

vulture *n* achuth
vulva *n* 1. ther
2. ng'ony

W

waddle *vi* 1. ²wirore, wiryoro
2. dhanjo wuoth
wade *vt* ¹yoro pi, yoro aora
wag *vt* 1. chwado (*tail*)
2. ²wedho (*tail*)
wage *n* musara, misara
wage payer *japok*
wail *vi* dengo (*in mourning*)
wailing *n* yuagruck, ¹yuak
waist *n* 1. nungo (*hip area*)
2. kowno (*sides of abdomen*)
waist ornament of strung ostrich eggs
²arek, rek
waistline *n* nungo
person with no waistline rakowno
wait *vi* rito
¹walk *n* ²chiet (type of)
take a walk salo {SN, CN}
²walk *vi* 1. wuotho
2. ²bayo (*stroll, saunter, wander, roam*)
3. ¹chiedho
4. moyoro (*trying every step*)
person who walks quietly jaluro
walk as woman heavy with child kweso
wuoth
walk bow-legged, with legs apart, or with
long stride ³hanyo wuoth
walk haltingly ²dikore (*as when tracking*
a snake)
walk in line ruowo
walk on all fours or stooped gumbo
walk quickly soro; fwayo wuoth
walk stiffly on the heels chanjo wuoth,
chadho wuoth (*as when the foot is sore*)
walk unhurriedly tonyore
walk warily ¹luro (*sick person, cat*)
¹walking stick *n* okwajo, mukwajo (*insect*)
²walking stick *n* ragwar (*cane*)
wall *n* 1. ¹sisi (*building*)
2. ³kor, kot ot (*side of building*)
3. ¹bur (*fortification*)
4. ndiri (*to partition off goats and calves*)
inner wall osengera (*left unplastered*)

sidewall but ot, bath ot (*of house*)
stone wall ohinga

wander *vi* 1. ²bayo
2. ²lagore, landore
3. ³ywero (*off*)
4. ²ringo (*roam*)
wane *vi* nyagore (*sun; 3-5 p.m.*)
¹want *vt* dwarz
want to ¹kecho
²want *n* chan, ²chano
be in want chando; bedo gi dwarz
(*mental or physical suffering*)
war *n* lweny
make war on ¹kedo
war cry kigiyia, sigiya, sigia
ward *vt* ³dilo, ²dhilo (*off with a charm*)
¹warm *adj* mamor, mor-mor
²warm up, warm over *vt* muro
warmth *n* liet, maliet, lieth
warn *vt* 1. tuodo, tuoto
2. ¹siemo
warning *n* nduru (*made by women only*)
without warning ahula
warped *adj* ¹bop (*unseasoned wood*)
warrior *n* 1. jakedo
2. jalweny
warrior's ornament ³gwel (*headband of*
two hippo teeth)
wart *n* ²puch
wart hog *n* 1. mbidhi
2. njiri
wash *vt* 1. lwoko, luoko (*clean*)
2. ¹logo (*the hands*)
3. kudo (*rinse out the mouth*)
wash away ¹ywero (*soil*)
washbasin *n* luogo
wasp *n* ¹pino

