Kinyarwanda is a rich language of bantu origin. This book of phrases is to help you begin your journey into becoming a speaker of the heart language of as many as 20 million people from the Great Lakes region of Africa.

The following is an abbreviated pronunciation guide taken from Kinyarwanda for Beginners by Betty Ellen Cox and Cakuba Faustin. That book will give you a much deeper understanding of the nuances of this language than a simple phrase book especially in consideration of the eleven classes of words that are not dealt with here.

Pronunciation:

A. The vowels:
- a is broad as in far
- e is almost like a in hay
- i is almost like ee in bee
- o is almost like o in obey
- u is like oo in food

B. The consonants:

d, f, h, k, m, n, p, s, t, v, w are pronounced practically the same as in English (with the exception of k when it is followed by e or i has more of a ch sound as in church).

b	has a very soft sound with the lips barely touching, unless it is preceded by m when it is quite hard. It does not have the rather explosivve quality that it has in English.
c	always has the sound of ch as in church.
j	has a very soft sound, like z in azure.
g	when followed by an i or e it is softened as in gem.
l	is used mainly in words of foreign origin. However in many books where one might expect ri, li is written. But the sound is the same as for r (see below).
r	has a slight trill sound, as if you tried to say d, l, and r at the same time. The tounge should just flip against the roof of the mouth.
y	as in you. It is never a vowel like y in baby or by. (In combination with other consonants, see below)
z	as in zone.
bw	is pronounced bg. Be careful not to put a vowel sound between these two letters
rw	is pronounced as if there were a soft g between the r and the w.
ry	also has a slight g sound between the r and the y but not very strong. Or it is pronounced as you would a d and a y together.
nt / nk	are pronounced through the nose with little aknowledgement of the t or k and need to be learned from a native speaker.

Questions end, for the most part, in a high tone and statements in a low tone as in English.

Lastly, when saying a phrase it needs to flow. This is done when words ending in vowels have the last letter dropped when the appear before words beginning with a vowel.
For example:
written: Yemwe aba hano. becomes
spoken: Yemw' aba hano. pronounced as one word.

Quick Reference

Good Morning	Mwaramutse (ho).
Good Afternoon	Mwiriwe (ho)
Please	Nyabuneka
Thank you.	Urakoze
Yes	Yee!
No	Oya!
Excuse me.	Mbabarira
Do you speak English?	Uvuga icyongereza?
Where can I find ...?	Ni he nabona ...?
Where can I buy ...?	Ni he nagura ...?
How far?	Kure kungana iki?
How much does it cost?	N' angahe?
I want ...	Ndashaka ...
What does this mean?	Ibi bisobanura iki?
I don't understand.	Sinumva.
When does ... open?	Bakingura ... ryari?
When does ... close?	Bakinga ... ryari?
What time is it?	Ni gihe ki?
Where are the toilets?	Imisarani iri he?
Help me, please.	Nyabuneka mfasha.
I am American.	Ndi Umunyamerika.

Some Basic Expressions

Yes	Yee / Yego
No	Oya
Please	Nyabuneka, Nyabuna
Thank you	Urakoze, Murakoze
No, thank you	Oya, urakoze.
Yes, please	Yee, nyabuneka
Thank you very much	Urakoze cyane.
That is all right	Ni byo, ni sawa
Don't mention it.	Si cyane.
You are welcome.	Murakaza neza.

Greetings

Good morning.	Mwaramutse (ho)
Good afternoon.	Mwiriwe (ho)
Good evening.	Mwiriwe (ho)
Good night.	Ijoro ryiza/ muramukeho
Goodbye (am)	Mwirirwe (ho)
Goodbye (pm)	Muramuke (ho)
See you soon.	Ni aho mu kanya
Go in peace.	Murabeho /
	Mugire amahoro
How are you?	Umeze ute?
	Mumeze mute?
I am fine.	Meze neza.
We are fine.	Tumeze neza.
What is your name?	Witwa nde?
My name is...	Nitwa .....
This is Mr	Uyu ni Bwana ...
This is Mrs...	Uyu ni Madamu ...
This is Miss..	Uyu ni umukobwa witwa..
I am happy to know you.	Ndishimye kubamenya.
How is it going?	Biri kugenda bite?
	Bite byanyu?
Fine, thanks, and you?	Nibyiza, murakoze, nawe se?
Excuse me.	Mbabarira.
	Mutubabarire. (to more than one person)
Sorry.	Mbabarira.
You're welcome	Murakaza neza.

Questions (Ibibazo)

Where?	Hehe?
How?	Gute?
When?	Ryari?
What?	Iki?
Why?	Kuki?/ Kubera iki?
Who?	Inde?/ Ni nde?
Which?	Ikihe? (class dependant)
Where is ...?	... ri he? (class dependant)
Where can I find ...?	Ni he nshobora kubona ...?
How far?	Kure kungana iki?
How long?	Hareshya hate?
	Bireshya bite? (class dependant)
How many?	Bangahe? Angahe? Ingahe? (c.d.)
How much does it cost?	Bigura angahe?
How do I get to ...?	Nagera nte i (or ku)..?
When does ... open?	Ni ryari bakingura ...?
When does ... close?	Ni ryari bakinga?
What do you call this in Kinyarwanda?	Iki (Ibi) byitwa go iki mu kinyarwanda?
What do you call these in Kinyarwanda?	Biriya byitwa ngo iki mu kinyarwanda?
What does this mean?	Ibi bisobanura iki?
Is that correct?	Ibi ni ukuri?
Did I pronouce it well?	Nabivuze neza?
Do you speak English?	Mbese uvuga icyongereza?
Is there anyone here who speaks ...?	Hano haba hari umuntu uvuga ...?
I don't speak much Kinya-rwanda.	Simvuga ikinyarwanda kinshi.
Can you speak more slowly?	Wavuga witonze?
Can you repeat that?	Subiramo.
Please, write it down.	Wabinyandikira?
Can you translate this for me?	Wabinsobanurira?
I understand.	Ndasobanukiwe.
I don't understand.	Sinsobanukiwe.
Do you understand?	Urasobanukiwe?
Can I have ...?	Mbese nabona ...?
Can we have...?	Mbese twabona ...?
Can you show me ...?	Wanyereka ...?
Can you help me?	Wamfasha ...?
Can I help you?	Nshobora kugufasha?
Can you tell me ...?	Ushobona kumbwira?
Can you direct me to ...?	Wanyobora i (ku) ...?

Wanting (Ibikenewe)

I would like ...	Ndashaka ...
I need ...	Nkeneye ...
We would like ...	Turashaka ...
We need ...	Dukeneye ...
What do you want?	Murashaka iki?
What do you need?	Mukeneye iki?
Please give me ...	Nyabuneka mpa ...
Bring me ...	Nzawira ...
Show me ...	Nyereka ...
I'm hungry.	Ndashonje.
	Mfite inzara.
I'm thirsty.	Mfite inyota.
I want something to eat.	Ndashaka icyo kurya.

I want something to drink.	Ndashaka icyo kunywa.
I'm tired.	Ndananiwe.
I'm lost.	Natakaye.
I'm looking for ...	Ndi gushaka ...
It is important.	Ni ingenzi, ni ngombwa.
It is urgent.	Birihutirwa.
Hurry up!	Ihute.

