** perform a ceremony to appease the earth when sexual intercourse is done on the bare ground

**tẹmẹ<sup>4</sup>** *n.* **A.** shadow: **Tọbọbì wò tẹmẹbì ọwẹjì bangħimì** The boy ran away from his shadow in fear; **B.** (*tech.*) [*or general?*] reflection; image; silhouette; **tẹmẹ mịẹ paamọ** reflect (as mirror); **C.** spirit; ghost;

apparition: **Eri b̀ou gh̀o k̀im̀i t̀em̀e ẹ̀rim̀i**  
He saw a ghost in the bush; **t̀em̀e bi war̀i**  
the house where a girl's soul desires to be  
circumcised or a person who is sick wishes  
to be; **t̀em̀e biye** what one's spirit demands,  
i.e. things that should be done before  
circumcision or delivery, etc., as revealed by  
divination

**t̀em̀e dùd̀u k̀or̀i** **A.** embrace and welcome  
someone, usually a dear person, such as a  
member of the family (lit. 'let souls hold  
each other'); **B.** drink together as a sign of  
re-union of souls; **t̀em̀e ọ̀foin** death-  
conscious; mindful of death; **k̀im̀i t̀em̀e**  
person's ghost/spirit

**T̀em̀e arau** *n.f.* God ('she who creates'); (= **Ẁoyenghi, Aỳiba, Aỳòù, Og̀ina arau, S̀úo arau /Soar̀au Ziba arau**) [**t̀em̀e**<sup>1</sup> + **- arau** female agent]

**t̀em̀edii** (= **t̀em̀ediye**) *n.* mirror

**t̀em̀ediye** (= **t̀em̀edii**) *n.* mirror [**t̀em̀e**<sup>4b</sup> + **di**  
look at + **yé** thing]

**t̀em̀et̀onmoye** *n.* model [**t̀em̀e**<sup>4b</sup> + **t̀onm̀o**  
compare + **yé** thing]

**t̀em̀esuo** *n.* collective spirit of a social entity,  
expressed in a formal praise-title (*i.e. the*  
*'spirit-form' that envelopes the group*);

**amát̀em̀esuo** collective spirit of a town,  
expressed in its formal praise-title;

**b̀irit̀em̀esuo** collective spirit of a quarter,  
ward, expressed in its formal praise-title;

**ibet̀em̀esúo** collective spirit of an **ibéé** or  
'clan', expressed in its formal praise-title  
[**t̀em̀e**<sup>4c</sup> + **suó** form]

**t̀em̀ez̀uoye** *n.* salvation [**t̀em̀e**<sup>4c</sup> + **z̀uó** save +  
**yé** thing]

**tengb̀ełe** *id.* with a swelling or distension  
(>**tengbelee**)

**t̀em̀ut̀em̀u** *id.* describes the slow movement  
of a fat person; waddling

**təńe** *n.* thigh, lap (of body); **təńe b̀oum̀o** an  
initiation ceremony into manhood when a  
boy cuts his first palm-bunch; **təńe fam̀u**  
(*fig.*) fabricate a story (*lit.* 'slap thigh'); **təńe**  
**sej́** become nervous while climbing a palm

tree, as of beginners and those who have not  
been climbing for a long time

**tengh̀etengh̀e** *id.* jelly-like (of small object)  
(<**tenghetengh̀e**)

**t̀ere**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* **A.** heave up; carry (heavy object) in  
hands for short distance; **B.** support: **Utu**  
**t̀inm̀o k̀i utuú t̀ere ẁonim̀i** It is the major  
house-posts that are holding up the roof.

**t̀ere**<sup>2</sup> *v.t.* love very dearly: **Eri à t̀ere k̀i ǹi a**  
**t̀ere ẁonim̀i** He loves her very dearly.

**t̀ere**<sup>3</sup> *n.* deep affection: **Tamaá t̀ere k̀o ẹ̀m̀i**  
His wife is (held) in deep affection.

**t̀ereyaji** *n.* palm-leaf supporting the bunch;  
(*fig.*) (of woman) buttocks; rump [**t̀ere**<sup>1</sup> + **-**  
**yaji** things]

**t̀ere-yèi, t̀ere-t̀aa-yari** *n.* children's game in  
which a boy is borne by his playmates to his  
play-wife [**t̀ere**<sup>2</sup> + **yèi** husband + **t̀ere**<sup>2</sup> + **taá**  
wife + **yari** send]

**t̀eru** *id.* describes a very high flood: **Bowe**  
**beni s̀e t̀eru k̀i ẹ̀m̀i** The flood is very  
high; (of container) full to the brim

**təs̀ij́** *id.* dwarfish; low in height

**t̀et̀eb̀ur̀e** (= **èt̀et̀eb̀ur̀e**) *n.* Laughing Dove  
(*Streptopelia senegalensis* COLUMBIDAE)  
[check id]

**t̀et̀em̀o** *v.t.* use caution; be mindful, as when  
treating delicate issues, or when handling  
delicate things; use with care a dilapidated  
object that is almost worn out: **Ung̀ubi p̀e**  
**d̀ur̀inim̀i, u t̀et̀em̀o k̀or̀i** The pitcher is  
almost broken, so handle it with care [What  
is **d̀ur̀i**? not found under D; check tone];  
(*fig.*) handle in such a way that an already  
complicated matter or condition is not  
worsened [sentence example]

**t̀et̀eret̀eret̀eren** *id.* extremely tired and not  
finding it easy to continue working,  
wrestling, fighting or any other activity

**t̀eu** *id.* low (in a derogatory sense), esp. of  
roof of house (>**teuu**)

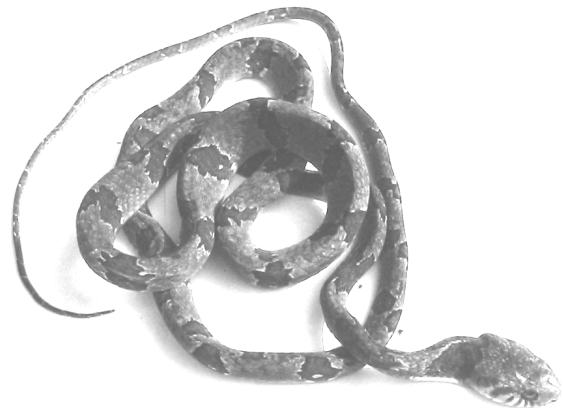
**tibú** [4] *n.* incitement; **tibú t̀u** inflame:

**Tibú t̀u naá yee s̀em̀o k̀um̀o ẹ̀e** Don't  
inflame the situation to make matters worse.

**tié** shortened form of **te yé**, see **te**

**tii** *id.* rushing; running simultaneously  
**tikiritikiri** *id.* very fat and not well-shaped (of legs)  
**tíkpa** *v.t.* wade with difficulty, in water up to knee-level, *usu.* **beni tíkpa** (*more water than síkpa*)  
**tíkpatíkpatíkpa** *id.* splatter continuously; thrash about (of someone learning to swim)  
**tíkpi** *v.t.* **A.** stir up or splash water with hand, leg, stick or paddle in the hope of driving the fish in the water into the **ẹ̀kẹ̀rẹ̀** fish-basket; **B.** (*fig.*) exaggerate, magnify, as a story or incident  
**tíkpi<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** over-charge; exploit someone on a small scale over time: **Ọ̀mìní ỳ tíkpi kí nì u tíkpi fíyemi** They are cheating him by continually taking advantage of him; **B.** (*fig.*) exaggerate, magnify, as a story or incident  
**tíkpiṣíí** *id.* very heavy; heavy-laden  
**tíkpo** *v.i.* buy cheap: **Wónì indimó tíkpo ki tíkpo fẹ̀mì** We bought the fish very cheap.  
**tíkpoó** *id.* very large, heavy and huge, bulky (>**tíkpoó<sup>2</sup>**)  
**tíkpotíkpo** *id.* many, piled up (one upon the other) (higher than **pótopoto**)  
**tími<sup>1</sup>** [tone class 2 or 3?] *v.loc.* stay; live; dwell; exist (**emí** acts as its present tense): **Mú ni ỳ dáú mọ́ tími** Go and stay with your father: **Erí Ìbadan kọ́ọ́ tímimi** He was living in Ibadan: **Kẹ̀nì sẹ̀rì kẹ̀nì àmà tímimi** Once a certain town existed; **Áràú fàá tímiya, yé ki sẹ̀nghí timimò!** Without her (*lit.* if she had not been there) it would have gone wrong!  
**tími<sup>2</sup>** *v.aux.* be (*marks imperative and non-present continuous and habitual verb forms*): **Mú tími** Be going: **Erí òkí timimi** He was swimming: **Erí òkí timinghimi** He will be swimming: **Wónì déin ghọ́ bụnụ́ timidaaba, ...** When we are asleep at night, ...: **Akúgha tími aba, arí bounghi timimi** If it had not been bitter, I would have drunk it; **Mọ́ mịẹgha tímiya, ebighá** If it is not done so, it is not good.

**tími<sup>3</sup>** *n.* condition; lot; standard of living: **Wo timibí sèi kaamí** His condition/standard of living is bad: **Iné timibi nì ine ghọ́ wẹ̀rì kúmọ́** Don't put your own problems on me; **tími èbíí** live in good conditions: **Áràú tími èbinimí** She is living in good conditions; **tími fàá** be without means; **ebi timí** good living; **sei timí** bad living; penury; poverty  
**tímibara** *n.* living conditions [**tími<sup>3</sup>** + **bára** way]  
**tímibọ́** *n.* person who has some means: **Tímibọ́ fàbọ́ pírìgha, ọ̀kpọ́** A world in which those who have do not give to those who do not have. [**tími<sup>3</sup>** + **bọ́** one]  
**tími-èbíí** *n.* affluence; wealth; prosperity: **Béi kpọ́ tími-ebù?** Is this all about your wealth? (to someone who is showing off) [**tími<sup>3</sup>** + **ebíí** be good]  
**tímifàá** *n.* lack of means [**tími<sup>3</sup>** + **faá** be absent]  
**tími-sèi** *n.* poverty; poor standard of living [**tími<sup>3</sup>** + **sèi** be bad]  
**Timítimi** *n.* personal name meaning 'live and let live'  
**tín-palì** *n.* snake sp. *Toxicodryas blandingii*



**tínì** *n.* tin [*<English tin*]  
**tírí** *n.* outside; open space; **tiri paá** menstruate  
**tirikimí** *n.* an outsider [**tírí** + **kímí** person]  
**tiri-ọ̀fín-àràú** *n.f.* a female compound sweeper (in tales); it is also the name of a mask, the dancer of which performs the normal duties of the female sweeper early in



the morning on the dancing day, as a ceremony [*tírí* + *ofín sweep* + *arau female*]

**tiripaá** *n.* menstruation; monthly period [*tírí* + *páa go out*]

**tiró** *n.* antimony; an element commonly applied by women to their eyelashes as a cosmetic [*<Igbo tiró blue galena stone used as cosmetic for the eyes < Yoruba tìróó galena*]

**tísà** *n.* teacher [*<English teacher*] (= **tólumọ-aràù, tólumọ-owèi**)

**títê** (= **titeí = tìteyé**) *n.* seat [*títê + yé thing*]

**títí** **A.** *v.t.* strike; beat (with fist): **Ọrọ́ ẹ̀bi bara kí nì u títímí** They beat him well; **B.** *v.loc.* knock at (door): **Tùba kí warìbọ́ títíyẹ̀mì?** Who is knocking at the door? (= **gbéle<sup>1</sup>**)

**títí<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* do, start (*rather vague sense*): **Ọ mẹ̀nì títíyáà, kuro sùú wèé** When they started, it was a big fight.

**títí<sup>2</sup>** [5] *v.p.* sink down, subside (of building, grave, etc.): **Wárí títíyẹ̀mì** The house is sinking down.

**títí<sup>3</sup>** [5] *v.i.* talk or act seriously with: **Erí à mọ́mọ ẹ̀bi bara kí títímí** He spoke seriously with her.

**títíméti** *n.* mallet for breaking a big piece of timber with a wedge

**títimọ** *v.t.* **A.** shake down: **Áràú àlálábò fúy títimọ nì iyérimọmì** She shook down the salt in the pan; **B.** (*fig.*) calm down: **Ọmìní mu nì àrà bolou kọn yọbì títimọ nì iyérimọdọ** They have gone to calm her down.

**títimọtítimọ** *excl.* drum message pleading with a masquerader or diviner to calm down. This is played when the dancer becomes possessed with the spirit and acts wildly.

**tíyẹí** [5] *v.i.* go downstream: **Wónì támu tíyẹyẹmì** We are paddling downstream; **tejn tíyẹí** drift along with the current: **Árọbì tejn tíyẹyẹmì** The canoe is drifting downstream.

**tíbjí<sup>1</sup>** *n.* **A.** head: **Iné tíbjí ọ̀gọ̀nọ ghọ tímí yò** (*lit.*) ‘May your head live on high’. This is

the highest prayer a person can offer for someone who has shown an unspeakable kindness to him/her. It means that the person’s whole life (**tíbjí**) should be in the hands of God (**ọ̀gọ̀nọ**); and that the person should prosper and live long to show more kindness to the needy; **tíbjí kpaka** nod head; **tíbjí kun** plait one’s hair; **tíbjí seri** **A.** support head with pillow; **B.** begin, start, raise the men that matter, V.I.P.’s; **tíbjí sen** shave hair; this is done ceremonially on the following occasions: **a)** For a deceased man (three days after burial) or woman (four days after burial), by their children, relatives, and friends, who dance round the town with music before the last ceremony (**kóru erewọyama wàla** dismissing the wake-keepers); **b)** When a wife has polluted her husband by sleeping with him during her menses, or by adultery, etc.; she will confess at the **kíriye**, and after being fined, she will hire a post-menopausal woman to shave her husband’s head at the **kíriye**; **c)** If a **bẹ̀rẹ-ere** (woman married under “big dowry”) bears a son to another man, when he grows up he can go to the family of his mother and then to the **kíriye** to change his name to that of his biological father; he will hire a post-menopausal woman to shave his head, and pay money to his mother’s husband to free himself and his children; **d)** in a ceremony performed at the shrine of Kolokuma Egbesu after a man has carried out a ritual killing (**kílẹ**); this involves scraping the hair on the head of the killer with **palí** (native blade) by a post-menopausal woman who has been approved by the deity; she is paid for her services by the killer; **B.** (*fig.*) a whole person; **tíbjí dọbamọ** honour someone; **tíbjí fì** be stubborn; **tíbjí gbàamọ/tìnmọ** accuse; **tíbjí ghọ gbòró** accept responsibility one’s self, and/or initiate action; **tíbjí kùrọ** **A.** be stubborn; **B.** show a strong spirit by suddenly appearing when talked about: **Tíbjí kùrọ kímí/eré!**

exclamation when a man/woman appears who has just been spoken of (*equivalent to*: **Béi kịmịbị/erẹma tịbị kùrọmèèé**); **C.** continue to live unaffected by the bad intentions someone has against them; **tịbị laa** become adult; mature (of plants); **tịbị puu** be on one's own; stay alone; **tịbị sin pịrị** honour, respect someone; **tịbị tịemọ** substitute; **tịbị tụa** **A.** start or begin a job, work; **B.** put one's heart into: **tịbị tụa fịrị wẹnị** work whole-heartedly (=ongọ tụa fịrị wẹnị = **tịbị a dĩa fịrị wẹnị**); **C.** chief; **tịbị owei** leader; **Tịbị Oru** name of a dancing club in Kolokuma (*lit.* 'chief deity'); **D.** luck; **tịbị èbịí** be lucky: **Erí tịbị èbimí** He is lucky; **E.** fact; result; way; **tịbị fàá** there is no way, no possibility

**tịbị<sup>2</sup>** *n.* handle (*cf.* **tụbụ**); **ẹdein tịbị** handle of knife

**tịbị-arau** *n.* (female) leader [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **-arau** female]

**tịbịbiri** *n.* luck, sense; [also memory?]  
**tịbịbiri ghọ nimi** (*tech.*) memorize; **tịbịbiri ghọ gba** (*tech.*) recite [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **biri** inside]

**tịbịduma** *n.* hair of head [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **duma** hair]

**tịbị-ẹfẹrẹ** *n.* scalp [?][**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **ẹfẹrẹ** plate] [check PIE]

**tịbịgbàamọyè** *n.* accusation [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **gbàamọ** accuse + **yé** thing]

**tịbịgẹyọ** *n.* (*tech.*) title (of something written) [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **gẹ** write + **yọ** place]

**tịbị-igbegi** *n.* (*tech.*) tax; **amáogbo tịbị-igbegi** rate(s); **beni tịbị-igbegi** water rate; **fẹ tịbị-igbegi** purchase tax; sales tax; **nana okóbà tịbị-igbegi** income tax; **wárij tịbị-igbegi** tenement rate [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **igbegi** money]

**tịbịkịenye** *n.* (*tech.*) prime number [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **kịen** count + **yé** thing]

**tịbịkpọkọ** *n.* pupa stage of a beetle [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **kpọkọ** shake]

**tịbịmọtịbịmọ** *id.* as a whole; in a whole; all: **Erí tịbịmọtịbịmọ kị akị indimọ sùbo ni akịmị** He carried all the fish away.

**tịbị-nà-tịbị-nà-mọ** *n.pl.* the principal members, representatives, leaders: **Amábọ̀ tịbị-nà-tịbị-nà-mọ bó kpèídọu wèé** The principal members of the community have assembled.

**tịbị-okpokpo** *n.* skull [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **okpokpo** empty case]

**tịbị-owei** *n.* (male) leader [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **owei** male]

**tịbị-ọkumẹin** *n.* native razor blade (*archaic*) (=pal<sup>3</sup>) [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **ọkumọye** ??]

**tịbịsaa** *n.* **A.** bride-price; bride-wealth (=tịbị-ungọ); **B.** head-tax [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **saa** debt]

**tịbị-sèibọ-lògí** *n.* **A.** children's game where a bunch of **berisonléi** (or anything light) is thrown at a group; the one it touches must come and recite the formula, the children respond, and the reciter throws it at the group again; **B.** a person who is the unlucky one in a group who is hurt or caught at random (e.g. the one who is arrested or struck by lightning or a falling tree)

**tịbịserii** (=tịbị-seri-ye) *n.* pillow [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **séri** raise + **yé** thing]

**tịbịsooloye** *n.* a medicine prepared and hung to the roof which is believed to preserve one's life, *esp.* to prevent one from encountering a premature death [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **sooló** hang up + **yé** thing]

**tịbịtòróun** *n.* brains [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **toróun** brain]

**tịbịtòun** *n.* centre of occiput; the pointed part of the back of the head (*cf.* **toun-egbé**, the lower part adjoining the neck) [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **toún** back]

**tịbị-ungọ** *n.* bride-price; bride-wealth (=tịbịsaa) [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **ungọ** wealth]

**tịbịyọ-ghọ-gbànayọ** *n.* simple interest [**tịbị<sup>1</sup>** + **ghọ** on + **gbànayọ** addition]

**tịé<sup>1</sup>** *v.loc.* **A.** stand; **B.** (*fig.*) take a stand: **Béi ine tịenimi kịribi, bịbịbị àrá bara ghọ sèimí** My decision is that she has lost her case: **C.** stand for; guarantee: **Béi yèbi arị tịé nị i pịrịnghịmèè** I will guarantee you in this matter.

**tịé<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* fish by any method whereby the person stands and manipulates some type of

- fishing-material, such as **rágà** (by men) or **ẹkẹrẹ** (by women): **Ọmìní raga kí tẹ́ tími ìndimọ̀ bààmí** They caught fish by operating a lift-screen.
- tẹ́**<sup>3</sup> *v.a.* **A.** be tall: **Kímí tẹ̀mò** The man is tall; **B.** be high [sentence example?]
- tẹ́**<sup>4</sup> *n.* height: **Wo tẹ̀bí mà agbóbù** He is two “fathoms” tall.
- tẹ̀fígha** *v.neg.* not be on amicable terms; have a strained relationship; be unfriendly: **Béi owèi kení ì mọmọ tẹ̀fígha** This man is not on good terms with me.
- tẹ̀kírí**<sup>1</sup> *n.* position; rank: **Wo tẹ̀kíríbi ebíḍọ́** His position has improved; (*tech.*) order [**tẹ́**<sup>1</sup> + **kírí** ground]
- tẹ̀kírí**<sup>2</sup> *adv.* immediately; at once [**tẹ́**<sup>1</sup> + **kírí** ground]
- tẹ̀kírímí-ífíe** [tone?] *n.* (*tech.*) present tense [**tẹ̀kírí**<sup>2</sup> + **ífíè** time]
- tẹ̀mẹ́n**<sup>1</sup> [5] *v.p.* be collected together: **Benibí yọ tẹ̀mẹ́ndọ** The water is collected in one place. [How does one say: Collect the water in one place?]; (*fig.*) settle on: **Egberibí à tẹ̀mẹ́ndọ** The blame has settled on her. [**tẹ́**<sup>1</sup> + **-mọ́** directional + **-í** process] ??
- tẹ̀mẹ́n**<sup>2</sup> [5] *v.dir.p.* lean against: **Erí warí akpàkpa tẹ̀mẹ́nnímí** He is leaning against the wall. [**tẹ́**<sup>1</sup> + **-mọ́** directional + **-í** process]
- tẹ̀mọ́**<sup>1</sup> *v.cs.* make stand; stop; (*tech.*) order; arrange [?][**tẹ́**<sup>1</sup> + **-mọ́** causative]
- tẹ̀mọ́**<sup>2</sup> *v.dir.* lean (something) against: **Yọwẹ́bí àkí wárí akpàkpa tẹ̀mọ́** Lean the paddle against the wall. [**tẹ́**<sup>1</sup> + **-mọ́** directional]
- tẹ̀p̀rìbó** sponsor; guarantor [**tẹ́**<sup>1</sup> + **pírí** give + **bọ** one]
- tẹ́n**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* **A.** call; invite: **Ụ tẹ́n bó** Call him here; **tẹ́n pàán** lead ‘cheering’ on a formal occasion; **B.** name; **tọbọu ẹrẹ tẹ́n** name a child; **C.** (*tech.*) pronounce; **D.** invoke; **bíen tẹ́n** invoke a curse on; **tẹ́n barí** recant or retract a curse
- tẹ́n**<sup>2</sup> *v.t.* suck continuously; inhale (cigarette smoke)
- tẹ́n**<sup>3</sup> *n.* call; invitation
- tẹ́n** *id.* describes a tingling noise in the ear-drum
- tẹ́kọ̀** *id.* describes something barely above the level of the water, *e.g.* a floater almost submerged
- tẹ́kọ́** *id.* describes a short person
- tẹ́kpaa**<sup>1</sup> *id.* plump; corpulent; describes a swelling which affects the whole of the lower limbs, *e.g.* elephantiasis (=tẹ́kpasíj) [vowels?]
- tẹ́kpaa**<sup>2</sup> *id.* describes a state of unabating flood, or excessive water in a pond
- tẹ́kpasíj** *id.* plump; corpulent; describes a swelling which affects the whole of the lower limbs, *e.g.* elephantiasis (=tẹ́kpaa) [vowels?]
- tẹ́kpọ́**<sup>1</sup> *id.* showing no progress, as work
- tẹ́kpọ́**<sup>2</sup> *id.* fairly large and heavy (<tẹ́kpọ́)
- tẹ́mụ** *id.* deaf; deafened
- tẹ́n** *n.* tree; stick; (*tech.*) plant
- tẹ́n-apúra** *n.* bark (of tree) [**tẹ́n** + **apúra** bark]
- tẹ́n-apurabeni** *n.* (*tech.*) sap (of plant) [**tẹ́n** + **apúra** bark + **bení** water]
- tẹ́nbara** *n.* branch [**tẹ́n** + **bára** arm]
- tẹ́nbeinye** (=tẹ́nbein) *n.* fruit [**tẹ́n** + **béin**<sup>2</sup> bear fruit + **yé** thing]
- tẹ́nbeinyebeni** *n.* (*tech.*) fruit juice [**tẹ́nbeinye** + **bení** water]
- tẹ́nbeinye-tụayemi-bàra** *n.* (*bot.*) pollination [**tẹ́nbeinye** + **túa** put + **-yémi** present continuous + **bára** way]
- tẹ́nberi** *n.* (simple) leaf (contrast **pomú**) [**tẹ́n** + **berí** ear, leaf]
- tẹ́nbiri** *n.* trunk (of tree); (*tech.*) stem; **gomu tẹ́nbirì** erect stem (as of bitterleaf) [**tẹ́n** + **bírì** belly, trunk]
- tẹ́nbíjì** *n.* **A.** call; invitation; **B.** false accusation; **C.** talking evil of a person and wishing evil on him; **D.** (*tech.*) terms [**tẹ́n**<sup>1</sup> + **bíjì** mouth]
- tẹ́nboyé** *n.* fee paid to man who goes to summon the girl (in marriage ceremony) [**tẹ́n** + **bó** come + **yé** thing]
- tẹ́nbọ́lọ** *n.* top or tip of tree [**tẹ́n** + **bọ́lọ** tip]

**tíṅẹ** *v.t.* string, thread, reeve, or skewer (crayfish, fish) on piece of sharpened “bamboo”, strip of cane-rope, etc.; **opúru tíṅẹ** **A.** string crayfish, prawn; **B.** (*fig.*) give birth alternately to male and female children

**tíngbasa** *n.* stick [*tín* + *gbása* stick]

**tín-ikemi** *n.* root [*tín* + *ikemí* root]

**tín-miẹ-beinye-tùayemi-ye** *n.* (*bot.*) agent of pollination [*tín* + *miẹ* make + *béinye* fruit + *túa* put + *-yemi* present continuous + *yé* thing]

**tínmó<sup>1</sup>** *v.dir.* send for; send message to (someone) through: **Bíbì tínmọ̀ nì ọ̀ yarí** Send word to him; **tínmọ̀ bíbì/tínmọ̀ ègberi** message sent through someone [*tíjín<sup>1</sup>* + *-mó* directional]

**tínmó<sup>2</sup>** *v.dir.* accuse of; lay the blame on: **Erí ye nì a tínmọ̀mì** He accused her of something. [*tíjín* + *-mó* directional]

**tín-ogbo** *n.* buttress of tree [*tín* + *ogboó* buttress]

**tínpaamóbàrà** [tone?] *n.* (*tech.*) pronunciation

**tín-palí<sup>1</sup>** *n.* plant whose roots are used for weaving [*tín* + *palí* stick]

**tín-palí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* snake species, probably Blanding’s Tree Snake (*Toxicodryas blandingii* COLUBRIDAE) [*tín* + *palí* stick]

**tínrintínrìn** *see* **tíríntírín**

**tín-tín-tín** *id.* pure white; snow-white (as clothes) (=tón-tón-tón)

**tíntọ̀rọ̀** *n.* knot, a hard lump in wood [*tín* + *tọ̀rọ̀<sup>s</sup>* joint]

**tíntọ̀bọ̀** *n.* pith of woody plant (*cf.* **umbuú**) [*tín* + *tọ̀bọ̀* child]

**tíntuu** *n.* base of tree: **Tíntuu ghọ̀ ègberi gba yá, tínbàrà nàamí** If something is said (against someone) at the base of a tree, the branches will hear (said when someone hears and reports something said against one): **Tíntuu èbì yá, ma aká gbòromí** If the base of a tree is fruitful, you plant a second maize-seed (refers to marrying a second wife from a family which was fruitful the first time). [*tín* + *túu* bottom]

**tíòkò** (=te yó kò) *interrog.* where?

**tíòkòò** *interrog.* why?; **páa tíòkòò** why should it be?

**tíyon-tíyon** *id.* very thin, as of a person or cane

**tíyon! tíyon!** (=tíyon! tíyon!) *excl.* cheep! cheep!, the cry of a chick calling for the mother hen

**típọ̀ọ̀** *id.* laden; loaded; filled to the brim (=kpíọ̀ọ̀)

**tíraa** *id.* too much, as of water in lake, river, or pond; filled to the brim; excessive

**tíríntírín<sup>1</sup>** (=tínrintínrìn) *id.* very small quantity, as of liquid

**tíríntírín<sup>2</sup>** (=tínrintínrìn) *id.* (*usu.* **tíríntírín okolo**) high-pitched or falsetto voice; head voice (=kírínkírín)

**tíríjìn** (=tísjìn) *id.* describes a way of spitting between the front two teeth

**títẹ** [5] *v.loc.* sit: **Tọ̀bọ̀ títẹyemi** The baby is learning to sit up; **Títẹ, kósu-oweí** Sit down, elder (*said politely even to a young visitor*).

**tóbí** *v.i.* bask; warm oneself; **fíní/úráu tòbí** bask by fire/in sun: **Okíríkà bímẹ̀n nì, áráù fíní/úráu tòbimí** Because of the cold, she warmed herself by the fire/in the sun.

**tobú** *n.* seaside; coast area bordering the ocean: **Erí tòbu kímí** He is someone who lives by the seaside.

**tobu-ọ̀fọ̀** *n.* saltwater type of **ọ̀fọ̀**, with silvery-gold colour, rare in fresh water [**tobú** + **ọ̀fọ̀** moonfish]

**tofian** *id.* describes the way a big object, *e.g.* canoe or log, falls on the surface of the water

**toí<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.p.* **A.** stoop; bend the head forward; **B.** (*fig.*) condescend: **Erí tóí bo ni ọ̀ mọ̀mọ̀ zòrumí** He condescended to play with them.

**toí<sup>2</sup>** [5] *v.p.* come to the end; be almost finished: **Egberí bo tóídọ̀** The story is coming to an end. [*toú<sup>1</sup>* + *-í* process]

**tóin** *id.* tall (of people, trees): **Tín sẹ̀ tóin kí tíenímí** The tree is very tall.

**tókitòki** *id.* way of walking of a tall person whose legs are deformed, so that the he/she walks on tiptoe and unsteadily

**tokoní<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* honour; praise; glorify

**tokoní<sup>2</sup>** *n.* honour; praise; glory: **Tokoni fi kí ìsághaj lẹmọ nì ọkpọ tuaghá** It is praises that cause the silk-cotton tree not to develop ironwood.

**tokumaá** *id.* (of shape) robust and stout, and well-balanced and well-built

**tókuu** *id.* a large heap as of sand, massive and heaped high

**tolíí** [5] *v.p.* burst (*e.g.* as boil, or river bursting into lake): **Akpaá tòlíídọ** The bag has burst; **tolíí dīí** peer, peep, spy through a hole; **tolíí paa** come out unexpectedly, as faeces when one has a running stomach [**tólu<sup>1</sup>** + **-í process**]

**tolitólí** *id.* with several holes, as a bag; perforated; pitted [**tolíí** + **tolíí**]

(**tolu**) *used in:* **eníí dùo tolu kọ** because of that

**tólu<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* bore; pierce; make a hole in something; incise (boil): **Yenghimaá nounbi àkí nì ambáú berimọ tólumi** The mother pierced her daughter's ears with a needle.

**tólu<sup>2</sup>** *n.* canal; short cut by water; **tólu bọọ** entrance to a canal; **sóu tolu** artificial canal: (*fig.*) **Sóu tolu duo** Keep it short (when talking).