wasp



3. bwawo, bwao (*spill a lot*)
 4. timo sasia (*possessions or inheritance*)
- wasted *adj* mowiyore
 wasteful *adj* kisasia, ²sasia [*predicated*]
 wasteland *n* thim
¹watch *vt, vi* rito
 watch for rango
 watch out! ²ero!
²watch *n* ³saa, saa matin (*time*)
 watchman *n* jarit
 water *n* 1. pi
 2. ¹ngala, ongala (*large body of*
 action of water falling burini, burni, bubini)
 water hole *n* ¹yawo
 water pot *n* dapi
 decorative water pot braid kuga
 waterbuck *n* 1. apol
 2. ³dwe
 water-crowfoot (*plant*) *n* anyuongi (*a small*
 buttercup plant used to keep the water
 pure)
 waterfall *n* abururu
 waterlily *n* oyungu (*white*)
 waterspout *n* nyakowi
 watery *adj* 1. ²abaja (*diluted, flavorless;*
 soup, gravy)
 2. marendia, renda, rendarenda (*mush, stools*)
 3. adega, adegedege (*swampy, saturated*)
 4. bierebiere (*as poor quality meat*)
 housemaid's knee chwando (*watery*
 swelling of the knee)
 wattle *n* nyamalewu (*fleshy lobe of turkey,*
 goat, etc.)
¹wave *vt* 1. ¹lolo (*spear*)
 2. nudore (*trees, bamboo, tall people*)
 3. fwayo, fuayo (*hands*)
 wave a signal flag fwayo nanga
 wave a white flag fwayo piny
 wave off ²kiro (*impolite*)
²wave *n* 1. apaka
 2. yandha, uyandha (*caused by afternoon*
 winds)
 high waves ¹hare (*from the East of the*
 Kavirondo Gulf); amsbuking' (*from*
 north of Kavirondo Gulf) {*unknown*}
 waver *vi* bagini, bagni (*vascillate*)
 wax *n* 1. akwande kich (*virgin beeswax*)
 2. odok (*ear*)

- waxbill (*bird*) *n* owigo (*blue-breasted*
 waxbill)
 way *n* 1. ndara (*path*)
 2. ²ti, tim (*manner, mores*)
 a long way away ronje
 we *pron* ¹wa-, wan
 weak *adj* 1. ararat (*feeble, infirm*)
 2. manyap, nyap (*feeble, powerless*)
 3. mayomyom, yomno (*soft, frail*)
 4. huluhulu (*frail; people, houses, etc.*)
 5. buolbuol (*people and animals*)
 6. ¹ng'aw (*brittle; slow to act*)
 7. ¹ng'et
 weak person janyawo
 be weak ran, ranran (*feeble*); mayom,
 yom (*easy-going*); nyap (*soft, lazy or*
 effeminate)
 weaken 1. *vt* nyoso
 2. *vt* wiyo (*wear out*)
 3. *vt* rano
 4. *vi* yomo
 weakling *n* 1. ng'at mayomyom
 2. mirana
 weakness *n* nyawo
 wealth *n* ²pith (*in cattle*)
 wealthy *adj* 1. mewo
 2. moeso [*predicated*]
 wealthy person jamewo; jaeso; jaker,
 ²jamoko
 make wealthy mewo
 wean: be weaned duono
 weaned calf toro
 wear *vt* 1. ⁵kendo (*clothes, ornaments*)
 2. sidho (*a hat*)
 wear down ¹yuyo; ²aso, ²haso (*exhaust*
 the patience)
 wear out ¹yuyo (*clothes*); wiyo
 weariness *n* 1. barruok
 2. bembruok
¹weary *vt* 1. jonyo
 2. ⁴olo
 3. ¹dhilo
 4. ²haso, ²aso (*exhaust*)
 5. dawo
²weary *adj* majon, jonyo
 be wearied ¹jok (*tired and annoyed*);
 ²dhil (*food, people, situations, etc.*)
 weather *n* kit yamo
 weaver bird *n* ²osogo nyalela