Arrival (Kugera ahantu)

Here is my passport.	Dore paseporo yanjye.
	Ngiyi paseporo yanjye.
I'll be staying a few days.	Nzamara iminsi mike hano.
I'll be staying a few weeks.	Nzamara ibyumweru bike hano.
I don't know yet.	Sindabimenya.
I'm here on vacation.	Ndi hano ku mpamvu y'ibiruhuko.
I'm here for business.	Nje muri afere.
I'm just passing through.	Ndi kwitemberera gusa.
I'm sorry, I don't understand.	Nyabuneka, sinsobanukiwe.
	Nyabuneka, sinumvise neza.
I have nothing to declare.	Ntacyo mfite nerekana.
I have ...	Mfite...
It is for personal use.	Ni icyo nkoresha kugiti cyanjye.
It is a gift.	Iyo ni impano.
Your passport, please.	Paseporo yawe, nyabuneka!
Do you have anything to declare?	Hari ikintu ufite cyo kwerekana?
Please, open this bag.	Fungura iyi valisi (or) iki gikapo.
You will have to pay duty on this.	Uratanga imisoro kuri iki. (or kuri ibi).
Do you have more luggage?	Hari indi mitwaro ufite?
Porter!	Umwikorezi
Please take this luggage.	Nyabuneka, fata uyu mutwaro. (or) iki gikapo.
That is mine.	Iki ni icyanjye. (c.d.)
That is my bag.	Uyu ni umutwaro yanjye.
That is my suitcase.	Iyi ni ivalisi yanjye.
There is one piece missing.	Hari igice kibura.
Please take this to the ...	Nyabuneka jyana ibi mu (muri) ...
car	imodoka.
bus	bisi.
taxi	tagisi.
How much is that?	Ni angahe?/ Ndariha angahe?

Where can I change money?	Nashobora kumvunjira he? ...
money	amafaranga ?
dollars	amadolari ?
traveller's checks	sheki z'urugenda ?
What is the rate of exchange?	Ikivunjo ni angahe?
How do I go to ...?	Nagera nte ku ...?
Where is a taxi for ...?	Tagisi yerekera ... irihe?
How much to go to ...?	Ni angahe kugera ku (or i)..?

Hotel (Ihoteli)

I want to make a reservation.	Ndashaka guteganya.
Where is the nearest hotel?	Hoteli ya bugufi ni iyihe?
Is it expensive?	Irahenda?
Where is a cheap guest house?	Amacumbi y'abashyitsi ahendutse ari he?
I want a single room.	Ndashaka icyumba cy'umuntu umwe.
I want a double room.	Ndashaka icyumba cy'abantu babiri.
I want a room for my family.	Ndashaka icyumba cy'umuryango wanjye.
Not too expensive.	Si igihendo cyane.
	Ntigihenze cyane.
How much is it per night?	Ijoro rimwe ni angahe?
What is included?	Hateganijwemo iki?
Is breakfast included?	Mu giciro harimo icyo gusamura?

Car Rental (Gukodesha imodoka)

I want to rent a car.	Ndashaka gukodesha imodoka.
I want it for ... days.	Nshaka kuyimarana iminsi ....
Is mileage included?	Mbese ni ku kilometero muri icyo giciro?
Is gasoline included?	Harimo ikiguzi cya lisansi?
Is insurance included?	Mu bukodeshe harimo ikiguzi cy' ubwishigizi?
Can I use a credit card?	Nakoresha ikarita yo kubikuza?
Here is my driver's license.	Ngiyi permi yanjye y'ubushoferi.

Taxi (itagisi)

Where can I get a moto taxi?	Nabona itagisi - moto hehe?
Where can I get a taxi?	Nabona itagisi hehe?
How much to go to ...?	Ni angahe kugera i (ku) ...?
How far is it to ...?	Kugera i (ku) ... hareshya hate?
Take me to ...	Njyana i (ku) ...
this address	iyi adresi
the airport	ku kibuga cy'indege
the town center	mu mugi rwagati
the market	ku isoko

the central station	gare rutiyeri
the ... hotel	kuri hoteli ....
the ... guest house	ku nzu y' abashyitsi ...
straight ahead	komeza imbere
turn here	katira hano
left	i bumoso
right	i buryo
stop	hagarara

At the hotel

My name is ...	Nitwa ...
I have a reservation.	Nategamishije icyumba.
We reserved 2 rooms.	Twateganishije ibyumba bibiri.
Here is the confirmation.	Ngiki icyemezo.
Do you have any other available rooms?	Hari ibindi byumba bidakodeshejwe?
I would like a room ...	Nshaka icyumba ....
with two beds.	cy'ibitanda bibiri
with one bed.	cy'igitanda kimwe
a bath	gifite urwiyuhagiriro / dushe.
a shower	gifite urwiyuhagiriro n' amazi yo hejuru.
a view	gifite aho kureba hanze.
in the front	gifite aho kureba imbere mu kigo.
at the back	gifite aho kureba inyuma.
facing the lake/mountain	gifite ahateganye n'ikiyaga / n' umusozi.
It must be quiet.	Hagomba kuba hatuje.
Is there air conditioning?	Hari imashini ikonjesha icyumba?
Is there hot water?	Hari icyuma gishyushya amazi?
Is there a private toilet?	Hari umusarane wihariwe?
What is the price?	Igiciro ni angahe?
per night?	Ku ijoro?
per week?	Kumara icyumweru?
for bed and breakfast?	Ku gitanda no gusamura?
excluding meals?	hatarimo ibyo kurya?
Is tax included?	Mbese harimo igiciro cy' imisoro?
Is there a reduction for children?	Hari igabanya giciro ku bana?
How much for additional mattresses?	Ni angahe kuri amatora irengaho?
May I see the room?	Nareba icyumba?
No, I don't like it.	Oya, iki singikunze.
It is too cold.	Harakonje cyane.
It is too hot.	Harashyushye cyane.
It is too dark.	Harijimye cyane.
It is too noisy.	Hari urusaku cyane!
It is too small.	Ni hato cyane.
I asked for a room with a bath.	Nasabye icyumba gifite urwiyuhagiriro.
Do you have anything...?	Mwaba mufite ...?
better	icyiza kuruta iki?
bigger	kimini kuruta iki?
cheaper	igihendutse
quieter	igituje.
higher up?	hejuru?
lower down?	hasi?
Do you have a room with a better view?	Mufite icyumba gifite aho kureba hanze neza.
That is fine.	Ndahishimye.

Hotel Registration (Kwiyandikisha muri hoteli)

Family Name	Izina ry' umuryango
Home Address	Adresi yo mu rugo
Nationality	Ubwenegihugu
Profession	Umurimo ukora
Date of Birth	Itariki y' amavuko
Place of Birth	Aho wavukiye
Date	Itariki
Signature	Sinye, sinya or umukono.
What does this mean?	Ibi bivuga iki? Bisobanura iki?
May I see your passport?	Nareba paseporo yawe?
Would you fill in this registration form?	Wakuzuza urupapuro rwo kwiyandikisha?
How long will you be staying?	Uzamara igihe kingana iki?
We will be staying ...	Tuzamara / turamara
one night	ijoro rimwe
two nights	amajoro abiri
a few nights	amajoro make
a week	icyumweru kimwe
I don't know yet.	Sindabimenya.

Hotel Staff (Abakozi bo mu i hoteli)

porter	umwikorezi
maid	umuhoreza
manager	Umukuru w' ihoteli
receptionist	uwakira abantu

waiter	umusanganizi
waitress	umusanganizikazi

Hotel Stay (kuba muri Hoteli)