**tólumọ** [3] *v.t.* teach; advise; direct; guide; instruct; educate; **tólumọ dawaj iyemọ** (*tech.*) learning activities, methods; **akí tolumonghi bara** (*tech.*) suggested method; **akí tolumonghi ikpesemọ** (*tech.*) suggested materials

**tólumọ-aràú** *n.f.* female teacher [**tólumọ** + **-aràú female**]

**tólumọbara** *n.* (*tech.*) education; **dọṣfiyẹ tólumọbara** agricultural education; **duopaabará tólumọbara** citizenship education; **ete tolumóbàra** environmental education [**tólumọ** + **bàra<sup>4</sup> way**]

**tólumọbìbì** *n.* (*tech.*) lesson [**tólumọ** + **bìbì speech**] (=tólumọye)

**tólumọbọ** *n.* teacher [does this exist?] (=tísà) [**tólumọ** + **-bọ person**]

**tólumọdụu** *n.* (*tech.*) moral tale [or **tólumọbìbìdụu?**] [**tólumọ** + **dụu tale**]

**tólumọ-owèi** *n.* male teacher [**tólumọ** + **owèi male**]

**tólumọye** *n.* lesson (=tólumọbìbì); instruction; moral (of story) [**tólumọ** + **yé thing**]

**tomátòsi** (=tamátòsi) *n.* tomato(es) [*<English tomatoes*]

**Tómbia** *n.* a town in **Ekpétiamá ibe** of Northern Iẓon

**tomí** *n.* Two-spotted Palm Civet (*Nandinia binotata* VIVERRIDAE), which steals palm wine; (*fig.*) drunkard

**tomiyòd** *id.* poorly shaped, as of long legs, with calves not clearly defined

**tómu** *n.* open space overlooking river; **tómu bọlọu** front edge of **tómu**, nearest to river

**tónonòd** *id.* straight and tall (as of tree, pole) (>tónonòọ)

**tonwéin** *see towéin*

**too<sup>1</sup>** *id.* tasteless; insipid

**too<sup>2</sup>** *id.* foolish; stupid; unintelligent

**toorú** *v.t.* chew; crunch; **ivín tooru** crunch kernels

**toriyéé** *n.* fish (*Heterobranchus bidorsalis* and *H. longifilis* CLARIIDAE), next in rank to **abá**

**torótòrò<sup>1</sup>** *n.* turkey [*<Igbo tòrótòró turkey <Yoruba tólótóló or Hausa tólótóló (old) or tálótáló (modern)*]

**torótòrò<sup>2</sup>** *id.* happy

**toróùn** (=toróun) *n.* brain

**torú** *n.* native chalk; chalk (*general*); **toru akí** perform ceremony (of man who has killed seven people, before Kolokuma Egbesu; this entitles him to kill another seven); **toru ovínmọ** perform ceremony before shrine of husband's quarter (of woman divorcing her husband), thereby withdrawing from the quarter; **toru teín** spot oneself with native

chalk; **toru tuá** make mark down forehead with native chalk in blessing: **Ingó owei bjen kòè toru tuamí** A poor man puts his chalk-mark inside the anus (i.e. he doesn't make it known publicly that he has won a case, because he can't afford a celebration).

**toru-epétè** *n.* (tech.) limestone [**torú** + **epétè mud**]

**toru-gẹ-akpákpa** *n.* (tech.) chalkboard [**torú** + **gẹ́ write** + **akpákpa wall**]

**torukpoó** *n.* lump of native chalk [**torú** + **kpó lump**]

**torutóru** *id.* covered with native chalk; (*fig.*) happy [**torú** + **torú**]

**tósoo** *id.* describes big tufts of hair or grass (> **tósọọ**)

**totoraán** *id.* buoyant; able to keep afloat? (> **tọtoraán**) [confirm!]

**toú<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* bend down; tip up; **kọrí tòú** bend down (branch of tree); **izóngòbìbì tou** tip up jar

**toú<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* narrow down or shape sides of a paddle, *usu.* **yọwẹi toú**

**toumó** *v.cs.* turn upside down; **izóngòbìbì toumọ** turn the jar upside down; **izóngò toumọ** turn the jar upside down [difference in meaning? is this causative or directional?]

**toún** *n.* back (of something); behind; **toun bọ́** **A.** move into chambers for consultation; **B.** get behind (in wrestling); **toun díí** look back; **toun ebèlì fie** lobby; solicit members' votes; **toun kíí/kuí** **A.** be old, thus getting near to dying; **B.** cut the other side of a tree after much has been chipped off from one direction, to cause it to fall easily; **toun tití/tuá** move backwards; **tìbì tòun** pointed centre of occiput; **wáří tòun** back of house; **toun furú** take a small amount of something required in the owner's absence, and later inform him/her

**tounbọ́** *n.* back door, window [**toún** + **bọ́' door**]

**toun-egbé** *n.* occiput; back of head [**toún** + ?]

**toungólì** *n.* Rhinoceros Beetle (*Oryctes* sp. SCARABAEIDAE), whose larva is **okpokurú towéin (=tonwéin)** [4] *n.* paper wasp (includes *Polistes marginalis* F.); **towéin wàrí** wasps' nest; **tọru tòwéin** large wasp found along river, less aggressive than **towéin** (*Belonogaster dubius* Kohl.) [recheck]

**tọbíríí** *v.i.* lessen, abate, as pain or noise: **A kọn timi iginabì bo tọbíríídọ** The smarting of the pepper that she felt has subsided. (= **ọríríí**)

**tọbọ́** *n.m.f.* child (*plural ọwọ́*); **A.** (*general*) **kímítọbọ́** mankind; humankind; **tọbọ́ mọ̀ dàu mọ̀** father and child; **tọbọ́ mọ̀ yèngi mọ̀** mother and child: **I tọbọ́ wààà?** Are you a child? (*abusive*); **Tọbọ́ dàu bọ mọ̀ tọ̀n tọgha** A child cannot compare with his father (in wealth or knowledge); **B.** (*considered in terms of relationship determined by birth*) **agbaj tọbọ́** love-child; child born when father has not paid any bride-price to his father-in-law; **bẹrẹ tọbọ́** child born under the "big dowry" system of marriage; **bọlọ tọbọ́** eldest child; firstborn; **ikia tọbọ́** child born under the "small dowry" system of marriage; **kọnu tọbọ́** eldest child; firstborn; **maamu zii tọbọ́** twin; **owéi tọbọ́** male child; **téi tọbọ́** love-child; child born when father has not paid any bride-price to his father-in-law; **túu pele tọbọ́** youngest child; lastborn; **yábì tọbọ́** A child whose mother (or mother's mother, etc.) was married into another town or quarter on the "big dowry" system is **yábì tọbọ́** to her original town or quarter; **zìí pìrì tọbọ́** A child whose mother, etc., was married on the "small dowry" system is **zìí pìrì tọbọ́** to all towns or quarters from which she or her mother (grandmother, etc.) were married as **ikia eré**. In tracing the female line backwards, a point will eventually be found at which the female ancestor was **bẹrẹ tọbọ́** in her father's place. Further back than this, the child is

**yábi tǒbòu** and not **zìí pìrì tǒbòu** to her town or quarter; **C.** (*considered in relation to characteristics or function*) **afi tǒlò tǒbòu** child who collects fish flung to the ground from fishpond or lake while bailing; such fish belong to the child; **asía/òsía tǒbòu** youth; young man; **bou subo tǒbòu** child who carries and takes care of the catch of the master fisherman or fisherwoman; **daụ karì tǒbòu** boy who represents the father at the father's funeral ceremony; **daụ karì tǒbòu butei** father's gown worn by the boy at his father's funeral, often too big for him; **èndè tǒbòu** child suffering from the mother's next pregnancy; petted or pampered child; **iséle gbooro tǒbòu** child who grinds camwood for a newly circumcized woman (the bigger of the two who look after her); **izáì sùò tǒbòu** child suffering from yaws; **koomò tǒbòu** child that is petted or pampered; **oko túu tǒbòu** child that carries things for a newly circumcized woman (the smaller of the two who look after her); **órie tǒbòu** orphan; **ofòu dii tǒbòu** boy who looks after fish-camp when others have gone out fishing; **tǒbòu deì tǒbòu** baby-nurse (traditionally a boy, now usually a girl)

**Tǒbòu-gbalá-òu** *n.* a "masquerade" with a baby on its back that dances like a woman [*tǒbòu + gbalá "back" + óu masquerade*]

**tǒbòugbaléi (=tǒbòu-gbala-yé)** *n.* a fathom of cloth bought by a husband or lover for his wife or lover for the tying of the baby after its birth [*tǒbòu + gbalá "back" + yé thing*]

**tǒbòukpayé** *n.* **A.** a strip of cloth (about a fathom long) for tying baby on the back after the first tying with the **tǒbòu-gbala-bídè** [Is this the same as **tǒbòugbaléi**?] ; **B.** particular type of handwoven cloth, believed to be good for the child [*tǒbòu + kpaá secure + yé thing*]

**Tǒbòulaayéfà** *n.f.* female name ['There is nothing that surpasses a child']

**tǒbòùu** *id.* looking young and innocent [*tǒbòu + id.*]

**tǒbòu wènimóyè** *n.* pram; perambulator; baby carriage [*tǒbòu + wènimò make walk + yé thing*]

**tǒbù** *id.* describes falling of a single drop: **Udebí tǒbù kì koromi** A single drop of "pomade" fell down. [or **tǒbùu?**]

**tǒbùtǒbù** *id.* very young; fresh; youthful

**tǒbùtǒbù** *id.* drop by drop; **Míltìni akì tǒbùtǒbù mò tǒu** adding drops of Milton [or **tǒbùtǒbùmò** adverb?]

**tǒì** *id.* lightly: **Erí ògòno dùo koro bo tǒì kì tǒmì** He came down and landed lightly.

**tǒìin** *id.* tall (tree, person), more slender than **tǒiin** [check tone; **tǒiin?**]

**tǒin** *v.i.* plan, plot, agree on jointly: **Ò tǒin nì inéè ìweyemi tubi gbá nì ì pìrì** Tell me why you have all ganged up to envy me. [Is this connected with **tón** 'think, plan'?]

**tǒin** *id.* lightly; faintly; **Erí dèsi mu tǒin kì tǒmì** He jumped and landed lightly on the ground (without being hurt).

**tǒitǒì** *id.* stealthily on tiptoe, bending forward: **Erí tǒitǒì kì wèni bó timimi** He was coming stealthily on tiptoe. [*tǒì x 2*]

**tǒkì** [4] *n.* riddle; **tǒkì zòru** play at riddles

**tǒkì<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* make a rude clicking sound

**tǒkì<sup>2</sup>** *n.* type of rude click

**tǒkì<sup>3</sup>** *id.* (touching) lightly; **tǒkì kì gbele** touch lightly

**tǒkì<sup>4</sup>** *id.* getting on well with member of opposite sex: **Áràù yèi warìbòò tǒkì kì emi** She is happy in her husband's house.

**tǒkìtǒkì** *id.* walking in a gingerly way to avoid making noise or getting dirty, *usu.* **tǒkìtǒkì kì wèni** [*tǒkì<sup>3</sup> x2*]

**tǒkò<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* tickle the private part of a male child with a feather or **berisonléi** dipped in pepper solution to stop bed-wetting

**tǒkò<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.?* use chewed pepper or "alligator pepper" to draw out the dirty matter in a deep sore on someone's body with the mouth

**tòkòlìtòkòlì** *id.* limping; tottering: **Búò zàù kìmì wèní bara, tòkòlìtòkòlì** Like a person walking with thin legs – tottering along.

**tòkòlòbù** *v.i.* dare (say): **Ì tòkòlòbù mò yé èré mò, ye ì fámùdò** If you dare say anything, I'll beat you. [discuss – is this really a verb?]

**tòkòròfò** *v.t.* talk evasively; tell in a roundabout way

**tòkùu** *id.* describes a small heap, *e.g.* of kernels, grains or faeces

**tòlẹ́** *v.t.* struggle; try: **Ụ tọlẹ́ deìbì, wo ghọ barasín** Since he has tried, let him alone.

**tòlọ** *v.t.* **A.** gather, pick up, small objects scattered on the ground (contrast **tán**, which implies picking up from a single place); **B.** (with **fì** eat) scrape together food; “manage” to eat; **Ọmìnì tọlọ kị tọlọ fìyemi** They are living from hand to mouth; **C.** nurse; nurture; feed: **Béi ìngiọ timi tọbọbì, áràù mò tọlọ paamọdọ** This child who was sickly, she has nursed him back to health.

**tọlọkítọlọkí** *id.* in small numbers; sparse

**tọlọlìí** *id.* carefully and completely

**tọlọmọ** *v.t.* decorate; prepare; make tidy; repair (*e.g.* house); **tọlọmọ dídí** survey with searching glance; inspect properly; **bịẹn tọlọmọ** (*fig.*) offer propitiatory sacrifice when the penalty has taken effect; **ọngọ tọlọmọ** tidy oneself up

**tọmí** *v.i. or v.t.?* talk in vague terms; talk in such a way as to conceal the real topic [sentence example?]

**tọn<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* think; expect; plan; decide; suggest; wish: **Erí bonghi bàrà ì mò tọtọn wónìmí** I think he will come: **Ine tọn bàrà kị miẹ** Do as I wish; **tọn pẹlẹ** decide

**tọn<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.?* forbid; prohibit; taboo: **Béi yè miẹ kùmọ, tọnmì** Don't do this, it is forbidden.

**tọn<sup>3</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** dish out, apportion (food); **B.** (*tech.*) measure; weigh; estimate

**Tọnbara<sup>1</sup>** *n.* personal name [‘How God wishes’]

**tọnbara<sup>2</sup>** *n.* (*tech.*) estimation [**tọn<sup>3B</sup>** + **bàrà way**]

**tọnbiri** *n.* (*tech.*) dimension [**tọn<sup>3</sup>** + **bírì** <sup>6</sup>]

**tọnghò** (=tọtọn) *n.* penis: **tọnghò pẹlẹ** circumcize (male); **igbéma tọnghò** pendulum [or, clapper of bell? check meaning]

**tọnghò-pẹlẹ-owei** (=tọnghò-pẹlẹ-owei) *n.* circumcizer; **tọnghò-pẹlẹ-owei ta kị bunu** (*saying*) sleeping with the wife of the circumcizer (i.e. repaying good with evil) [**tọnghò** + **pẹlẹ cut** + **owéi man**]

**tọní** (=taní = tọnú) *v.t.* **A.** take fire from somewhere, *usu.* **fìní tọní**; **B.** light (lamp), *usu.* **túkpa tọní**

**tọní** *n.* ton; tonne [*<English ton, tonne*]

**tọníí** [5] *v.p.* be lighted [**tọní** + **-í process**]

**tọniyéé** [5] *n.* **A.** moon (=akalú = **díiye** = **fínyé** = **ọgọneí** = **ọgọnoyé**); **B.** cigarette-lighter [**tọní** + **yé thing**]

**tọnmọ** [3] *v.t.* **A.** point out: **Tọbọú tọnmọ nì ì díá** Point the child out to me; **B.** show (how something is); (*tech.*) demonstrate; illustrate; **C.** describe: **Áràù àkì kìmìbì tọnmọ barabì, erí danghain kìmì** As she described him, he was a tall man; **D.** imitate: **Akpálù yenghima bìlabì èmi bara tọnmọmì** The mother frog imitated the way the elephant was; **E.** compare: **Yé wò àkì nì a tọnmọyemi bàrabì ebighá** The way you are comparing him with her is not good; **F.** represent; symbolize: **Wó bùmọun paaráìbì/bèriba imbíyòu akì fì kìmì tọnmọdọu** We take a piece of “bamboo”/flower stalk of plantain to represent the corpse.

**tọnmọbara** *n.* (*tech.*) measure; measurement; demonstration; **tọnmọbara ẹrẹdeiyé** [tone?]. (*tech.*) demonstrative pronoun; **tọnmọbara taraangaye** (*tech.*) three-dimensional figure [**tọnmọ** + **bàrà way**]

**tọnmọdìà** [tone?] *n.* (*tech.*) example [**tọnmọ** + **dìá show** + **n.?**]

**tọnmọdìàye** [tone?] *n.* (*tech.*) demonstrative [**tọnmọ** + **dìá show** + **yé thing**] [noun or adj?]



**tónmọ-emìbara** *n.* (*tech.*) description; **tónmọ-emìbara gba** describe [**tónmọ** + *emí* be + *bára*<sup>4</sup> way]

**tónmọ-ikpèsémọ** *n.pl.* (*tech.*) props (for acting?) [**tónmọ** + *ikpésé* load + *-mọ* def. pl.]

**tónmọyè** [**tone?**] *n.* (*tech.*) comparison [**tónmọ** + *yé* thing]

**tónmọye** *n.* (*tech.*) model (p. 71) [**tónmọ** + *yé* thing]

**tónṣonṣo** *id.* straight and tall (of person) (<**tónonò**)?

**tónpaamọye** *n.* (*tech.*) literature [**tón**<sup>1</sup> + *páamọ* bring out + *ye* thing]

**tón-sùọgha-òmoni** *n.* eighth-generation slave [**tón** [which?] + *sùọgha* does not enter + *omóni* slave]

**tón-tón-tón** *id.* pure white; snow-white (as clothes) (=tín-tín-tín)

**tóntonye** *n.* forbidden thing [**tón**<sup>2</sup> x 2 + *yé* thing]

**tónwonímìbàrà** *n.* (*tech.*) estimate [**tón**<sup>3B</sup> + *wónímì* present state + *bàrà* way]

**tónye**<sup>1</sup> *n.* (*tech.*) drawing [(*tech.*) or general?]; (*tech.*) **pínìtonye** pin drawing [**tón** [which?] + *yé* thing]

**Tónye**<sup>2</sup> *n.* personal name [‘God’s wish’]

**tọọ** [=tọ́] *id.* perfectly clean and white (as teeth) (=tọ́tọ́)

**tọ́lọ́tọ́lọ́** *id.* insufficient; too little (of food, legs, work); inadequate; sparse

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**tọ́pùtọ́pùtọ́pù** *id.* dripping rapidly (as blood)

**tọ́rọ** *n.* (*arch.*) threepence; a coin of that value [*cf. Igbo and Yoruba tọ́rọ* threepence]

**tọ́rọrọ́** *id.* describes a fine-looking, handsome, slender youth

**tọ́rọ**<sup>1</sup> [3] *n.* eye; **tọ́rọ akị** dazzle, confuse the vision; be glittering; **tọ́rọ beḗlì** pull back

the upper eyelid to frighten children (=tọ́rọ ọ̀nì); **tọ́rọ beḗlì** open the eyes very wide; **tọ́rọ bọ́yí** A. be cowardly, weak; complain instead of fighting back; B. hence, cry easily (of man or woman); **tọ́rọ dīṣẹ** (usu. **tọ́rọ kị dīṣẹ**) A. want to take more of a good thing than one can manage: **Fíyáimọ àrà tọ́rọ kị dīṣẹmì, fí yọ kpọ fàá/dụbaghá** She was glad to see the food, but could not eat much; B. over-eat; **tọ́rọ dọ́ṣon** envy; regard with envy or hostility, with an intent to possess what is not one’s own; **tọ́rọ finì** open the eyes; **tọ́rọ gbalà** close the eyes; **tọ́rọ gbalà, tọ́rọ finì mọ** in the twinkling of an eye; instantaneously; **tọ́rọ ghọ suọ** be grateful, thankful, satisfied in mind; **tọ́rọ ịkasa** wilful act; deliberate mischief; **tọ́rọ kaa** come of age; become mature, cunning; **tọ́rọ kaị** keep one in by force; detain one informally under house arrest; **tọ́rọ kiri ẹ̀rì** be sober; **tọ́rọ koròmọ** be vigilant, watchful, attentive, observant; **tọ́rọ kpaà** take advantage of someone’s position: **Eri wò dau kị àkị tọ́rọ kpaà béi seiyè miẹmẹé** He did this because his father is there to protect him; **tọ́rọ kùrọ** be bold; **tọ́rọ kùrọ furú** [commit?] robbery; **tọ́rọ mọ kiri mọ** A. be careful, mindful, wary, vigilant [is this a verb?]; B. drum message warning people to be careful (in wrestling and in warfare); **tọ́rọ mọ tọ́rọ mọ** be always watchful for the person watching, but a nuisance to the person who is watched [under surveillance? discuss]; **tọ́rọ mọ tọ́rọ mọ bọ́yayí** an eye for an eye; tit for tat; **tọ́rọ nì ẹ̀righa** invisible; **tọ́rọ ọ̀nì** pull back the upper eyelid to frighten children (=tọ́rọ beḗlì); **tọ́rọ pìnámọ** look in a threatening way; **tọ́rọ pùì** be civilized; **tọ́rọ puu** get the eyes open, as of a puppy; **tọ́rọ pùlou paá** become red (of eyes): **Wo dii séimọ wẹ̀rì fìrìbì, erì bọ̀u wẹ̀nìya, tọ́rọ pùlou paamééé** The work he looked down on, when he started to do it, his eyes got as red as palm-oil; **tọ́rọ sèí** be wicked, selfish,

unkind; **tòrù tũa** keep one's eyes on; (*fig.*) favour: **Eri àrà tòrù kumò tuadó** His eyes are only on her/She is his favourite; **tòrù ùmbubula paá** A. see stars (when struck); B. (*fig.*) be shocked and become sober; **tòrù ye ẹrì** prophesy, foretell: (*saying*): **Tòrùyaji ànìyaji dii timi, beni fami; Bìbìyaji tìn nì akìmì** Unnecessary delay is dangerous (*lit.* Eyeman was watching till his son got drowned, while Mouthman called his own to safety).

**tòrù<sup>2</sup>** *n.* river; **tòrù bejin** A. cross river B. (*fig.*) cut first tooth; **tòrù bọọ** miss one's way among rivers (*e.g.* in salt-water area); **tòrù dii** expect; **tòrù fini** open a river (for a fishing festival; *cf.* **bou finì**); **tòrù kamọun** make offering to river; **tòrù nimigha** be strange to a place; not to know one's way in the river, creeks or sea; **tòrù paa** go out on river (to fish); **tòrù puu yọù** sail in mid-stream against the current in a river; **tòrù sarau** commit piracy **tòrù sèi** (of river) A. be unproductive for fishing (= **beni seì**); B. be dangerous (because of piracy, etc.); **tòrù teri** have a close season on the river (*lit.* close a river) (in preparation for a festival; *cf.* **bou terì**); **tòrù yọu** trade (long distance, using river)

**tòrù<sup>3</sup>** *n.* kind; type; class; order; way: **Iné bìdẹ mò ará bìdẹ mò kẹnì tọrughá** Your cloth and hers are not the same kind

**tòrù<sup>4</sup>** *n.* surface (of sore), *usu.* **inọun tòrù**

**tòrù<sup>5</sup>** *n.* A. joint; node; **báratọrù** wrist-joint; **bùọtọrù** ankle-joint; **igbon-ìkìraì-tọrù** [tone?] node of bamboo; **ìgbótọrù** mesh of cast-net; **konutọrù** joint at back of hip; **tìntọrù** knot (in tree); **ukputọrù** node of sugarcane; B. germinating point (of coconut, kernel, groundnut, etc.), *usu.* **sọtọrù**

**tòrù<sup>6</sup>** *n.* appearance: **Bìdẹ tọrù sèidọù** The cloth has faded. [*Shortened from dii tọrù*]

**tòrù-apùra** *n.* eyelid [**tòrù<sup>1</sup>** + **apùra** skin]

**tòrùbenì** *n.* water (standing) in the eyes [**tòrù<sup>1</sup>** + **benì** water]

**tòrùbenì** *n.* river water [**tòrù<sup>2</sup>** + **benì** water]

**tòrùbọọ** *n.* mouth of river; estuary [**tòrù<sup>2</sup>** + **bọọ<sup>4</sup>** entrance]

**tòrùdiye** *n.* glasses; spectacles [**tòrù<sup>1</sup>** + **dii** look + **yé** thing]

**tòrùdumà** *n.* eyelash [**tòrù<sup>1</sup>** + **dúma** hair]

**tòrù-ẹkẹkẹ** *n.* eyebrow [**tòrù<sup>1</sup>** + **ẹkẹkẹ** ?]

**tòrù-ẹkẹkẹ-duma** *n.* hair of eyebrow [**tòrù<sup>1</sup>** + **ẹkẹkẹ** ? + **dúma** hair]

**tòrù-ìndi** *n.* river fish [**tòrù<sup>2</sup>** + **ìndi** fish]

**tòrù-isi** *n.* known long stretch of a river: **Béi tòrù-isi sẹ, eri kí òlótù, nímigha kìmì fàá** Along this stretch of the river, he was the champion, everyone knows it. [**tòrù<sup>2</sup>** + **isi** ??]

**tòrù-ìtọlọ** *n.* fruit-fly type which flies near one's eyes [**tòrù<sup>1</sup>** + **ìtọlọ** sandfly]

**tòrùkubù** *n.* presence [**tòrù<sup>1</sup>** + **kùbu<sup>2</sup>** width ?]

**tòrù-otuo** *n.* river toll (*lit.* 'collecting from the river'). Whenever Kolokuma Egbesu is celebrating any of its festivals, any canoe or boat that passes by is called to shore and the head of the crew is politely asked to give a small quantity of the foodstuff (if any) he has in it. In return, the priest gives drink, a shilling, and a small quantity of native chalk (**torú**) to the person and blesses him and his voyage. [**tòrù<sup>2</sup>** + **otúo** collect]

**tòrù-ọkìá** *n.* bird, the Pied Kingfisher (*Ceryle rudis* ALCEDINIDAE), noted for its hovering or 'dancing' over the river; (*song when kingfisher is hovering over water*) **Ọkìá, sèi nì ìndi gbólù** Kingfisher, dance and peck fish! (*repeated until the bird dives for the fish, then the song ends with Gọù!*); **Árì ọkìá aáà?** Are you a kingfisher? (*said to someone who is fond of dancing*) [**tòrù<sup>2</sup>** + **ọkìá** kingfisher]

**tòrùtòwéin** *n.* hornet [**tòrù<sup>2</sup>** + **towéin** wasp]

**tòrùtọbọù** *n.* pupil of eye [**tòrù<sup>1</sup>** + **tọbọù** child]

**tòrù-ùngbọ** *n.* eyeball [**tòrù<sup>1</sup>** + **ùngbọ** nut]

**tòrùyọ<sup>1</sup>** *n.* private part; the pubic region [**tòrù<sup>1</sup>** + **yọ** place ?]

**tóruyọ²** *n.* presence; in the presence of [*tóru¹* + *yó* place ?]  
**tòsì** *n.* torch [*<English torch*]  
**tòsì¹** *v.i.* be completely diminished in height, quantity, riches: **Wáribì ìyọ̀n tòsìḡḡḡ** The house has burnt down completely.  
**tòsì²** *id.* completely diminished in height, quantity, riches: **Fìnimọ̀ tòsìḡ kí òvìndọ̀** The fire has gone out completely: **Bìbì sẹ̀ tòsìḡ** No teeth again!  
**Tòsdebàì** *n.* Thursday [*<English Thursday + báì day*]  
**tòsọ̀** *id.* describes a small tuft on a small head (*<tòsoo*)  
**tọtọtọ̀ (=tọtọtọ̀)** *id.* **A.** perfectly white and clean (as teeth) (=tọ̀); **B.** (*fig.*) very fair-skinned  
**-tọ̀** *older form of -dọ̀*  
**túa (=túo²)** *n.* herb; grass; weed; leaves of vegetable; (*tech.*) plant which is not a tree; **kíri-ghọ̀-tànaìn-túa** creeping plant; **tanaìn-nì-uwóuyemi-túa** climbing plant  
**túaa!** *excl.* cry to drive away animals  
**túa tua!** *excl.* cry to drive away goats and sheep (*cf. ós os!*)  
**tubékeleke** *n.* bird (*Podica senegalensis* HELIORNITHIDAE), heard calling around August, said to be bailing ponds because of the resemblance of the cry to the sound of bailing (**tup tup tup kélélá**); shy and skulking; found near water  
**túbo¹** *v.t.* bargain; fix price; trade  
**túbo²** *n.* price; cost; trade; commerce; **túbo bọ̀** (of price) be cheap; **túbo kùrọ̀** (of price) be dear; **túbo tọ̀** **A.** increase price; inflate price: **Erí funmọ̀ tubo tọ̀dọ̀** He has increased the price of (his) books; **B.** trade; **kẹ̀nì tubo** same price (of article)  
**túbobiri** *n.* rate; **túbobiri pasẹ̀ntì** rate per cent [*túbo² + bíri value*]  
**túbobìbì** *n.* cost; price; (*tech.*) **yéama** **túbobìbì** bill; invoice [*túbo² + bíbì speech*]  
**túbokiri** “factory”; firm [*túbo² + kíri ground*]  
**tubòò** *id.* **A.** confused: **Ine ìkíyọ̀ sẹ̀ tubòò kí emi** My mind is confused; **B.** uncertain;

unclear: **Ọkpọ̀ sẹ̀ ine ghọ̀ tubòò kí emi** The situation is unclear to me; **C.** (*used in an introductory formula for folk stories*):

**Abá-amà kọ̀kọ̀ tubòò kóronímí** Once upon a time, the Oba’s city (Benin) was in existence.

**tubú** *n.* an exaggerated expression; **tubú tọ̀** exaggerate

**tuetué** *id.* **A.** describes how a big bird or fowl runs with its tail feathers opened; (*fig.*)

similar running of a fat person: **Eré-ofoni ìnéngì sẹ̀ tuetué** The hen has its feathers

scattered (when laying eggs); **B.** describes soft inside of a yam or cocoyam when

roasted or cooked, easily absorbing oil; **C.** (*fig.*) describes an unreliable person who

goes around gossiping: **Ọ wáì nì u díí, tuetué, egberi gbaá ègbẹ̀** You (people),

look at him, running about telling stories (abusive). (*>tuetué*)

**tueletuele** *id.* running frantically: **Erí**

**túletuele kí bàngì famì** He ran away in panic.

**tuese** *id.* **A.** describes a big shade as provided by a big tree with plenty of

climbers; **B.** describes bushy hair

**túgu** *n.* crocodile [poetic usage?] (*cf. igeré, atú (poetic), agùì, segí (archaic)*)

**túguru** *v.t.* push; impel; poke; thrust; drive

**tuiin** [1] *id.* sizzling (as of fire put in water)

**túka** *a.* later; next; some other time; **túka bai** another day; **túka seri/ifie** some other time

**tukù** *id.* unlikely to burn, as a damp piece of firewood

**túkọ̀yọ̀** [or **túukọ̀yọ̀?**]*n.* (*tech.*) residue (=ogbudugbudú) [*túu + kọ̀ remain + yó place*]

**túkpo** *v.i.* be cheap; **túkpo fẹ̀** buy cheaply;

**túkpo yẹ̀rì** sell cheaply by “auction” (*i.e.* in sale)

**túkpuu** *id.* big, dark, and lowering:

**Agbatọ̀rọ̀bì tukpuu kí àkì tọ̀rẹ̀ tẹ̀rinimí**

The mist was so thick that it covered the river.