DICTIONARY

which

- weblike** *adj* nyuar, nywar (e.g., *duck feet*)
wedding *n* 1. kendruok, kend
 2. ¹nyasi (*feast*)
wedding song ²oigo (*in praise of the bridegroom*)
wedge *n* 1. guti (*used for splitting wood*)
 2. Kirindo (*used to tightening strings which bind hoe to handle*)
Wednesday *n* Tich adek
weed *vt, vi* 1. ¹doyo
 2. koyo cham
 3. bago (*by hand*)
 4. ²wiro (*by hand; second weeding*)
 5. guno (*pull up*)
weed *n* 1. buya (*growing*)
 2. yugi
weed species (plant) *n* 1. nyalak dede
 2. obino
 3. ododo
 4. oluorochieng' (*droops in the sun, revives when sun is down*)
 5. hayongo (*strigger weed: reddish or bluish flowering*)
 6. obinjubingu (*whose flower resembles a morning glory*)
 7. ogolo (*similar to and found in sorghum*)
week *n* juma
weep *vi* yuak
weigh *vt* 1. poro
 2. pimo
weigh down ¹nuro
weighty *adj* mapek, pek
welcome *vt* ²rwako, ²ruako
well *adv* 1. ¹long'o (*in good condition*)
 2. maber
 3. abidha (*done well*)
act of doing something well ndisruok
be done well ndiso
be well ²ngima
be well attended ²mor
do well duso (*do capably*); ndhino (*do evenly*)
get well kwo
well done ²ero
well ... interj mbula {Ugenya}
 well ... all right ara
well *n* ¹soko (*water*)
 artesian well ²poya

- well behaved** *adj* migosi, ligosi (*one who is*)
well built *adj* 1. ramuto (*large person or animal*)
 2. mutore (*people or animals*)
well-disposed to *adj* ¹mito
well-dressed *adj* madesore, modesore, mondisore
well-formed *adj* ¹mochwiny, mochiny, chwiny, chinny (*body, gait*)
well-nigh *adj* ³both
well-polished *adj* molony (*cultured*)
well-polished brass bangle malenye
well-versed *adj* pindra (*one who is*)
West *n* 1. kor podho chieng'
 2. ¹imbo
westward yo imbo
wet *adj* 1. mang'ich (*and cold*)
 2. manumu, numu (*paint, plaster*)
wet *vt* 1. budo (*thoroughly*)
 2. ²bilo, bido (*moisten, make damp*)
make too wet dhiego (*dough, cement*)
what 1. *interr* nadé, nadi
 2. *interr* ang'o, ang'ono
 3. *rel pron* ¹ma
what kind of manadi
wheat *n* ²ngano
wheedle *vt* 1. ³hugo (*and so accumulate*)
 2. pomo (*with flattery, etc.*)
wheeler *n* 1. jalomba
 2. janumbe, janumba, (*gets people to give him what he wants*)
wheel *n* ¹ndiga
wheel hub opoklo
wheeled vehicle gari
when 1. *adv* ¹karang'o
 2. *conj* ³ka, ²k-
where 1. *adv* ere
 2. *interr* kanye (*which place*)
 3. *interr* kune, kure
whet *vt* 1. piago (*knife, ax*)
 2. tiego (*hoe, sickle, bushknife*)
whether *conj* 1. kata
 2. ka, k-
whey *n* ng'iend mo
which 1. *conj* ¹mi
 2. *rel pron* ¹ma
 3. *interr* mane