What is my room number?	Icyumba cyanjye ni nomero zingahe?
Where is it located?	Iyi iherereye he?
The key, please.	Nyabuneka, urufunguzo.
Where can I park my car?	Ndaparika imodoka yanjye hehe?
Do you have a safe?	Mufite aho kubika ibintu?
I would like to put this in your safe	Ndashaka kubabikiza ibingibi
Is there an internet cafe near?	Mbese hari itumanaho internet hafi hano?
Will you please wake me at 6:00 am?	Wazankangura saa kumi n'ebyiri zuzuye za mugitondo.
Do you have towels in the bath-room?	Mbese hari igitambaro cy'amazi mu rwiyuhagiriro?
Could I have an extra blanket?	Mwanyongerera uburingiti bumwe?
Could I have an extra pillow?	Nabona undi musego?
Where is the ...?	Ni hehe hari ...?
restuarant	aho kugura ibyo kurya / Restora
Do you have any postage stamps?	Mbese mugurisha tembure z'iposita?
Can you mail this letter for me?	Wajya kunyohereza iyi barwa mu iposita?
The ... does not work.	Ntabwo ... ikora.
air conditioner	klimatizeri,icyuma gikonjesha, imshini ikonjesha.
fan	agahuhamuyaga
water heater	icyuma gishyushya amazi
light	umucyo, urumuri
lamp	itara
toilet	umusarani
television	televiziyo
There is no hot water.	Nta mazi ashyushye ahari.
Can you heat some water	Wanshyuhiriza amazi?
I want these clothes...	Ndashaka ko iyi myenda ...
cleaned	imeswa / isukurwa
ironed	iterwa ipasi
When will it be ready?	Iraboneka ryari?
I need it ...	Nyikeneye ...
I will need it ...	Nzayikenera ...
today	uyu munsi
tonight	nijoro
tomorrow	ejo
This isn't mine.	Uyu si uwanjye. Iyi si iyanjye.
There is one piece missing.	Hari umwe ubuze.
Is my laundry ready?	Imyenda yanjye yo kumeswa yatunganye?
How much do I owe you?	Ndishyura angahe?

Checking Out (gusohoka)

Please give me the bill.	Nyabuneka, mpa fagitire.
I'm leaving tomorrow	Nzagenda ejo mu gitondo.
Please have my bill ready.	Nyabuneka muntegurire fagitire ibe hafi.
I must leave at once.	Ngomba kugenda byihutirwa.
Would you call a taxi please?	Nyabuneka wahamagara itagisi?
Is everything included in this bill?	Byose bikubiye mu muri fagitire?
Do you accept credit cards?	Mbese mwemera ikarita ya kredi?
I believe you made a mistake on this bill.	Ntekereza ko mwakoze ikosa kuri iyi fagitire
Could you send someone to help with our luggage?	Mwakohereza umuntu kudufasha imitwaro yacu?
It has been a good stay.	Twishimiye ubushyitsi twagize hano.

Camping (Inkambi)

Is there a place to camp nearby?	Hari ahantu ho gukambika hafi hano?
Can we camp here?	Dushobora gukambika hano?
What is the cost?	Ni amafranga angahe?

Hair Salon (Salon yo gusokoza)

Is there a ... nearby?	Haba hari ... hafi aha?
hair salon	salon yo gusokoza
barber shop	umwogoshi
Can I make an appointment for ...?	Nafata randevu yo...
this afternoon?	uyu munsi nyuma ya saa sita.
tomorrow	ejo hazaza
tomorrow morning	ejo mugitondo
I want a haircut please.	Nshaka kogoshesha umusatsi.
Don't cut it too short.	Ntuwukatire hasi cyane.
That is enough off.	Uwo urahagije kuwuvanaho.
A little more off of the ...	Vanaho undi muke ...

back	inyuma
neck	ku ijosi
sides	mu misaya
top	hejuru / mu gitwariro

At the restaurant

We need a table for ... people	Dukeneye ameza ku bantu ....
two	babiri
three	batatu
four	bane
five	batanu
six	batandatu
seven	barindwi
eight	umunani
nine	icyenda
ten	icumi
May we see the menu, please?	Nyabuneka watwereka urutonde rw'ibyateguwe?
Are all the foods listed available?	Mbese ibibyo kurya biri kurutonde byose byaboneka?
What do you recommend?	Mwadushimira gufata iki (or) ibihe?
I recommend this ...	Nabashimira ibi ...
What would you like to drink?	Murashaka kunywa iki?
bottle of water	amazi yo mu icupa
soda	ibinyasukari
Is there ...?	Hari ...?
We haven't got ...	Ntabwo twabonye ...
What do you want to eat?	Murashaka kurya iki?
I want ...	Ndashaka ...
Can we eat inside?	Dushobora kurira imbere?
Can we eat outside?	Dushobora kurira hanze?
This is good.	Ni byiza cyane.
I want something to eat.	Ndashaka icyo kurya.
I want something to drink.	Ndashaka icyo kunywa.
I'm thirsty.	Mfite imyota.
I'm hungry.	Ndashonje. /Mfite inzara.
Do you have ...?	Mufite ...?
chicken	inkoko
beef	inyama y'inka
lamb	inyama y'intama
fish	ifi / isamaki
pasta	umutsima
sandwich	sandwici
salad	salade / imboga mbisi
green beans	imiteja
potatoes, fried	ibirayi bitetse mu mavuta
potatoes, boiled	ibirayi bitetse mu mazi
sweet potatoes	ibijumba
local cuisine	bitetse kinyarwanda
bananas	ibitoke
corn	ibigori
Can we have a ...?	Dushobora kubona ...
cup	igikombe
fork	ikanya
glass	ikirahure
chair	intebe
knife	icyuma
spoon	ikiyiko
napkin	igitambaro
plate	isahane, isahani
bowl	isorori.
We would like ...	Turashaka ...
bread	umugati
butter	amavuta y'inka
ketchup	isosi y'inyanya
lemon	indimu
mustard	mutaride
oil	amavuta
pepper	urusenda
salt	umunyu
sugar	isukari
cream	keremu
milk	amata
fresh milk	inshyushyu
butter milk	ikivuvuto
Do you have any fresh fruit?	Hari imbuto zinetse zihari?
oranges	amacunga
bananas	imineke
passion fruits	amatunda/ intababara
melon	ibihaza
papaye	ipapayi/ amapapayi
mangoes	imyembe
pineapples	inanasi
apples	pome
grapefruits	pamplemusi

japanese prunes	ibinyomoro
What do you have for dessert?	Hari icyo kwikuza mufite?
cake	gato
ice cream	keremu ikonje
chocolate	shokola
cheese	iforomaji
Breakfast	ibyo gusamura
I would like ...	Ndashaka ...
eggs, fried	amagi atetse mu mavuta
omelet	umureti
eggs, boiled	amagi atetse mu mazi
fruit juice	umutobe w'imbuto
ham	itako ry' ingurube
jam	konfitire
toast	umugati wokeje
coffee	ikawa
hot chocolate	shokola ishyushye
with milk	hamwe n'amata
with sugar	hamwe n'isukari
honey	ubuki
tea	icyayi (usually with milk and sugar)
tea (plain)	icyayi cyonyine
	icyayi gisa
I'll have one of these please.	Nyabuneka, ndafata kimwe muri ibyo.
To the left.	ibumoso
to the right	iburyo
above that	hejuru y'ibyo
below that	hasi y'ibyo
behind that	inyuma y'ibyo
in front of that	imbere y'ibyo

<u>Foods and drinks</u> (Ibiryo n'ibinyobwa)

mineral water	amazi yo mu icupa
rice	umuceri
chicken	inkoko
drinks	ibinyobwa
meat	inyama
salad	imboga mbisi / salade
fruit	imbuto
ice cream	keremu ikonje
eggs	amagi
fresh juice	umutobe w'imbuto
vegetables	imboga
fish	ifi / isamaki
pasta	umutsima
potatoes	ibirayi
dessert	icyo kwikuza
cheese	iforomaji
cold drinks	ibyo kunywa bikonje
soups	isupu
wine	divayi
avocados	avoka
mushrooms	ibihumyo
ham	itako ry' ingurube
melon	ibihaza
cucumber	konkombure
onion	ibitunguru
pepper	urusenda
baked	yokeje mu ifuru
grilled	yokeje ku muriro
fried	tetswe mu mavuta
smoked	umuranzi / itaze yo ku mwotsi
steamed	itaze ku mwuka
boiled	tetse mu mazi
rabbit	urukwavu
duck	igishuhe
turkey	dendo
chicken leg	amatako y'inkoko / amaguru y'inkoko
chicken breast	agatuza k'inkoko
one half	icya kabiri cy' ...
one quarter	icya kane cy' ...
sauce	isosi
cabbage	amashu
peas	amashaza
dried	yumye
fresh/green	urunyogwe
green beans	imiteja
white beans	ibishyimbo by'umweru
lettuce	imboga za leti
mixed vegetables	imboga z' imvange
sweet corn	ibigori bitoto
potatoes	ibirayi
sweet potatoes	ibijumba
peppers	urusenda
sweet peppers	urusenda rworoshye
radishes	radi

tomatoes	inyanya
carrots	karoti
peanuts	ubunyobwa
coconuts	imbuto za koko
dates	idati
strawberries	inkeri
lemons	indimu
apple	pome
orange	amacunga
papaye	ipapayi
pineapple	inanasi
passion fruit	amatunda / intababara
banana sweet	imineke
banana for cooking	ibitoke by' inyamunyu
grapefruit	pamplemousi
cookies	ibisuguti
cake	gato
yoghurt	yawurte
butter milk	ikivuguto
sausage	sosise
fresh milk	inshyushyu
Japanese prunes	ibinyomoro