**túku** *n.* female private part (*archaic, but heard in poetry*) (=túu<sup>1C</sup>)

**túkuu** *id.* protruding, filled high above the brim; more pronounced than **túkụ**: **Erí àlálábò garímò tụa túkuu ki pàamì** He filled the bowl with gari, heaped up. (>túkụ)

**túlaa<sup>1</sup>** *id.* **A.** dead and swollen, of a big animal or person, *e.g.* elephant (>túlaa); **B.** describes a big and high heap of something: **Wárigbein ọ̀tọ̀kọ sẹ túlaa koronimí** There is a big heap of mud dug for “mudding” a house; **C.** describes the fallen trunk of a big tree, *e.g.* cotton tree

**tún<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* sing, *usu.* **dúma tun**

**tún<sup>2</sup>** *n.* hat; cap; **boutuún** rain-hat made of two layers of woven fronds, between which dried plantain leaves, or nowadays plastic, are fitted; **okpómùtun** a fez woven with cane-ropes and covered with cloth both inside and outside, and fitted with a tassel; worn only by mock policemen during native dances; **okporokpotuún** top-hat

**tunekpee** *id.* fat, lazy person (>tunekpee)

**tungbeí<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* bend with the head facing or touching the ground

**tungbeí<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* somersault, *usu.* **angalangaá t̀ngbeí**

**tungbó** *n.* tail of animals, birds, and fish (old word, =saán)

**Túngbo** *n.* town in Sagbama LGA

**túo<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* **A.** caulk; cork; **B.** (*fig.*) hide; conceal: **Ọ̀rọ́ ègberí t̀o famọ̀nmí** They concealed the story; **C.** bribe someone to keep silent

**túo<sup>2</sup>** (=túa) *n.* **A.** herb; grass; weed; leaves of vegetable; **B.** (*tech.*) plant which is not a tree; **fíyemi t̀oama** vegetables (=tụọ-fi-túo/túa); **kíri-ghọ-tànaìn-túo** creeping plant; **tanaìn-nì-uwóuyemi-t̀o** climbing plant

**tuokutúoku** *id.* **A.** very weedy, grassy, as of farm or road; **B.** very shady (>tụọkụtụọkụ)

**tuokùù** *id.* **A.** weedy, grassy, as of farm or road; **B.** shady (??>tụọkùù)

**tuolutúolu** *id.* describes large billows of smoke

**tuolúù** *id.* describes a plump face which, in some cases, is also ugly, *esp.* fat cheeks

**túoye** *n.* cork; caulking [**túo<sup>1</sup>** + **yé** thing]

**tupilî** *id.* plump; chubby (of man)

**túru** *n.* nail (iron) [*cf.* **Igbo òtú, òtúlí** nail]

**túrudunye** *n.* pincers; claw-hammer [**túru** + **dúnụ** pull + **yé** thing]

**túruu** *id.* very full (of basket); packed high like a pyramid; describes a large heap of materials, *e.g.* sand

**Túsdebàì** *n.* Tuesday [*<English Tuesday + báì* day]

**túsì** (=túsi) *id.* explosive sound (as of a fruit bursting open as it hits the ground in a squashy way) (contrast **kpópu** (=kpópuù), of hard pod of fruit bursting on impact with the ground and scattering its seeds)

**tuturuu** *id.* in a state of being over-stuffed (*esp.* of stomach), as when one is suffering from constipation

**tútutu** *id.* heaped up (extending beyond top of container); **túa tututu** heap up

(**tuu**) *see* under **déin**

**túu<sup>1</sup>** *n.* **A.** bottom; base; lower part; tip; stump (of tree); **túu fàá<sup>1</sup>** be bottomless [check meaning, *cf.* under E.]; **túu firi** be hardly sufficient: **Woó ỳ piri pùlùubi túu kpo [kpọ?] firigha** The oil he gave him does not even cover the bottom/is hardly sufficient [check]; **túu ìndéí** settle down properly, become firmly established; **túu serimọ** give chance for a while; **túu tụa** **A.** cover yam/cocoyam with earth when tuber is protruding from soil; **B.** add or prepare a base for the **kaná/adoó** basket to make it stand well; **B.** waist; buttocks; **C.** private part; **túu fini<sup>1</sup>** make oneself naked; **túu wenì** prostitute (*only of women*); **D.** (*fig.*) secret; **túu fini<sup>2</sup>** reveal; **túu gugule** reveal, uncover, expose one's secrets; **túu tuo** cover up secret; **E.** (*fig.*) reason; meaning; interpretation; origin; source; basis; **wenì tuu bii** ask the reason for coming; **túu ọ̀y**

investigate, inquire into; **túu fàá<sup>2</sup>** be groundless, meaningless, unfounded; **túu gba** (*tech.*) explain; reveal; **túu nimi** understand; (*tech.*) comprehend; **F.** back; hind; behind; below; something coming after: **Wo tuú dùo** Follow him; **túu gbein** retreat; withdraw (*war term*); **túu pou bo** retrace one's course; **túu titi** retreat, reverse: **Árùbáàá tuu titi!** Reverse the canoe!; **túu tya** make a base, go backwards; **túu wẹ̀nì** walk backwards; **G.** end; last one, part; **túu gbiṣi** the very last; **túu kọ̀ọ** final, last: **Túu-kọ-bọ̀ èbì erì** The one who stays to the end will see good things (*saying used at traditional weddings*); **amá tuu** end of town; **H.** younger: **Áràù kị̀ ọ̀wọ̀mọ̀ sẹ̀ ghọ̀ túu** She is the last of all the children. **túu<sup>2</sup>** *n.* "fathom" of cloth, *usu.* **bị̀dẹ̀ tuú** (*cf.* **kúbu<sup>1</sup>**)

**túu-arau** *n.f.* younger sister [**túu<sup>H</sup>** + **-arau** *female*]

**túu-bunụ-ere** *n.f.* prostitute [**túu<sup>C</sup>** + **bunụ** *sleep* + **eré** *woman*]

**túu-duo-wẹ̀nii** (=tuu-duo-wẹ̀niye) *n.* guardian spirit [**túu<sup>F</sup>** + **duó** *follow* + **wẹ̀nì** *walk* + **yé** *thing*]

**túugbabara** *n.* (*tech.*) explanation; revelation [**túu<sup>E</sup>** + **gbáa** *say* + **bára<sup>4</sup>** *way*]

**túugbadụ** *n.* (*tech.*) myth [**túu<sup>E</sup>** + **gbáa** *say* + **dụ** *tale*]

**túugbeinye** *n.* charm tied round waist [**túu<sup>B</sup>** + **gbéin** *sew* + **yé** *thing*]

**túukpaye** *n.* string to secure woman's lower wrapper [**túu<sup>B</sup>** + **kpaá** *secure* + **yé** *thing*]

**túumọ-lei-tịnbị̀bị̀mọ** *n.pl.* [check] (*tech.*) synonyms [**túu<sup>E</sup>** + **-mọ** *def. pl.* + **leí** *resemble* + **tịnbị̀bị̀** *pronunciation?* + **-mọ** *def. pl. check*]

**túunimibara** *n.* (*tech.*) understanding; comprehension [**túu<sup>E</sup>** + **nimi** *know* + **bára<sup>4</sup>** *way*]

**túu-owei** *n.* younger brother [**túu<sup>H</sup>** + **-owei** *male*]

**túupalii** (=túupaliiye) *n.* belt [**túu<sup>B</sup>** + **palí** *stick to* + **yé** *thing*]

**túupele** *a.* last(-born); **túupele ọ̀bọ̀u** last-born child; (*tech.*) closing: **túupele kule** closing compliments (in letter) [**túu<sup>G</sup>** + **pẹ̀le** *cut*]

**tuurutúuru** *v.a.* very fleshy

**túu-serimọ-ye** *n.* last ceremony involving money or gifts in kind, performed in marriage, circumcision, bringing the wife home, and honouring dead parents-in-law [**túu<sup>G</sup>** + **serimọ<sup>3</sup>** *cause to close?* + **yé** *thing*]

**túusọ̀mọ** *n.* women's pants [**túu<sup>G</sup>** + **sọ̀mọ** *approach*]

**túu-tya-ila** *n.* beads worn round waist [**túu<sup>B</sup>** + **túa<sup>B</sup>** *wear* + **ilá** *bead*]

**túuu** *id.* understood thoroughly: **Béi ègberibi bó ni ìné berimọ ghọ̀ sọ̀ -- túuu** Listen well! (*lit.* Let this word enter your ears – understand?)

**túwaa** *excl.* cry to drive away domestic animals, goats, sheep, etc.

**tuwáàtuwáà** *excl.* a cry of rejection; go away! away with you!

**tuweí** [5] *v.p.* **A.** be blocked: **Olólo tùweído** The bottle is blocked (e.g. by the cork falling inside); **B.** (*fig.*) be concealed, covered up (of story, etc.)

**túwéi** (=túoye) *n.* cork; caulking [**túo<sup>1</sup>** + **yé** *thing*]

**túuwẹ̀nì** *n.* prostitution [**túu<sup>C</sup>** + **wẹ̀nì** *walk*]

**túuwẹ̀nì-ere** *n.f.* prostitute [**túu<sup>C</sup>** + **wẹ̀nì** *walk* + **eré** *woman*]

**túa** [3] *v.t.* put (into) [sentence example?] (*Used in many specialized phrases, of which a sample is given below*): **Ụ́ tya mú** Go with him; **túa beinmọ** supplement, as a story; complete; **Túa burù mọ, dei búrù mọ** If you put yam, it is yam that will come back (=tit for tat); **túa dibí** bury with (other things); **túa kị̀ẹ̀n** be counted with; **túa koro** **A.** fall with; **B.** implicate someone else; make someone an accomplice; **túa paa** quarrel openly; **túa piri** add a little extra to the amount being sold; **túa sàí** incriminate; **túa sìn** **A.** ward off a blow, or any object

directed at one; **B.** prevent someone from saying a particular word; **túa timi** stay with; **túa ẓon** understand someone's probable reaction; **túa wenj** walk, work with; **aká túa** **A.** cut teeth; **B.** enlarge a canoe by fixing planks to the edges; **C.** break into a conversation; **aga túá** link arms; **akolóu túa** make a slip-knot; **akpa túá** **A.** sew pocket on to a garment; **B.** cause a garment to be baggy as a result of bad sewing; **amánanaowei túa** make, crown chief, king; **amátoru túa** (of rainclouds) be gathered; **anga túá** produce, possess roe (of fish); **apaín túa** vow; promise; make an undertaking before a deity; **bálà túa** put on sail; **báraamà á dùdù ghò túá** link arms; **bára túà** **A.** taste food before offering it to guests; **B.** join others to eat when asked to do so, even though one is not hungry; this is done as a customary sign of love; **C.** use finger to help spin top out of hole; **beri túá** **A.** put on leaves; **B.** fix handles on to a basket or a barb on a fish spear; **bíri túa** put on weight around the waist-line; **bíbi akí túa** summons; review case (in court); **bíbi túa** break into a conversation; **bou túá** **A.** fish in lakes and fish ponds with **ekeré** (usually by women); **B.** share one's tops in a common pool (of two or more boys) in the game of **ikóso**; **bou túá** be kind; **burubara túà** trim vines of yam; **búọ túa** join in a dance for a short time; **búọ ghò bùru túá** plant yams in mound; **dú túa** commit suicide by hanging, etc.; **erẹ túá** **A.** write or register name in a book; **B.** talk into (as in tape recording); **C.** take part in a discussion or talk; **erẹ túá** make a circle; **fánú túa** make a fence round; **fini túá** open (door) for someone to enter; **fijí túá** **A.** set fire; **B.** (*fig.*) aggravate a quarrel; **gólù túa** score goal; **ifàn túa** take snuff; **ifinghí túa** make a boundary; **inbí túa** **A.** sew button on clothes; **B.** score a point; **ifijí túa** frequently remind someone of a promise; **igálí túa** have a swelling on the body; **igbó túa** mend

cast-net; **ikásà túa** do bad things willfully (= **tóru ikasa túa**); **ikiyóu túa** be cunning; **ikolì túá** have a handle (as a cup or pot); **imbási túa** do bad things wilfully; **iwàrà túa** make (heaps of grass) ready for burning; **káa túa** be very cunning; become wary, *e.g.* of fish, animals, birds, etc.; **kabú túá** **A.** use a proverb; **B.** make up a proverb; **kíri furòu túa** develop middle-aged spread; have a sagging belly; **minimeín túa** be greedy; **ogidi túá** fence, *i.e.* fight with machet or sword; **olóko túa** make a law; **oteín túa** **A.** have a boil; **B.** incise boil; **oteín túa** (of boil) come to head; **obú túá** go astern, move backwards; **pòu túa** fish at the waterside of the town in the morning or evening with **atálei**; **pulou túá** **A.** add oil in cooking; **B.** (*fig.*) try by ordeal; **púu túa** **A.** breach a ridge to allow water to pass through when bailing a pond or lake; **B.** use a style of wrestling in which the hands of one wrestler are put under the armpits of the other, thereby forcing him to retreat; **C.** adjust climbing rope on the leg so as to be able to reach bunch to harvest; **sijiri túá** make a gash in fish or meat; **suy túá** be in the mood for war or fight; **tán túa** gather things which have been scattered on the ground, and put them in a container; **tibi túa** **A.** act whole-heartedly; **B.** start to weave the first weft of anything; **C.** start something; **toru túá** smear native chalk on the right hand, or on the right side of face, as a sign of victory or freedom; **tóru ikasa túa** do bad things wilfully; **tóru túa** be critical of someone; **túu túa** **A.** go astern; move backward **B.** mulch with soil; **ukíeye ghò túa** take into consideration; **uru túá** pour out wine; **uwàrà túa** make (heaps of grass) ready for burning; **uwòu ghò túa wenj** waylay; **wárij túà** mend roof (with "thatches"); **wárij túà séri** (accidentally) set house on fire; **yaj túá** scoop up something floating; **yó ghò túa wenj** set an ambush; **zúu túa** dip up from one container to

another; **B.** put on, wear (clothes, accessories); **bútuwei tũa** put on, wear, clothes; **urũka tũa** wear ring

**tũa<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* put forth (flowers) ; **ifolifo tũa** flower (of crops) (=ifolifo tabá); **izághaj tũa** flower (of sugar-cane); **odedé tũa** flower (in general); **omosóu tũa** flower (of oil-palm)

**tũamọ** *v.cs.* tempt; flatter; beguile: **Kímijì à tũamọmì** The man tempted her. [*tũa<sup>1</sup> + -mọ causative*]

**tũamọye** *n.* temptation [*tũamọ + yé thing*]

**tũbá** *inter.* who? whom?: **Tũba kí boyemò?** Who is coming?: **Ì tũbà mọ kí ẹrẹyemáààà?** Who(m) are you talking to?: **Tũba kí tũbá nì ì lẹmọnghimàá** Who is it that will come and deceive me?

**tũbara** (=te bará) *inter.* how? in what way?: **Ọ tũbàrà kí bọma?** How did you people come? [*te + bára<sup>4</sup> way*]

**tũbú<sup>1</sup>** *n.* handle (of paddle, matchet or knife); **ogidi tũbú** handle of matchet (enclosing part of iron) (*cf.* **tĩbì D.**; as **tũbú** is not usually pronounced alone it is possible it is really \***tũbũ**; *cf.* **fũú** handle of axe)

**tũbú** [5]<sup>2</sup> *n.* (from) the beginning, ancient times: **Tũbú sẹ wó nàá mọbì ẹrìgha tímimi** We have never seen such a thing before; **tũbũ kùmò/tũbú kùmọ** from time immemorial: **Tũbú kùmọ bẹi wó miẹ miẹ barabì** This has been our custom from time immemorial; **tũbũ wai** turn an old cloth (*i.e.* cut through middle and seam the original edges together) (=bìbì wai)

**tũbũrũ<sup>1</sup>** *n.* upstream; (hence) northern part; north; **tũbũrũ kunoun** northern end; **tũbũrũ mọ ànga** northern side; **Tũbũrũotu** Hausas; Northerners; (*tech.*) **gési tũbũrũ** true north (*opp.* **támũ**)

**Tũbũrũ<sup>2</sup>** *n.* a town in **Bíseni ibe** of Northern Iẓon

**tũbũrũ-ogbọlọ** *n.* bigger, tiger-striped type of **ogbọlọ**, obtained from the Niger above the bifurcation

**tũẹnì** *n.* twine [*<English twine*]

**tũẹtũẹ** *id.* describes how a small fowl or bird runs with its tail feathers opened, or a similar movement by a small person (**<tũẹtũẹ**)

**tũẹtũẹtũẹ** *id.* emphatic form of **tũẹtũẹ**

**tũẹsẹẹ** *id.* **A.** shortish; unimportant and (*derogatory*); **B.** describes a low, small, wretched or uncared for roof, shed, or hovel; **C.** describes a small nest (for bird)

**tũẹsẹtũẹsẹ** *id.* emphatic form of **tũẹsẹẹ**

**tũfiẹlẹ** *excl.* God forbid! may it not happen! It is an expression usually followed by spitting on the ground to show contempt.

**tũjì** *id.* “hissing” (making a disapproving noise with the mouth)

**tũjĩ** *id.* describes something quenched or fizzling out (as fire, noise, or activity by a person): **Fìjìmọọ òmu tímí bo tũjĩdọu** The fire that was blazing has died out; **Sìlìmọ fa duo bo bi, ọ manì izozóúgha, tũjĩ kí paadọu** Since they lost the money, they have kept quiet about their riches; **Wo egbérìbi bó tũjĩ kí fàmì** His story was a flop.

**tũjìjì** *id.* sizzling

**tũkẹẹ** *id.* appearing briefly, as peeping into room or bringing head out after diving

**tũkũjĩ** *id.* not burning, as when firewood refuses to burn or blaze

**tũkìrũjĩ** *id.* small; short; tiny [sentence example?]

**tũkpá** *n.* **A.** lamp; **B.** light; **C.** (*fig.*) enlightenment [*cf.* **Yoruba àtũpà lamp**]

**tũkpa-ingbí** *n.* globe for lamp [**tũkpá + ingbí spherical object**]

**tũkpatiẹmọyẹ** *n.* lamp-stand [**tũkpá + tịẹmọ<sup>1</sup> make stand+ yé thing**]

**tũkũũ** *id.* protruding, filled above the brim (**<tũkũũ**)

**tũlaa** *id.* of a smallish dead swollen animal or person facing upwards (**<tũlaa<sup>1</sup>**)

**tũmũũ** *id.* very slight bleeding or oozing of blood or water in small spots on the surface or from a leakage

**tũnẹkpeẹ** *id.* lazy and poor (**<tũnẹkpeẹ**)

**túngbọ** **A.** singe (hair off dead animal); scorch; **B.** prepare halfway charcoal from fresh wood for the purpose of blacksmithing or baking (bread); **C.** shape a newly prepared canoe by careful burning

**túngbọrúù** *id.* dejected; depressed; underprivileged; sad and gloomy

**túngbulúù** *id.* round and shortish like the fingers of **ikpíri** plantain

**túnọun** *n.* flag; **túnọun iyerimọ** lower flag; **túnọun tịemọ** put out flags; **túnọun tụa** put out flags [difference from preceding?]; **túnọun uwoumọ** raise/hoist flag

**túnọun-bịdẹ** *n.* flag [**túnọun** + **bịdẹ** cloth]

**túnọun-tịn** *n.* flagstaff [**túnọun** + **tịn** stick]

**túnọun-tuu** *n.* base of flagstaff (seat of honour) [**túnọun** + **túu**<sup>A</sup> base]

**tụọ** *v.t.* cook (by boiling); boil; **tụọ kịadẹi bẹni** boiled and filtered water; **fịyại** **tụọ** cook food; **seimọ** **tụọ/tụọ seimọ** boil (fish, meat) partially in order to preserve for later use in soup; parboil

**túọ** *n.* island; **tọrụ biri** **tụọ** island in the middle of the river

**túọbọlọ** *n.* end of island [**túọ** + **bọlọ**<sup>B</sup> tip]

**tụọ-fị-túo** (= **tụọ-fị-túò** = **tụọ-fị-túa** = **tụọ-fị-túà**) *n.* (tech.) vegetable (= **fịyemi** **túoama**) [**tụọ** + **fị** eat + **túo**<sup>2</sup> herb]

**tuokutúokú** *id.* **A.** very weedy, grassy, as of farm or road; **B.** very shady (<**tuokutúoku**)

??**tuokúù** *id.* **A.** weedy, grassy, as of farm or road; **B.** shady (<**tuokúù**)

**túró** *v.t.* make a little longer; join or stick together, as rope

**tútụ** *v.t.* suck; kiss; **indi ungbóu** **tútụ** suck bones of fish; **kịmị** **tútụ** kiss someone

**tụún** *v.a.* be thin; grow lean; be emaciated

**tụwai** *v.i.* disagree; **tụwai paa** disagree openly

**tụwai****tụwai** *id.* in constant disagreement [**tụwai** x 2]

## U

**u** (*u* before narrow vowels) *pron.* he; him (short subject and object form when preceding consonant; cf. **woó**<sup>1</sup>, **woó**<sup>2</sup>): **U boyémààà?** Is he coming?

**ubé** (= **obé**) *n.* African pear (*Dacryodes edulis* (G.Don) H.J.Lam BURSERACEAE) [*<Igbo ùbé* pear]

**ubí** (= **ubú**<sup>1</sup>) *n.* stick used by farmers, or grass-cutters, to help to hold grass during the process of cutting and clearing

**ubíi** *n.* flying squirrel (*Anomalurus* sp(p)). ANOMALURIDAE

**ubói** [5] *v.p.* bend down; stoop [**ubóu** + **-í** process]

**ubóu** *v.i.* (used only in combinations) be upside-down; **ubóu koro** be upside-down (i.e. with normal position reversed) lie face-down; be turned upside-down (of boat)

**ubóumọ** *v.cs.* turn upside-down [**ubóu** + **-mọ** causative]

**ubú**<sup>1</sup> (= **ubí**) *n.* stick used by farmers or grass-cutters, to help to hold grass during the process of cutting and clearing

**ubú**<sup>2</sup> *n.* sacred things or spirits in the room or house. It is used in dirges. [sentence example]

**udeí** [5] *v.t.* change clothes: **Ọ** **bịdẹ** **ùdeída**, **wó sii** You all change your clothes and let's go to farm.

**udeibịdẹ** *n.* working clothes [**udeí** + **bịdẹ** cloth]

**udelé** *n.* bird, the Hooded Vulture (*Necrosyrtes monachus* ACCIPITRIDAE) [*<Igbo ùdèlè* vulture]

**u-deribọ-yèi-díi** *n.* trap with double or triple funnel entrance; **u-deribọ-yèi-díi** **pịtẹ** fish with such a trap [*'(she) who weaves (and traps with this) is the husband's favourite'*]

**udisí** *n.* rubbish heap; dunghill; **udisi** **purá** fill up a hole with rubbish; **udisi** **tụá** dump rubbish in a place



**udisipúrà<sup>1</sup>** *n.* female children, who marry elsewhere and thereby enlarge other people's families [*udisí* + *púra fill up*]  
**Udisipúrà<sup>2</sup>** *n.* **A.** one of the revered deities at Akugbene in Western Iẓon; **B.** one of the lesser deities in Kolokuma [*udisí* + *púra fill up*]  
**udisituó** (=udisituá) *n.* large white/grey fungus (*Pleurotus* sp.) [*udisí* + *túo herb*] [Is this also an alternative name for **obóri-imeḡeḡe** *n.* plant resembling waterleaf (*Portulaca oleracea* Linn. PORTULACEAE)?] [*udisí* + *túo herb*]  
**udúbù** *n.* tomb; grave; mud left after a mud house has been demolished, *usu.* **wárij-ùdubu**; **wárij-ùdubu** also used (*fig.*) for male children, who build on what the father has left behind  
**ufoú** (=ofoú) *n.* calf of leg  
**ufúra(mḡ)** *see* **ufúre(mḡ)**  
**ufúre** (=ufúra) *v.i.* conceive; be pregnant; have roe (of fish): **Eréma ùfúrenímí** The woman is “under conception”, pregnant; **ufúranímí ìfie** (*tech.*) antenatal period  
**ufúremḡ** (=ufúramḡ) *v.cs.* : “conceive”; impregnate; make pregnant: **Eri kí àrà ùfuremḡmḡ** He made her pregnant. [*ufúre* + *-mḡ causative*]  
**ugbélè** *n.* walking stick; tall staff used by elders; **ugbélè kḡrij** hold a staff (sign of old age): **Kímiḡi bo ni ùgbélè kḡrijó** The man has become old enough to use a staff.  
**ugé** [4] *n.* feast; festival; **ugé tèi** celebrate feast, festival  
**ugeé** *n.* bird, the “eagle”; African Fish Eagle (*Haliaeetus vocifer*) and Palm-Nut Vulture (*Gypohierax angolensis*), both ACCIPITRIDAE; **péri ba(dèj) uge** adult “eagle” with white-tipped wing feathers, which are used to adorn the caps of those who are entitled to them through the **kilé** institution; **péri bagha ùge** juvenile “eagle” without such white-tipped wing feathers [*cf. Igbo, Urhobo ùgò* “eagle”]

**ugeé<sup>2</sup>** (=ugee) *n.* shout given when one is “free”, declared innocent; **uge tíjín** shout **ugeé** (*usu.* **ugeé òó! ugeé òó!** *ad lib.*)  
**ugú<sup>1</sup>** [4] *n.* louse; **ḡngó ugu** body louse; **tíḡi ugu** head louse; **tóruḡo ùgu** pubic louse (*Pediculus humanus*) [*cf. Igbo ígwú louse*]  
**ugú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* hill; mountain [*<Igbo úgwú hill, mountain*]  
**ugubéri<sup>1</sup>** *n.* hammer-headed shark (*Sphryna* spp. SPHYRAENIDAE) [*uguú* + *berí ear?*]  
**Ugubéri<sup>2</sup>** *n.* “masquerade” carved as a hammer-headed shark [*<ugubéri<sup>1</sup>*]  
**uguú** *n.* iron; **abadí ugu** money; **déi ugu** hook; **kḡrḡ-ugú** (*tech.*) steel [*cf. Igbo ígwè*]  
**ugufamḡyé** *n.* mallet; hammer [*uguú* + *fámḡ beat* + *yé thing*]  
**ugupeḡeyé** *n.* hacksaw [*uguú* + *péḡe cut* + *yé thing*]  
**ugutoluyé** *n.* drill; punch [*uguú* + *tólu<sup>1</sup> pierce* + *yé thing*]  
**uké** *see* under **bíjén<sup>1</sup>**  
**ukíe** *v.t.* think; remember; recollect  
**ukíemḡ** [5] *v.cs.* remind [*ukíe* + *-mḡ causative*]  
**ukíemḡye** *n.* reminder; (*tech.*) reference (as in *terms of reference*) [*ukíe* + *-mḡ causative* + *yé thing*]  
**ukíri** (=okíri =ukúri) *v.i.* **A.** crawl; **B.** (*fig.*) struggle; manage; labour; work hard at: **Ye ukíri timi bei warí kḡrij sḡḡḡo aba, i kímí bḡḡmḡ sḡḡgha** As I have toiled at this house, if I finish building it I will not allow anyone to stay in it.  
**ukoí<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.i.* kneel; genuflect (as sign of respect to elders)  
**ukoí<sup>2</sup>** [5] *n.* genuflection (sign of respect to elders)  
**ukoimḡ** *v.cs.* make kneel: **ḡrḡḡ ùkoimḡ** Make them kneel. [*ukoí* + *-mḡ causative*]  
**ukóu<sup>1</sup>** *n.* canoe seat; *usu.* **árḡ-ukou**  
**ukóu<sup>2</sup>** *n.* pair; twos; **ukóu tíj** stand in twos; (*tech.*) be parallel  
**ukóu-tíj-igbaljama** *n.pl.* (*math.*) parallel lines [*ukóu* + *tíj stand* + *igbaljamá lines*]

**ukpókù** *n.* fish with fat and tasty head (*Petrocephalus* spp.), and small blunt-nosed mormyrids (MORMYRIDAE)

**ukpuboún** *n.* molasses [**ukpuú** + **bóun** honey]

**ukpuluú** *n.* kidney (=ungbúlùluú)

**ukpúrù** *n.* disease which is closely associated with vomiting

**ukpúrutè** *n.* the intermediate size of mortar (cf. **okuná** and **odó**)

**ukpuú** (=ukpuún) *n.* sugar-cane; **ukpu dụú** chew sugar-cane. Its parts include: **ukpu apúrà** outer cover; **ukpu bení** sap; **ukpu bọlọ** upper part; **ukpu ítáú** sucker; **ukpu ịzághaị** white silky-plumed inflorescence; **ukpu mení** edible part; **ukpu sọtọrù** bud; **ukpu tuú** base; whole plant

**ukputorú** *n.* node [**ukpuú** + **tọrụ** joint]

**ukpuún** see **ukpuú**

**ukú<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.a.* be heavy

**ukú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* spleen

**ukú<sup>3</sup>** *n.* nut which is hung on waist of children with a large spleen to cure it

**ukú<sup>4</sup>** *n.* mud supports on the hearth for pot instead of iron ring

**ukúbiri** *n.* (tech.) weight [**ukú<sup>1</sup>** + **bíri** <sup>6</sup>value]

**ukúdọn** *n.* sickness affecting the spleen [**ukú<sup>2</sup>** + **dọn** sickness]

**ukuká** *n.* one side of jaw

**ukukurú** [4] *n.* under(part); underneath;

**akasị ukúkuru** space under chair

**ukúla<sup>1</sup>** [3] (=ukúle) *v.a.* be lame, crippled;

**ukúla kịmị** lame person

**ukúla<sup>2</sup>** [3] (=ukúle) *n.* lameness

**ukúlamọ** *v.cs.* cause to be lame; lame [**ukúla** + **-mọ** causative]

**ukunbilí** *n.* fish, the goby (*Eleotris senegalensis*, *E. vittata* ELEOTRIDAE)

**ukuré** [4] *n.* stern of canoe, *usu.* **áru-ukure**;

**ukuré kọrịmọ** steer; **ukuré tụa** stand up and steer large canoes (e.g. war-canoe)

**ukuré-dàa-araụ** (=ukuré-dàa-ere) *n.f.* woman who stands at the stern of a dance-canoe to perform when it reaches a town

[**ukuré** + **dàa<sup>1B</sup>** dance as leader + **-araụ/eré** female/woman]

**ukuré-dàa-oweì** *n.* man who stands at the stern of a dance-canoe to perform when it reaches a town [**ukuré** + **dàa<sup>1B</sup>** dance as leader + **-oweì** male/man]

**ukuré-tụa-yọweị** *n.* big paddle used as rudder for big canoes such as war-canoes, ceremonial canoes, and commercial boats [**ukuré** + **tụa** put + **yọweị** paddle]

**ukúri** (=ukíri = okíri) *v.i.* **A.** crawl; **B.** (fig.) struggle; manage; labour; work hard at: **Ye ukúri timi bei warị kọrị sụọdọ aba, ị kịmị bọmọ sụọgha** As I have toiled at this house, if I finish building it I will not allow anyone to stay in it.

**ukuruzí** [4] (=ukurízí) *n.* cannon (<Portuguese *o arcabuz* the harquebus)

**ukuú** *n.* field for wrestling or any kind of contest; arena [AOT: This word is queried; do you know it?]

**ulumaá** *n.* “pepper-fruit” (*Dennetia tripetala* Bak. f. ANNONACEAE)

**umbeberékè** (=umboberékè, umemerékè, imemerékè) *n.* fern (*Pityrogramma calomelanos* (Linn.) Link ADIANTACEAE)

**umboberékè** see **umbeberékè**

**umbokúù** *id.* curved; hunched

**umbólo** *n.* fist; clenched hand; **umbólo gbọlụ** box

**umbú<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.a.* be sharp (of machet, knife, etc.)

**umbú<sup>2</sup>** [4] *n.* navel

**umbú<sup>3</sup>** [plural ?] *n.* used in: **buru umbú** inner part of yam, which is eaten when the outer part is planted [Is this the same word as **umbuú** the pith or centre of the tree? (see below)]

**umbuaa** *id.* stupidly

**umbubulaá** (=umbupulaá) *n.* insect found on the floor of mud houses which gives a small flashing light (but not a firefly) OR spark; firefly [which is correct?]

**umbubulú** (=umumulú) *n.* insect which feeds on human blood

**umbúdiri** (=umbú-kòromọ-diri) *n.* a medicinal herb (*Bryophyllum pinnatum* (Lam.) Oken CRASSULACEAE) [*umbú + díri medicine*]

**umbú-ìgba** *n.* umbilical cord [*umbú + ìgbá rope*]

**umbú-kòromọ-diri** (=umbúdiri) *n.* a medicinal herb (*Bryophyllum pinnatum* (Lam.) Oken CRASSULACEAE) [*umbú + kòromọ + díri medicine*]

**umbúlùlù** (=ungbúlùlù) *n.* kidney:  
**Umbúlùlù ì kọrìbọ dọwẹjẹ ẹkpẹtẹ** I'm no more for the game – anyone who catches me becomes a rotten corpse (*said by child who excuses himself from a game after putting ashes on his midriff*) (=ukpuluú)

**umbupulaá** (=umbubulaá) *n.* insect found on the floor of mud houses which gives a small flashing light (but not a firefly) OR spark; firefly [which is correct?]