- which place kanye; kune, kure
- while** *n*
a little while mondi, ¹mondo,
dhomodhomo
after a while ²mos
- ¹whip** *vt* 1. chwado, chuado
2. nyuado
3. lido (*lightly*)
4. ¹chudo (*scourge*)
 whip up ³rucho (*gruel*)
- ²whip** *n* kiboko, oboka
- whippoorwill** *n* ondiek-ti-ochiem
- whirl** *vt* ³wiro
- whirlpool** *n* kut
- whirlwind** *n* kalausui
- whisk** *vt* fwaso, fwacho (*away*)
- whisper** *vi* 1. kuodho wach
2. miemo wach
- whisperings** *n* kuoth
- whistle** *vi* lwiyo, liyo
- whistling** *n* othothoriyo, othororiyo (*through the fingers*)
- white** *n, adj* 1. madibo, dibo [*sem or neuter*]
2. marachar, rachar [*masc*]
3. matar, tar (*dazzling*)
4. dibondo (*with black patch on head*)
5. ¹rabala (*white spot on head*)
 white and brown markings apala, mapala [*sem*], rapala [*masc*] (*similar to roan*)
- white lies malmal
- white ochre ¹rongo; ndigwa; nyalgose, nyalgosi
- white ant** *n* biye *See termite*
- whitlow** *n* tongjuok (*infection around or in nail*)
- whiz** *vi* ²ng'ur (*stone thrown*)
- who** 1. *rel pron* ¹ma
2. *interr pron* ¹ng'a, ng'ano, ng'awa
- whole** *adj* 1. duto
2. ¹dundo (*entire*)
3. mangima (*day, week*)
4. ngili (*intact, complete*)
5. miumbe, ¹mumbe, fumbe (*unbroken*)
6. malambre (*uncut; fish, chicken, leg of beef*)
 be whole ²ngima (*healthy*)
- wholesale:** buy wholesale ¹rundo
- whom** *rel pron* ¹ma
 whom you ²mi
- whore** *n* 1. ndhaga
2. ochot *See prostitute*
- whose** *interr* mano mare ng'a
- why** 1. *interr* ³nang'o, nang'e
2. *adv* marang'o
- wicker** *n* thigo (*flat wicker-work; doors, chicken roosts, beirs*)
- wide** *adj* 1. malach
2. alanga, alanda {CN}
 wide spread moke; makibari (*flared*)
- widow** *n* chi liel
 remarried widow chi atera
- widow inheritance** ter
- widowhood** *n* 1. kode (*tassel worn as sign of widowhood*)
2. ¹okola (*sign of*)
- width** *n* ²lach
- wife** *n* 1. dhako
2. ³wuon ot
3. mikayi (*first wife of polygamist*)
 wife of chi
 wife's sister ¹yuoro
 second wife, second wife of daughter's husband nyachira
 wives ²reru (*after the 2nd*)
 wives of monogamists ³mon achiede
 wives of polygamists mond nyiego
 take a wife mako nyako
- wiggle** *vi* 1. chapini, chapni (*be restless*)
2. thuthini (*squirm*)
3. yungini
 wiggling movement ¹duwore (*snakes, fish*)
 be wiggly kithini, kithni
- wild** *adj* mar bungu (*of the forest*)
 small wild animal gibuya (*of the brush or grass*)
 wild animal le me bungu
- wild cat** *n* ogwang (*generic*)
- wild dog** *n* sudhe
- wild flower** *n* onyodhi (*bears groups of red flowers up the stalk*)
- wild pig** *n* 1. mbeche
2. njiri, mbiri (*giant*)
3. mbidhi (*bush pig, wart hog*)
- wildebeest** *n* ¹riwo
- wilds** *n* thim