Restaurant Complaints (Kwinuba muri restora)

This is not what I ordered.	Ntabwo ari ibi natumyeho.
I asked for ...	Natumyeho ...
I asked for a small amount.	Natumyeho iby' amafaranga make.
There must be some mistake.	Hagomba kuba harimo ikosa./ Mwaba mwibeshye.
The meat is ...	Inyama ni
too rare	imbonekarimure, ni nke cyne
too tough	zirakomeye
This is too ...	Ibingibi ...
bitter	birarura cyane
salty	birimo umunyu mwinshi
sweet	birimo isukari nyinshi
The food is cold.	Ibiryo birakonje.
This isn't fresh.	Ibi si iby' uyu munsi.
What is taking so long?	Ni iki kiri gutinda?
Where are our drinks?	Ibyo kunywa byacu biri he?
There is a ... missing.	Harabura ...
plate	isahani
glass	ikirahure
This isn't clean.	Iki nticyogeje. / Kino nticyogeje. / Gifite umwanda kiranduye.

The check (isuzuma)

I want to pay.	Ndashaka kwishyura.
We want to pay separately.	Turashaka kwishyura intandukane.
There is a mistake on the bill.	Hari ikosa kuri fagitire.
What is this amount for?	Aya mafaranga teranije ni ay'iki?
Is service included?	Harimo ayo guhereza?
Is everything included?	Byose bikubiyemo?
Do you accept traveler's checks?	Mwakira sheki z'urugendo?
Do you accept credit cards?	Mwakira amarita ya kredi?/...yo kubikuza
Thank you.	Murakoze.
This is for you.	Aya ni ayanyu.
That was good food.	Mwatetse neza cyane.
We enjoyed it.	Twabyishimiye.

Travel (Urugendo)

By plane	Mu ndege.
Is there a flight to ...?	Hari indege yerekera ...?
Is it a non-stop flight?	Hari indege idahagarara ahandi?
Do I have to change planes?	Mbese ngomba guhinduranya indege?
I would like to buy a ticket for ...	Nashaka kugura itike yo kujya ...
What is the cost?	Igurishwa angahe?
one way	kugenda gusa
round trip	kugenda no kugaruka
When does the plane leave?	Indege ihaguruka ryari?
What time do I check in?	Ndahagera ryari?
At what time do we arrive?	Turahagera aho tujya ryari?
Where is the ...?	... iri he? ... biri he?
office	ibiro
information office	ibiro by' amatangazo
restaurant	aho kurira / muri restora
toilet	umusarani
waiting room	icyumba cyo gutegereza
Entrance	kwinjira
Exit	Gusohoka
I want a seat by the window.	Ndashaka kwicara hafi y'idirishya.
That is my seat.	Iyo ni intebe yanjye.

	Uwo ni umwanya wanjye.
Where is the bus stop?	Bisi ihagarara he?
When does the bus arrive for..	Bisi ijya i ... igera hano ryari?
Will you tell me when to get off?	Wambwira igihe nza kururuka?
How long will the trip take?	Urugendo ruramara amasaha angahe?
boat	ubwato
Can I take a boat to Kibuye?	Nafata ubwato bujya ku Kibuye?
bicycle	igare
car	imodoka
moto	ipikipiki / moto
gasoline station	Stasiyo ya lisansi.
Give me ... liters of gasoline.	Nimumpe litiro .... za lisansi.
Full tank, please.	Nyabuneka, uzuza, nyuzuriza.
Please, check the ...	Nyabuneka, nsuzumira ...
oil	amavuta ya moteri
water	amazi.
Would you check the air in the tires?	Wansuzumira umwuka mu mipira?
Can you fix my tire?	Wanshyiriramo umupira yanjye?
Would you wash the car?	Wanyogereza imodoka?
Would you clean the windshield?	Wanyogereza paraburize?
Can you show me the way to..	Wanyereka umuhanda werekera... i/ku
How do I get to...?	Nagera nte i ...?
Where does this road lead?	Uyu muhanda werekera he?
Are we on the road for ...?	Mbese turi mu muhanda nyawo ugana i ...?
Can you tell me where ... is?	Wambwira aho ... iri?
How far is the next village?	Ni kure kungana iki ngo ngere mu giturage hakurikira?
How far is it to .. from here?	Kuva hano kugera .... hareshya hate?
How do I get to this address?	Nagera nte kuri iyi adresi?
Can you show me on the map where I am?	Wanyereka ku ikarita aho ndi hano?
You are on the wrong road.	Wafashe umuhanda utari wo?
Go straight ahead.	Komeza imbere.
North	Mu majyaruguru
South	Mu majyepto
East	I Burasirazuba
West	I Burengerazuba
On the left	I bumoso
On the right	I buryo
opposite	hateganye
behind	inyuma
next to	hakurikira
after	inyuma ya ...
Take the road for ...	Nyura mu muhanda ugana..
You have to go back to ...	Ugomba gusubira inyuma.
What is the name of this village?	Hano, hitwa ngo iki?
Go to the ... intersection.	Jya ku ihuriro
first	rya mbere
second	rya kabiri
third	rya gatatu.
Turn left at the roundabout.	Ukatire ibumoso mu izingiro ry,imihanda / muri rond point.
Turn right at the corner.	Ukatire iburyo ku ikoni.
Cross the bridge.	wambuke iteme.
Where can I park?	Ndaparika imodoka he?
How long can I park here?	Irahamara igihe kingana iki?
Where is the nearest mechanic?	Igaraji rya hafi riri he?
My car will not start.	Imodoka yanze kwaka.
The batter is dead.	Batiri yakonje.
I'm out of gas.	Nta lisansi irimo.
I have a flat tire.	Natobokesheje umupira.
The engine is too hot.	Moteri irashyushye cyane.
There is something wrong with the	Hari ikitangenda neza muri
brakes	feri
radiator	radiyateri
wheel	diregisiyo
engine	muri moteri
Can you send a tow truck?	Mwazana ikamyo yo kunkurura?

Accident (Impanuka)

Please, call the police.	Nyabuneka hamagara abapolisi.
There has been an accident.	Habaye impanuka.
It is about ... kilometers from here.	Ni nko ku birometero ...
There are people injured.	Hari inkomere. / Hari abakomeretse.
Call a doctor.	Hamagara umuganga.
Here is my driver's license.	Dore perimi y'ubushoferi wanjye.
What is your name?	Witwa nde?
Where do you live?	Utuye he?
What is your insurance company?	Uri mu buhe Bwishingizi?
How did this accident happen?	Impanuka yatewe n'iki? Byagenze bite?

He hit my car like this.	Yansekuriye imodoka nk' uko mubibona.

