

Luo word	Eng. gloss	Plural/	Notes
[bilabial click]			call to a dog or cat
achu			sound of sneeze
busi			call to a cat ~pussy?
mmmN			exclamation of good smell
mN			exclamation of foul smell
mOrpolo			sound of thunder/sky
nyahOn			after someone sneezes
pspsps			sound of whisper
wiu wiu			police siren
bup	"pow"		sound of punching/falling
dhel	(human) body		modify for "body of X" reading; velar l?
kendo	again		
kOd	among		voiced final cons.
ga	and		or kOd
ichwan	anger		
ochuNglo	ant		
bat	arm, hand		
nyathi	baby		
!	bad girl!		for calling someone to task
balun	balloon	balunde	

rabwUlo	banana		
kOriath	bark		lit. chest of tree
kikapu	basket	kikape	
Oganda	beans		LHL?
jEbEI	beautiful, nice		a kind of compliment
ber	beauty, good, kind, beautiful		
kitanda	bed	kitEndni	
kich	bee		
riNgo	beef		riN- = meat
piPlp	beep		sound of a car horn
musip	belt	musibe	
bwo	beneath		
bwOm	big		
win	birds		
kEch	bitter		
raten	black		
ubarateNga	black pepper		
[voiced uvular fricative] or [voiced pharyngeal fricative]?	boo!		to scare someone
buk	book	buge	
chupa	bottle	chupni	
wUi	boy		
badyath	branch	badyiEn	sg. is sg. only, pl. can be either
thuno	breast		
jooi	buffalo		

kiande	butt		a fronted to æ(ae) plus nasalization; E finally?
zzzz	buzz		bee sound
nyarOia	calf		
dhyiaN	car		
mutoka	car	mutokni	
karat	carrot		
wOgo	cassava		
paka	cat	pekni/peke	no aspiration
wiOt	ceiling		Ot=house
kOm	chair		
chEk	check	chEge	
lem	cheek	lembe	
kor	chest		
riNgweno	chicken meat		
tik	chin, beard, jaw		contextually determined
chwi chwi	chirp		sound of a bird chirping
OlwaOre	circle		
ler	clean		
kOkoriOri	cockadoodledoo		rooster sound
oluende	cockroach		
nas	coconut		
k'ahawa	coffee		
ragol	comb	ragonde	l-n alternation?
saU	communion (in church)		saw?
Uruma	corn		

ugali	cornmeal		
dhiEn	cow		
riEn	cow		
nyaN	crocodile	nyaNge	
agak	crow		final affricate kx?, initial schwa
katIn	curtain	katInde	
nyar	daughter of (human)		
chiEN	day		
OdiochiEn	daytime		
mesa	desk, table		
obEl	devil/Satan		
thin	dhero		
jido	dirty		
dOnyo	divided by		
gwUk	dog	gwUgi	
jatich	domestic employee, housekeeper, "the help"	jotich	lit. worker
punda	donkey		
dhOt	door	dhodi	
laU	dress	lewi	
it	ear		vowel lengthened before voiceless cons.?
chamo	eat		trans. or intrans., ~chamachama
chiEmo	eat		final [u]; only intrans.,

			LHM/HM?; ~chiemachiema
aboro	eight (8)		LHM
apargaboro	eighteen (18)		
okumbo	elbow		final o sounds slightly high, like [U]
liEch	elephant		devoiced j?
adiambo	evening		
waN	eye		
luwar	failure		
bor	far, tall		
malek	fast		
piyo	fast		
rikni	fast, smart		
chue	fat		
wUnwa	father		formal; lit. our father
baba	father, dad, paternal uncle		voc.; usually babana, lit. my father
pOrdho	field, farm, land		
apargabich	fifteen (15)		LHL?
mach	fire	maje	E?
kendo	fire (cooking)		differs from wed in tone
mokwuNgo	first		
rech	fish		partially devoiced j?
abich	five (5)		LH
dierOt	floor		Ot=house
maUwa	flower	maUpe	

chiEmu	food		
tiElo	foot, leg		
bUNgu	forest		
lwOno	forgiveness		
aNguEn	four (4)		LLH
nOno	free, nothing		
tich-abich	Friday		
matunga	fruit		
olebo	fruit		
rajit	furry		
mwande	gazelle, antelope		
tiga	giraffe		
nyako	girl		a fronted
glas	glass	glase	fronted like Engl?
diEl	goat	diek	
riNdiEl	goat meat		
bim	gorilla	bimbe	
kwara	grandfather		lit. my grandfather
lum	grass		
deede	grasshopper		
duka	grocery store	dukni	
yir	hair		
nus	half		
luedo	hand, arm, fingers		flap?
tibEti	handbag	tibEde	
mOr	happiness		
Opwao	hare	Opwache	