**umbuú** *n.* the pith or centre of the tree. It is usually softer and more fragile, and thus breaks, cracks or splits easily (*cf. tịn tọbọ*)

**umérèn** *n.* very small fish (*Chonophorus lateristriga*)

**umumulú** (=umbubulú) *n.* insect which feeds on human blood

**ungbá** [4] *n.* quill of the porcupine; stick prepared in the form of a quill used for parting and plaiting hair

**ungbalúù** *id.* swollen and lumpy (>ungbulúù)

**ungbósù<sup>1</sup>** *n.* fruit of the **kọrọ** or **boyá** palm

**ungbósù<sup>2</sup>** *n.* miscarried male embryo or foetus (*cf. ẹpẹtì for female*)

**ungboráà** *id.* prominent, conspicuous, bulging

**ungbóu** *n.* **A.** bone; **ungbóu kùrọ** be bony, strong (of person); **B.** (*fig.*) stalk (of cassava), *usu.* **abábùrú ùngbou**; empty maize-cob, *usu.* **aká ùngbou**; **indi ungbóu** bone of fish; **náma ungbou** bone of animal

**ungbóungbou** *id.* **A.** bony; skinny; **B.** full of bones (as soup)

**ungbufúù** *a.* short and blunt; not elongated; rounded mouth (for humans); rounded snout (for animals) (>ungbufúù)

**ungbukúù<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes a short and fat person [but *cf. ungbukúù*]

**ungbukúù<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes a round head

**ungbúlùlù<sup>1</sup>** (=umbúlùlù) *n.* kidney:  
**Ungbúlùlù ì kọrìbọ dọwẹjẹ ẹkpẹtẹ** I'm no more for the game – anyone who catches me becomes a rotten corpse (*said by child who excuses himself from a game after putting ashes on his midriff*) (=ukpuluú)

**ungbúlùlù<sup>2</sup>** *n.* game played with **berisonléi** [Is this different from preceding?]

**ungbúlùlù<sup>3</sup>** *n.* dungworm used as bait

**ungbulúù** *id.* roundish shape, as of human being

**undokúù** (=indokúù) *id.* describes a hunched or bulging part of the body, *e.g.* of man, animal or stick. Thus Fulani zebu cattle are called **konu-birí-ùndokú.**

**undú** *n.* pumpkin (*Cucurbita pepo* Linn. CUCURBITACEAE): **Undú bo sèi beni ghọ beinmi** The pumpkin bore fruit at an unexpected time (*saying used when something happens for which one is not prepared*); **beké-ùndu** fluted pumpkin (*Telfairea occidentalis* Hook. f. CUCURBITACEAE) [check identification]

**undukúù** *id.* quiet; silent; secret; *usually used in the phrase undúkù uru* first two bottles of gin drunk at the bride's stepfather's place before the day of drinking **wárijè nimì uru**

**undumọ̀ọ̀** *id.* unclear: **Egberí sẹ̀ bó ni ìnẹ̀ ghọ̀ ùndumọ̀ọ̀ kị emí** The story is not very clear to me.

**ungú** *n.* spherical earthenware water-pot with an everted rim [see photo] (*cf. kúu, búu<sup>2</sup>*); **Ọpọpọrìpọ!** **ungú tẹmọ yọ bènì irígha** Where the water-pot is put will never dry up (*prayer for prosperity*)



**ungú sei** dance accompanied by music from a set of different-sized pots tuned by filling them to different heights with water. Beaten on the mouth with a flat pad.

**ungúru** *n.* maggot (inedible); (*tech.*) larva

**ungurupé** *n.* locust (*Locusta migratoria migratorioides*); **Árì kẹ̀nì ùngurupé áàà?** (lit. Are you a locust?) **A.** You consume like a locust; **B.** You are fond of causing bad relationships between people.

**upirí** *n.* floating mass of vegetable matter which obstructs navigation; sudd

**urî** *excl.* a call for any person in the bush

**urîi** *excl.* a call giving information that it is time to go home

**uróu** *n.* fame; notoriety; **ebi uróu** fame; **sei uróu** notoriety; **uróu paa** be famous, notorious: **Erí ùróu paamì** He is famous/notorious.

**urópaa-otu-dùu** *n.* (*tech.*) legend [**uróu** + **páa** come out + **-otu** people + **dùu** tale]

**uru-ìkpó** *n.* an earthen pot that contains six jars of palm wine [**uruú** + **ìkpó** ??]

**urukùmù** *n.* shrub species (*Craterispermum cerinanthum* Hiern RUBIACEAE)

**urúlà (=rúlà)** *n.* (*tech.*) ruler [*<English ruler*]

**urúru** *n.* ?? **urúru ufa** cotton thread

**urusí** *n.* indolence; weakness of mind and body at a particular moment

**uruú** *n.* **A.** wine (*general*); any drink except water; **uru dọsì** pour drink before the gods

or ancestors; **uru tųá** serve wine to a gathering; **uru zuú** apply formally in advance to book for a lodging, as done by a dancing group in a canoe to a town during a return journey. The offer is usually twelve bottles of gin; the host town is free to accept or reject the offer; **beké urù** imported spirits; **daụ-karí-ùru** drink in honour of bride's father; **dịe-bou-ùru** drink brought by husband which is shared by husband and bride; **igoni-urú** drink offered by a guest to his host on arrival, or by a dance-canoe to a town; **izón-ùruú** wine-palm wine; **kọrì-tịtemọ-ùru** drink offered as welcome by household to one of its members on his return home; **kúrukuru-uru** coloured spirits, mainly used for deities; **mẹlímẹlì urú** soft drink; **usún uru** wine from oil-palm; **yei-dọụ-ùru** wine brought by bridegroom which bride presents to identify him publicly as her husband; **B.** locally-made gin, also **tųọ urú**; **uru ekpéti** carton (usually twelve bottles) of gin

**urúuru** *n.* sugar ant (*Monomorium pharaonis*)

**urutųa-ówèi** *n.* wine-server: **Urutųa-ówèi mọ, wo ebí mọ, mọ mọ mọ!** Wine-server and his handsomeness, so so so! (*call by one of the drinkers for more wine*) [**uruú** + **tųá** pour + **-owei** male]

**uruzuú** *n.* formal application in advance to book for a lodging [**uruú** + **zúu** unload]

**usí** [3] *v.t.* spit out; spit chewed medicine on to the body of a sick person; **dírì usi** spit out medicinally; **fìlà usi** spit out forcefully

**usifìlà** *n.* shooting star [**usí** + **fìlà** saliva]

**usíi** *n.* stiff elephant grass (*Pennisetum purpureum* Schumach.); **perẹ usí** another ('king') type (*Panicum maximum* Jacq., both GRAMINEAE)

**usín sųọ** *v.p.* surrender authority or sovereignty to a god or person in exchange for defence or protection: **Arí iné usín sųonghì bàì kpọ faá** I cannot grovel before you. [Can **usín** be used without **sųọ**?]

**usisouyé** *n.* “Indian hoe”; large hoe made from imported blade with handle fixed locally, for digging up elephant grass [*usii* + *sóu dig up* + *yé thing*]

**usún** *n.* wine from the oil-palm, *usu*. **usún uru**

**uté** *n.* **A.** plant whose stem is used for weaving; **uté deri** weave **uté**; **eré ute** *Sarcophrynium brachystachys* (Benth.) K. Schum.; **owéi ute** *Marantochloa leucantha* (K. Schum.) Milne-Redh. or *M. purpurea* (Ridl.) Milne-Redh., all MARANTACEAE (*cf. abélebei*, which refers to the leaves of the same plant); **B.** kind of sleeping-mat woven from the plant

**utébeinye** *n.* fruit of **uté** [*uté* + *béinye fruit*]

**utií** *v.i.* swell as a result of decomposition

**utísi** *n.* the distended lower part of a woman’s abdomen after she has been delivering children for some time

**utórù** *n.* bird, the Pink-backed Pelican (*Pelecanus rufescens* PELICANIDAE)

**utulú** *n.* medium-sized calabash used as floater for the **osísi** net

**uturóowèi** *n.* python; “boa-constrictor” (*Python sebae* BOIDAE)

**utuú** *n.* roof, *usu*. **wárij utù**; **utu tijn** major house-post that supports the roof

**uuú** *id.* prodigal; wasteful: **Erí wò okóbàmq akj uu kí mịẹ famọunmị** He wasted all his money by prodigal living.

**uwóu** *v.i.* ascend; go up; climb [tone class 2 or 3?]

**uwóumọ** *v.cs.* raise [*uwóu* + *-mọ causative*]

**uyán** *n.* African Breadfruit (*Treculia africana* Decne. MORACEAE). Its parts include: **uyán bein** fruit; **uyán ofora** husk; **uyán ogbudugbudu** pulp; endocarp; **uyán paaraj** cotyledon; **uyán seļẹ/fumụ** seed

**uyásubo** (=uyánsibe) *n.* small bowl used in the measurement of gari, rice, etc. for sale

**Uzi** *n.* the annual feasting period for the whole of Gbanraịn (Taylor Creek). It is around July; thus July in Gbanraịn is named **Uzi oğónèi** (festival month).

**uzií<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* do something to excess: **Erí kẹnị fįyaj fį bo ni ùzi kí ùzidọ** He has now taken to over-eating.

**uzií<sup>2</sup>** *n.* a special ceremony performed at the funeral of a deceased hero (*cf. kịlẹ<sup>3</sup>*)

## Ụ

**ụ** (*u* before wide vowels) *pron.* he; him (*short subject and object form when preceding consonant; cf. woó<sup>1</sup>, woó<sup>2</sup>*): **U bomí** He came: **Arí ụ tijnmị** I called him.

**ụbaá** *n.* mainly natural channel which is navigable during the flood but largely dries up in dry season; some are named after a person who habitually fishes there (=oróro<sup>1</sup>, contrast **adij**, a dug channel)

**ụbánà** (=umbánà) *excl.* thank you

**ụbí** *n.* [tone?] bush-pig; Red River Hog (*Potamochoerus porcus* Linn. SUIDAE):

**Ụbí, mẹnị serí búrú fị! Arị kị kpoo nì i tin baramọ kírí kòromọ** Bush-pig, now get up and eat yam! ??? (*Expression in a folk-tale, making derogatory remarks on the Red River Hog for its vandalism of crops*)

**ụbọq** *n.* the person, the one: **Tọbọq bọdej bara mịẹ nị ụbọ nimimọ** Inform that person about the arrival of the child.

**ụdeẹ** [1/5] *n.* ointment; “pomade”; body lotion; (*pl.*) **ụdeáma, ụdeamá** oils; **beké ụde** imported “pomade”; **ivín ụde** palm kernel oil; **okokodịà ụde** coconut oil

**ụdọq** *n.* termite-hill; termitary; ant-hill

**ụfá** *n.* guinea-worm [sure of this word?]

**ụfaá** *n.* thread used for weaving; **bịde ụfá** unravel threads (from the newly cut edges of a cloth); **urúru ụfa** cotton thread

**ụfeẹ** *n.* expert; adept, *e.g.* in fishing: **Erí indị dọq ụfe** He is an expert in fishing.

**ụfjan** *v.t.* steer canoe from stern, *usu*. **áru ụfjan**

**ụfọq** *v.t.* apply first-aid to someone fainting by massaging, by applying oxygen or drugs,

- using breathing techniques, etc., *usu.* **kími ufuo**
- ugadá<sup>1</sup>** hurriedly; not meticulously; not in detail [part of speech? sentence example?]
- ugadá<sup>2</sup>** public; common; not specifically assigned to any person; **ugada namá** common or public meat, not assigned to any person
- ugbákà** *n.* dam
- ugbalá<sup>1</sup>** *n.* one of the tastiest fish, a general term for mormyrids including *Marcusenius* and *Hyperopisus bebe* MORMYRIDAE
- ugbalá<sup>2</sup>** *n.* calabash used as floater for net
- ugbó** *v.i.* wander; rove without purpose or direction; roam about [how would one say ‘a person who roams about’?]
- ugúla** *n.* **A.** reception room; senior men’s council house; **B.** court; tribunal; **ugúla pele** give judgement; **ugúla sọ** (= **bére gba** = **bíbi gba**) go for arbitration within family or between towns (= **bére**, **bíbi**) [*?cf. Urhobo àgùàrè Can we get the Isoko equivalent?*]
- Ugúlakiri** *n.* one of the Kolokuma deities whose seat is at Kaiama (his original name is **Gbóruaka**)
- uká** *n.* “native potash”; potash obtained from burnt plantain peelings and remains of oil-palm fruits after the nuts have been removed
- ukasú** [4] *n.* grass growing near water (*Echinochloa pyramidalis* (Lam.) Hitchc. and Chase); its flowers, mixed with lime-juice, produce a substitute for red ink called **ukasú ìnki**
- ukéé** *n.* final and culminating point in a series of events; climax; the worst and most agonizing stage of an event
- ukọu** *n.* triggered trap; **ukọu pite** fish with **ukọu**
- ukpá<sup>1</sup>** *n.* pale white cane-rope used in making sponges and **atálei**; the tree from which it is derived (*Laccosperma secundiflorum* (P. Beauv.) Wendl. PALMAE) (> **bóru** > (often) **apíe**)
- ukpá<sup>2</sup>** *n.* method of tying cloth short between legs so as to form loincloth; **ukpá tụa** put on loincloth
- ukpán** *n.* scarcity, shortage (of fish or meat): **Béi amàbì ukpán koro kaamì** There is a big shortage of fish in this town (*cf.* **mọún**).
- ukpárù** *n.* intermediate size of bullet (*cf.* **anglì**, **ọfuru**, **gbólù**, **okpókìrikpó**)
- ukpasú** [4] *n.* ladle; wooden spoon for cooking
- ukpátù** *n.* small bundle; any size less than the normal bundle for special objects, *e.g.* yam stakes, cane-ropes, etc.
- ukpúkpa** *n.* wild mango stone with the seed inside (*cf.* **egbené**, **ogboín**) [discuss, see picture]
- ukpúkù** *n.* *used in:* **ukpúkù tụa** to be clever, crafty, wise
- ukpurù** *n.* yam seedling (*cf.* **ìkpúrù** *n.* (*used with burú*); **buru-ìkpúrù** seed-yam [discuss])
- ukpúrù** *n.* **A.** a lump in fufu or starch; **B.** a swelling on the body, *esp.* along main veins, as a result of blood collecting or clotting; (*fig.*) **ukpúrù sele** be selective, discriminatory
- ukpurukpu** *n.* *used in* **ukpurukpu tụa/ukpúrùkpù tụa** to be well experienced in
- ukúatà** *n.* a special shrine where bones of fish or animal bones and skulls are kept by the fisherman or hunter respectively
- ukúbìlákì** *n.* ant type, similar to the soldier ant (**igílà**), which devours anything edible
- ukukují** *v.i.* be miserly  
(**ukukura**) *used in:* **lìj ukukura** spines or prickles at the stalk of the pinnate leaf of the oil-palm tree
- ukulọ̀** *n.* bow(s) of canoe, *usu.* **áru ukulọ̀ ukulọ̀-dàa-araú** (= **ukulọ̀-dàa-ere**) *n.f.* woman who stands at the bows of a dance-canoe to perform when it reaches a town
- ukulọ̀-dàa-owei** *n.* man who stands at the bows of a dance-canoe to perform when it reaches a town

**ùkúò** *n.* bird, the osprey (*Pandion haliaetus* PANDIONIDAE) [or is the osprey **odokó?**]  
**ùkùòbù** [4] [=ùkùòbù] *n.* a fish (*Tilapia nilotica*) [check, or *Tilapia* spp.?]; **ùkùòbù ògugu** round hole in bed of river, lake, etc., where the female **ùkùòbù** lays her eggs and nurses the young ones; (*fig.*) any hole less than the required size  
**ùkùòbùtòrù** *n.* a medicinal herb (*Solenostemon monostachyus* (P.Beauv.) Briq. LABIATAE)  
**ùkùòdù** *n.* trumpet; cornet  
**ùkùrèjín** [5] *v.i.* squat  
**ùkùú** *n.* private parts  
**ùlää<sup>1</sup>** *n.* epiphytic tree or strangler (*Ficus natalensis* Hochst., possibly also *Ficus ovata* Vahl, both MORACEAE): (*saying*) **Ùlā bo ní ì mòmò timi ába, ùlää ì fīna bá yò kòò bómàáá?** I invited **ùlää** to come and stay with me, but does it come to strangle me to death? (*applied to a guest who becomes troublesome*)  
**ùlää<sup>2</sup>** *n.* ligament; short band of tough flexible fibrous tissue binding bones together  
**ùlāatà** *v.i.* [or noun?] treat carelessly as a fool: **Kìjì mī ìnèè àkì nì ùlāatà mīè kùmò** Nobody should treat me as a useless person.  
**ùlakú** *v.i.* commit a nuisance (by urinating/defecating/ blowing nose, etc., in an unsuitable place): **Kìjì mī bī ùlakù kaamí** The man is always committing a nuisance.  
**ùlālātà** *n.* worthless object [??]  
**ùlúma** *n.* catfish or mudfish (*Clarias buthopogon* CLARIIDAE)  
**ùlúma-ufou** *n.* calf (of leg) that is disproportionately shaped, which resembles an **ùlúma** with eggs held upside-down  
**ùlúmaá** *n.* small lift-screen (*used mainly proverbially*): **Indi baanghí àsa kò ùlúma sajmí** The **ùlúmaá** has been pulled into the canoe at the **asaá**-side where they would have got fish (*i.e.* they have given up at the crucial moment). (*cf.* **atálei**)

**ùmaá** *n.* pus: (*fig.*) something wrong: **Béi ègberibi ùma bolóu ghò èmí** There is something fishy about this story.  
**ùmbaá** *n.* breath; **ùmba saráù/wamú** breathe: **Ùmba wamuyémi kímì naá fì tìn kùmò** If someone is breathing, don't call him dead yet.  
**ùmbánà** (=ùbánà) *excl.* thank you  
**ùmbaùffìò** (=ùmbaùffiyòu) *v.i.* rest  
**Ùmbòkò** (=Òmbòkò) *n.* Ibibio; **Ùmbòkò-otu** Ibibio people  
**ùmbòmbò** *id.* describes a situation when many animals are seen sitting together with their heads bent, or many children on their knees close together  
**ùmbòtò** *id.* many and close together, as when heads of many fish like **ùlúma** appear in the **gbére** (fish hole)  
**ùmbùburù** *v.i.* murmur quietly, sometimes grumbling  
**ùmbùkùù** *id.* describes a short and stocky person bent downwards a bit [How is this related to **ùmgbùkùù?**]  
**ùmbùkù-ùmbùkù** *id.* describes a fairly short and fat person walking with head bent down  
**ùmbulùù** *a.* smeared all over the body with mud (=òmbulùù)  
**ùmbùú** *n.* hunch; hump; **ùmbù tujá** be hunchbacked: **Ùmbù tujá ère ìkijoyù kì akì yei mò angámì** A hunch-backed wife takes care how she lives with her husband (*saying used when someone works with another for a long time and studies them to know how they react*).  
**ùmbù-tujá-kímì** *n.* hunchback  
**ùngbálù** *n.* type of tree used in building houses  
**ùngbalùù** *id.* greatly swollen  
**ùngbará** *n.* shin  
**ùngbàrà** *n.* baton; club  
**ùngbèè** *n.* **A.** iron spike: (*saying*) **ùngbè fèjìn nì ùbò inéngì ghò tujá** keep torturing or taunting a person who is in a fix (lit. put a red-hot spike up someone's anus); **B.** crafty person [is this the same word? *Cf.* **ùngbèè**]

**ungbó<sup>1</sup>** *n.* **A.** (general term) nut of various trees: **eré-ungbo** (*Mucuna pruriens* var. *utilis* (Wight) Burck, c.vars.) [uses?]; **izón-ungbo** [refer to what? uses?]; **okúlèi-ungbo** (*Dioclea reflexa* Hook.f., *Mucuna flagellipes* Hook.f., *M. poggei* Taub.) used for games, (all LEGUMINOSAE-PAPILIONOIDEAE); **lji ungbò** palm-nut; **B.** hence, from the shape, cube (as of sugar); dice; **lidó ungbò** dice; **sùgà ungbò** cube of sugar; **tòrù ungbò** eyeball

**ungbó<sup>2</sup>** *a.* (always in combination) significant; important: **ungbò egberi** significant story; **ungbò bibi** important word; **kími ungbò** distinguished person: **Kími ungbòama kí ì mọ dọ̀yẹ̀mi** I am looking for distinguished people.

**ungbótua** *n.* name of a game

**ungbufùù** *id.* short and blunt (<ungbufúù)

**ungbukùù** *id.* describes a short and stocky person bent downwards a bit [but *cf.* **ungbukúù**]

**ungbulùù** *id.* slightly swollen; with a lump in the shape of a palm nut

**ungbúmọ** *v.i.* endure; forbear; bear up: **Kími ye nì ì mị̀dọ̀u aba, ungbúmọ wẹ̀rì mị̀e naa akí** If someone treats you (badly), endure (without showing your feelings and taking revenge).

**undú<sup>1</sup>** [3] *v.i.* live

**undú<sup>2</sup>** [tone?] *n.* life; living: **Undú laa ye fà** There's nothing like life. [*cf.* *Igbo ndù life*]

**undù<sup>1</sup>** *excl.* Bless you! (*said when a small child sneezes; adults may also say it to themselves*) [*cf.* *Igbo ndù life*]

**Undù<sup>2</sup>** *n.* personal name [*cf.* *Igbo ndù life*]

**undùdù** *n.* spike (=tẹ̀miye) [*?<Igbo ndùdù skewer*]

**undukùù** *id.* short with a protruding forehead like that of the he-goat

**undúrùmà** *a.* [?] mysterious; hard to understand; **undúrùmà bibi** unexpected trouble

**ungbẹ̀** *id.* reputed, famous, an expert, an adept

**ungbulùù** *id.* short and fat

**ungó** *n.* money; wealth; **tíbi ungo** bridewealth; 'brideprice' (=tíbi saa)

**ungówarì** *n.* shop; store [**ungó** + **wári** house]

**ungúa** *excl.* hurry up! make haste! do (it) quickly!: **I bóyemì? Ungúa ò!** Are you coming? Hurry up! [*<Igbo ñgwá haste*]

**ungúguru** *v.t.* speak ill of; backbite (*cf.* **fidi**)

**ungulí** *n.* silver catfish (*Chrysichthys* spp., including *nigrodigitatus* BAGRIDAE); **ungulì mini tũ̀à** look better as a result of good feeding [?]; **sei ungulì** silver catfish which looks lean and ugly when it comes out from holes where it has been feeding its young

**ungùò** *n.* food (soup) prepared with ground meat or fish and mixed with palm oil, salt, pepper, **kóun** and hot water

**ungúru<sup>1</sup>** *v.a.* be weak, lazy and unable to do anything; lack aptitude for work

**ungúru<sup>2</sup>** *v.a.* be very sickly (of both old and young): **Tòbọ̀bì ungùru kaamì** The child is sickly and not growing well.

**unguù** *id.* looking up from under the eyebrows to express an unhappy reaction

**upín** (=upún) *n.* lower wall of abdomen in animal or fish, removed first in 'butchering'. In large animals it is given to **yábirìotu**; **upín sìn** remove the **upín** (first step in 'butchering')

**upirì** *n.* space between seats of canoe; **beni sìn upirì** space from which water is bailed (in centre in a 4-seat canoe); **ukuré upirì** space between last two seats before stern; **ukulọ̀u upirì** space between first and second seats from the bow

**upún<sup>1</sup>** *n.* shelter provided with the body and the hands in front of the body, usually for small children who run for protection in the face of danger

**upún** (=upín) *n.* lower wall of abdomen in animal or fish, removed first in 'butchering'. In large animals it is given to **yábirìotu**; **upún sìn** remove the **upún**

**uráù** *n.* sun: **Uráù kùrọ̀mì** The sun is hot; **uráù dja** put things in the sun to dry and



air; **uráụ paa** rise (of sun); **uráụ suọ** set (of sun); **baara uráụ** dry season sun, the second hottest; **beni iyèrì uraụ** the hottest sun, when the flood is going down; **osuo uráụ** sun which is expected to be followed by rain

**uráụpaangà** *n.* east [**uráụ** + **paa** come out + **angá** side]

**uráụsuọangà** *n.* west [**uráụ** + **suọ** go in + **angá** side]

**urúkà** *n.* ring; **wai urúkà** medicinal ring

**urúkukù** *id.* describes a very short neck

**usaụ** [4] *n.* African pike (*Hepsetus odoe* HEPSETIDAE): **Usaụ èrẹ sinya, usaụ dèsi ni áru ghọ biyọu**: When the pike was mentioned, it jumped into the canoe. (Applied to appearance of people just mentioned; cf. Talk of angels, and you hear their wings flutter.)

**usaụ-àka** *n.* peelings of skin usually occurring at the tips of the fingers [**usaụ** + **aká** tooth]

**usíá**<sup>1</sup> [3] *v.i.* shout at someone; howl; yell: **Kími usíá nì ì piri kúmọ** Don't shout at me; **usíá kímì** person who likes shouting

**usíá**<sup>2</sup> [3] *v.a.* be hot (as pepper)

**usún** *n.* shrew (*Crocidura* spp.) check

**utabú** *n.* tree species (*Celtis wightii* Planch. ULMACEAE) check

**után** *n.* funnel-entrance trap; **után tụa** fish with **után**

**utàrán** (=utánrán) *n.* boiled and pounded fufu (opposed to **okpuúnkòrọ** raw cassava); **utàrán temi** pound fufu; **tín tìbì utaran** hard nut to crack (lit. very hard fufu)

**utúbùra** *n.* male sitatunga, “antelope” (*Tragelaphus spekei* TRAGELAPHINAE); **Utúbùra wèni buọ làla beni bóumì** When the sitatunga cannot walk well, it drinks swamp water (said of someone who has come down in the world and so accepts any given situation) (cf. **asaalaá**, female sitatunga)

**ututú** *n.* a small water pot

**uún** *excl.* a form of response to calls, *esp.* when the caller is nearby

**uụụ** *id.* making a murmuring sound as of a crowd or market, or distant rain

**uvjá** *v.i.* eat and drink with someone who is not one's friend or relative, regarded as disgracing one's people and running the risk of absorbing witchcraft into one's body;

**uvia kímì** person who habitually eats and drinks outside their immediate circle: **Uvia ofónì angála gbọlụmì** An indiscriminating fowl pecks at burning charcoal (i.e. Indiscriminating actions lead to grave consequences).

**uwá** [3] *v.a.* **A.** be old, aged; **uwá kímì** old person; **B.** grow in stunted, ailing way (of plants and people, opposite of **paa**<sup>2</sup>)

**uwaín** [5] *v.t.* tie cloth, *usu.* **bìdẹ ùwain**: **Áràù àrá bìdẹbì ùwaíndọ** She has tied her cloth (cf. **gbalá** for a head-tie).

**uwàrà** (=ìwàrà) *n.* heap of dry grass or twigs ready for burning

**uwó** [3] *v.a.* be alive, fresh, raw; **uwó ìndíí** fresh fish (*opp.* of **éri ìndíí**); **uwó fiyaj** raw foodstuff (*opp.* of **tụọ fiyáí**); **uwó inọn** fresh sore or wound

**uwómọ** *v.cs.* cause to be alive [**uwó** + **-mọ** causative]

**uwọụ** *n.* path; route; way; road; passage; street; track; **uwọụ fìjì ere/oweì** first child that opens the womb; **bou uwọụ** bush path, road; **búọ uwọụ** footpath in bush; **yọụ uwọụ** water route (in flooded bush)

**uwọụ-biri-araụ** *n.* a messenger of God out to do evil (folktales); (*fig.*) an enemy who openly poses obstacles to one's progress [**uwọụ** + **bírì** middle + **-araụ** female]

**Uwọụbọdọụ** *n.* personal name, given when a child whose predecessors have died young has lived long enough to indicate it is going to survive [‘You have missed the road’]

**uyaá** *v.i.* suffer; be in trouble: **Erí ùyayemí** He is suffering; *n.* suffering; trouble: **Uya kímì mó ègbèighá** Suffering is not good for a person; **Uya owéì kímì laagha** A

suffering man cannot become a respected person; **uya fíí** undergo suffering, punishment; suffer pain; grieve; **uya iné** endure suffering; **uya mié** to suffer one's self by behaving otherwise to cause or create trouble; **uya ó uya** carefree.

**uyamó** *v.cs.* ill-treat, maltreat, mistreat (someone) [**uyaá** + **-mó causative**]

## V

**váàa** *id.* with speed

**vadavadá** *id.* describes quick, rapid movement with splashes: **Námamọ yọ dùo vadavada kí wẹni bọmị** The animals splashed quickly past the place.

**vaduvadú** *id.* with a loud and heavy sound, as of soup boiling in a big pot

**vai** [1] *v.i.* disappear suddenly or completely: **Ọwọmọ yọ dùo vai wẹni tẹidọ** The children have suddenly/completely disappeared from the place; **akámọ vai** devoid of teeth (of mouth)

**vaivaí** *id.* hot and irritating (as of taste of too much pepper, or skin irritation after applying a stinging medicine): **Iginámọ vaivai kí ní ará ọngọ kọnmị** The pepper stung her body sharply.

**valúù** *id.* describes sudden flaming of fire: **Fịjibí valúù ni omu paadọ** The fire suddenly flared up.

**vamútù** *n.* the first part of gin (with some water) that comes out while distilling

**vamúù** *id.* describes sound produced while paddling when the paddle is inserted deep into the water, causing little noise on the surface, but the pulling is hard (*cf.* **duwá, duwé**)

**vámuù** *id.* cutting or clearing bush with a big sharp machet; the sound so produced

**vápuu** *id.* disappearing; vanishing

**vararaa** *id.* describes an unexpected or sudden approach or emergence from a hiding place

**vásì** *id.* describes the sound produced when a sharp object (*e.g.* stick, machet or axe) cuts any flesh sharply

**vásìjì** *id.* disappearing completely: **Námabi vásìjì bilé fàdọ** The animal has dived in and disappeared: **Mánì iné ẹrì kpọ ní iné ẹrìgha bì, vásìjì kpọ mị** I haven't seen you for so long, you vanished completely.

**vasìvàsì** *id.* pulling or paddling hard and causing water to spray

**vérekpee** *id.* far apart; aloof; distant; remote: **ì mọ ị mọmọ òvurubi vérekpee kí èmi** The space between us is very much/The difference between our ages is very great.

**velìvelì** *id.* describes fierce scourging heat (of sun, fire)

**venghẹvenghẹ<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes fierce scorching heat

**venghẹvenghẹ<sup>2</sup>** *id.* exaggerating; making much out of a small thing

**ví** [3] *dem.* the other; **ví bai** day before yesterday; **ví bọbì** the other person; **ví yè** the other thing; the so-and-so: **Ví yè kpọ ị mọ a bọdọ?** Have you brought that other thing too?

**víaà** *id.* (frequently) running or moving past or round and round (= **víàvía**)

**viain-viain** *id.* describes free unrestricted movement of people or vehicles, or space in a room or house [check definition]

**víàvía** *id.* frequent or continuous running or moving past (= **víaà**)

**vidabuú** *id.* sinking with gurgle: **Árụ kẹnị vidabu kí bìlemi** The canoe sank with a big gurgle. (> **vìdabụú**)

**vidividí** *id.* thriving (of crops); plentiful; vigorous: **Burumọ kiribọ vidividí kí pàamị** The yams thrive in the farm: **Iẓon-ùruú bo vidividí kí pàadọ** The palmwine is now coming out in great quantity and frothing.