DICTIONARY

woman

- ¹will *vi* ³lamo ni (*designate*)
²will *n* 1. teko (*mental*)
 2. treke (*of him, of it*)
 3. dwach
- willfully *adv* oyiem
- wilt 1. *vt* ²boko (*from heat*)
 2. *vi* nut
- win *vt* 1. toyo
 2. buwo (*by speaking well*)
 win over dego (*convince*); loyo (*defeat*)
- ¹wind *vt* ²nalo (*string, etc.*)
 cause to wind gondo
 wind about gondore
 wind around ²dhogo
 wind up, wind round ⁴dolo
- ²wind *n* 1. ¹yamo (*storm*)
 2. auki (*strong, high*)
 3. ahiti (*with a storm*)
 4. yandha (*afternoon sea wind*)
 5. nyarkojijo (*off Lake Simbi, near Gendia, S. Nyanza*) {*unknown*}
- window *n* 1. dirisa
 2. otuch
 3. kahua (*aperture*)
- wing *n* buom, buomb
- ¹wink *n* ²diemo wang'
- ²wink *vi* ning'o
- winner *n* jaloyo, jaloch
- winnow *vt* 1. piedho (*by shaking basket up and down*)
 2. ¹haso, ⁴aso
 3. ²kworo
 be winnowed yiekore (*grain from chaff*)
- winnowing basket *n* 1. ¹odheru
 2. rapiedhi
- wipe *vt* 1. yweyo (*clean*)
 2. kwadho (*off*)
- wire *n* 1. nalo (*iron*)
 2. nara
- wise *adj* mariek, riek (*skillful, prudent*)
 very wise thweny; riek ahinya
- ¹wish *n* hera
- ²wish *vt* ²gombo (*for*)
- witch *n* 1. ²jajuok (*may tame animals to do his bidding*)
 2. jamikingo, jakingo (*charmer*)
 witch soothsayer dhako ma mirieri
- witchcraft *n* 1. ¹juok
2. michieri (*caused by wife serving food without wearing the chiено*)
 person who searches for possessions taken to be used in witchcraft ¹jaluoeko
- witch doctor *n* 1. jabilo (*counteracts destructive medicine*)
 2. jathieh
 3. ajuoga (*helpful, diviner, soothsayer*)
 4. jambofwa (*who practices augury*)
- with *prep* 1. kod
 2. ¹godo (*him, her, it*)
 3. ¹gi, g-
 with child pek
- withdraw *vt* 1. ²mayo (*something given*)
 2. ng'uolo, ny'uonyo (*cat's claws*)
- wither *vi* 1. ²ner
 2. nut
- withered *adj* 1. motwo, two
 2. mothal, thal
 3. mowiyore
 4. mobop, ¹bop (*but not completely dried*)
- withhold *vt* 1. tuono (*from*)
 2. mako
- without *adv* 1. maonge
 2. mak
 without restraint hala
- withstand *vt* ²siro
- witness *n* 1. janeno (*observer who reports*)
 2. jachung' (*court, marriage*)
- wittle *vt* ¹yiedho
- wizard *n* 1. ²jajuok
 2. jakiragi, jakage
 3. jamikingo, jakingo (*does good or bad; e.g., averting hailstorm*)
 4. jamiosio, jakiosio, jaoso (*does good: cures, breaks spells, saves crops*)
 5. jatak (*incises and sucks the stomach*)
 6. janawi (*bewitches and uses poison plants*)
- wizened *adj* 1. momot, mot
 2. mothal, thal
- wobble *vi* 1. nekini, ndekini (*loosely; e.g., axhead*)
 2. ²kakini
- woman *n* 1. dhako
 2. pim (*past childbearing age*)
 3. ¹micholo (*in confinement*)
 4. ¹nyaburi, nyabur (*who has bore various children*)
 5. nyasigogo (*who remarries out of her ex-husband's clan*)