Medical Concerns (Kubonana na muganga)

Where is the nearest clinic?	Ni he hari ivuriro nya hafi?
	Ni he hari ivuriro nya bugufi?
Where is the nearest lab?	Ni he hari aho bapimira hafi?
Where is the nearest pharmacy?	Ni he hari farumasi?
I need a doctor quickly.	Nkeneye umuganga vuba.
Where is the doctor's office?	Ibiro bya muganga ni ibihe?
When does he open / close?	Afungura / Afunga ryari?
Can you recommend a ...?	Wandangira ...?
pediatrician	umuganga w'abana
optometrist	umuganga w'amoso
ear doctor	umuganga w'amatwi
obstetrician	umuganga w'abagore/
	umuganga w'ababyeyi
Can I make an appointment?	Nafata randevu?
right now	nonaha / ubungubu
tomorrow	ejo
as soon as possible	byihutirwa bishobotse
There has been an accident.	Habaye impanuka.
My child fell.	Umwana wanjye yaguye.
He hurt his head.	Yagushije umutwe.
He is unconcious	Yataye ubwenge.
He's bleeding a lot.	Ari kuva cyane.
His ... bone is broken.	Igufa rye ryavunitse.
This area is swollen.	Hano habyimbye.
I cut myself.	Nitemye.
I hurt my muscle.....	Ndababara kunyama ....
	ku kuboko
	ku kizigira
	ku mfundiko
	ku itako
	ku kibuno
I have got a ...	Mfite ... / Uko byangendekeye...
boil	Natwitswe n'amazi ashyushye.
burn	nahiye
cut	nitemye
wound	nakomeretse
I can't move my ...	Sinshobona kunyeganyeza.
It hurts.	Harababara.
Don't move.	Wikubagana. /
	Wikomakoma.
Where does it hurt?	Urababara he?

What kid of pain is it?	Ufite uburibwe ki?
dull	imfundikirane
sharp	burakaze cyane
constant	ni uruhererekane
on and off	buragenda bukagaruka.
I want you to take an X-ray.	Ugomba guca mucyuma.
I'll make you a cast.	Urashyirwaho sima.
It is infected.	Harimo ubwandure.
Have you had a tetanus shot?	Wakingiwe tetanosi?
I will give you medicine.	Ndaguha umuti.
Come back in ... days.	Uzagaruke mu minsi ...
sickness	uburwayi / indwara
I don't feel well.	Ndunwa ntameze neza.
I'm sick.	Ndarwaye.
I feel ...	Ndumva mfite ...
nauseous	iseseme , isesemi
weak	intege nke
I have a fever.	Mfite umuriro.
I have been vomitting.	Ndaruka.
I am constipated.	Ndwaye impatwe.
I have diarrhea.	Ndahitwa.
My ... hurts.	Ndaribwa ...
head	umutwe
stomach	mu gifu/
	mu nda
joints	mu ngingo
I have got ...	Nafashwe na ...
asthma	asima / agasema
back ache	umugongo
cold	giripe / rwagakoco
cough	inkorora
cramps	imbwa
earache	umuhaha /
	ndaribwa mu matwi
headache	umutwe
indigestion	ndababara mu nda
sore throat	mfite ibisebe mu muhogo.
fast beating heart	umutima urateragura cyane.
breathing difficulties	simpumeka neza
pain in my chest	Ndababara mu gatuza.
My blood pressure is too ...	Amaraso ...
high	ariruka cyane.
low	aritonda cyane.
I am allergic to ...	Ngira ingaruka mbi ku...

I have diabetes.	Ndwaye kunyaragura.

For women: (ku bagore)

I have pain during my period.	Ngira uburibwe mu gihe cy'imihango y'ukwezi.
I have a vaginal infection.	Ndwaye mu gitsina.
I am on the pill.	Ndi kunywa ibinini.
I have not had my period for ... months.	Sinagize imihanga y'ukwezi mu gihe cy'amezi ...
I am pregnant.	Ndatwite. / Mfite inda.
How long have you been feeling like this?	Ubyumvise hashize igihe kingana iki?
Is this the first time you've had this?	Ni ubwa mbere bikugendekeyo bityo?
I will take your blood pressure.	Ndapima umuvudoko w'amaraso yawe.
I will take your temperature.	Ndapima ubushyuhe bw' umubiri
Will you take my blood pressure?	Urampima umuvuduko w'amaroso?
Please undress down to your waist.	Nyabuneka, kuramo umwambaro.
Open your mouth.	Asama.
Breath deeply.	Humeka cyane.
Cough.	Korora.
Where do you feel pain?	Urababara he?
I will give you an injection.	Ndagutera urushinge.
You are sick with ...	Urwaye.../ Wafashwe na ...
malaria	marariya.
respiratory infection.	urwaye imiyoboro yo guhumeko.
cold	giripe. / rwagakoco.
flu	ibicurane.
pneumonia	umusonga
amoeba	inzoka za amibe.
typhoid fever	ibigatura.
miningitis	mugiga.
We need a ... sample.	Tanga ibipimo ...
blood	by' amaroso
stool	umusarani
urine	inkari
You must stay in bed for ...	Ugomba kuryama iminsi ....
I want you to see a specialist.	Ugomba kubonana na muganga w'iyo ndwara.
You may have to have an operation.	Ugomba kubagwa.
This is my usual medicine.	Uyu niwo muti menyereye.
What medicine is best for ...	Umuti mwiza wa ... ni uwuhe?
How many times a day should I take it?	Nzajya nyifata kangahe ku munsi?
This is for a ...	Iyi ni ...
baby	i y'impinja.
child	i y'abana
adult	i y'abantu bakuru.
Take this medicine for ...	Ufate uyu muti ...
... times per day.	inshuro .... ku munsi.
every ... hours.	amasaha ...
before a meal	mbere yo kurya
after a meal	nyuma yo kurya
in the morning	mu gitondo
at night	mu ijoro / nijoro
in case of pain	Niwumva uribwa.
for ... days.	mu minsi ...
When will the doctor come?	Umuganga araza ryari?
I can not eat.	Sinshobora kurya.
I can not sleep.	Sinshobora gusinzira.
I am in pain.	Mfite ububabare.

Time (Igihe), **Days** (Iminsi), and **Weather** (Ibihe)

Monday	kuwa mbere
Tuesday	kuwa kabiri
Wednesday	kuwa gatatu
Thursday	kuwa kane
Friday	kuwa gatanu
Saturday	kuwa gatandatu
Sunday	ku cyumweru
day	umunsi
week	icyumweru
month	ukwezi
year	umwaka
What time is it?	Ni gihe ki?
What day is today?	Uyu munsi ni kuwa kangahe?
night	ijoro
morning	igitondo
noon	saa sita
afternoon	nyuma ya saa sita

evening	umugoroba /nimugoroba
early	kare cyane
It is early.	Haracyari kare.
late.	bitinze
Things are late.	Byatinze.
You are late.	wakererewe.
minute	umunota
minutes	iminota
hour	isaha
second	isegonde / idakika
It is 6:00 a.m.	Ni saa kumi n'ebyiri za mugitondo
It is 6:30.	Ni saa kumi ebyiri n' iminota mirongo itatu.
It is 7:00.	Ni saa moya.
It is 7:15.	Ni saa moya n'iminota cumi n'itanu.
It is 8:00.	Ni saa mbiri.
It is 9:00	Ni saa tatu.
It is 10:00	Ni saa yine.
It is 11:00	Ni saa tanu
It is 12:00.	Ni saa sita.
It is 1:00	Ni saa saba.
It is 3:00	Ni saa cyenda
It is 4:00.	Ni saa kumi.
It is 5:00	Ni saa kumi n'imwe
It is 6:00pm	Ni saa kumi n'ebyiri za nimurogoroba.
It is 7:00.	Ni saa moya za nijoro.
It is 8:00.	Ni saa mbiri za nijoro.
It is 9:00.	Ni saa tatu ...
:01 (minute)	n'umunota umwe
:02	n'iminota ibiri
:05	n'iminota itanu
:10	n'iminota icumi
:15	n'iminota cumi n'itanu
:20	n'iminota makumyabiri
:25	n'iminota makumyabiri n'itanu.
:30	n'iminota mirongo itatu
:35	n'iminota mirongo itatu n'itanu
:40	n'iminota mirongo ine
:45	n'iminota mirongo ine n'itanu
:50	n'iminota mirongo itanu
:55	n'iminota mirongo itanu n'itanu
sunrise	izuba rirashe
sunset	izuba rirenze
after	hanyuma
before	mbere
It is hot.	Harashyushye.
It is cold.	Harakonje.
It is dry.	Harumye, hariho amapfa.
It will rain.	Imvura irashaka bugwa.
The sky is clear.	Ikirere kirakeye.
It is a beautiful day.	None ni umunsi mwiza.
The weather is good.	Igihe ni cyiza.
It is raining a lot.	Imvura iragwa cyane.
	Imvura iragwa nabi.