**vidó** *id.* “plumpy”-looking; plump and healthy: **Kímị bo vidoo kí pàadọ** The man has become “plumpy”.

**vìgìvìgì** *id.* violently; with great speed:

**Kìmìbì vīgìvìgì kí wèṅì bọ̀omì** The man walked past at great speed.

**vílaà** *id.* describes sound produced when a large fish slaps its tail on the water:

**Indiamá ma sọ̀yémọ̀, vílaà kpọ̀ mịẹ** [tone?] See how the fishes are coming up and making a splash with their tails. (>**vílaà**)

**vílii** *id.* **A.** very dark (of something larger than **vílii**): **Amátọ̀rọ̀ wò, vílii kpọ̀ mịẹ** See how dark the rainclouds are; **B.** (*tech.*) green, as grass or plants with a deep green colour

**víraa** *id.* describes the sound when a big tree with many branches falls

**vírakuvíraku** *id.* describes the sound when someone with wet clothes moves through the bush; noise made by oversized clothes worn by a person

**víridii** *id.* suddenly: **Erí viridii ki sọ̀ọ̀ nì ọ̀ dọ̀u múmì** He suddenly darted towards him (as in wrestling).

**vírigidi** *id.* suddenly deciding to act (*cf.* **gbírigidi**)

**vírikaà** *id.* a sudden movement, *e.g.* jumping up as if startled

**víririì** *id.* entering or moving smartly, as of a wounded buffalo attacking an assailant, or a cut palm frond descending with the cut end pointing downwards; acting on momentary impulse

**virivirí<sup>1</sup>** *id.* hastily; hurriedly; in a rush: **Ọ̀ ma wèṅìyemọ̀, viriviri kpọ̀ mịẹ** See how hurriedly he is walking.

**virivirí<sup>2</sup>** *id.* hurting severely: **Igíná kọ̀nmóò, viriviri kpọ̀ mịẹ** See how severely the pepper stings.

**víyaà** *id.* tugging on the line: **Ewéribi víyaà kí akì déi kpùnmi** The **ewéribi**-fish gave a great tug on the hook. (>**víyaà**)

**víyuù** *id.* moving very quickly: **Yébi víyuù kí waimì** The thing whizzed round very quickly.

**vía** *v.t.* stroke; feel: **Erí wò tọ̀bọ̀u ọ̀ngọ̀ viami** He felt his child's body.

**vían** *id.* or *v.i.*? touch lightly; glide or glance off [discuss]

**vían** *id.* instantly, as of seizing or taking something by force

**víanvían** *id.* describes frequent movement (observed at a point), as of heavy traffic on a busy road or port; people or vehicles frequently coming and going

**víarivíari** *id.* of a slightly slippery floor, needing care while walking on it

**víavíá** *id.* in a hurry: **Erí víavía kí wèṅì bọ̀omì** He hurriedly walked past.

**víboọ̀** *id.* filled to the brim, as of oil or water in a tin or basin; describes a fish hole (**gbéré**) filled with fish to the entrance; (*fig.*) describes a “plumpy” person who is so fat in the neck and chest that he or she finds it difficult to turn the neck

**vídabụ́** *id.* sink with gurgle: **Erí bídẹmọ̀ ó àkì vídabụ́ bènì tàbumì** He immersed the cloths in water with a gurgling sound. (<**vidabuú**)

**vídagbaá** *id.* sinking deep; being immersed in liquid

**vídìmavídìma** *id.* illegible; badly written so that it cannot be read easily

**vídìvídì** *id.* describes the appearance of a large number of insects or people at the same time

**víkàà** *id.* for a short spell

**víkavíka** *id.* fast movement of the hands, *esp.* the swinging of the hands when a short person is walking

**víkì** *v.t.* chip off a bit: **Tínboọ̀ dolọ̀ víkì nì akì** Chip a little bit off the wood.

**víkìì** *v.i.* leave shortly before: **Erí víkìì mọ̀ ári páakì bọ̀mì** He had left just before you came.

**vílaà** *id.* describes sound produced when a small fish slaps its tail on the water (<**vílaà**)

**vílii** *id.* dark and smooth (<**vílii**)

**víyaà** *id.* tugging on the line: **Epelepélè víyaà kí akì déi kpùnmi** The **epelepélè**-fish gave a little tug on the line. (<**víyaà**)

**víyɔn** *id.* deprived of one's possessions:

**Ọmìní wò nanayémò sẹ víyɔn kị kòrì nì akímì** They seized all his possessions at once, leaving him destitute.

**víyùù** *id.* moving very quickly (>**víyùù**)

**vodiyaá** *id.* appearing or acting suddenly, abruptly, or unexpectedly: **Iné ẹrẹyemi barabì vòdiya kaamì** The way you are speaking is very abrupt: **Erí vòdiya kị àkì mú nì ọ paamì** He appeared to them abruptly.

**vodobuú** *id.* treading on something big, soft and messy, like excreta, unexpectedly

**vodobùù** *id.* tactless, expressing one's opinion without any forethought: **Erí vòdobùù kì ẹrẹ kímì pìrìyemi** He is speaking to the man very tactlessly.

**vóiin** *id.* unusually tall: **Eré danghain bara ò, vóiin kpọ mịẹ** See how tall this woman is.

**vokobúù<sup>1</sup>** make sound as of an object being drawn from its roots

**vokobúù<sup>2</sup>** describes making a deep cut in the flesh, *esp.* wounds caused by biting or a sharp stick

**vonga** *id.* sound from elephant's shaking of its ears [*cf.* **vóungavòunga?** and next?]

**vóngavònga** *id.* sound of flapping of wings of a big bird, such as a pelican

**vóngula** *id.* swaggering, of something big

**vóngulavòngula** *id.* swinging (of pendulum); swaggering, of something big: **Ará wẹniyemi bará ò, vóngulavòngula kpọ mịẹ** See how she is swaggering along.

**voó** *id.* en masse; at once, as of many farm workers; quickly sold or done: **Ọmìní mu vòò káàá fìrì wẹnimì** They went and did the work quickly in a body.

**vorobuu** *id.* describes how one sinks into something soft, *e.g.* cushion chair, or a marshy place

**vorobuvórobu** *id.* filled with depressions; undulating; with covered holes into which one falls easily

**vorokpaá** *id.* staggering back as a result of a sudden release from a trap or grip; springing back

**vororaá** *id.* describes an unexpected emergence from somewhere, or from water: **Erí bìle timí vòrora kị pàa bómi** He suddenly surfaced from his dive.

**vorosiì** *id.* describes the falling of a bigger thing, *e.g.* a big tree, man or animal falling on to a small group of shrubs, and the sound so made

**vóungavòunga** *id.* describes sound of an elephant flapping its ears: **Bìlá wò beriámà kpukpuyémo, vóungavòunga kpọ mịẹ** The elephant is shaking its ears, flap flap.

**vòdí** *v.t.* **A.** soften (pounded fufu) by mixing in extra water by hand; **B.** eat in a messy way (as of child); **C.** (*fig.*) discuss from all angles (case, after evidence has been presented): **Ọláotumọ ọrọ bìbì vòdìyémì** The chiefs are discussing their case.

**vòdìvòdí** *id.* about to boil dry

**vòdọrìvòdọrì** *id.* marshy and watery

**vòdùvòdù** *id.* describes the boiling sound produced when the soup in a pot of food is decreasing [about to boil dry?]

**vólùmu** *n.* (*tech.*) volume [*<English volume*] (=bólousẹẹ)

**vọọ** *id.* quickly and collectively: **Ọmìní vọọ kị àkì fìrì wẹnimì** They enthusiastically finished the job.

**vọọ** *v.t.* trim off; cut off (*e.g.* thick hair, branches, etc.): **Arí tìn baramọ vòdọ [vòdọ?] I have trimmed the branches of the tree.**

**vọrọbùvọrọbù** *a.* describes a weak movement of a person, as if drunk or hungry

**vọrọbù** *id.* same as **vorobuu**, but lighter

**vúkavùkpa** *id.* **A.** swinging from one end to the other, as of big rope or elephant's trunk; **B.** (*fig.*) quick-tempered; impulsive (>**vúkavùkpa**)

**vúkpaà** *id.* springing with force (>**vúkpaà**)

**vukumùù** suddenly; violently: **Bólou kòn bará òó, vukumùù kpọ miẹ** See how he is so violently angry.

**vúmu** *id.* whizzing; describes the movement of a missile thrown at someone or something: **Oún kùtubi bó vumu kì ni ị bọmị** The pebble whizzed by me.

**vúmuyè** *n.* sling [**vúmu** + **yé thing**]

**vuobuú** *id.* sinking in suddenly; subsiding (as grave): **Arị mu ni òpóolobọ vuobu kí sùomị** I suddenly sank into the hole: **Dúweị ogugubi bo vùobu kí pàadọ** The grave has subsided. (>**vùobuú**)

**vúraàvúraà** *id.* describes the movement of a large animal, such as an elephant, stirring the vegetation around it: **Opu nama wẹnị bara -- vúraàvúraà** The way a big animal moves – rustling the leaves.

**vúrakuvùraku** *id.* describes a woman wearing a stiff, oversized cloth which rustles and billows out as she walks

**vúrukuvùruku** *id.* describes movement of person or animal in a confused or unsteady way (>**vúrukuvùruku**)

**vururuvùruru** *id.* hollow inside, but outwardly covered, *e.g.* a ditch or bog covered with leaves or twigs

**vúrurùu** *id.* describes a sudden advance towards an opponent (under his arms to carry him up, as in wrestling), or into an enclosure such as a room; entering without hesitation

**vúuù** *id.* veering: **Árụ vuuù ki wajmị** The canoe veered round. (>**vúuù**)

**vúkpaà** *id.* springing back lightly (<**vúkpaà**)

**vúkpavùkpa** *id.* **A.** swinging from one end to the other, as of big rope or elephant's trunk; **B.** (*fig.*) quick-tempered; impulsive (<**vúkpavùkpa**)

**vúmụù** *id.* sweet-smelling: **Bèi pọdà fụrụ bara oó, vúmụù kpọ miẹ** This is how the powder smells, it is so sweet-scented!

**vùobuú** *id.* shapeless, sunken (as of mouth when most of the teeth have fallen out) (<**vuobuú**)

**vúro** *v.t.* flog; lash; whip

**vúranvùran** *id.* describes the movement of a lazy and hungry person; also a lazy person's way of cutting grass

**vúru** *id.* describes the quick or smart movement of small animals or small people

**vúrukuvùruku** *id.* describes movement of person or animal in a confused or unsteady way (<**vúrukuvùruku**)

**vúrụvùrụ** *id.* describes the frequent quick or smart movement of small animals or small people [check meaning]

**vúuù** *id.* veering (<**vúuù**)

## W

**wa, -wa, waáà** *see a, -a, aáà*

**wáa** *v.i.* spread (as of creeping plants); be filled to overflowing or flooding: **Agbámọ kiribọ wáadọ** The calabash plants have spread over all the ground: **Bowei bení bo waa yomọ sẹ laadọ** The flood water has covered everywhere.

**wáàn<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes the rustling movement by a person or animal through tall grass

**wáàn<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes the light burning sensation of pepper in the mouth

**wáanla** *v.t.* rinse

**wagirií** *id.* stout and plump (>**wagirií**)

**wágiriwágiriwágiri** *id.* describes the movement of a well-shaped well-balanced “plumpy” person

**wagirií** *id.* stout and plump (<**wagirií**)

**waguruu** *id.* describes a small sturdy person [**>waguruu**]

**wáguruwáguru** *id.* describes how a hard food such as “farina” or palm kernel is crunched [Any small size?]

**waguruu** *id.* describes a very small sturdy person [**<waguruu**]

**wáguruwáguru** *id.* describes the movement and behaviour of a small but sturdy person [Any large size?]

**waii** [1] *id.* **A.** completely ripe: **Oyobámò sẹ waii kí pìnadó** The bananas are completely ripe; **B.** white (of hair): **Wo tìbì sẹ waii kí pìnadó** His hair has turned completely white.

**wai**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* **A.** turn; stir: **Fùlọw wàì** Stir the soup; **B.** review or reverse (any action): **wai òí** turn over and look at; look over; review; **wai(mọ) gbẹ́** pay back; restore; **wai nì ukie/wai nì ukie** (*tech.*) recall; **wai tọ̀n** rethink; replan; **C.** change; distort: **bìbì wai** distort a statement [Is C. correct? I have transferred it from the following word.]

**wai**<sup>2</sup> [5] *v.p.* return: **Erí wàìdọ** He has returned [*probably from earlier \*waií; (cf. serí)*]

**waiṃó** *v.t.* **A.** turn over: **Erí bìdẹmọ́ waiṃọ díadọ** He has turned the cloths over to dry; **B.** return (to someone): **Bìdẹmọ́ waiṃọ nì a yárij** Return the cloths/clothes to her [*wai*<sup>1</sup> + *-mọ directional*]

**waiṃó-miẹnghí-bàra-faá** *a. (tech.)* irreversible [*waiṃọ + miẹ-nghí do-will + bàra*<sup>4</sup> *way faá be absent*]

**waiṃ** *v.t.* scrape with a sharp object: **Burú waiṃ fùlọubọ́ túa** Scrape the yam and put it into the soup.

**waiṃ** *id.* sounding as when a sharp knife is used to cut a small object: **Ogidi fie bárà o, waiṃ kpọ miẹ** Hear how the matchet is cutting it, zip!

**waiwái** *id.* always changing; unreliable: **Bìbì sẹ waiwái** What he says is unreliable. [*wai*<sup>1</sup> + *redup + tone*]

**waiwài**<sup>1</sup> *id.* smart; agile: **Tọ̀bọ̀ kịmì dísemò, waiwài kpọ miẹ** How I like this boy; he is smart and agile. [*wai*<sup>1</sup> + *redup + tone*]

**waiwài**<sup>2</sup> *id.* rustling: **Bou bo kpárijọ wò, waiwài kpọ miẹ** How dry the bush has become; it rustles everywhere.

**wáka** *v.i., v.t.* **A.** *v.i.* wriggle violently, like an **ulúma**-fish on the ground trying to escape: **Indibí wàka teinghídọ** [tone?] The fish (on the ground) is trying to wriggle away; **B.** *v.t.* **oṅó waka** shake the body violently

together with the hands, as in some kinds of dance

**wakaí** *v.p.* struggle, as in a bid to free one's self from someone's grip or a case: **Erí wàkaj kpọ bei bìbìbọ́ tẹigha** Struggle as he may, he cannot get free from this case. [*wáka + -í process*] [Correct derivation? I do not quite understand the difference between **wáka** and **wakaí**.]

**wakawaká** *id.* describes a shaking movement, *esp.* the unnecessary waving about of hands [*wáka + redup + tone*]

**wákisì** *n. (tech.)* wax [*<English wax*]

**wála**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* **A.** separate: **Mú sùyemí ọ̀wọ̀mọ́ kọrij wála** Go and separate the children who are fighting; **B.** scatter: **Ofónimọ́ gàrimọ́ walayémi** The fowls are scattering the gari.

**wála**<sup>2</sup> *v.t.* scratch (of birds, cat): **Ofónimọ́ kiri wàlayémi** The fowls are scratching the ground.

**walaj** [5] *v.p.* scatter; disperse; break up; close: **Owoumọ́ wàlajdọ** The smoke has dispersed: **Andá wàlajdọ** The wrestling has come to an end: **Sukúlù walajdọ** School has closed [*wála*<sup>1</sup> + *-í process*]

**walajwálaj** *id.* (of tribal marks) put on the face carelessly [*walaj* + *redup + tone*]

**wálaka** *v.t.* scatter: **Tùba kí yemọ wàlakamaáà?** Who scattered the things?

**walakaí** [5] *v.p.* be scattered (of objects): **Yémọ wàlakaíđọ** The things have got scattered [*wálaka + -í process*]

**walakawálaka** *id.* scattered carelessly: **Béi kpọ yéama koronimi baràà, walakawálaka kpọ miẹ** See how the things are lying scattered about so carelessly [*wálaka + redup + tone*]

**walaláá** *id.* flat, shallow (as of pan or plate): **Alalábì walala kí èmi** The pan is flat and shallow.

**walamọ** *v.cs.* **A.** make scatter; spread out: **Bìdẹmọ́ walamọ nì uráú dja** Spread out the cloths in the sun; **B.** (*tech.*) *usu.* **gbá walamọ** disseminate (information) [*wála*<sup>1</sup> + *-mọ causative*]

**wálamọbara** *n.* (*tech.*) dissemination  
[*wálamọ* + *bára*<sup>4</sup>*way*]

**walawalá** *id.* broken into pieces: **Fẹrẹbì wàlawala kị pẹìmì** The plate is broken into pieces.

**waluwalú** *id.* describes the blazing of a big fire

**walúwàlú** *id.* blazing in irregular jets

**wámbuluwàmbulu** *id.* gobbling

**wámu**<sup>1</sup> *id.* cutting off, biting, greedily: **Buru owéin fì bara o, wámu kpọ mịẹ** See how greedily he bites and eats the yam.

**wámu**<sup>2</sup> *id.* describes the feeling when one's heart gives a sudden leap and makes one afraid: **Béi mála òó, wámu kpọ mịẹ** What a fear this is that made my heart suddenly jump!

**wámuwàmu** *id.* eating greedily: **Kìmìbì wámuwàmu ki akị fỳyàì fỳyemì** The man is eating the food greedily. [*wámu*<sup>1</sup> + *redup* + *tone*]

**wámụ** *v.t.* breathe (air), *usu.* **ụmba wamụ**

**wámụwàmu** *id.* describes a person with no feeling of shame, or one who refuses to express any sign of remorse or sympathy

**wán** *n.* "hare"; Maxwell's Duiker (*Cephalophus maxwelli* CEPHALOPHINAE): **Wán zìyá, bìlá ìreighá** One born of Duiker cannot call on Elephant as father (i.e. facts are facts).

[I checked on our definition of **ireí**, and found the following:

**ireí** *n.* call on one's dear one, *esp.* their nickname or initials, when one slips (as if the name gives one some sort of strength)

This definition obviously needs changing, since it is listed as a noun, but the use in this case is clearly as a verb. Example also needed of the usage given in the definition.]

**wánaà** *id.* sudden stinging of pepper or gin when put in the eye: **Iginábì ará tọrụbọ sụọbì, ará tọrụbì wanaà kị mịẹmị** When the pepper got into her eyes, it made her eye sting.

**wanawaná**<sup>1</sup> *v.i.* dawn; break (of day): **Déinbi bo wànwana baiyémi** The day is dawning: **Déinbi bo wànwanaadó ába, wónì múnghimi** When it dawns, we shall go.

**wanawaná**<sup>2</sup> *id.* thin (as of cloth); transparent: **Otóngbolowarìbì wànwana kị èmi** The mosquito net is transparent.

**wánawàna** *id.* describes a sensation of stinging or burning lightly for a short time

**wángalawàngala** *id.* describes an unsteady walk, swinging sideways, *esp.* of a thin person

**wángarawàngara** *id.* rattling; a sound produced when a dry hard seed or gravel is shaken in an iron container, or hollowed pan

**wangolowangoló** *id.* describes the shaking or movement of the head of a cow or big animal when it runs or moves fast

**wánkawànka** *id.* describes the struggling or movement of fish on dry land with the support of the fins, *esp.* the fin rays

**wánle** *v.t.* shake or rock a canoe from one side to the other intentionally, or to remove water

**wánlewànle** *v.i.* shake or rock (of a canoe) from one side to the other repeatedly, as by a wave: **Ọdụọnmọ arụ mịẹ wánlewànlemi** The waves rocked the canoe. [Check this definition and example.]

**wánlowànlo** *id.* staggering movement of a tall person, *esp.* when irritated or annoyed

**wanr-** *see war-*

**wára** *v.i.* increase (in number or quantity): **Wáribì bo ni wo ghọ warayemi** Our family is increasing.

**wárabu** *id.* crunching of raw food, *esp.* yam, cassava, etc., as by a goat

**wárabuwárabu** *id.* continuous crunching of raw food, as by a goat

**wáramu** *id.* eating with wide open mouth

**wararaa** *id.* flooded or covered widely by water

**wáraràan** (=wánraràan) *id.* neat; clean or fairly clean

**wararawárara** *id.* describes a harsh grating voice

**warawará** *id.* coarse, not sticky, as of yam fufu that has stayed overnight

**warinwárin** *see warunwárun*

**wári<sup>1</sup>** [3] *n.* **A.** house; building; **wári bọ̀n** roof a house; **wári gbèin** “mud” a house; **wári gbèin b́b́ seimọ** plaster a house after “mudding”; **wári gogòlo** demolish a house; **wári lòo** renovate a house; **wári nanà** own a house; **wári ofin** sweep a house; **wári pùu** (=wári akì) **A.** divide, separate members of a family; **B.** (*specifically*) cook separately after cooking together with someone else. This normally happens when a newly married woman stays with her mother-in-law or her equivalent at an early stage, but later decides to be on her own; **b́b́ fà wári** house with no entrance or exit; **b́enwári<sup>1</sup>** latrine; toilet; **dọ̀n-zuọ-wári** hospital; **eré ziimọ-wári** maternity home; **kíri wári** **A.** permanent building with not more than one storey; bungalow; **B.** grave (lit. ‘underground house’); **óruwári** shrine of a deity; **osáinwàri** **A.** shrine of a war-charm; **B.** shrine of a healing charm; **ogonowári** building with two or more storeys; **B.** family: **Wári kị àmá** It is families that make up a town; **C.** (*fig.*) place where something is concentrated or collected, as in a house; **akáwàri** maize-cob; **b́enwári<sup>2</sup>** the two buttocks taken together; **dọ̀n-wári** rheumatic swelling; **fíisanj wári** pod of “alligator pepper”; **ofóniwári** **A.** bird’s nest; **B.** roofed canoe; **towéin-wàri** wasps’ nest; **ugú wàri** matted place in hair

**wári<sup>2</sup>** [3] *n.* “piece” (of cloth), *usu.* **b́dẹ wári** (always in standard sizes, *e.g.* 6 yards, 8 yards, 12 yards)

**wári-àkpakpa** *n.* wall [**wári<sup>1</sup>** + **akpákpa** wall]

**wárib́b́** *n.* family matter, case: **Wárib́b́ wári kị fàmj** A family matter ends in the family. [**wári<sup>1</sup>** + **b́b́** *C.* case]

**wáribòo** *n.* door of house [**wári<sup>1</sup>** + **b́o** <sup>4</sup>door]

**wárikiri** *n.* floor of house [**wári<sup>1</sup>** + **kíri<sup>3</sup>** ground]

**wárikpalì** [tone?]*n.* door-frame [**wári<sup>1</sup>** + **kpalì** ?]

**wárinamà** *n.* rat (*cf.* ekeé) [**wári<sup>1</sup>** + **náma** *A.* animal]

**wáritemẹ** (=wáritamà) *n.* wall-gecko [**wári<sup>1</sup>** + **tẹmẹ** <sup>4</sup>*C.* spirit]

**wári tòn** *n.* back of house [**wári<sup>1</sup>** + **tòn** back]

**wári-ùdubu** *n.* tomb; grave; mud left after a mud house has been demolished; (*fig.*) male children, who build on what the father has left behind [**wári** + **udúbù** grave]

**wári yeàma** *n.pl.* (*idiomatically*) the gods of the family; fortune; luck; destiny [**wári<sup>1</sup>** + **yé** thing + **-ama** plural]

**warunwárun** (=wanrunwánrun = **warinwárin** = **wanrinwánrin**) *id.* roomy, spacious, as of rooms of a building, or holes

**wása<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* sprinkle; scatter: **Tuba kị wári kiribọ̀o beni wasamoo?** Who sprinkled water on the floor? [Tone?]

**wása<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* flower (of plants like maize): **Akámọ wásayemi** The maize crop is flowering.

**wasawasá<sup>1</sup>** *id.* **A.** careless pouring or sprinkling of water; **B.** careless eating habit in which bits of food or drops of soup stain the table or table-cloth, or the clothes of the eater [**wása<sup>1</sup>** + **redup** + **tone**]

**wasáí** [5] *v.p.* spread (as water): **Benib́ kiribọ̀o wasáíđo** The water has spread on the ground. [**wása<sup>1</sup>** + **-í** process]

**wasáiwásáí<sup>1</sup>** *id.* overflowing, as of soft fufu in a small container [**wasáí** + **redup** + **tone**]

**wasáiwásáí<sup>2</sup>** *id.* watery, as of a badly watered floor or table [discuss; in English one does not ‘water’ floors or tables] [**wasáí** + **redup** + **tone**]

**wasáiwásáí<sup>3</sup>** *id.* describes an excessively fat person



**wásamọ** *v.dir.* sprinkle on: **Benibí àkì wárijì kírì wasamọ** Sprinkle the water on the floor. [*wása*<sup>1</sup> + *-mọ* directional]

**wasarawásara** *id.* overflowing; abnormally fat

**wásù** *id.* shocked, with sudden fear: **Yeé ì yenghi f̄̀n̄ na b̄̀, ine malá wasù ki m̄̀m̄̀** When I heard of the death of my mother, I felt a great shock.

**webuu** *id.* **A.** plump and well-proportioned, as an average person; **B.** well-proportioned, as a tree, shrub, or house with a fairly low roof; **C.** shady, as an average tree (>**wẹ̀bụ̀wẹ̀bụ̀**)

**webuwẹ̀bù** *id.* “plumpy” (>**wẹ̀bụ̀wẹ̀bù**)

**wérewèrè** *id.* describes smart movement with dignity

**wéreen (=wéenreen)** *id.* coming out cleanly (as of gari or starch, from container used in preparing it on to the plate)

**wegelee** *id.* wide, open, as of canoe or legs

**wegerèe** *id.* wide and roundish, as of canoe

**wegezeé** *id.* flabby; lazy (>**wẹ̀gẹ̀zẹ̀é**)

**wéí, wéí** *see* **woí, wóí**

**wekekéè** *id.* describes a wide crack or fault with gaps (>**wẹ̀kẹ̀kẹ̀é**)

**wekii** *id.* describes a plump well-built person, or a sack swelling sideways because of its contents; **K̄̀m̄̀b̄̀j̄̀ wèkii kí p̄̀am̄̀j̄̀** The person looks plump and well-nourished (>**wẹ̀k̄̀j̄̀**)

**wekiwekí** *id.* plump and fatty: **Opówèí sè wekiweki kí èmi** The *Synodontis* catfish is plump and fatty. (>**wẹ̀k̄̀j̄̀wẹ̀k̄̀j̄̀**)

**wekpeé (=wekpee)** *id.* with broad face and body (>**wẹ̀kpẹ̀é**)

**welee** *a. id.* normally rounded, well-shaped, as of canoe or legs

**welekèè** *id.* wide open, as a door: **Wárij̄̀j̄̀ finíí wèlekèè ki emi** The (door of the) house is standing wide open.

**wélewele** *id.* very dry (of weather, wood, esp. of drier weather with no sign of rain)

**wélewèle** *id.* walk in a bow-legged way

**wénghelewènghele** *id.* rocking from side to side, as canoe; swaying

**wénghenghèè** *id.* describes the initial stage of a long and deep crack or cut [or: describes the widening of a crack or cut?] (>**wẹ̀nghenghèè**)

**wénghewenghé** *id.* neat, well weeded and swept, as compound; neatly rubbed with mud (as house) (>**wẹ̀nghewenghé**)

**wénle** *v.t.* (cause to) sway or rock from side to side

**wénlewènle** *id.* lurching; unsteady; continuous sideways swaying of a canoe [*wénle* + redup + tone]

**wénr-** *see* **wér-**

**wereé** *id.* roundish; spacious

**wérein (=wénrein)** *id.* totally stopped; completely stopped

**wérenweren (=wénrenwenren)** *id.* completely evacuated or emptied

**wérèree** *id.* describes the way something is detached, pulled off or removed without struggle (>**wẹ̀rẹ̀rẹ̀é**)

**wérewere** *id.* describes the state when a greater portion of something has been removed or torn, as cloth

**werí<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* abuse; curse [sentence example?]

**werí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* abuse; curse: **Werí ì laa kùmọ** Let no abuse fall on me: **Werí mènì soughá** Curses don't pluck out flesh.

**wesii** *id.* shady, as of a tree; bushy, as of hair on the head, or the top of a bushy palm tree (>**wẹ̀s̄̀j̄̀**)

**wesiwesí** *id.* describes a messy way of eating, or profuse bleeding [>**wẹ̀s̄̀j̄̀wẹ̀s̄̀j̄̀**, but meanings look different]

**wéwèwé** *id.* describes a waddling movement, as by a duck, or by a person who has a wound or a boil on the private parts [>**wẹ̀wèwèwé**, but meanings look different]

**wéwèwè** *id.* describes how an already cracked or almost broken plate, pot or canoe is broken with minimum effort. It also applies to a weakly made material that is easily broken in that way.

**webuwẹ̀bù** *id.* “plumpy” (>**wẹ̀bụ̀wẹ̀bù**)

**wẹ̀bụ̀** *id.* **A.** plump and well-proportioned, as an average person; **B.** well-proportioned, as a tree, shrub, or house with a fairly low roof; **C.** shady, as an average tree (<**webuu**)

**wẹ̀bụ̀** *id.* “plumpy” and badly-shaped, as of a short person (abusive) (<**webuu**)

[**wẹ̀bụ̀** has been given both as the smaller size of **webuu** and with an abusive meaning. Is it always abusive, or can it be simply smaller? What of the B. and C. meanings referring to objects? Let’s have some sentence examples to bring out the shades of meaning clearly.]

**wẹ̀** *id.* moving in confusion

**wẹ̀ẹ̀** *id.* filled to the brim: **Árụ sàì bó ni wẹ̀ẹ̀ kị paadó** The canoe is loaded to the brim.

**wẹ̀lẹ̀wẹ̀lẹ̀** *id.* lurching

**wẹ̀rẹ̀wẹ̀rẹ̀** *id.* dry; parched

**wẹ̀nr-** *id.* **wẹ̀r-**

**wẹ̀rẹ̀nrẹ̀rẹ̀n** (=wẹ̀nrẹ̀nrẹ̀nrẹ̀n) *id.* completely void of water and neat, *e.g.* the inside of a well-prepared canoe, or a water-pot or drum which is meant to have some water in it

**wẹ̀rẹ̀rẹ̀wẹ̀rẹ̀rẹ̀** *id.* waddling

**wẹ̀gẹ̀zẹ̀** *id.* flabby; lazy (<**wegezeé**)

**wẹ̀kẹ̀<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* be proud of one’s possessions or children: **Pẹ̀rẹ̀dẹ̀jì nì a má wẹ̀kẹ̀yemo!** Because she has become rich, she is bragging.

**wẹ̀kẹ̀<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* move or act smartly with pride and gladness [sentence example? Is this different from **wẹ̀kẹ̀<sup>1</sup>**?]

**wẹ̀kẹ̀wẹ̀kẹ̀** *id.* describes a proud and smart movement; bustling about happily; running in haste [**wẹ̀kẹ̀<sup>2</sup>** + *redup* + *tone*]

**wẹ̀kẹ̀kẹ̀** *id.* describes a crack or fault (<**wekekèè**)

**wẹ̀kìjì** *id.* describes a well-built, plump but short person, or a small sack swelling sideways caused by the pressure of its contents, *e.g.* small bag of *gari* or salt (<**wekii**)

**wẹ̀kìwẹ̀kì** *id.* plump and fatty (<**wekiwekì**)

**wẹ̀kpẹ̀** *id.* with broad face and body (<**wekpéè**)

**wẹ̀lẹ̀** *id.* exactly: **Béi kẹ̀nì Tímítìmi yo, wẹ̀lẹ̀!** This person looks exactly like Timitimi!

**wẹ̀lẹ̀kpẹ̀** *id.* loose; lax

**wẹ̀lẹ̀kpẹ̀** *id.* empty; destitute: **Wo arù bìlẹ̀ ní yemọ̀ sẹ̀ faá sìn ní, erí bo wẹ̀lẹ̀kpẹ̀ kị pàamì** When his canoe capsized and all his things were lost, he became destitute.