jOk	hatred		
wich	head	wiye	
hek	heavy		not w/smoking
kON	help		
gwEno	hen, chicken	gwen	
eri	here		
raU	hippo		raw?
arusa	holiday		both a's reduced to schwa?
morkich	honey		
tUN	horn		
liEt	hot		
Ot	house		
nade	how?		
lwOm	huge		
dhano	human		
otiEnu	human being		
kech	hunger		
chuara	husband		lit. my man; same for our
OtOio	hyiena	OtOiche	
UndiEk	hyiena	UndiEge	
riEko	intelligence		
rwiEk	intelligent		
dhOk lochin	intestines	(same)	
ntie	is available, is there		
En	is, equals		
nyego	jealous		

mateo	junior		as in dhako mateo = junior wife; ma prefix?
tifoNgu	key		
nyardiEl	kid		
aiduno	kidney		final mid vowel?, fronted initial vowel
NwOno	kindness		
pala	knife	pande	
Ngas	ladder	Ngase	
nyarobEl	lamb		
stima	lamp		
stima	lamp	stimbe	
ObOke	leaf	(same)	pl.
chwuN	liver (animal); heart		or chyN (high front rounded)?
obONgo- bOngo	lizard		
ogweo	lizard	ogweche	
ogwEyo	lizard	ogwEche	
kiful	lock	kifunde	
hera	love		
hawi	luck		
obo	lung	ObOke	
thwUn	male		
chuar	man		
maiambe	mango		both a's fronted
nera	maternal uncle		
chuma	metal	chumbe	
dyerotino	midnight		

chak	milk		
gol	minus		
wOkkich	Monday		
kwan	money		
pesa	money		
oNEI	monkey	oNeche	
due	moon		
moIOio	more, -er		
Okinyi	morning		
sunE	mosquito		
mogik	most, -est		
minwa	mother, maternal aunt		
mama	mother, mom		usually minwa, lit. our mother
gOt	mountain	gOde	
oyieo	mouse, rat		
dhOk	mouth, lip		coda half- devoiced?
nyeN	much		
japidi	nanny		
chiegni	near		
Nut	neck, throat	Nude	
gazEt	newspaper	gazEde	
otiEno	night		
ochiko	nine (9)		
odiochiEn	noon		
um	nose	(same)	[Um]?, short vowels seem neutralized before nasals

Ok	not	
mor	oil, fat	
oti	old	
jadwuN	old man, authority figure	
achiEl	one (1)	LHL
kitUNgu	onion	
ai	ouch	
rwath	ox	(same)
lich	painful, to have pity on someone, not good	
ION	pants	from "long"
pOiyE	papaya	
kalatas	paper	kalatase
kalotas	paper	
kalo	pass	
gwaia	paternal aunt	or gwaiawa
jugu	peanuts, nuts	
kalam	pen, pencil	any writing instrument
piElo	pepper	o=[u]
plrfyum	perfume	plrfyumbe
uruwe	pig	
pilo	pillow	
mananas	pineapple	
san	plate	sande
mwOl	polite	
riNguruwe	pork	
rabuUn	potato	

OpUrawum	praying mantis		
wiErno	python		
apOyO	rabbit	apOche	
kOth	rain		
omugE	rhino		long u?
mchale	rice		a fronted after all palatals?
ochale	rice		alt.
aUra	river	aUcha	
kidi	rock, stone	kite	
thwUn gwEno	rooster	thwUnde gwEn	lit. male chicken
tiEndiath	root	tiEndiEn	
sIn	sadness		
Ngeso	Saturday		
ratil	scale	ratinde	
kodhi	seed		
majUn	senior		as in dhako majUn = senior wife; ma prefix?
abrio	seven (7)		5+2;
rOmbo	sheep		
mEli	ship	mEnde	
shErti	shirt		from. Engl.
nyadundo	short		
onyasa	shorts	onyase	
nyathiwa	sibling, cousin		lit. our child
two	sick		
yaminwa	sister, cousin	nimine	
aUchiel	six (6)		5+1; FR
polo	sky		