<u>Telephone</u> (Guhamagaza telefoni)

Where is the nearest telephone?	Telefoni ya hafi iri he?
Where can I buy a card for my phone?	Nagura he ikarita ya telefoni?
I have my own phone.	Mfite telefoni yanjye yo mu ntoke.
Do you sell phone cards?	Mbese mugurisha amakarita ya telefoni?
My phone is blocked can you fix it?	Telefoni yanjye yapfuye mwayinkorera?
May I use your phone?	Nakoresha telefoni yawe?
What is the cost for one minute?	Ku munota ni angahe?
Hello this is ... speaking.	Allo, ni ... uri kuvuga.
How are you?	Mumeze mute?
Who is this?	Ndavugana nande?
I want to speak to ...	Ndashaka kuvugana na ...
Is this ...?	Mbese ni ...
Speak more loudly please.	Nyabuneka vuga cyane.
Speak more slowly please.	Nyabuneka wavuga witonze.
Is ... there?	Mbese ... arahari?
May I speak with ...?	Nshobora kuvugana na ...
... is not here.	....ntawe uri hano.
When will ... return?	Aragaruka ryari?
Will you tell ... that ... called?	Waza kumubwira ko ... yahamagaye?
Ask ... to cal me soon.	Umubwire ampamagare bwangu.
There is a call for you.	Hari uri kuguhamagara.
What number are you calling?	Urahamagara iyihe nimero?
There is no answer.	Ntawe usubiza.
You have the wrong number.	Iyo nimero si yo.
Just a moment please.	Ba uretse gato.
Hold on please.	Tegereza gato, nyabuneka.
He/she is coming.	Araje.

Making Friends (Gushaka inshuti)

Hello.	Muraho.
How are you?	Amakuru?
My name is ...	Nitwa ...
What is your name?	Wowe witwa nde?
I am from ...	Nkomoka muri ...
Where are you from?	Ukomoka he?
I work as a	Nkora akazi nka ....
preacher	umubwiriza
teacher	umwarimu
missionary	umumisiyoneri
farmer	umuhinzi
shepherd	umworozi
market seller	umucuruzi / umudandaza
store owner	mfite iduka.
soldier	umusirikare
policeman	umupolisi
baker	umukozi w'imigati
cook	umutetsi
manager	umukuru wa ...
carpenter	umubaji
mechanic	umukanishi
electrician	umukozi w'amashanyarazi
plumber	kanyamigezi
seamstress	umutayeri
tailor	umudozi
house worker	umukozi wo murugo
driver	umushoferi
gardener	umuhinzi w'imboga
fisherman	uburobyi
architect	umuhanga mu bwubatsi
accountant	umukontabure umubazi w'amafaranga
butcher	umubazi
house builder	umwubatsi / umufundi
artist	umuhimbyi/ umuhanzi
musician	umunyamuzika
computer technician	umuhanga wa za ordinateri
carver	umunyabukorikori
lawyer	umuhanga mu mategeko
judge	umucamanza
doctor	umuganga
nurse	umuforomo - kazi
traditional healer	umupfumu
What do you do?	Ukora iki?
Are you married?	Urubatse?
Are you single?	Uri ingaragu?
Where do you live?	Utuye he?
I am learning about life in Rwanda.	Ndi kwiga imibereho yo mu Rwanda.
Can you help me?	Hari icyo mwamarira?
Can I call you sometimes?	Nshobora kujya nguhamagara rimwe na rimwe?
What is your number?	Nimero yawe ni iyihe?
What is your address?	Adresi yawe ni iyihe?
It was very nice to meet you.	Nishimiye guhura nawe.
Can I ask you some questions?	Mbese, nakubaza ibibazo bimwe na bimwe?
I hope to see you again soon.	Ndizera ko tuzongera tukabonana.
Until next time, God bless you.	Ni ah' ubutaha, Imana iguhe umugisha.
Goodbye.	Murabeho.

Family Relations (Amasano yo mu muryango).

I am married.	Ndubatse.
I am single.	Ndi ingarapu.
This is ...	Uyu ni...
my husband	umugabo wanjye.
my wife	umugore wanjye.
son	umuhungu wanjye.
mother	Umubyeyi wanjye/ Mama
father	umubyeyi wanjye/ Data
aunt	masenge (father's sister) mamawacu (mother's sister)
uncle	datawacu (father's brother) Marume (mom's brother)
grandmother	nyogokuru
grandfather	sogokuru
family	umuryango
Are you married?	Mbese urubatse?
Do you have ...?	Mbese mufite ...?
children?	abana?
sons?	abahungu?
daughters?	abakobwa?
How long have you been married?	Umaze igihe kingana iki wubatse?
How old are your children?	Abana banyu bangana iki?
Do they do well in school?	Bakora neza ku ishuli?
Where does your family come from?	Umuryango wanyu ukomoka he?
Where is that?	Ni ahajya he?
Are your parents still living?	Ababyeyi banyu baracyariho?

Visiting in someone's home. (Gusura nyir' urugo)

Hello to the people of the house.	Yemwe aba hano.
You are welcome.	Murakaza neza.
Thank you very much.	Murakoze cyane.
Good morning.	Mwaramutseho.
Good evening.	Muriweho.
How are you?	Mumeze mute?
Fine, thank you.	Meze neza. Murakoze. Ni byiza. Murakoze.
Would you like to have a drink?	Urashaka icyo kunywa?
Yes, thank you.	Yee urakoze.
Would you like some tea?	Urashaka icyayi?
Yes, I would.	Yee, ndagishaka.
Can I help you in some way?	Hari icyo nakumarira?
No, no problem.	Oya, oya nta kibazo.
I am coming.	Ndaje.
Thank you for the tea.	Urakoze gutanga icyayi.
How is your work going?	Akazi kanyu karagenda neza?
Is your farm doing well?	Ubuhinzi bwanyu buragenda neza?
Have the rains been good for you?	Imvura yababereye nziza?
What do you have planted now?	Ubu mwahinze myaka ki?
How is your livestock?	Amatungo ameze ate?
Is your selling well at market?	Mugurisha neza ku masoko?
Which animals are you raising?	Mworora matungo ki?
Do you attend church?	Mbese muri mu itorero?
Where do you go?	Mesengera he?
Which church do you attend?	Ni irihe torero muri mo?
Would you like to eat with us?	Mwaza tugasingira ? Mwashima ko dusangira?
Where can I wash my hands?	Nakaraba intoke hehe?
I want to wash my hands.	Ndashaka gukaraba intoke.
Do you have any soap and water?	Hari isabune n' amazi?
Can you get me a hand towel?	Wambonera igitambaro cy' amazi?
Come let's eat breakfast.	Ngwino dusamure.
What do you want?	Urashaka iki?
We have ...	Dufite...
bread	umugati
porridge	igikoma
juice	umutobe w'imbuto
tea	icyayi
fruit	imbuto (zinetse)
Thank you, it was delicious.	Murakoze, biraryoshye.
Where is the bathroom?	Umusarani uri he?
I need to urinate.	Ndashaka kwihagarika.
I need to deficate.	Ndashaka kwituma.
Is there toilet paper?	Hari urupapuro rw' umusarani?
I want to take a bath.	Ndashaka kwiyuhagira hose.
Do you have hot water?	Hari amazi ashyushye?
Will you heat some water for me?	Wanshyuhiriza amazi?
Where do I get water?	Ndabona amazi he?
Do you have a bucket I may use?	Hari indobo nakoresha?
I am tired.	Ndananiwe.
I think I will go to bed now.	Ndatekereza ko nkwrinye kuryama.
What time do you wake up?	Ubyuka ryari?
I am afraid I have to leave now.	Mfite ubwoba. Ndashaka kugenda nonaha.