**wẹ̀lẹ̀wẹ̀lẹ̀** *id.* very fluent and friendly in speech; always eager to speak; talking well; very entertaining

**wẹ̀nẹ̀nẹ̀wẹ̀nẹ̀nẹ̀** *id.* describes how small sharp things like a blade or penknife and some sharp blades of grass cut the human body

**Wẹ̀nẹ̀sdebàì** *n.* Wednesday [*<English Wednesday + báì day*]

**wẹ̀nghẹ̀nghẹ̀** *id.* describes the initial stage of a long and deep crack or cut [or: describes the widening of a crack or cut?] (<**wenghẹ̀ghẹ̀**)

**wẹ̀nghẹ̀wẹ̀nghẹ̀<sup>1</sup>** *id.* widening (of crack)

**wẹ̀nghẹ̀wẹ̀nghẹ̀<sup>2</sup>** *id.* neat, well weeded and swept, as compound; neatly rubbed with mud (as house) (<**wenghewenghé**)

**wẹ̀nì<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* **A.** walk; move: **Wẹ̀nì bo** Walk to me; **Wẹ̀nì buọ̀ sẹ̀jì dẹ̀ngì** This graceful gait is better than dancing; **Wẹ̀nìdẹ̀jì tọ̀bọ̀ wáì nì ukúrimì** A child that was already walking has gone back to crawling (*saying referring to regression*); **wẹ̀nì tuu gba** give an account of one’s stewardship; **B.** swim (of fish) [sentence example?]; **C.** move (of vehicles), as canoe when pulled, or ship or boat when the engine is started; **D. v.t.** (*in combination only*) **fìrì wẹ̀nì** work: **Erí fìrì wẹ̀nìyẹ̀mì** He is working

**wẹ̀nì<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.* be fortunate, as some fish traps into which fishes enter often: **Ine beì ìkarabì wẹ̀nì kaamì** This fish-trap of mine is very successful.

**wẹ̀nì<sup>3</sup>** *n.* mission: **Wó bei wẹ̀nìbì ebi paanghími** This mission of ours will prove successful.

**wẹ̀nìbùọ̀** *n.* venture; encounter; **wẹ̀nìbùọ̀ èbíí** meet something good; be fortunate;  
**wẹ̀nìbùọ̀ sèí** meet something bad; be unfortunate: **Wẹ̀nìbùọ̀ sèìghá** You've come at the right time! (*lit.* 'You've not come at a bad time!') (when someone meets a festivity in which they can naturally share). [*wẹ̀nì¹ + búọ¹ foot*]

**wẹ̀nìfìrì** *n.* work; (*tech.*) occupation;  
**orukùmò wẹ̀nìyemifìrì** traditional occupation [*wẹ̀nì¹ + fìrì work*]

**wẹ̀nìfìrìdiaye** *n.* (*tech.*) timetable; work schedule [*wẹ̀nì¹ + fìrì work + diá¹ show + yé thing*]

**wẹ̀nìkìmì** *n.* **A.** someone who walks; pedestrian: **Wẹ̀nìkìmì bùọ̀ bigha** Someone who is walking will never ask for feet; **B.** traveller: (*saying*) **Wẹ̀nìkìmì ye ẹ̀rìmì** A traveller sees many things. [*wẹ̀nì¹ + kìmì person*]

**wẹ̀nìmọ¹** *v.cs.* make walk: **Tọ̀bọ̀ wẹ̀nìmọ** Make the child walk. [*wẹ̀nì¹ + -mọ causative*]

**wẹ̀nìmọ²** *v.dir.* move, walk, towards: **Tọ̀bọ̀ wẹ̀nìmọ** Walk towards the child. [*wẹ̀nì¹ + -mọ directional*]

**wẹ̀rẹ̀wẹ̀rẹ̀** *id.* glib; talkative; loquacious

**wẹ̀rẹ̀rẹ̀** *id.* describes the way something is detached, pulled off or removed without struggle, as paper, skin, etc. (<**wẹ̀rere**)

**wẹ̀rẹ̀rẹ̀wẹ̀rẹ̀rẹ̀** *id.* describes well-dried leaves, paper

**wẹ̀rì¹** *v.t.* leave; let remain: **Burú wẹ̀rì nì ì pìrì** Leave the yam for me.

**wẹ̀rì²** *v.aux.* **A.** (*past action previous to another*): **Erí bo wẹ̀rìmì** He came previously; **B.** (*past state, now ended*): **U□wọ̀bùbì èbì wẹ̀rìmì, ìndaá bo sèìdọ̀** The road was good before, but now it has deteriorated.

**wẹ̀sẹ̀** *v.i.* continue till dawn: **Wónì déin koru timi kẹ̀nì bo wẹ̀sẹ̀dọ̀** We kept wake until it came to daybreak.

**wẹ̀sẹ̀** *id.* exactly; the same: **Béì egberí pàa barabì, kẹ̀nì wẹ̀sẹ̀** This is how the matter came about, exactly this way.

**wẹ̀sìwẹ̀sì** *id.* untidily dressed, wearing tattered clothes [<**wesiwesi**, but meanings look different]

**wẹ̀sìjì** *id.* shady (<**wesii**)

**wẹ̀tẹ̀wẹ̀tẹ̀** *id.* describes the fast movement of a person, as when pressed by the call of nature, *e.g.* in a case of dysentery

**wẹ̀wẹ̀wẹ̀¹** *id.* **A.** describes the state of any container when it is over-loaded or over-full, such as an over-loaded small canoe trying to cross the river; **B.** describes a fast but tired movement, *esp.* when carrying a heavy load on the head or shoulder [<**wewewé**, but meanings look different]

**wiawia** *id.* extremely generous: **Kìmìbì wìawia kì èmì** The man is extremely generous.

**wìbuù (=wùbuù)** *id.* describes a loud bursting of cloth or sack due to pressure, and the sound so made (>**wìbùù**)

**wì** *id.* furiously, with uncontrolled movement, as when a hungry big fish takes a bait from the hook greedily

**wìi** *id.* coming out freely, as mud from clothes when washed

**wìkì** *n.* week [<*English week*]

**wìkì** *v.t.* walk arm-in-arm with someone; "hook": **Erí à wìkì nì akìdẹ̀jì nì, ọ̀mìnì wẹ̀nì mudọ̀** He "hooked" her and they walked away/ They walked away arm-in-arm.

**wìkìwìkì** *id.* move about proudly, expressing happiness over a good achievement

**wìkì-wìkì-gbẹ̀** *n.* (*tech.*) weekly wages (*contrast eréin-èréin-gbẹ̀ daily wages*) [*wìkì + wìkì + gbẹ̀² wages*]

**wìlì** *n.* (*tech.*) wheel [<*English wheel*]

**wìlìlì** *id.* sliding

**wìlìlìwìlìlì** *id.* slippery (>**wìlìlìwìlìlì**)

**wìlipuù** *id.* describes the quick slippery entry of a small object into a hole

**wìmọ¹** *v.t.* scrape cleared ground clean of small weeds, holding the matchet in the



**wíríń** *id.* describes the feeling of relief and relaxation when a headache, cold or illness abates suddenly

**wíríńkù<sup>1</sup>** *id.* be opened wide, as of eye after sleep, or after something has been put into it

**wíríńkù<sup>2</sup>** *id.* shameless, as of a person

**wírírí** *v.i.* cut clean or remove smaller things for use (<**wírírí**)

**wírírí<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.?* slide, move, slip, glide; move smoothly and gradually: **Ungbómọ bara dùo wírírí korodọ** The nuts have slipped down from my hand. (<**wírírí**)

**wírírí<sup>2</sup>** *v.i.?* pour abuses unreservedly on someone; revile; reproach

**wíríríwíríríwírírí** *id.* describes how someone walks on sand

**wírísì** *id.* totally emptied or lost, *e.g.* when losing one's money or property

**wíríwírí** *id.* grainy; describes a feeling like that when one touches or eats the eggs of fish or shrimps (<**wíríwírí**)

**wísí<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* remove the outer strong cover of sugar-cane with the teeth: **Ukpu(n) wísí** Peel the sugar-cane (with your teeth) (*cf.* **séenlẹ** split or peel off a small strip with an instrument)

**wísí<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* cut, break, disconnect by pressing one side against the other between the thumb and the first finger, and pushing the thumb vigorously upwards; slice out [discuss, sentence example]

**wísìwísì** *id.* describes the way faeces are passed out freely by a child

**wísìwísì** *id.* with unsteady eyes

**wíyàà** *id.* quickly: **Erí ye nàa mọ, wíyàà páadọ** As soon as he heard of the matter, he quickly went out.

**wíyàin** *id.* drying quickly, especially of water sinking through cracks or holes: **Benibí oun kiribọọ wíyàin fàdọú** [tone?] The water on the sandy ground has dried up.

**wo<sup>1</sup>** (=woó) *poss.* his; its: **Bêi wo bídé** This is his cloth: **Obiribí òù; bêi wo saán** [check correctness of sentence] Look at the dog;

this is its tail. (*Note: wo<sup>1</sup> refers only to animate beings or creatures.*)

**wo<sup>2</sup>** *see o*

**wó<sup>1</sup>** *poss.* our: **Bêi wó obori** This is our goat: **Wó Daṣ** (*lit.* 'our father') **A.** title of honour given to **Kólokùmá Ègbesu: Wó Daṣ bùru fíyémí** Our father (**Kólokùmá Ègbesu**) is celebrating his yam festival; **B.** title given to the priest of **Kólokùmá Ègbesu; Wó Daṣ bunu kuraí** the year in which our father (the priest) slept (*i.e.* died); **Wó Nanaaraṣ** (*lit.* 'she who owns us') title given to the **Kólokùmá ibe** priestess who serves **Kólokùmá Zibaaraṣ** at Odi; **Wó Yenghi** (*lit.* 'our mother') title of honour given to **Kólokùmá Zibaaraṣ**

**wó<sup>2</sup>** [3] *pron.* we (*short pronoun subject form*): **wó sẹ̀** all of us: **wó kumọ** only we: **Wó nàadọ** We have heard (it); **Wó òkími** We swam.

**wó<sup>3</sup>** [4] *pron.* us (*short pronoun object form*): **Wó pìrì** Give (it) to us.

**woaa** *id.* describes the movement and sound of a large quantity of water, or of a canoe or boat splashing through the water or on a beach

**wóaa** *id.* sound of a cloth or paper being torn harshly

**woaan** *id.* describes a sudden big flash of light

**wòanwòan** *id.* describes the feeling of one's heart giving a sudden jump

**wóba** *id.* describes the sound of big objects, *e.g.* plates, breaking into pieces

**wóbu** *id.* **A.** describes the sensation and sound of a very loud bursting of cloth, bag or sack due to great pressure from within; **B.** describes an instantaneous rush of water through a hole or leakage suddenly uncovered

**wogozoo** *id.* heavy; heavily filled, as scrotum

**woí** (=weí =wo yé) his (own): **Béi waribí woí** This house is his.

**wôi** (=wêi =wó ye) ours: **Béi warìbì wôi** This house is ours; (*plural*) **Béi warìmọ wôiama** These houses are ours.

**wóko<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* wash small things such as cocoyam or small yams by putting them in a basket, holding the edges of the basket, and immersing it in water

**wóko<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* carve out; hollow out; cut deep

**wokoí** *v.p.* be hollowed or carved out [**wóko<sup>2</sup>** + *-í process*]

**wókuuwòkuu** *id.* eating a big lump of food in the mouth

**wokowokó** *id.* in a fit of excitement

**wókwoko** *id.* very deep, as of a matchet cut [**wóko<sup>2</sup>** + *redup* + *tone*] (<**wókọwókọ**)

**wolawolá** *id.* describes the flames of a great conflagration, as of a house; ablaze, aflame

**woleí** *see woloí*

**wóliowòlio** *id.* frictionless; freely moved

**wólo** *v.t.* reveal; speak out; expose:  
**Béingbàìbì ye i wólonghimi** Today I will expose you (*i.e.* what you have been doing):  
**Yémọ wòlo páamọ** Speak out about everything.

**woloí** [5] (=woleí) *v.p.* be revealed, exposed:  
**Egberibí wòloíđọ** The whole story has been exposed. [**wólo<sup>1</sup>** + *-í process*]

**wolokoo** *id.* loose; slack; not tight; (*fig.*) weighed down (in spirit) (>**wọlọkọ**)

**wolokowóloko** *id.* very loose, slack; not fitting

**wolokpaá** *id.* wide open; exposed; revealed

**wololaa** *id.* wide open, as of mat, box, or legs of a person

**wólomọ** *v.cs.* reveal; spread: **Egberibí wólomọ** Reveal/Spread the story; (*fig.*) exaggerate: **Erí ègberi wólomọ kaamí** He is fond of exaggerating stories. [**wólo<sup>1</sup>** + *-mọ causative*]

**wólomùu** *id.* describes a stench; stinking

**wolowoló** *id.* describes things falling through holes, as from a punctured bag (*cf.* **kpolokpoló**, which describes things falling from above)

**wólowòlo** *id.* indiscreet; describes someone who talks too noisily, without reservations, thus revealing what should be secret

**wolúwòlú** *id.* flowing out; leaking profusely, as water gushing from river into canoe; gushing out

**wómìnì** *pron.* we (*emphatic; cf. wónì*):  
**Wómìnì kímì ọwọuama** We are human beings. [**wó<sup>2</sup>** + *-mìnì pronoun ending*]

**wónaà** *id.* describes a sudden flash of light

**wonáwòná** *id.* bright, colourful, as of cloth

**wonghonghaán<sup>1</sup>** *id.* glowing

**wonghonghaán<sup>2</sup>** *id.* rapidly opening into (as large door into building)

**wonghongháà** *id.* describes the sudden opening of a door: **Wáribọ̀bì wonghongháà kị finimi** The door was suddenly flung open. [discuss meaning; check spelling and compare with previous word]

**woni** *n.* used in: **asúbaj woni** iron blade of hoe [discuss]

**wónì** *pron.* we (*indep. pronoun*): **Wónì bọyemi** We are coming. [**wó<sup>2</sup>** + *-ni ? pronoun ending??*]

**wónii** (=wéniye) *n.* snake (= **dánghèin = seiyeé = tanií**) [**wéni<sup>1</sup>** + *yé thing*]

**wónii-kpotu-dirí** *n.* herb (*Senna occidentalis* Linn. LEGUMINOSAE-CAESALPINIOIDAE), which is planted near houses to drive away snakes; the leaves are added to soup and used as a cure for malaria, and the plant is used as “medicine” for fish-traps [**wónii** + *kpotu chase* + *dirí “medicine”*]

**wónimí** *t.m.* A. (*present state, with transitive verbs; contrast -nimí with intransitives*):  
**Ọrọ́ ẹ̀ kọ̀rì wónimí** He is being detained;  
B. must be/have (*assumptive*): **U □ paa wónimí** He must have gone out: **Erí ègberibí nàa wónimí** He must have heard the news.

**wonkíwònkí** *id.* describes the croaking of a toad

**wónowònowóno** *id.* describes the buzzing, swarming and hovering around of insects

such as houseflies, bees, or wasps

(>**wọ̀nọ̀wọ̀nọ̀wọ̀nọ̀**)

**wonr-** see **wor-**

**wontáwòntá** *id.* bright, colourful, as of cloth

**woo** *id.* falling heavily, pouring down (of rain): **Osuobí wòò kí kòromi** The rain poured down.

**woó<sup>1</sup>** (=wo) *pron.* he; it (*short pronoun subject form preceding vowels; cf. ɸ before*

*consonants*): **Woó ì tìnmí** He called me:

**Wo okídọ** He/It has swum. (*Note: woo* □ *refers only to animate beings or creatures.*)

**woó<sup>2</sup>** (=wo) *poss.* his; its: **wo warìbí** his house: **wo obírì** his dog: **wo tìbí** his/its head **wìrìrì**. (*Note: woo* □ *refers only to animate beings or creatures.*)

**woó<sup>3</sup>** [5] *pron.* him (*short pronoun object form preceding vowels; cf. ɸ before* *consonants*): **Arí wòò èrìdọ** I have seen him/it (animal). (*Note: woo* □ *refers only to animate beings or creatures.*)

**woó<sup>3</sup>** see **oó**

**Wòò** *n.* name of a sacred forest or “bush” between Kaiama (to which it belongs) and Odi: **Wòò seimọ** desecrate **Wòò: Wòò tọ̀lọ̀mọ** appease **Wòò**

**wookowóoko** *id.* shaky, not firm, as of table, chair, etc.

**wóon<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes the burning of pepper

**wóon<sup>2</sup>** *id.* id. buzzing in a group, as of flies

**wooo<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes the sound of heavy rain (>**wọ̀ọ̀ọ̀**)

**wooo<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes the loud sound of foodstuffs like small yams and cocoyams being quickly boiled

**wooro** *id.* relieved, freed, no more cumbersome

**woraworá<sup>1</sup>** *id.* reddish; red

**woraworá<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes the loud noise produced when a person urinates

**woranworán** *id.* big and well-spaced

**woreín** (=wonreín) *id.* describes the clinking sound produced by falling keys, coins, or chain

**wórein** (=wónrein =wóroin =wónroin) *id.*

describes the instant ceasing of pain or noise

**wóro** *v.t.* scoop inside a hole; hollow out; undermine; **wóro fí** eat something by pulling out the soft inside, leaving the hard outside

**woroí** [5] (=woreí) *v.p.* become hollowed out (as sore): **Ìnọ̀unbì wòrèiyemi** The sore is getting deeply hollowed. [**wóro** + **-í** *process*]

**wóroì** *id.* smashing sound produced when many plates fall and break together

**wóroin** (=wónroin =wórein =wónrein) *id.* describes the instant ceasing of pain or noise

**worokoó** *id.* get loosened, *esp.* from a knot

**wóron** (=wónron =wóroron =wónronron)

*v.t.* chop off the fronds of raphia palm and palm leaves: **Akáin pomumọ**

**wòron/wòroron** Chop off the palm-fronds.

**woronkaa** (=wonronkaa) *id.* describes abrupt opening of eyes, or sudden sight; immediate clearance of mist or fog

**wóroràa** *id.* suddenly flashing brightly: **Tùkpá wororàa kí pìnamì** The light suddenly flashed out/on.

**wororawórora** *id.* describes a very harsh, creaky voice: **Béi tọ̀bọ̀ you ókòlo, wororawórora kpọ̀ miẹ** How creaky and harsh the crying of this child is.

**wóroròò<sup>1</sup>** *id.* entering freely: **Wárìbọ̀bọ̀bì finíí tìmìmi, erí wororòò kí sọ̀mì** As the door was open, he entered freely.

**wóroròò<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes the inside of a long bag or sack: (*fig., abusive*) long abdomen [sentence example?]

**wóroròon** *id.* dashing out; coming forth; bringing forth; drawing out, springing forth; **Erí wororòon kí akì naá ògbọ̀dọ̀bì dùnụ̀mì** He brought out the whole length of the sword at once.

**woroworó** *id.* describes the easy loosening or untying of a rope, *esp.* when the knot that binds it is cut

**wóroworo** *id.* describes a very deep and fairly wide hole [Also a cut? See **wóroworo**]

- worosii** *id.* describes the heavy fall of a big tree, or big snake or animal, and the sound so produced
- worosiwórosi** *id.* describes the large size of flexible things, such as the intestines or a big dead snake
- wosaa<sup>1</sup>** *id.* spraying, splashing of a fairly large quantity of water from a container
- wosaa<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes a fat, “plumpy” person
- wosawosá<sup>1</sup>** *id.* blood or water gushing out
- wosawosá<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes gulping food
- wosawosá<sup>3</sup>** *id.* sound of wading in knee-deep water
- wosiwosí** *id.* flowing in profusion or excessively, *e.g.* blood from a fresh wound
- wosó** *v.t.* (usu. **lìjì wosò**) get raw oil (**ibobó**) by stirring up the water mixed with crushed palm nuts in a canoe with both hands
- wosoo** *id.* bushy, as of the head, or fur of an animal, or top of a palm tree (>**wosọọ**)
- wosowosó<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes careless behaviour, *esp.* that resulting in soiling table or clothes while eating
- wosowosó<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes a fast rate of getting rich
- wouwouí** *id.* describes fast-flowing water or current at a cape, or through a creek or canal
- wóùwóù** *id.* describes the barking of a dog
- wowosií** *id.* clustered, *e.g.* bunch of keys or fruits
- woyaa** *id.* **A.** describes a very wide expanse of water, as of rivers or lakes during flood; **B.** describes a wide-open mouth
- woyaíwòyaí** *id.* loud, croaking voice
- Wóyenghi** *n.* God; **Wóyenghi Egberi** the Word of God; the Christian Scriptures (=Ayíba, Áyòú, Ogínaaraṣ, Súoaraṣ /Soaraṣ, Tẹmẹaraṣ, Zibaaraṣ) (*In pre-Christian times this word was no doubt feminine, as is obvious from its etymology, but it has been adopted as the Christian word for ‘God’ and is therefore now masculine. The various synonyms retain their original feminine gender and are not*
- used in a Christian sense.*) [**wó<sup>2</sup>** + **yenghí** mother]
- wóyenghimẹbara** *n.* (tech.) nature  
[**Wóyenghi** + **mjẹ do** + **bára<sup>4</sup>** way]
- wọkọ** *v.t.* loosen; slacken [check meaning]
- wọkọmọ** *v.cs.* hitch up (*e.g.* trousers); tighten  
[**wó** □ **kọ** + **-mọ** causative]
- wọkọwọkọ** *id.* deep and narrow  
(<**wókowoko**)
- wọlìwọlì** *id.* describes something small in the hole of a bigger thing, as a tiny thread passing freely through the eye of a big needle
- wọlọkìwọlọkì** *id.* talking without any break; chattering; babbling
- wọlọkọọ** *id.* loose; slack; not tight; (*fig.*) weighed down (in spirit) (>**wolokoo**)
- wọlọwọlọ** *id.* talking freely without any restraint; hiding nothing [Any **wolowóló?**]
- wọ̀nọ̀wọ̀nọ̀wọ̀nọ̀** *id.* buzzing and hovering of smaller insects like sandflies  
(<**wónowònowóno**)
- wọnr-** *see* **wọr-**
- wọ̀nwọ̀n** *id.* the croaking of a frog
- wọ̀nọ̀wọ̀n** *id.* sound of drizzling, light rain
- wọ̀n** *id.* for a short spell: **Osuó wọ̀n kórodejì nì pẹ̀lẹ̀dọ** The rain fell for a short time and stopped. [tone?]
- wọ̀ọ̀ọ̀<sup>1</sup>** *id.* the sound produced by a downpour of rain and the way it falls (<**wooo**)
- wọ̀ọ̀ọ̀<sup>2</sup>** *id.* a very loud noise produced by some birds like **ọgídìgídì**, the Black Crake
- wọ̀rọ̀** *v.t.* dismantle a table, ladder or fish trap, or remove such things as the teeth, seeds of maize; undress; untie
- wọ̀rọ̀kọwọ̀rọ̀kọ** *id.* describes the act of tying loosely or fastening insecurely
- wọ̀rọ̀rọ̀<sup>1</sup>** *id.?* describes entering into a narrow way freely and without obstacles
- wọ̀rọ̀rọ̀<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes a very long and narrow creek
- wọ̀rọ̀rọ̀n** (=wọ̀nrọ̀nrọ̀n) *id.* longish, slender, as of a thin cane-ropes or stick, or the legs of a person
- wọ̀rọ̀jì** *id.* looking hungry, tired and depressed



**wórɔwɔrɔ** *id.* descriptive of a very narrow but deep hole or cut (<**wóroworo**, see comment there)

**wòsì** *n.* watch [*<English watch*] (=ifìèkìnye)

**wòsìgilasi** *n.* (tech.) watch-glass [*<English watch-glass*]

**wosoo** *id.* unkempt; bushy (<**wosoo**)

**wòwòì** *v.t.* plane; **tìn wòwòì** plane wood

**wúbuù** (=wíbuù) *id.* describes a loud bursting of cloth or sack due to pressure, and the sound so made

**wúu-wuu-wuu** *excl.* an alarm raised, esp. by women, in any case of mishap, e.g. fainting, outbreak of fire, or accident

**wúrùbùwùrùbù** *id.* sound produced while tapping palm wine [sentence example?]

**wuruduú** *v.i.* be noisy (of a crowd of people, often lamenting): **Ọwọmọ́ wùrùdù kuyémi** The children are making a noise: **Tié kì páamààà, ọ béi wùrùdùyemibi?** What happened for you to be making this noise?

**wuruwurú** *id.* easily crumbling; separated, not in a solid lump, as of clay soil

**wuruwùrù** *id.* describes the smart movement of eyes, as of bird

**wusùùn** (=wúsùùn) *id.* describes the sweet smelling of a well-prepared soup; fragrant, of a good odour

**wúsùùn** see **wusùùn**

## Y

**ya, -ya, yaáà** see **a, -a, aáà**

**yaá¹** *v.t.* collect (e.g. rainwater, or fish with a basket in fishpond or river): **Báfùbì akì bení yàa** Collect the rainwater in a basin: **Adobí àkì búbùbò indimọ́ yàa** Collect the fish in the fishpond with a basket.

**yaá²** *v.t.* steam the body with the vapour from water that has been boiled together with a variety of leaves. It is believed to be the best cure for malaria. When steaming, the

whole body is heavily covered with thick cloths, and the patient sits leaning forward to inhale the steam from the pot. **Popó bèrimọ, alalàinda berimọ, ọgún bèrimọ tuọ dá iné ọngọ yàa. Bèi erémaovin ọn zuọ diri** [tone?] Boil pawpaw leaves, orange leaves, and lime leaves and steam yourself. This is the treatment for malaria.

**yaá³** *v.t.* dry, air (cloths): **Bìdẹmọ àkì tiribọ́ yàa** Put the clothes/cloths in the open to dry.

**yaá⁴** *v.t.* dry (fish/meat)? [Is there such a word?]

**yaaa** (=iyaa) *excl.* response to greeting or salutation

**yaabàà** *id.* not feeling normal: **Ọngọ sẹ inọ́ yàabàà kì emí** I do not feel normal.

**yábìrì** (=yábìrì) *n.* town or quarter of a family to which one bears a **yábì** relationship [**yábì** + **bìrì** quarter, shortened ]

**yaàì** *id.* calm; quiet; serene: **Yọ sẹ yaàì kì paadọ** The place has become quiet.

**yáalayàala** *id.* not satisfying

**yaamọ** *v.dir.* catch something coming through the air (in hands or container): **Kanabí àkì katiyemí ọgboinmọ yaamọ** Take the basket to catch the mangoes being “plucked”. [**yaá¹** + **-mọ** directional]

**yáaro** *v.t.* bore (a hole): **Erí tìn yàaroyémi** He is boring a hole in the wood.

**yaatìyáatì** *id.* feeling dirty and uncomfortable

**yábala** *v.t.* roll and grind between palms or in fingers; **díri yabala** squeeze herbs in hand for medicine (cf. **fọdì**, where herbs are crushed in container); **utáràn yabala** roll fufu between fingers ready to dip and swallow

**yabásì** *n.pl.* onions (*Allium cepa* Linn. ALLIACEAE); **yabásì kutu** one onion; **yabásì ofora** skin of onion [cf. *Pidgin yàbáàs*, Igbo *yàbáàsì* onion, ultimately from Hausa *àlbásà* < Arabic ]

**yábì** [3] *n.* the relationship in which a child stands to the town or family from which

his/her mother (or mother's mother, etc.) was last married on the "big dowry" (big bride-price) system (**bére**): **Yábjò bàrà kòrigha** Nothing stops a **yábj** relation's hand (*i.e. when a woman has been given out in marriage to save her family, any of her children who visit her town can freely take any bunch of plantain, coconut, fish, or meat without anyone challenging them*); **yábj teì** **A.** have joking relationship with one's **yábj** relations; **B.** formally feast with one's **yábj** family when wealthy males die; the **yábj** family entertains them for some days, and when they leave they traditionally give two shillings each to the daughters of the **yábj** family for the feeding of the children

**yábjbirì** (=yáabiri) *n.* town or quarter to which one bears a **yábj** relationship [**yábj** + **birì** quarter]

**yábjidè** *n.* cloth, pall, which covers a coffin and is later sent back to the town or quarter with which the dead person had **yábj** relationship [**yábj** + **bidè** cloth]

**yábjnamà** *n.* the first to the seventh ribs of a large herbivore (such as **wán**, **asaaláá**, **ubí**, **eméin**, or **ogóri**), which are the traditional portion of the **yábjbirì**, together with one bottle of drink; when it is presented, they give entertainment and money in return [**yábj** + **náma** meat]

**yabirij** *id.* smallish; dwarfish

**yabirij** *id.* having no flavour; tasteless; without relish

**yábjtòbòu** *n.* child standing in a **yábj** relationship to a family [**yábj** + **tòbòu** quarter]

**yagá** [=iyagá] *n.* fufu type. It is made by grating cassava, putting it in a solution with water, putting it in a sieve or bag where it is sifted by squeezing to remove the water. What remains is **iyagá**. If it is dried and fried with oil, it becomes **ofoniyà** "farina".

**yagirij** *id.* hardy and smallish

**yaii** *id.* entirely; all over; completely; **pína yàii** **A.** ripe all over, as banana or plantain; **B.** white all over, as hair

**yaii** *id.* noiseless; quiet

**yai** *v.i.?* make an effort; **pui yai** compete [Can **yai** be used without **pui**?] [sentence example?]

**yai<sup>1</sup>** *n.* son; boy

**yai<sup>2</sup>** *n.* agreed rule or principle [sentence example?]

**yajbi yò** *excl.* a courteous way of addressing males [**yai<sup>1</sup>** + **-bi** the + **yo** emphasizer]

**yaijii** *id.* completely destroyed, perished; desolate: **Yémò sè keni iyòun fàá, yaijii** Everything is completely burnt out and destroyed.

**yain** [5] *v.i.* be broken; fractured: **Ará buòbj yàindò** She has broken her leg/Her leg is broken.

**yainmò<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* **A.** bend; **bára yainmò** bend your arms; **B.** break by bending (as stick) [**yain** + **-mò** causative]

**yainmò<sup>2</sup>** *n.* joint; place where bend is possible; **bárayainmò** inside of elbow; **búoyainmò** inside/back of knee; **niniyainmò** top of bridge of nose [**<yainmò<sup>1</sup>**]

**yaiyai** *id.* full of bones

**yakatàà** *v.* be unbalanced, as a slender person in an unbalanced standing position, or a tree which has been partially taken by erosion [verb or ideophone? sentence example?]

**yakayaká** *a.* describes healthy luxuriant vines or sprouting yams

**yákayàko** *v.i.?* or *id.* ?be challenging indiscriminately; retort, counter charge; *a.* repulsive, aggressive [discuss [sentence example?]]

**yáki** *v.i.* touch slightly; have light contact

**yakpuruyakpurú** *v.* or *id.* ?**A.** feel as if a foreign body, such as a fly, has entered the eye; **B.** feel as if there are lumps under the skin or in the stomach [verb or ideophone? [sentence example?]]

**yalakèè** be tasteless, as lukewarm water taken in order to satisfy thirst [verb or ideophone? [sentence example?]

**yalíyàlì** *v.i.* or *id.* ?be clear, colourless and dirt-free, as of water; sparkling clean; crystal clear (*cf.* **kìánkjàn**, **kìònkìò**) [verb or ideophone? sentence example?]