6. jakisoni, jaksoni (*whose children all die young*)
 7. dhako moti (*old woman doctor*) nyamrecha, nyamrerwa
- womb** *n* 1. ich
 2. ²nyasaye, ²osae
- ¹**wonder** *vi* ³dhier
wonder at ³wuoro; ²humo (*positive or negative*)
- ²**wonder** *n* 1. ¹hono
 2. masira
 3. dhoch (*atypical, outside of normal human experience*)
- won't** *vi* kik
- woo** *vt* ¹sero
- wood** *n* baw, bawo
- wood carver** *n* japach, japeccho
- woodcutter** *n* ¹jang'udo
- woodpecker** *n* 1. maria
 2. teltel
- word** *n* ¹wach
have the last word bedo gi wach mogik; ndeng'o
- ¹**work** *n* tich
communal work ²saga (*invoking an obligation rather than pay: weeding, harvesting, building*)
- ²**work** *vt* 1. ²tiyo
 2. ²fugo, ²hugo (*without a set wage; e.g., musician at a social*)
 3. nyong'o (*skins*)
 4. wiyo (*by rolling; e.g., working papyrus fibre*)
work for tiyo ni
work on the emotions nyong'o
- workman** *n* jatich, jathith
inept workman jawahare; dhako ma ojuchore
- workshop** *n* 1. kar theth
 2. od tich
- world** *n* ¹piny
- worm** *n* 1. kudni
 2. njokla, njoha, jokla (*tapeworm, roundworm, threadworm*)
 3. oniambo (*used for bait*)
 4. okanja (*found in fish*)
 5. oyiwe, iowe (*found in rains in animal pens*)
6. ombutambut (*which emits a vapor or smoke when disturbed*)
 7. mbalafwa (*which forms a pupa of a weblike substance*)
- worn out** *adj* 1. ³ti
 2. dawore [*predicated*]
 3. nyorore (*impaired*) [*predicated*]
 4. ¹puch (*smooth*) [*predicated*]
 5. monyoch, manyoch (*crepit*)
- ¹**worship** *vt* ²lamo
- ²**worship** *n* 1. lemo
 2. alarm
- would** *aux verb* ¹di
- ¹**wound** *n* 1. adhola
 2. ²rem
 3. ¹awala (*superficial*)
spear wound wang' tong'
- ²**wound** *vt* 1. keto adhola
 2. ¹chielo (*pierce with something thrown*)
 3. ndhodho (*slightly, scratch*)
 4. walo (*superficially*)
- wrap** *vt* ¹boyo (*up*)
- ¹**wrestle** *vt* 1. yeei
 2. gore
 3. ²i
 4. meno
- ²**wrestling** *match* *n* 1. amen
 2. mayee
- ³**wrestling terms** *n* 1. nyagruok
 2. amen
 3. amen mawi (*public*)
 4. akwoth (*headlock*)
 5. ¹akor (*where opponents grapple with each other by grasping the trunk*)
 6. olengo {*Ugenya*}, olingo
- ¹**wrinkle** 1. *vt* ²jowo wang' (*the forehead*)
 2. *vi* ²jony, ¹jonyo (*cloth, skin*)
- ²**wrinkle** *n* 1. ²mino
 2. nyuar, nywar (*on skin*)
- wrinkled** *adj* 1. mojowore
 2. ¹bende (*through age, illness or naturally*)
 3. yuotho [*predicated*]
- wrist** *n* ng'ut luedo
- write** *vt* 1. ²ndiko
 2. choro
- writer** *n* 1. jandiko
 2. jagoro
 3. jachoro
- ¹**wrong** *adj* ¹marach

²wrong *n* 1. rach
2. ²keth

Y

yam *n* 1. rabuond bungu
2. ²nduma (*arrow root*)
¹yarn *n* us (*heavy thread*)
spin yarn wiyo us
²yarn *n* sigani (*story*)
spin a yarn ngalo, galo; thoro wach

yawn *n* hamo

yaws *n* nyach (*tropical disease*)

year *n* ¹higa

yeast *n* thowi

yellow *adj* 1. tang'tang' (*pale*)
2. matong'aweno

yellow vented bulbul (*bird*) *n* ochongoriyo

yes *interj* 1. ee

2. aa

yesterday *adv* ¹nyoro, nyo

yet *conj* ¹to

yoke *n* ³jok, majoko (*egg*)

yonder *adv* 1. kucha (*indefinite*)
2. cho
3. loka

you 1. *pron* in [sg], un [pl] (*emphasis*)

2. *obj pron* ³-i [sg], ²-u [pl]

3. *subj pron* ²i- [sg], ¹u- [pl]

simply you mana un; unauna; unauna gi
[emphatic]

young *adj* 1. matin, ¹tin

2. mayom, yom (*not fully grown*)

youngest *adj* 1. machogo

2. mogik, matin mogik

3. machien

your 1. *obj and possessive pron* ³-i [sg]

2. *possessive suffix* ²-ni [sg]

yours *poss pron* 1. mau

2. ¹magi, magu [pl]

3. meku [pl possessor, pl possessed]

4. meki [sg possessor, pl possessed]

5. ²mari [sg possessor, sg possessed]

6. maru [pl possessor, sg possessed]

youth *n* 1. wahiya [pl]

2. rawera

Y-support *n* rahan (*for cooking pot*)

Z

zeal *n* 1. miyugo (*used of women*)
2. ¹miyumo (*used of men*)

3. kinda (*perseverance, diligence*)

zealous *adj* matimo kinda, ki da

zebra *n* magwar

zigzag *vt* gondo

zigzaggy *adj* mogondore, gondore, agonda,
gondra