Household terms and work (Imirimo yo mu rugo)

Please can you sweep the floor?	Nyabuneka wakoza hano mu nzu.
Please can you clean this room?	Wasukura iki cyumba?
Wash the dishes.	Oza ibikoresho.
Wash the clothes.	Mesa imyenda.
Dry the clothes.	Umutsa imyenda./ Anika imyenda.
Mop the floor.	Woze hasi n' amazi.
Go to market for me and buy...	Wajya ku isoko kungurira ...
Here is the money.	Akira amafaranga?
Is it enough?	arahagije?
Did you buy everything at market?	Waguze ibintu byose ku isoko?
How much change did you bring?	Wagaruye angahe?
Open the ...	Kingura ...
Close the ...	Kinga ...
door	urugi
window	idirishya
Will you clean the ...?	Wasukura mu ...?
kitchen	gikoni
living room	uruganiriro
bedroom	icyumba cyo kuryama
bathroom	urwiyuhagiriro
windows	amadirishya
oven	iziko
floor	hasi
Will you get some wood for the fireplace?	Wazana inkwi ku ziko?
Will you help me?	Ushobora kumfasha?
Do it this way.	Kora utya. / Genza utya.
That is wrong.	Ayo ni amakosa.
That is right.	Ibyo ni ukuri./ Biratunganye.

Thank you for the help.	Urakoze kumfasha.

Emotions and colors (Ibitekerezo ndangamutima n'amabara)

I like that.	Nkunda (usually. Nkunze (now). ibyo
I don't like that.	Sinkunda / Sinkunze ibyo / Simbikunda. Simbikunze
It is pretty.	Ni byiza.
It is ugly.	Ni bibi.
It makes me happy.	... ranshimishije.
It makes me laugh.	...ranshekeje.
Are you happy?	Urishimye.
Are you sad?	Urababaye?
Why are you happy?	Kuki wishimye?
Why are you sad?	Kubi ubabaye?
I am very angry.	Ndarakaye cyane.
Don't be angry.	Wirakara.
I'm sorry.	Mbabarira.
I am very sad.	Ndababaye cyane.
Please, take courage.	Nyabuneka wihangane.
It will be better.	Bizagenda neza.
I am very sorry for that.	Birababaje cyane.
Good job.	Akazi keza.
I am okay.	Meze neza.
It is no problem.	Nta kibazo.
red	tukura/ umutuku
black	umukara
white	umweru
green	icyatsi
blue	ubururu
yellow	umuhondo
orange	umuhondo ukabije
brown	igitaka
purple	umuhengeri
dark	...ijimye
light	...ukeye

Sporting Events (Imikino / imyidagaduro)

What sports are played here?	Ni iyihe mikino ikinwa hano?
Do you play football?	Ukina umupira w' amaguru?
Are you on a team?	Uri mu ikipe y' abakinnyi?
Is ... played here?	... ukinwa hano?
basketball	umupira w'agatebo / basiketi
tennis	tenisi / itenesi
soccer	umupira w' amaguru
golf	umupira w' agakoni
handball	umupira w' intoke
	umupira w' amaboko
When is there a competition?	Niryari hari irushanwa?
Are there ... races here?	Hari isiganwa hano?
running	kwiruka
long distance	kwiruka harehare
bicycle	gusiganwa ku magere
Who do you want to win?	Ushaka ko hatsinda nde?
to win	gutsinda
to lose	gutsindwa
What is the score?	Urugero rw' ibitego ni uruhe?
Who is winning?	Ninde ugiye gutsinda?
Who is losing?	Ninde ugiye gutsindwa?
How much for a ticket to watch the competition?	Tike yo kureba irushanwa ni angahe?
Would you like to play?	Ukunda gukina ?
Can I play ... with you?	Nshobora gukina ... nawe?
Congratulations, that was a good game.	Ndagushimye wari umukino mwiza.
You are a good athlete.	Uri umukinnyi w' ingenzi.
When do you want to play again?	Urashaka kongera gukina ryari?
Run!	Iruka!
Goal!	Igitego!
Great job!	Ubikoze neza pe!

Sharing our faith (Gusangira ibyo kwizera)

I am a follower of Jesus.	Ndi umwigishwa wa Yesu.
Jesus is my Savior.	Yesu ni umukiza wanjye.
God has forgiven my sins.	Imana yambabariye ibyaha byanjye.
Jesus died for all of us.	Yesu yaraduptiriye twese.
Through the sacrifice of Jesus all your sins can be erased.	Kubera igitambo cya Yesu, ibyaha byawe byose bishobora guhanagurwa.
God loves us all and wants us to worship him.	Imana iradukunda twese kandi ishaka ko tuyishima.
God blesses us each day in many ways.	Imana iduha imigisha buri munsi mu buryo bwinshi.
God is powerful to rescue us.	Imana ifite ubuhobozi bwo kudutabara.
I know God is with us.	Nzi ko Imana iri kumwe natwe.
Jesus has made my life new.	Yesu yahinduye ubugingo bwanjye bushya.
Jesus is the way, the truth,	Yesu ni inzira, ukuri

and the life.	n'ubugingo.
Through belief in Jesus God will save you.	Niwzera Yesu Imana izagukiza.
You, too, will be forgiven if you become one with Jesus.	Nawe uzababarirwa nushaka kuba umwe na Yesu.
You will go to heaven.	Uzajya mu ijuru.
You will escape going to hell.	Uzakizwa kujya mu muriro w' iteka.
Jesus can heal your life.	Yesu ashobora gukiza ubugingo bwawe.
Jesus will protect you from all evil.	Yesu azakurinda ikibi cyose.
Jesus rose from the dead.	Yesu yazutse mu bapfuye.
Jesus is God of all.	Yesu ni Imana kuri bose.
The Holy Spirit will fill you.	Umwuka Wera azakuzura.
Repent from you sins and be baptized into Christ.	Ukwiriye kwihana ukubatizwa mu izina rya Kristo.
Jesus is my hope and my life.	Yesu ni Ibyiringiro byanjye n'ubugingo bwanjye.
God has had mercy on me.	Imana yangiriye imbabazi.
He will do the same for you.	Izagukorera gutyo nawe.

Worship Services (Kujya gusenga)

What time is the worship?	Gusenga bitangira ryari?
When is the Bible study?	Kwiga Bibliya bitangira saa ngahe?
When is the prayer meeting?	Muterana gusenga saa ngahe?
	Amasengesho ni saa ngahe?
Do you meet at the building or t home?	Muteranira mu rusengero cyangwa i muhira?
Let us pray.	Dusenge.
	Reka dusenge.
Let us sing.	Turirimbe.
	Reka turirimbe.
We will take the communion.	Turasangira ifunguro ryera.
We will take the offering.	Tugiye gutura.
This is the time for testimony.	Uyu ni umwanya w'ubuhamya.
Do you need prayers?	Mufite ibintu byo gusengerwa?
I need prayers for ...	Nkeneye amsengesho yerekeye ...
sickness	uburwayi
forgiveness of sins	kubabarirwa ibyaha
wisdom	kugira ubwenge bushishoza
peace	amahoro
joy	umunezero
to get a job	kubona akazi
do well in school	gukora neza mu ishuli
my marriage	ubukwe bwanjye
Let's stand.	Reka, duhagarare.
	Duhaguruke.
May God bless you.	Imana ibahe umugisha.
You may be seated.	Mushobora kwicara.
We will now close in prayer.	Tugiye gusozesha isengesho.
May I sit here?	Ni byiza kwicara hano?
Let's begin.	Reka dutangire.