goio	slam	
apat	slap	
mabuus	slave	mabuuse
mos	slow	
tem	small	
tIn	small	
thwUI	snake	
sabUm	soap	
sabun	soap	sabunde
yom	soft	
lo	soil	
bEl	sorgum	
mOr	sound	
aedha	squirrel	
otich	star	
ich	stomach	
fuO	stupid	
skari	sugar	
nyiaN	sugarcane	a fronted;
chiEn	sun	
jumapil	Sunday	
rabuUn-nyalluo	sweet potato	lit. potatos from Luoland; a fronted after ny
mint	tastes good	
chai	tea	
apar	ten (10)	
cha	that	
macha	that	adj.
n(i)	that	complementizer

owecha	the day before yesterday	
owadwa	their brother, cousin	
maagi	these	
apargadEk	thirteen (13)	
mae	this	
ni	this	
adik	three (3)	final affricate?, a fronted; LH
tich- aNgwen	Thursday	
tlk	tick (-tock)	sound of a clock
sa	time, watch	
dalo	times	multiply
chopo	to arrive	
gweo	to bark	
nyalo	to be able	
gwelo	to beckon	
kelo	to bring	
lao	to chase	[u]
biro	to come	flap?
paro	to contemplate	
fUolo	to cough	
kweno	to count	
kwano	to count, math	
yEwak	to cry	yuak
miEl	to dance	
tho	to die	
goro	to draw	
leko	to dream	

madho	to drink	drink, trans.;
metho	to drink	intrans.;
nOno	to examine	
luodo	to fear	
dhao	to fight	final [u]
fliyo	to fly	
miyo	to give	
dhe	to go	
jok	to hate, dislike, be tired of, detest, resent	
kOONo	to help	
gOOyo	to hit	
mako	to hold, arrest	
kano	to keep	
nyero	to laugh (at)	
hera	to like, love, adore	
Nicho	to look	HL or HH!
Niyo	to look	LL
NiaNia	to look a long time?	LLHH
NichaNicha	to look a long time?	LLHH
jao	to open	
layo	to pee, urinate	
mor	to please	
lemo	to pray	
somo	to read, study	
wEyo	to release, give up, leave	

chao	to ridicule	
rINgo	to run	
nana	to see	definitely æ (ae)
uso	to sell	
Oro	to send	
tweNgo	to sew	
gOyOkoko	to shout	gokoko, LHL
wedh	to sing	
wer	to sing	
betabeta	to sit	a long time; LLMM
bet	to sit, perch	L
apado	to slap	
nindo	to sleep	nIno?
jer	to sneeze	
raNgo	to stare, search	
chuN	to stop, stand	
gamo	to take	
loso	to talk	
woio	to talk, speak	
paro	to think	
Nok	to throw up	
thiu	to wake up	
thiyo	to wake up	
wUtho	to walk	voicing part way through fricative
kendo	to wed	differs from fire in tone
lOyo	to win	

tiyo	to work		
ndiko	to write		
kawUno	today		
nyanya	tomato		a fronted
kiny	tomorrow		
leo	tongue	lEp	not language
ahinya	too		
lak	tooth	lake	HL on pl.?
malo	top		
opuk	tortoise	opuge	
gari	train	gache	
chilo	trash, dirt		
yath	tree, plant	yiEn	a fronted; iath?; pl.=wood;
tich-ario	Tuesday		
apargario	twelve (12)		
piEario	twenty (20)		HHLF
ario	two (2)		LHL
lach	urine		
yuech	vacuum	yueje	
thir	very		
lOch	victory	(same)	no possessive
vUmvUm	vroom		car (engine)
otega	vulture		
nyaanyaa	wah		sound of a baby crying
korsisi	wall		or korOt, Ot=house;
pino	wasp		
pii	water		

tich-adek	Wednesday		
Ngano	wheat		
rachaa	white		
lach	wide		
chiega	wife		lit. my wife
jaOt	wife		lit. person of the house
drisa	window	drise	
dhako	woman, wife		
mon	women		minwa = our mother;
wach	words, saw	weche	pl. for words only
tich	work		
wuwu	wroof wroof		dog bark
nduma	yam	(same)	
nyuru	yesterday		
magwa	zebra		

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Explanation of orthography:

ch=± (voiceless palatal (alveo-palatal?) affricate); y=j(palatal glide); j=® (voiced palatal affricate); cApItAl vOwEls=[-ATR] vowels; other vowels have normal IPA(not English) values; th=theta (voiceless interdental fricative); dh=p(voiced interdental fricative); N=?(velar nasal); double vowel=long vowel; ny=... (palatal nasal); sh=• (voiceless palatal fricative);