**yálò** (=yẹ̀lò) *n.* yellow sweet pepper [*<English yellow*]

**yamayámà** *id.* **A.** feeling uneasy due to itching or other internal physical movement, or to unexpected shock: **I boó fì owéibì ẹ̀rì bì, ọ̀ngọ̀ sẹ̀ ine ghó yàmáyámà kì mịẹmị** When I came and saw the dead man, I became very uncomfortable; **B.** (*fig.*) feeling reluctant to complain or act against someone who is close to one (*cf.* **gurungúrùn**) [Is it correct to regard B. as figurative from A.?)

**yámpìjì** *id.* describes the bending of grasses or plants in unison when the wind blows from one side

**yangá** *n.* a proud movement; **yangá mịẹ** “bluff”; show off [*cf. Pidgin nyangá show off*]

**yangaláà** *id.* of a bad posture, as of a person who is a little fatter than **sangalangáà**

**yanghìyanghì** *id.* tiny (of teeth, thatches) (=gìrigìrì)

**yankùù** *id.* describes an angry and frightful look; ugly, *esp.* of face

**yanr-** see **yar-**

**yàrìn** (=yánrìn) *v.t.* **A.** shake; sift; sieve: **Erámìnìmọ̀ oùn yarìnyémi** The women are sifting gravel; **B.** rouse; move to action: **Ụ yarìn seri** Rouse him up (from sleep): **Erí bo ni àmá yàrìnmì** He came to move the town to action.

**yarijìn** (=yanrìjìn) [5] *v.p.* be shaken; be moved: **Ẹ̀fẹ̀rụ paa nì, tìnmọ̀ yàrìjìnyemi** As the wind is blowing, the trees are moving: **Egberí bò paa bì, amá sẹ̀ yarìjìnmì** When the story came out, the whole town was moved. [*yàrìn + -jì process*]

**yansì** *v.t.* slang word which is substituted for the verbs ‘eat’ or ‘drink’: **Ọ̀ fìyáìmọ̀ àkì bó ni woó yansì sìnđọ̀** They brought the food and he ate it all.

**yaraiyáraì** *id.* sitting with legs wide apart; sitting majestically

**yarì** *v.ben.* send (to someone): **Burubí nì a yàrì** Send the yam to her.

**yariyemibó** *n.* [tone?] (*tech.*) addressee (of a letter) [*yarì + -yémi present continuous + bọ person*]

**yatìyátì<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes the feeling when one’s body is uneasy and scratchy

**yatìyátì<sup>2</sup>** not clean, as of the body or room; dirty [Could this be the first meaning from which the preceding one is derived?]

**yaun** [1] *id.* calm; quiet: **Yọ̀ sẹ̀ yaun kí èmi** All the place is quiet and calm.

**yaún**[4] *excl.* hush!: **Yaún! Kìmì ẹ̀rẹ̀ kumọ̀** Hush! No one should talk/Everyone should be quiet.

**yaúnyàún** *id.* describes mewling of a kitten

**yaùùn** *id.* feel a sudden biting pain in the stomach

**yayagídì** *id.* exclamation expressing joy, *esp.* by children when their parents return from bush, fishing or trading trip

**yé<sup>1</sup>** (=iyé) *n.* **A.** thing; something: **Yébi àkì bó** Bring the thing: **Yé nànbọ̀ bárà kọ̀ pẹ̀lẹ̀yemi** The price of anything depends on the owner; **yé nìmi** know something; be wise, clever; **yé suọ̀** be in a state of ecstasy, as by seers or diviners; be possessed; **B.** (*tech.*) object; substance

**yé<sup>2</sup>** *pron.* you (*singular*) (*short pronoun subject used when preceding short pronoun objects; cf. ì<sup>2</sup>*): **Yé ọ̀ tìndọ̀ wàáà?** Have you called them?: (*idiomatic*) **Yé ù**

**baangháàáà?** Do you want to kill him (by stopping him doing what he enjoys?)

**yéà** *excl.* my friend!: **Yéà, bó!** My friend, come!

**yéama-tubobìjì** *n.* (*comm.*) bill; invoice

**yebuu** *id.* shady, as under a big tree of average height; overcast, as of cloudy weather

**yeé<sup>1</sup>** *pron.* I (*short pronoun subject used when preceding short pronoun objects; cf. i<sup>1</sup>*): **Ye i tɪnyemi** I am calling you: **Yeé ù bimí** I asked him.

**yeé<sup>2</sup>** *see eé*

**yé-emi-bara** *n.* (*tech.*) property (of something) [**yé<sup>1</sup>** + **emí** *be with* + **bara** *way*] (=yékuro(bi))

**yeereín** *id.* about to fall; about to explode

**yérenyèeren** *id.* about to fall in or drop, as of water

**yéreyèere** *id.* describes the movement of a person with a boil on the private parts, or with a big scrotum, or a person who is newly circumcised

**yéfàá** *n.* (*tech.*) zero (=zírò) [**yé<sup>1</sup>** + **faá** *be absent*]

**yégbanayo** *n.* ledge; shelf [?] [**yé<sup>1</sup>** + **gbaná** *put on* + **yó** *place*]

**yegbelee** *id.* describes a thick lower lip that is left-drooping

**yegeyegé** *id.* red (as banana) (*cf. yereyeré*) [sentence example? is this a verb or an ideophone?]

**yé-gho-sùweìghá** worthless: **Ará gba egberimọ sè yé-gho-sùweìghá** All her stories are worthless. [**yé<sup>1</sup>** + **gho** *put on* + **sùweì** ? + **-gha** *not*]

**yeí** *n.* husband; **i yeí** my husband; **yeí yoo, yeí yoo!** O my husband, my husband! (*lamentation*); **i yei dáu** my father-in-law (*of woman*); **í yèi yèi yèi** sound of exclamation used in cheering dancers, including husbands, and expressing satisfaction; **i yei yéngì** my mother-in-law (*of woman*)

**yéidaù/yeidaù** *n.* father-in-law (*of woman*) [**yeí** + **daù** *father*]

**yei-dii-eré** *n.* husband's beloved wife (among other wives in a polygamous home) [**yeí** + **díí** *look at* + **eré** *woman*]

**yeí-ì-kumọ-díí** *n.* love medicine usually made by one of the mates in a polygamous home to entice the love of the husband; a woman who uses it is eventually forced by the

ancestors to reveal it [**yeí** + **i me** + **kumọ<sup>1</sup>** *alone* + **díí** *look at*]

**yé-ine** *n.* endurance [**yé<sup>1</sup>** + **iné<sup>1</sup>** *endure*]

**yéiyenghì/yeiyenghí** *n.* mother-in-law (of woman) [**yeí** + **yenghí** *mother*]

**yekebuu** *id.* gloomy, cloudy, as of the sky; overcast; shady

**yeketèè** *id.* slanting; on the brink of falling; describes a tree that is undercut by erosion, or a person who does not sit, stand, or walk erect

**yékienfun** *n.* (*comm.*) ready reckoner [**yé<sup>1</sup>** + **kien** *count* + **fún** *book*]

**yékuro(bi)** *n.* (*tech.*) property (of something) [**yé<sup>1</sup>** + **kuro<sup>2</sup>** *power* (+ **-bi** *the*)] (=yé-emi-bara)

**yéla** *v.a.* be dear, important, precious: **Béi yelà egberi barafa kumọ** Don't forget this important story/word. [**yélanímí** It is precious ?? is this correct?]

**yeleyèlè** *id.* describes a wide expanse of land with few trees, *esp.* if the place is unfamiliar: **Boú sè yeleyèlè ki emi** The bush is savanna-like. [check translation]

**-yémi** *t.m. A.* (*continuous, esp. present*): **U banghiyemí** He is running: **A túòyemí ifiebi, erí paadó** While she was cooking, he went out; **B. (*habitual*): **Déin biri laadó aba, kímì temè dòrou dorouyemí** When it comes to midnight, men's ghosts cry aloud.**

**yengheyenghé** *id.* red; ripe (as fruit); glowing, red-hot (as fire, iron); (*tech.*) white-hot: **Bùrọ̀bọ̀ emi ugubi bó yèngheyenghen kí pàadó** The piece of iron in the fire has become red-hot.

**yenghí<sup>1</sup>** *n.f. A.* mother; **káláyènghí** one's actual mother; **kèni yenghibọ** **A.** having the same mother and same father; **B.** having the same mother, different fathers; **kosuyènghí** grandmother (*cf. kosúinà*); **ofóni yenghi** mother hen; **yènghi yoo, yènghi yoo!** O mother, mother! (*lamentation*); **B.** female employer (of cook or steward); **C. n.** (*fig.*) main shoot of plantain, surrounded by suckers, *usu.* **beriba yenghí**

**yenghí<sup>2</sup>** *n.* used in: **akáin yenghi** slip of bamboo with which roof mats are stitched; **ingo yéng̀hì** warp of lobster-pot; **ivín bai yenghi** piece of iron or wood on which kernels are crushed

**yenghí<sup>3</sup>** *n.* portion, part: **Indimọ́ ò àkì ma yenghi ghó d̩ẹ** Share the fish into two parts or portions.

**yenghibọ́** *n.f.* mother: (saying) **Yenghibọ́ f̩yàì tọ̀bọ̀bọ́ bíbì ghọ seighá** The mother's food always tastes good to the child. [*yenghí<sup>1</sup> + bọ person*]

**yenghizií** *n.* the closest relatives; the inner circle on both father's and mother's side; hence, the first people to hear and solve problems affecting a particular person [*yenghí<sup>1</sup> + z̩í<sup>3</sup> family*]

**yénimi<sup>1</sup>** *n.* knowledge; learning; wisdom; prudence: **Iné yenimibi bọ̀wẹ̀d̩ọ** Your always knowing best is too much. [*yé<sup>1</sup> + ními know*]

**yénimi<sup>2</sup>** *a.* discreet; judicious; prudent; wise; clever: **Erí yenimi k̩m̩jì** He is a wise man. [*<yénimi<sup>1</sup>*]

**yenr-** see **yer-**

**yére** *n.* woman, female (used in songs) (=eré)

**yerekèè** *id.* describes a wide expanse of water

**yerekúù** *id.* ripe all over: **Beribamọ́ bo yèrekúù ki p̩nadó** The plantains have got completely ripe.

**yérenyèren** (=yénrenyèren) *id.* brimful (of river)

**yereruú** *a.* low, not high, as a roof

**yereyeré** *v.a.* be red (*cf.* **yegeyegé**) [sentence example?]

**yerín<sup>1</sup>** (=yenrín) *v.i.* live; spend one's life: **Iné yerinyemi barabi ì d̩sẹghá** I don't like the way you are leading your life.

**yerín<sup>2</sup>** (=yenrín) *n.* way of life: **Iné yerinbi ì d̩sẹghá** I don't like your way of life.

**yesii** *a.* branchy, patulous, spreading, as of a tree [sentence example]

**yésuọbai** (=súọbai) *n.* day when everything goes well for one, beyond expectation [*yé + súọ<sup>2</sup> gain + báì day*]

**yétìbì** *n.* capital; principal: **Wó fọ̀bì, yétìbì suọ fàghá** In our trade, we were able to recover the capital. [*yé<sup>1</sup> + t̩bì head*]

**yétọ̀nbara** *n.* (tech.) measurement [*yé<sup>1</sup> + t̩n<sup>3</sup> measure + bára<sup>4</sup> way*]

**yétọ̀ntọ̀nyeama** *n.pl.* (tech.) standard units [*yé<sup>1</sup> + t̩n<sup>3</sup> measure x2 + yé<sup>1</sup> + -ama plural*]

**yétọ̀nye** *n.* (tech.) unit measure; (*pl.*) arbitrary units [*yé<sup>1</sup> + t̩n<sup>3</sup> measure + yé<sup>1</sup>*]

**yeuu<sup>1</sup>** *id.* calm; quiet: **Boú s̩ẹ yeuu kí p̩aadó** The bush has suddenly become very quiet.

**yeúuù** *id.* desolate owing to desertion or destruction: **Amábì k̩m̩jì m̩ s̩i s̩indej̩ n̩, bó yéúuù ki paadó** As all the people have gone to their farms, the town is left deserted.

**yeyeyéyeu** *id.* holding moisture (of cloud); threatening to rain (of weather); having ready tears in eyes (of person)

**yẹ̀b̩u** *id.* describes a short plump person, or a low, short, shady tree (*cf.* **yẹ̀k̩b̩u**)

**yé̀l̩y̩l̩y̩l̩** *id.* A. describes a careless way of treating a delicate thing: **F̩r̩m̩ ò àkì naá y̩l̩y̩l̩y̩l̩ bara subo k̩m̩jì ò!** Don't carry the (breakable) plates in a careless way!; B. too loose (of waist-beads)

**yé̀r̩n̩y̩l̩y̩l̩** *id.* eager; enthusiastic

**yẹ̀gb̩l̩y̩l̩y̩l̩** *id.* always drooping, as of the lower lip (*cf.* **y̩l̩y̩l̩y̩l̩**)

**yẹ̀gb̩y̩l̩y̩l̩** *id.* describes foolish behaviour, as when one is drunk

**yeg̩y̩l̩y̩l̩** *id.* reddish, as of a fair-skinned person whose hair is reddish (brighter than **y̩r̩y̩l̩y̩l̩**)

**y̩j̩y̩l̩y̩l̩** *id.* A. reddish colour, as of the tail of an immature yam; B. pale colour, as of stunted grass

**yẹ̀k̩b̩u** *id.* describes a short person with a distended stomach, or a short and shady tree (*cf.* **y̩b̩u**)

**y̩k̩y̩l̩y̩l̩** *v.t.* speak ill of: **K̩m̩jì ì y̩k̩y̩l̩y̩l̩ k̩m̩jì** Don't talk ill of me.

**y̩l̩y̩l̩y̩l̩** *id.* hanging loosely, as the lower lip (*cf.* **y̩gb̩l̩y̩l̩y̩l̩**)

**yẹ̀lẹ̀lẹ̀** *id.* **A.** describes a person or animal with one side drooping or slipping; **B.** a posture with one part lowered; **C.** cloth tied lower at one end (*cf.* **yẹ̀lẹ̀lẹ̀yẹ̀lẹ̀lẹ̀**)

**yẹ̀lẹ̀lẹ̀yẹ̀lẹ̀lẹ̀** *a.* describes a style of tying cloth so loosely that the tied side hangs down below the knee (*cf.* **yẹ̀lẹ̀lẹ̀**)

**yẹ̀lò** (=yálò) *n.* yellow sweet pepper [*<English yellow*]

**yẹ̀mụ** *v.t.* precede immediately in age (of full siblings): **Tùmọ̀tá kị Akímua yẹ̀mụmị** Tùmọ̀tá is immediately senior to Akímua.

**yẹ̀mụ́n** *v.i.* be sunk [or v.p.? sentence example?]

**yẹ̀ngbẹ̀yẹ̀ngbẹ̀** *id.* staggering tired movement, as of a tired person or drunkard

**yẹ̀ngbẹ̀yẹ̀ngbẹ̀** *id.* staggering movement under the influence of some weight, as a man carrying some bunches of palm fruit

**yẹ̀ngẹ̀lẹ̀** *id.* slanting; unstable; unbalanced, as of a tall slender tree or person; (*tech.*) scalene, with no two sides equal (of triangle)

**yẹ̀ngẹ̀lẹ̀yẹ̀ngẹ̀lẹ̀** *id.* slanting; on the point of falling, as of a tall, slender tree or person

**yẹ̀ngẹ̀lẹ̀yẹ̀ngẹ̀lẹ̀** *id.* unbalanced movement by a slender person

**yẹ̀nghẹ̀yẹ̀nghẹ̀** *id.* abnormally hot; pronouncing forcefully; vibrating as a result of roaring or scolding: **Béi yẹ̀nghẹ̀yẹ̀nghẹ̀ nì ẹ̀rẹ̀yemi barabì ẹ̀bìghá** The way you are talking so vehemently is not good.

**yẹ̀nì** *v.t.* **A.** press with the hand, *esp.* press the belly during delivery of a child; **B.** hold up the tail of the puffer-fish (**obúbu**) and shake it vigorously up and down, which action results in the distention of the belly; **C.** give first aid treatment to a drowning person, by carrying them on the back upside down, with legs over the shoulder of the first-aider, who is running about. The desired effect of this action is to force out the swallowed water through the mouth and nose.

**yẹ̀nìmọ̀<sup>1</sup>** *v.cs.* shake up or press down to make more room or to relieve pain: **Akpabí yẹ̀nìm ọ, zínì yeama ma sụ̀ngghimi** Shake

up the bag, more things will still go in: **Erí wò kuro sẹ kị akị naá gari àkpa yẹ̀nìmọ̀mì** He pressed down the gari in the bag with all his might: **Ará furoubi yẹ̀nìmọ̀. Donyọ̀bì ìyérìngghimi** Press her belly. The pain will lessen. [Translation OK?] **Erí ẹ̀gberibí gbà dọ̀gha, eni ní òró ù yẹ̀nìmọ̀** [meaning? Does this go with the next word? He does not want to tell the story, so ] [**yẹ̀nì** +-mọ̀ causative]

**yẹ̀nìmọ̀<sup>2</sup>** *v.dir.* threaten: **Yé ù yẹ̀nìmọ̀dába, erí gesi yebi gbàngghimi** If you threaten him, he will tell the truth. [**yẹ̀nì** +-mọ̀ directional]

**yẹ̀nkẹ̀** *v.i.* or *id.* ? move slightly [sentence example? I suspect this is an ideophone.]

**yẹ̀rẹ̀gẹ̀dẹ̀** *n.* stump (of tree): **Wẹ̀nìbì à dẹ̀ngghìdẹ̀j nì, áràù yẹ̀rẹ̀gẹ̀dẹ̀ kị kòrò tìtẹ̀mì** When she was tired of walking, she sat down on a stump.

**yẹ̀rẹ̀rụ̀** *id.* bending extremely low; of less than usual height

**yẹ̀rẹ̀yẹ̀rẹ̀** *id.* brimful (of a basket)

**yẹ̀rẹ̀yẹ̀rẹ̀** *id.* **A.** reddish (of hair): **Ará tìbìdumamọ̀ yẹ̀rẹ̀yẹ̀rẹ̀ kị ẹ̀mì; B.** fair-skinned, duller than **yẹ̀gẹ̀yẹ̀gẹ̀** (<yereyeré)

**yẹ̀rì** *v.t.* **A.** sell; **B.** betray

**yẹ̀rìbìbì** *n.* (*tech.*) selling price

**yẹ̀rìjìn** *v.i.* be in readiness; be imminent; be on the alert: **Sùù pàangghìbì yẹ̀rìjìnyemi** They are poised to fight.

**yẹ̀rìnyẹ̀rìjìn** *id.* well distended, as the stomach of **obúbu** when forced to become so

**yẹ̀rù** *id.* calm, quiet

**yìmuùyìmuù** *id.* sheepish, dumb-looking (of person)

**yìngbá** *n.* gamble; risky undertaking; **yìngba teín** **A.** gamble; play games of chance for money, *e.g.* lottery for high stakes; **B.** take great risks to secure great results [is this a verb or a noun? sentence example?]

**yìnge** *v.t.* shake; disturb by shaking (tree, animal or man) (*cf.* **zìge**)

**yíngeyíngé** *id.* shaking, as of a tree when shaken by a person or animal, or blown by a violent storm [*yínge x 2*]

**yíribuyìribu** *id.* describes a bad watery feeling in the mouth when bad watery or immature yam is eaten

**yirimuu** *id.* continuous slow pulling down of the hook-line-and-sinker (**déi**) by bigger fishes

**yíge** *v.t.* pound or grind well: **Iḡinámò temi yíge** Grind the pepper to the required standard.

**yígeí** [5] *v.p.* be well pounded (as of pepper): **Iḡinámò yígeíḡo** The pepper is well pounded (ready for use). [*yíge +-í process*]

**yímùùyímùù** *id.* pressed with the desire to go to stool; describes the irritation of the anus during stool

**yínkì** *v.t.* be moved [any better translation?]: **Wo miḡeyémi bàrabì ebighá èé gbà nì u pìrì kpò, erì yínkìghà** When he was told that what he was doing was not good, he never paid any attention: **Páa kuroyebi ù miḡ yínkì kpò miḡgha** He was not moved by the serious disturbance.

**yínkì** *id.* describes the behaviour of someone who refuses to obey an order and just sits tight

**yo, yoó** *see o, oó*

**yoboyobó** *id.* describes a person whose mouth flows with spittle; drooly; slobbering

**yókii** *id.* dark, as of bad weather

**yókiyòki** *id.* **A.** describes uneasy state of mind; **B.** describes uneasy state of affairs in a town or nation; not steady; not at ease

**yokoíyòkoí** *id.* handsome, healthy with youthful growth, as of a tall person or luxurious plant or crop

**yokotoó** *id.* heavy and bending down: **Beribaá yòkoto kí tòidò** The plantain is weighed down and bending over.

**volíyòlì** *id.* glossy, shining, as when “pomade” is applied to the body; also describes the natural colour of some birds’ feathers, and some shining dark hair (>**volíyòlì**)

**yolokoyóloko** *id.* not thick, watery (as soup)

**yómìyómì** *id.* staring sheepishly; looking with eyes fixed and wide open

**yomorîn** *id.* describes the dashing in of a tall person, or unexpected peeping with the head thrust forward

**yongboo** *id.* bending the head forward drowsily [nodding off?]

**yongoloó** *id.* heavy (of head); weighty (of something held): **Ará tìbì sè yongolo kí èmi** Her head looks big and heavy: **Yé kòrì kuroḡmòḡ ò, yongolo kí èmi yo** Hold it carefully, it’s heavy.

**yonkuu** *id.* describes a bent or drooping head

**yonr-** *see yor-*

**yòò** *id.* glossy black; shiny (*e.g.* from too much pomade, sweat)

**yòòn<sup>1</sup>** *id.* gazing from a very large crowd; looking steadily, as when a large crowd focuses their eyes on one particular thing

**yòòn<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes a luxuriant state of crops such as plantain, palm trees, etc.

**yóoro** *v.t.* bore a roundish hole (*e.g.* in log for making a drum); remove inside from snail-shell prepared as top: **Erì ḡgbòlò yooromi** He cleaned out the inside of the shell (to use it as a top).

**yooroí** *v.p.* rot or disintegrate internally while the outside still appears strong (of palm or coconut tree, plantain stump, etc.); [fall out (of the inside) on its own: **Otoín pàtimi yòbì yooroíḡo** meaning?] [Should the second part (in square brackets) be there?] [*yóoro + -í process*]

**yooroíyòoroí** *v.i.* move in a circular form, as an eddy or whirlwind [sentence example?] [verb or ideophone?]

**yorokoyóroko** *id.* watery; having much liquid

**yórorò** *id.* (*tech.*) oval

**yóronyoron** (=yónronyonron) *id.* long and pointed (as sword); projecting; tapering [sentence example?]

**yoróyòró** *id.* describes a very bright attractive or comely appearance

**yóu** *v.i.* **A.** cry; weep: **yóu you kàá wẹ̀nì** walking while crying: (*saying*) **Obóri you you kàá tùgá pẹ̀lẹ̀** The goat is crying but it still eats grass; **yóu dji** cry frequently (as child); **yóu kọ̀rì** stop crying; **yóu pẹ̀lẹ̀** stop crying; **yóu sii** go to bush for first time after death of husband; this is a formal ceremony at which only token work is done, while the rest of the town stay at home; **ogọ you** cry in stages and with stylish embellishment; **yóuyemi bàraama** kinds of weeping laments, listed as follows: **Bina o bina o** lament for a relative in general: **Daụ wo daụ wo** lament for a father: **Imbaụ wo imbaụ wo** lament for a daughter: **Imbirei yo imbirei yo** lament for a brother: **Imburaụ wo imburaụ wo** lament for a sister: **Iniyajin yo iniyajin yo** lament for a son: **Yei yo yei yo** lament for a husband: **Yenghi yo yenghi yo** lament for a mother: **Zi yo ziyo** lament for all groups; **B.** (*fig.*) praise, honour: **Iné you kùmq** All praise and honour to you! only you! [Should B. be treated as a separate word?]

**yóu<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* appeal; beg [Perhaps this should be listed as the B. meaning of the preceding word?]

**yóu<sup>3</sup>** *n.* weeping; cry(ing)

**youbaa** *id.* in a comfortable sitting posture; majestically, honourably: **Abáamà kọ̀kọ̀ yòuba korónimí** The Oba's city was well established (*formula at beginning of folk stories*)

**yóubeni** *n.* tears (=yóuyaj) [*yóu<sup>1</sup> + bení water*]

**Y□óudjwei** *n.* male personal name [*frequent crier*]

**Yóukọ̀rì** *n.* personal name given when a child is born shortly after a death in the family [*stop crying*]

**yoún** *excl.* Silence! [Is this correct?]

**Yóunyaj** *n.* New Year [*<English New Year*]

**Yóupẹ̀lẹ̀** *n.* personal name given when a child is born shortly after a death in the family [*stop crying*]

**yóuyaj** *n.* tears (=yóubeni) [*yóu<sup>1</sup> + -yaj things*]

**younyounbáụ** *n.* dead silence [sentence example?]

**youun** *id.* calm; quiet; silent

**yóuyou** *id.* with tears; sorrowfully: **Yóuyou kàá wẹ̀nì** He walks sorrowing (because of many problems). [*yóu<sup>1</sup> x 2*]

**yoyoó<sup>1</sup>** *v.a.* be handsome; **yoyo tọ̀bọ̀ụ** handsome man, person [*cf. Igbo òyòòyò beautiful*]

**yoyoó<sup>2</sup>** *id.* full of fat: **Náma sẹ̀ yoyo kí èmi** The meat is full of fat. (>yoyóó)

**yọ** *n.* place: **Mú ni ẹ̀nì yọbọ̀ tẹ̀** Go and stand there; **ine yọ** my place, house, portion, share; **iné yọ** your place, house, portion, share; **yọ deji kọ̀** in the event of, if

**yọbọyọbọ** *id.* foolish; stupid; childish

**yọbųyọbų** *id.* **A.** succulent, as well-boiled "pear"; **B.** tasting of too much fat, as pork

**yọgọlọ** *id.* weak; with little or no strength

**yọgọlọyọgọlọ** *id.* with weak behaviour

**yọgọlọyọgọlọ** **A.** drooping or wilting in the heat (as grass): **Uráụ bo paa kùrọdẹ̀jì nì, túomọ̀ yọgọlọyọgọlọ kị pàadọ̀ụ** When the sun became hot, the grass wilted; **B.** (*fig.*) (of person) [sentence example?]

**yọlíyọlí** *id.* glossy; shining; attractive (<yolíyólí)

**yọlọyọlọ** *id.* treated without any seriousness; handled with levity or in a carefree way

**yọmìyọmì** (=yónmìyónmì) *id.* gazing steadily and wistfully: **Tọ̀bọ̀ụbị yónmìyónmì kàá yọ diiyémi** The boy is gazing steadily at the place.

**yọngọ** *v.i.* droop; hang down; slope; incline

**yọ̀kìyọ̀kì** *id.* about to explode; in a preparatory stage to an outburst such as a war or fight

**yọ̀rẹ̀jì** [5] (=yọ̀rọ̀rọ̀jì) *v.p.* rotate; become round: **Akalú yọ̀rẹ̀jìdọ** The moon has become full. [*yọ̀rọ̀rọ̀ + -í process*]

**yọ̀rẹ̀jìbàrà** (=yọ̀rọ̀jìbàrà) *n.* (*tech.*) rotation [*yọ̀rẹ̀jì + bàrà<sup>f</sup> way*]



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**yọ̀ọ̀rọ̀** *v.t.* encircle; surround: **Ọ bo ní ì yọ̀ọ̀rọ̀mì** They surrounded me: **Ọmìnì ù banghì yọ̀ọ̀rọ̀dọ̀** They have run round him.

**yọ̀ọ̀rìyọ̀ọ̀rì** *id.* uneasy; restless; not finding it easy to sit in one place, or do something for long

**yọ̀rọ̀<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* tie split bamboo on to **oforontanighá** before roofing with thatches

**yọ̀rọ̀<sup>2</sup>** *n.* small pieces of bamboo split into four for fixing thatch

**yọ̀rọ̀yọ̀rọ̀** *id.* comely; attractive; bright-coloured

**yọ̀ú** *v.t.* 'pull', paddle (a canoe); propel or drive (any vehicle); ride (a bicycle); **yọ̀u beḷe táinmò** (=yọ̀u beḷe túò) entertain visitors with food on their return from a journey; **yọ̀u dijì** know how to paddle; **yọ̀u dàwaí** learn how to paddle; **yọ̀u dijì** know how to paddle; **yọ̀u □ paá** travel out; **yọ̀u pùiyai** compete in paddling; **yọ̀u □ tuá** go to a spot where something has happened on the river, as when a canoe has capsized or an animal is floating; **yọ̀u yọ̀wẹ̀j yò!** (shout to encourage paddlers); **páa yọ̀ú** set off by boat

**yọ̀umò** *v.dir.* paddle, 'pull', towards [*yọ̀ú + -mò directional*]

**yọ̀umoyé** [4] *n.* shrimp-trap made of **apíe** cane-rope [*yọ̀umò + yé thing*]

**yọ̀wẹ̀j** *n.* **A.** paddle. The parts of a paddle are: **yọ̀wẹ̀j aká** edge of blade; **yọ̀wẹ̀j akú** widest part of blade; **yọ̀wẹ̀j bolóu** tip of blade; **yọ̀wẹ̀j furóú** front surface of blade; **yọ̀wẹ̀j konú** back surface of blade; **yọ̀wẹ̀j niní** part of handle which is inset into blade on front side; **yọ̀wẹ̀j tìbí/tùbú** handle. Different types are: **atála yọ̀wẹ̀j** large paddle used in **atála**-fishing; **Ikétè yọ̀wẹ̀j** paddle with large round blade used by Northerners; **Isélema yọ̀wẹ̀j** carved paddle; **Iẓon yọ̀wẹ̀j** ordinary paddle; **péinti yọ̀wẹ̀j**

paddle with ornamental painting given to bride; **toun yọ̀u yọ̀wẹ̀j** oar; **ukuré tùa yọ̀wẹ̀j** (=ukúlóu kpèkumọ yọ̀wẹ̀j) large paddle used from standing position for steering in war-canoe, etc.; **B.** spade(s) in the game of cards [*yọ̀ú + yé thing*]

**yọ̀wẹ̀j tìjìn** *n.* tree from which paddles are carved (*Olox* sp. OLERACEAE) [*yọ̀wẹ̀j + tìjìn tree*]

**yọ̀yọ̀** *v.a.* be fatty, filled with fat (<yoyoó)

**yurú** (=uruú) *n.* (archaic form of **uruú**; presently it is only used in singing and in some sayings) wine; gin; mineral

**yúnkùyè** *id.* nodding (without speaking)

## Z

**záàa** *id.* conspicuous; showy: **Asíá paa bará ò, záàa kpọ mịe.** See how this young person is showing off his/her clothes.