Simple Commands

Stand up.	Haguruka
Sit down.	Icara
Come here.	Ngwino hano.
Go there.	Genda.
	Jya hariya.
Let me see.	Reka ndebe.
Bring it to me.	...nzanira.
Go home.	Jya mu rugo. / Taha.
	Jya i muhira.
Come with me.	Ngwino tujyane.
Talk to me.	Mbwira.
Listen to me.	Nyumva.
	Ntega amatwi.
Speak slowly.	Vuga buhoro buhoro.
Slow down.	Itonde.
Stop here.	Hagarara hano.
Stop doing that.	Reka gukora ibyo.
	Reka gukora utyo.
Go away.	Genda.
	Ngaho genda.
	Va hano. (negative) (flee)
Let's go.	Reka tugende.
Leave.	Genda.
Be patient.	Ihangane.
Calm down.	Tuza. / Gira ituze.
Be quiet.	Itonde./ Tuza.
Wait for me.	Ndinda.
Call for help.	Hamagara uwo kugufasha.
Help me.	Mfasha.
Is there anyone who can help?	Ni hagire umfasha?
Call the police.	Hamagara abapolisi.
Go get someone to help.	Genda, ushake umuntu wo kudufasha.
No, absolutely not.	Ashwi! Nta na gato!
Open the door.	Kingura urugi.

	Fungura urugi.
Close the door.	Kinga urugi.
	Funga urugi.
window	idirishya
Come and eat.	Ngwino, ufungure.
Come and drink something.	Ngwino ufate icyo kunywa.
Isn't there food for me?	Ibyo si ibiryo byanjye?
Give me something to eat.	Mpa icyo kurya.
Give me something to drink.	Mpa icyo kunywa.
Stop. That's enough.	Rekera aho. Birahagije.
Go left.	Jya i bumoso.
Go right.	Jya i buryo.
Turn around.	Zenguruka.
Go back.	Subira inyuma.
Go further.	Komeza imbere.
Go straight ahead.	Komeza ugana imbere.
Stop.	Hagarara.
Come back.	Garuka.
Do it now.	Bikore ubungubu.
	Bikore nonaha.
Come tomorrow.	Uzaze ejo.
I need it today.	Nkeneye ... uyu munsi.
Don't do that again.	Ntiwongere.
	Ntusubire gukora ibyo.
That is not good.	Ibyo sibyiza.
Show respect.	Jya wubaha abantu.
Show me what you have.	Nyereka icyo ufite.
Tell me where you got that.	Mbwira aho wabonye ibyo.
	Mbwira aho wabibonye.
Give it to me.	...mpe
Take it away.	...vaneho
Put it down.	...shyire hasi.
Lift it up.	...terure
	...zamure
Pull it to you.	...korere
	...kururireho
Push it away.	...sunike.
Run.	Iruka.
Get down!	Ca bugufi.
Silence!	Ceceka.
Go!	Genda!

Language Learning (Kwiga indimi)

I want to learn Kinyarwanda.	Ndashaka kwiga ikinyarwanda.
Can you help me learn Kinyarwanda?	Wamfasha kwiga ikinyarwanda?
Do you know someone who can teach Kinyarwanda?	Wamenya umuntu wamfasha kwiga ikinyarwanda?
What do you call this in Kinyarwanda?	Bino byitwa ngo iki mu kinyarwanda?
How do you say ... in Kinyarwanda?	Bavuga ... mu kinyarwanda bate?
Can you write it down for me?	Wabinyandikira?
What does ... mean in English?	Bisobanurwa ngo iki mu cyongereza?
How do you say that in English?	Wabivuga ute mu cyongereza?
Can you translate this into English?	Wasobanura ibyo mu cyongereza?
Can you translate this into Kinyar-wanda?	Wasobanura ibyo mu kinyarwanda?
Can you help me read this?	Wamfasha gusoma ibi?
Am I saying the words clearly?	Ndi kuvuga amagambo neza?
Do you understand what I'm saying?	Urasobanukirwa n'ibyo mvuga?
When talking can you speak slowly?	Wavuga buhoro buhoro.
I don't understand what you are saying.	Sinumva ibyo uri buvuga.
Can you repeat it?	Wabisubiramo?
Repeat it slowly please.	Subiramo witonze nyabuneka.

Classification of words	ibyiciro by' amagambo
possessive	nyabyo/ nyirabyo
noun	izina
pronoun	insimburazina
verb	inshinga
adjective	intera / indangazina
adverb	umugereka
singular	ubuke
plural	ubwinshi
past	impitagihe
present	indagihe
future	inzagihe
phrase	interuro
question	ikibazo
command	itegeko
statement	icyemezo

Pronouns (insimbunzina)

singular (ubuke)

me	jye / jyewe
you	wowe
he	we
she	we

plural (ubwinshi)

we	twe / twebwe
you all	mwe / mwebwe
they	bo

Subjects (ruhamwa)

I + verb root	nda... / ndi ...
you	u...
he/she/it	a...
we	tu... / du...
you all	mu...
they	ba

Examples

I go.	Ndagenda.
You go.	Uragenda.
He goes.	Aragenda.
We go.	Turagenda.
You all go.	Muragenda.
They go.	Baragenda.

Verbs (Inshinga)

present is usually indicated by an ...ra...
future is usually indicated by a ...za...
past is usually indicated by an ending of ..ye,..se,..ze, ..tse.

to cultivate guhinda

present	future	past
ndahinga	nzahinga	nahinze
urahinga	uzahinga	wahinze
arahinga	azahinga	yahinze
turahinga	tuzahinga	twahinze
murahinga	muzahinga	mwahinze
barahinga	bazahinga	bahinze

Some useful verbs:

to ask for something lost	kurangisha
to ask the way	kuyoboza
to bathe	kwiyuhagira
to be happy	kwishima
to be lost	kuzimira
to beat	gukubita
to believe	kwizera
to build	kubaka
to buy	kugura
to calm	guhoza
to clean	gusukura
to climb down	kururuka
to climb up	kurira
to come	kuza
to cook	guteka
to count	kubara
to cultivate	guhinga
to dig	gucukura
to dislike	kwanga
to dislike completely	kuzinukwa
to do something together	gufatanya
to drink	kunywa
to eat	kurya
to encourage	kwihanganisha
to feel cold	gukonja
to feel hot	gushyuha
to feel warm	gususuruka
to flee	guhunga
to forgive	kubabarira
to go (place specified)	kujya
to go	kugenda
to harvest	gusarura
to hate	kwanga
to hate each other	kwangana
to have	kugira (...fite)
to heal	gukiza
to help	gufasha
to kill	kwica
to know	kumenya
to lay down	kuryama
to leave	gusiga
to lie	kubeshya
to look	kureba
to look for	gushaka / gushakisha
to loose	gutakaza
to lose the way	kuyoba
to love	gukunda
to love each other	gukundana
to miss	kubura
to pick up	gusoroma
to play	gukina
to pray / worship	gusenga
to press	gukanda
to read	gusoma
to repay	kwishyura

to run	kwiruka
to search	gushakashaka
to see	kubona
to seek healing	kwivuza
to sell	kugurisha
to show	kugaragaza / kwerekana
to sin	gucumura
to sleep	gusinzira
to speak	kuvuga
to stay	gusigara
to steal	kwiba
to stop	kureka
to think	gutekereza
to wake up	gukanguka
to walk	gutembera / kugendagenda
to wash	koza
to work	gukora
to write	kwandika