**záàà** *id.* describes the quick simultaneous sprouting of crops, *e.g.* maize, yam, etc.

**zainzain** *id.* very hairy: **Kímìbì ọ̀ngọ sẹ zainzain kí èmi.** The man's body is very hairy. (>**zainzain**)

**zainzain** *id.* hairy (<**zainzain**)

**záìzàì** *id.* new, fresh (*e.g.* of fish); youthful (*e.g.* of person); current, fresh (of news); **záìzàì indì/egberi** fresh fish/news; **záìzàì kìmì** youthful person

**zakabáà** *id.* upright; vertical; perpendicular [sentence example?]

**zála** *v.t.* reveal: **Ye iné tuu zàlanghími.** I shall reveal your secret.

**zalaá** *n.* third size of Niger perch (*Lates niloticus* Linn. CENTROPOMIDAE) (**otókorotọ̀rọ̀pina** < **ikírika** < **zalaá** < **kína** < **káran**)

**zálaà** *id.* open, spacious: **Tirí sẹ zálaà kị emi** The field is wide open, spacious.

**zálaakutu** *n.* (*geom.*) open shape [*zálaà + kútu solid figure*]

**zalaí<sup>1</sup>** [5] *v.p.* be exposed, shown up: **Iné tuubi tìri ghò zàlaíḍo** Your secret has been revealed to the public. [*zála* + *-í process*]

**zalaí<sup>2</sup>** [5] *v.p.* fall down: **Olótù kórodeḍ yò, Zálaj yoo, Olótù zalaḍ yo!** The champion has fallen, Fallen, The champion is fallen! (*wrestling song*) [Is there any *zála* from which this is derived? It does not seem to go with 'reveal'.]

**zalakazálaka** *id.* not in order; uneven

**zalakázàlaká** *id.* standing well-spaced

**zalazála** *id.* woven in an uneven way

**záloò** *id.* describes the late afternoon when there is less heat (between 4 and 5 p.m.)

**záluu** *id.* huge; gigantic (>*záluḍ*)

**záluḍ** *id.* huge (<*záluu*)

**zanrḥn** *see* **zarḥn**

**Zarámà** *n.* Zarama **ibe** in Northern Iẓon. Its towns are **Zarama-Epiè** and **Zarama-Yánbìri** (headquarters); **Zarámà pọḥn** Zarama dialect (of Engenni)

**Zarama-Epiè** *n.* a town in **Zarámà ibe** of Northern Iẓon

**Zarama-Yánbìri** *n.* the headquarters of **Zarama ibe** in Northern Iẓon

**zarḥn** (=zanrḥn) *id.* looking wretched, neglected: **Ará tìbì sè zarḥn kị emi** Her hair is untidy and neglected: **Bêi kímì paa bara òó, zarḥn kpọ miè** Look how this man appears, untidy and scruffy.

**zarukúù** *id.* very big (as of small person wearing an over-sized dress)

**zarukuzáruku** *id.* plump; fat; very big; large

**zauu** [1] *id.* lonesome: **Amá sii sìnḍeḍ nì, bó zàuu kí pàadó** Since everyone went to bush, the town has become lonesome.

**zaú** *v.a.* be small; **zau tọbọḍ** child who is small for his age

**zaú-dèngḥi-díè-dìngḥi-ye** *n.* (*math.*) lowest common multiple (LCM) [*zaú* + *dèngḥi surpass* + *díè divide* + *dìngḥi will divide* + *yé thing*]

**zauḡoḡ** *v.cs.* make small; reduce [*zaú* + *-ḡoḡ causative*]

**zázalìḥ** *id.* describes a very small bunch, *e.g.* of plantain, banana, oil-palm

**zébaa** *id.* confused; perplexed

**zeé** *v.t.* lay in groups for sale (*e.g.* pepper, palmnuts, prawns, shrimps): **Ofonìamọ zee yerì** Sell the 'farina' by little heaps: **Arì ìndimọ zèeyémi** I am making the fishes into groups for sale.

**zeelezeelé** *id.* dancing or running like a mad or foolish person

**zéere** *id.* rejected, as by pushing a person about physically, or by shouting at him from all sides

**zeerèè** *v.i.* be dejected [verb or ideophone? sentence example?]

**zeereí** *v.p.* be depressed, dejected, rejected [*zéere* + *-í process*]

**Zeésù** *n.* Jesus [*<English Jesu*]

**zéezèè** *id.* describes the movement of a drunkard; staggering; tottering (*cf.* **zékezèke**)

**zégbee** *id.* all alone

**zèin** *id.* giving a start as result of surprise or shock: **Erì ègberì nàa bì, wo ọngòḡ sè zèin kị mịemị** When he heard the news, he gave a big start.

**zékezèke** *id.* describes the movement of one who is drunk; totter, stagger (*cf.* **zéezèè**)

**zelèè** *id.* open (of space)

**zélelee** *v.i.* be empty: **Ọwọḡmọḡ sè mú sìnḍeḍ nì, wáribì bo ni ìḡọ zelélee kị pàadó** Since the children all went away, the house seems very empty to me: **Wáribì bo ni ìḡọ zeleléeyemò!** The house is (gradually) getting empty.

**zelezéle** *id.* spacious; wide

**zemenî** *id.* unexpectedly; suddenly

**zereí** *v.i.* shake one's self to show happiness [any better translation? any **zéere** corresponding to it?]

**zézemọ** *v.t.* rebuke; reprove; censure: **Wo miè yèbì ebighá nì, arì ù zezemọmị** Since what he did was bad, I rebuked him.

**zezerúù** *v.a.* be thick (*e.g.* of grass, hair, fur):

**Túoama óó, ọ maá zèzerúyémò!** Look at the grass, it is becoming very thick.

**zezeruzézeru** *id.* describes many spongy things packed together in a heap

**zèbèr̄f̄imọ** *adv.* taking place not long after, soon: **Wó èr̄é sìn ní, zèbèr̄f̄imọ, ọ kpọ bo páadọ** When we had finished talking, not long after he appeared.

**zèb̄ij̄zèb̄ij̄** *id.* slow movement with short pacing, as by a child

**zèb̄u** [tone?]*v.t.* **A.** tread into mud (as animals); mash with feet (less expertly than **daán**): **Ọwọmọọ l̄ij̄mọ zèb̄uyémi** The children are trying to mash the palmfruit; **B.** discuss at length, chew over (matter):

**Egberí bo korodọ, wó mẹnì ọ zèb̄ú** The matter is now before us, let us thrash it out.

**zèè** *v.i.* spend some time: **Wó bo bei àmabọọ gbéneì zèèdọ** We have been staying in this town for some time.

**zèèè** *id.* gazing aimlessly: **Yé diiyemi bàra o, zèèè kpọ miè** See how he is gazing aimlessly.

**zèèzèè** *v.i.* hesitate; be indecisive, irresolute: **Múbì ì d̄isègha à, i b̄éi zèèzèèyembi?** Don't you want to go, the way you are hesitating/dragging your feet?

**zègbèè** *id.* isolated; alone; solitary: **Zègbèè, b̄éi ye emí bàra** All by myself, that's how I am.

**zèlèlèè** *id.* lonely; deserted: **Ọ bo ní ọwọmọọ àk̄id̄éì n̄ì, wári bo zèlèlèè k̄ì paadọ** They have come and taken all the children away, leaving the house very lonesome.

**zèzèr̄úù** *v.a.* be thick (<**zezerúù**)

**zèzèr̄uzèzèr̄u** *id.* out of proportion, too big: **Bútuwei yò, d̄ed̄e kpọ d̄ùba gha, zèzèr̄uzèzèr̄u kpọ miè** What sort of garment is this, so big and clumsy?

**Zibaarau<sup>1</sup>** (? =**Zibóáràù**) *n.f.* God ('Giver of Birth'); **Tém̄earau mọ Zibaarau mọ, ì zuọ ò!** Creator and Giver of Birth, save me! (*Also shortened to Zibaú, which see.*) (=

**Wóyenghi =Ayíba =Áyòú = Ogínaarau =Súoarau /Soarau =Tém̄earau**) [**z̄íí + b̄ọ person?** + **ár̄àù female agent**]

**Zibaarau<sup>2</sup>** *n.f.* chief female deity of certain **ibe**, *e.g.* **Kólokù má Zibaarau, Opokumá Zibaarau** [**z̄íí + b̄ọ person?** + **ár̄àù female agent**]

**zibaú<sup>1</sup>** *n.* **A.** oracle; **zibaú uwóú/wen̄í** go to consult oracle; **zibaú tuú** place of oracle: **B.** (*fig.*) distant place [**Zibaarau**, shortened]

**Zibaú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* **Zibaú bíí** (*lit.* 'ask God') (of drowning person) come up to surface before finally going under (three times for a man, four for a woman) [**Zibaarau**, shortened]

**zibaú-bara-gbasa** *n.* ring finger [tone?] [**Zibaú<sup>2</sup> + báragbasà finger**]

**zibaú-ìnoùn-ama** *n.* the lines on the palm [tone?] [**Zibaú<sup>2</sup> + ìnoùn sore + -ama plural**]

**zìgbaa<sup>1</sup>** *id.* describes a wide piece of cloth, *i.e.* a fathom of cloth or a yard of cloth with a wide breadth

**zìgbaa<sup>2</sup>** *id.* standing deep in water: **Eri b̄enib̄òò zìgbaa t̄j̄en̄imí** He is standing deep in the water (normally with clothes on).

**zìgbaa** *id.* too much (of liquid); brimful: **F̄ùlọ benibi zìgbaa k̄ì èmi** The liquid part of the 'soup' was too much.

**zìgbazìgbá** *id.* over-sized (of clothes) (>**zìgbazìgbá**)

**zìgboó** *v.i.* be overgrown, bushy (of hair); be shady (of tree); be huge (of person or animal): **Iné kiri tuomọ bo zìgboyemí** The weeds in your farm are greatly overgrown.

**zìgbozìgbo** *id.* walking in a confused manner, without definite route; moving about aimlessly; rambling

**zìge** *v.t.* shake; (*tech.*) vibrate

**zìgeí** [5] *v.p.* shake; quake; tremble; (*tech.*) vibrate (= **yíngè**) [**zìge + -í process**]

**zìgeizìgei** *id.* in abundance (used with **per̄é**); **per̄é zìgeizìgei** very wealthy

**zìgizigi** *id.* describes many things overcrowded, as seedlings growing together,

or beads worn at the waist by a woman (>**zígizigi**)

**zígo** (=zúgo) *v.t.* contaminate, disturb or make dirty by stirring up, *e.g.* water

**zìí**<sup>1</sup> *v.t.* bear (child); give birth; ‘deliver’: **Áràù zìdòḡ** She has had a baby/given birth; **zìí bìnḡ** give birth to many; **zìí kòrì** be in labour; **zìí pìrì** belong by birth to one’s mother’s side; **zìí pèlẹ́** reach menopause

**zìí**<sup>2</sup> [5] *v.i.* be stretched, slack (as of clothes, rope, etc.): **Fọrọkọbì zìíḡ** The singlet has stretched (*i.e.* it no longer fits well).

**zìí**<sup>3</sup> *n.* **A.** bearing (of children); fertility; **zìí bọ̀ḡ** [noun or verb?] give birth easily (*esp.* to boys); **zìí dọ̀ḡ** (avidly) wish for a child; strive to be fertile: **Áràù zì dọ̀bì àládọ̀** She has been wanting a child for a long time; **zìí èbìí** have good fortune to deliver children that live; **zìí fàà** be without any delivery of a child; **zìí gbàamọ̀** attribute a child to someone other than the biological father; **zìí ìmbeḡ** [noun or verb?] take pleasure in bearing children; **zìí kaí** render someone infertile by magic means; **zìí kọ̀rì** [tone?] pause in childbearing [noun or verb?]; **zìí kùrọ̀** [noun or verb?] give birth with difficulty (*esp.* to girls); **zìí sèí** have ill-luck to deliver children that do not live; **zìí tìḡ** cease to have children [pause or permanent?]: **Ìné zìibi tìḡ laadó̀** It’s time for you to stop bearing; **Ará zìi tìḡbì naá àlágħa** It is not long since she stopped having children; **zìi tìḡmọ̀** deliberately stop having children (after bearing many); **zìi tuá** give birth to add to others; **ìḡlọ̀ḡ zìi** spray saliva spontaneously during talking; the spraying originates from below the tongue [Is this a different **zìí**?]; **B.** family; **zìi puú** divide a family (by misunderstanding); **zìi tìjìn** **A.** assemble, gather family; **B.** lament over deceased children and/or relatives; **zìi yoo, zìi yo!** words of lamentation for a deceased son or daughter; **zìi zìi** family by family: **Zii zìi kì andá puiyajngħìmi** The

wrestling competition will be family by family.

**ziibaí** *n.* day or date of birth (=zìi-eréin) [**zìí**<sup>3</sup> + **báí** day]

[OAE: Should all these compounds not be **zibaí**, etc.? I have in general been rewriting all words which have LH in isolation (**zìí** etc.) with a single vowel in compounds, whereas I have been retaining the double vowel in HH words (**páa** etc.) I think this is in accordance with your usage – am I correct?]

**ziibení**<sup>1</sup> *n.* amniotic fluid [**zìí**<sup>3</sup> + **bení**<sup>1</sup> water]

**ziibení**<sup>2</sup> *n.* costume worn after delivery involving camwood [**zìí**<sup>3</sup> + **bení**<sup>2</sup> dress]

**ziibidé** *n.* dress for a newly-delivered woman [**zìí**<sup>3</sup> + **bidé** dress]

**ziidirí** *n.* medicine to cause pregnancy [**zìí**<sup>3</sup> + **díri** medicine]

**ziidíná** *n.* semen [**zìí**<sup>3</sup> + **díná**<sup>2</sup> urine/semen]

**zìi-egbé** *n.* cervix [**zìí**<sup>3</sup> + **egbé**<sup>3</sup> container]

**zìi-eréin** *n.* day or date of birth (=ziibaí) [**zìí**<sup>3</sup> + **eréin** day]

**ziifuróu** *n.* one’s own child [**zìí**<sup>3</sup> + **fúròu** belly]

**zìii** [1] *id.* sound of heavy rain: **Osuó zìii koroyémi** The rain is pouring down with a great noise.

**zìi-ìfè** *n.* time of birth [**zìí**<sup>3</sup> + **ìfè** time]

**zìi-ìgbáàma** *n.pl.* (*tech.*) reproductive organs [**zìí**<sup>3</sup> + **ìgbáá** opening]

**Ziikí-àlá** *n.* personal name [**Zii kí àlá** It is giving birth to children that confers royalty]

**Ziikí-èré** *n.* personal name [**Zii kí èré** It is giving birth to children that shows a woman]

**Ziikí-ìyé** *n.* personal name [**Zii kí iyé** Giving birth is something]

**zìikòḡn** *n.* (*tech.*) labour pains [check meaning; also, is **kòḡn** ‘hurt’ a noun as well as a verb? ] [**zìí**<sup>3</sup> + **kòḡn**<sup>4</sup> hurt]

**Ziikòrì** *n.* personal name [**Zii kòrì** Pause in child-bearing]

**ziikuráí** *n.* year of birth [**zìí**<sup>3</sup> + **kùrài**<sup>1</sup> year]

**Ziilaayéfà** *n.* personal name [*Zii laa yé fà*  
Nothing can be compared to the birth of a  
child]

**ziimọ́** *v.cs.* slacken; relax; ease off: **Igbá**  
**ziimọ́** Slacken the rope: **Iné bībī ziimọ́**  
Ease off the way you are talking. [*zií² + -mọ́*  
*causative*]

**ziimọ́ọ́** *v.cs.* facilitate delivery of a child  
[different pronunciation from preceding?]  
[*zií¹ + -mọ́ causative*]

**ziimọ́-eré** *n.* midwife [*ziimọ́ọ́ + eré woman*]

**ziimọ́yé** *n.* delivery fee [*ziimọ́ọ́ + yé thing*]

**zii-ovírì** *n.* labour during childbirth [*zií³ +*  
*ovírì² suffering*]

**zii-ọ̀búgù** *n.* womb; (*tech.*) ovary (of plant)  
[check] [*zií³ + ọ̀bugù deeper part of lake*]

**zii-ogónèi** *n.* month of birth [*zií³ + ogónèi*  
*month*]

**Ziipaamọ́-èrè** *n.* female personal name [*zii*  
*paamọ́ deliver and show; refers to a child*  
*born after much expectation*]

**Ziipaamọ́-òwei** *n.* male personal name [*zii*  
*paamọ́ deliver and show; refers to a child*  
*born after much expectation*]

**ziitirí** *n.* place where baby is born (=ziiyọ́)  
[*zií³ + tirí outside*]

**ziituú** *n.* part of body between nipples and  
pubic area [*zií³ + tūu lower part*]

**zii-ugé** *n.* ceremony for the birth of a child  
[*zií³ + ugé feast*]

**Zii-ugé** *n.* personal name [*zii-ugé birth-*  
*feast*]

**ziiyọ́** *n.* place where baby is born: **Ziiyọ́,**  
**ziiyọ́ -- Pulìlì -- Èdẹ bou kọ zii kpọ -- Bou**  
**biri kọ̀ zii kpọ ...** (*closing song by young*  
*girls at the end of their play*) (=ziitirí) [*zií³*  
*+ yọ́ place*]

**zínì** (=zínì) *dem.* (*harmonizes with following*  
*word*) another; different; other: **Béi**  
**wajimọ́dá, zínì fun nì ì yarí** Return this and  
bring me another book.

**zinií** (=ziniye) *n.* another thing [*zínì + yé*  
*thing*]

**zínì-ibe-ghọ-okoba-dei-bara** *n.* (*comm.*)  
foreign exchange [*zínì + ibeé nation + ghọ*

*at + okóbà money + deí exchange + bárá⁴*  
*way*]

**zípú** *id.* describes the manner and the noise  
produced when a big person or object drops  
into the water (>**zípú**) [not **zípúu**?]

**zípúu** *id.* describes the state when one loses  
money or property (>**zípúu**)

**zírariì** *id.* untidily dressed; shabby; flabby [*cf.*  
**zírarij**, check tone]

**ziribúú** *id.* plunging deeply; immersed in  
water: **Erí zìribuu kí àkì benibọ̀ sùomì**  
He immersed himself smoothly in the water.

**zirizirí** *id.* heavy, continuous downpour of  
rain or water from a container, or of tears  
from the eyes, or of nuts or gravel pouring  
out from a container (>**zirizirí**)

**zírò** *n.* zero (=yéfàá) [*<English zero*]

**zìabúu** *id.* short and clumsy; describes a short  
untrimmed tree that is shady

**zìbúu** *id.* describes the state of being absent  
from a place for a considerable time: **Béi wó**  
**dùdù ẹ̀rígha sùn woó, zìbúu** What a long  
time since we saw each other!/"Quite an  
age!"

**zigbazigbá** *id.* over-sized (of clothes)  
(<**zigbazigbá**)

**zigbẹ** *v.i.* [or vt?] dirty or play rough [treat  
carelessly?] with good materials, *e.g.*  
clothes, bedding, etc. [sentence example?  
improve translation?] [Is there also **zigbẹ́**  
*v.p.* with a corresponding meaning?]

**zigbẹ́** *v.i.* be full of, glutted with: **Fíyajmọ́ bo**  
**yọ̀bọ̀ zigejđo** The place was awash with  
different types of food.

**zigbẹ́zígbej¹** *id.* describes dirtied, ruffled  
materials, *e.g.* clothes, or careless rough  
behaviour

**zigbẹ́zígbej²** superfluous; wasteful [<**zigbẹ́**  
x2]

**zigbẹ́zígbej³** *id.* describes a very wide  
expanse of farmland; enormous property;  
excessive size or quantity [<**zigbẹ́** x2]

**zigbọ̀luzígbòlú** *id.* describes an excessively  
fat person or big animal

**zìgèí** *v.i.* be ground well: **Igínàmọ zìgèído**

The pepper has been well ground. [Any corresponding **zìgèí**?]

**zìgèizìgèí** *id.* roughly or carelessly packed; untidy [Any corresponding **zìgèí**?]

**zìgìbùú<sup>1</sup>** **A.** dwarfish, short and squat; **B.** describes a short person wearing oversized clothes

**zìgìrìzìgìrì** *id.* rough or jagged saw edge: **Edejin bíbí sè bó zìgìrìzìgìrì kì pàadọ**  
The edge of the knife has become jagged.

**zìgìzìgì** *id.* describes stunted or pale growth of seedlings such as maize, rice, etc., due to poor soil or too close planting: **Okúrọmọ gboro palimọ bọwẹi ní, bó zìgìzìgì kì pàadọ**  
The okra was planted so closely that it is overcrowded. (<**zìgìzìgì**)

**zìjìjì<sup>1</sup>** *id.* uncomfortable or publicly shamed because of one's action: **Wo miẹ séibì ụ miẹ bó zìjìjì kì paamì**  
The sin he committed is making him feel uncomfortable; **Ọrọ sejìbí ìmbeleghá nì, ọmìnì bo zìjìjì kì miẹmì**  
Because their dance was not interesting, they became ashamed of themselves.

**zìjìjì<sup>2</sup>** *v.loc.* be strange or surprising: **Iné miẹ yebi ìnoọ zìjìjìgha**  
What you did is not strange/surprising to me.

**zìjìzìjìnì** *id.* spoiled or made uninteresting, as food or dance

**zìjìrìzìjìrì** *id.* describes a slow unattractive movement with badly fitting undersized clothes of another person [discuss, improve translation?]

**zìmụụ** *id.* describes a long lapse or passage of time: **Béi érigha sùn woó, zìmụụ kpọ miẹ!**  
What a long time since we saw each other!/"Quite an age!" (=zìbùụ)

**zìmụzìmụ** *id.* describes a heavy and continuous downpour of rain; (*fig.*) describes bitter weeping

**zìnì** (=zìnì) *dem.* (*harmonizes with following word*) another; different; other

**zìnjì** *v.t.* rub the eyes with the fingers, to check tears or when they are irritating

**zìọmétrìkì** *a.* (*geom.*) geometric [*<English geometric*]

**zìọmètìrì** *n.* (*geom.*) geometry; **tọn mọ gè mọ zìọmètìrì** practical and descriptive geometry [*<English geometry*] [tone?]

**zìpụ** *id.* describes the noise and manner of a little object dropping into water (<**zìpụ**)

**zìpụụ** *id.* getting lost: **Ará edejinbí kèní zìpụụ kì fàdọ**  
Her knife is completely lost. (<**zìpụ**)

**zìrarìjì** *id.* describes an unshaved head, a bushy untrimmed oil-palm head, or someone dressing in over-sized baggy clothes [*cf.* **zìrarìi**, check tone]

**zìrjì** *id.* smallish, as of a person having a small cloth tied around the waist

**zìrìzìrì** *id.* continuous downpour of rain (<**zìrìzìrì**)

**zìzẹ** *v.t.* crumble pod of pepper, garden egg, etc., to get seeds for planting

**zìzẹí** *v.p.* be well ground (as pepper), or crushed completely [**zìzẹ** + *-í process*]

**zìzẹzìzẹí** *id.* in disorder

**zìzẹmọ** *v.t.* **A.** rinse out, wash quickly (very dirty clothes, without using soap); **B.** rub eyes (with circular motion), *usu.* **tọrụ zìzẹmọ**; **C.** crush completely; squash mosquito with hand [**zìzẹ** + *-mọ causative*]

**zogborúù<sup>1</sup>** *id.* **A.** describes an excessive amount of water such as that collected in ponds, lakes or streams after rain or flood; **B.** too much water or soup in a pot of food

**zogborúù<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes a huge tall person or animal in a standing position, over-grown grass along a path, farm or surroundings, a thick piece of bush, a tall and huge cluster of trees, or over-grown hair

**zokaa<sup>1</sup>** *id.* protruding, as a tooth or part of a stick or fence protruding beyond the normal size or level

**zokaa<sup>2</sup>** *id.* describes a sudden appearance with no part hidden

**zóko** *v.i.* over-indulge; behave proudly

**zólolòò** *id.* describes the pouring of a liquid that is not thick from a container through the mouth (> **zólólòò**)

**zóngò** (=izóngò) *n.* large earthenware covered jar with narrow neck and wide body for holding wine [?<English *jug*]

**zoo** *v.i.* be preoccupied; gaze steadily: **I zóo kayemò, yé paamà?** You look preoccupied; has something happened?: **Erí zoo ki nì i dimí** He looked at me steadily.

**zorú<sup>1</sup>** *v.i.* play; perform; **séi zòrú** perform a dance:  
**Zorú sèi sèi**  
(Chorus) **I ma zóru kpò zòrugha**  
Let the game come to an end  
I will not play again (*closing song sung by boys at the end of their play*)

**zorú<sup>2</sup>** *n.* game; performance:  
**Zorú sèimò má boyemò!**  
(Chorus) **Okóto imgebe!**  
The spoiler of games is coming!  
Big forehead! (*song sung by girls when boys come to break up their play*)

**zorubiribidé** *n.* (*tech.*) costume (for public performance) [**zorú<sup>2</sup>** + *bíri* dress + *bidé* cloth]

**zoruwaá** *id.* describes the mood or appearance of one wearing a somewhat over-sized gown

**zoulazóula** *id.* standing out, as applied to headscarf on head

**zózobau** [4] (=izózobau) *n.* three-pronged fish-spear; **izózobau gbèin** fish with **izózobau**

**zózozo** *v.i.?* or *id.* be in a state of astonishment; stare in amazement [sentence example to show whether verb or ideophone?]

**zóbuzòbù** *id.* describes hasty eating (used with **fí** eat) [sentence example?]

**zòjì** *id.* hot to the touch and therefore causing quick withdrawal: **Fìnjì angálàbì zòjì nì woó ìyọ̀nmọ̀mì** The lighted charcoal was hot and burnt him.

**zòjìzòjì** *id.* too hot to be touched comfortably (*e.g.* of food); burning; smarting:  
**Bùmọ̀nbì bo ni òfìrìdọ̀ wò, zòjìzòjì kpọ̀ mịẹ** The sandbank has got very hot; it's too hot to walk on.

**zòlì<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* (*usu.*) apply first aid to wounds and sores with special herbs placed on a glowing piece of wood and often mixed with **udeé**

**zòlì<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* push roughly with the leg

**zòlìjì** *v.i.* struggle and kick wildly, as animals, babies or adults when annoyed [to combine with previous?]

**zòlìjì** *id.* standing or staying alone; without any pair or company; conspicuously single:  
**Árày zòlìjì kị tịenimí** She is standing there alone.

**zólólòò** *id.* describes the pouring of a small quantity of water or liquid scantily or sparingly (<**zólolòò**)

**zòlụkụzòlụkụ** *id.* describes a very fat person

**zuaa** *id.* immerse one's self carefully in the water without a splash by walking into it, as by a larger person [Is there any **zuaa?**]

**zuazúa** *id.* without restraint: **Opu perẹ ówèi okóbà akị zuazúa fìjgha** A very rich man does not consume his wealth as expected.

**zueníí** *v.recip.* encounter; intermix: **Ọrọ maá kịmịmọ kẹnị báí ghọ bó zùenimí** The two of them encountered each other one day.

**zuezué** *id.* careless behaviour or eating habits of a person

**zugburuzúgburu** *id.* describes careless, carefree behaviour

**zúgburuzùgburu** *id.* describes careless physical habits or behaviour of a fat person

**zúgo** (=zìgo) *v.t.* contaminate, disturb or make dirty by stirring up, *e.g.* water

**zugoi** *v.p.* be disturbed, dirtied or contaminated [**zúgo** + **-í** process]

**zuí** *v.i.* stay behind, as one of the people disembarking from a boat staying behind to continue the journey when others leave [Is this derived from **zúu**? The meaning doesn't seem right.]

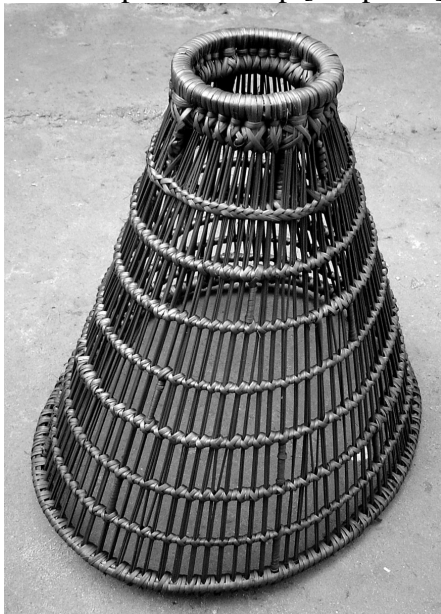
**zuinií** *v.recip.* meet unexpectedly; mix; intermingle: **Dudu ɖoɖu tími mà kɛ̀mimọ̀ bó zùinimí** The two people who were looking for each other met unexpectedly [check meaning]

**zulezulé** *id.* bulging here and there

**zúu** *v.t.* draw (water); take out (water or oil); discharge, unload (cargo from canoe); land (person or thing): **Akpamúkùbọ̀ọ̀ puloú zuu ni akí** Take the oil out of the kerosine tin: **Árùbọ̀ọ̀ fɛ̀nimọ̀ọ̀ zùu** Unload the firewood from the canoe: **Igbéda kɛ̀mí zùu** Pull ashore and land the man; **árù zuu uru** a special drink offered by the owner of the loads in his canoe to the off-loaders; **beni zuú** draw water; **bùọ̀ zuu** replay a dance again; it is customary that this is done after a dancing club has returned from a trip outside their town or even their quarter

**zúuru** *v.t.* rinse out the mouth with water or gin after eating; **bíbi zuuru** **A.** (as above); **B.** rinse out one's mouth at shrine of Kólokù má Ègbesu after being away from home, as cleansing for any offences unwittingly committed in respect of food; **C.** present drink to one's father-in-law on the morning of the second day of marriage

**zuyéé** [5] *n.* plunge basket, a type of fish trap, conical but open at the top [see photo]



**zúzu<sup>1</sup>** *v.t.* force out palm nuts from a decaying bunch with an axe, *usu.* **líj zuzù**

**zúzu<sup>2</sup>** *v.t.* eat voraciously (as crocodile or leopard devours prey, or as person eats fish)

**zuzuí** *v.p.* falling off or apart on its own through age, or sometimes by accident, as a decomposed palm bunch shedding all its fruits [**zúzu<sup>1</sup> + -í process**]

**zuzuú** *v.a.* **A.** be warm (of water, body): **Bení zùzudọ̀ọ̀** The water has become warm; **B.** (*fig.*) be cheerful: **Bó ni ì mǐé zùzuú** Come and cheer me up. (>**zuzúú**)

**zùbìlìjì** *v.i.* toy with, bungle or fumble: **Ọ̀mìní fɛ̀rìbì àkì zùbìlìjì kí mǐèdọ̀** They have not handled the work seriously.

**zùẹ̀bẹ̀ẹ̀** *id.* describes a long untrimmed beard

**zùẹ̀zùẹ̀** *v.a.* be wretched (of people, cloths) [sentence example?]

**zúkìjì** *id.* touching (an object) lightly or faintly

**zúla** *v.t.* be careless with; waste: **Árì fíyajì zùla kaamì** You are careless with food.

**zùlaizùlajì** *id.* describes a careless wasteful character: **Árì zùlaizùlajì kaamèé** You are careless and untidy.

**zùlamọ̀** *v.cs.* waste; be careless in spending or in the use of clothes or any other possession:

**Kímì ìne bídẹ̀mọ̀ zùlamọ̀ kùmọ̀** No one should carelessly scatter my clothes. [**zùla + -mọ̀ causative**]

**zùọ̀** *v.t.* save; deliver; treat (sick person); **zùọ̀ kùrọ̀mọ̀ọ̀** cure: **Eri kí ì zùọ̀ kùrọ̀mọ̀mí** It is he who cured me.

**Zùọ̀-owéí** *n.* Saviour [**zùọ̀ + owéí man**]

**Zùọ̀bọ̀-è mí** *n.* personal name [**zùọ̀bọ̀ è mí He/She has a saviour/helper**]

**zùọ̀lọ̀zùọ̀lọ̀** *id.* very plump and shapeless person [roly-poly?]

**zùrẹ̀zùrẹ̀** *id.* in rags; tattered; torn in pieces

**zùwẹ̀jì** [5] *v.i.* scramble; struggle for [Is this derived from **zùọ̀**? Meaning seems different.]

**zuzúú** *v.a.* be lukewarm, tepid (<**zuzuú**)