

A DICTIONARY OF ECHIE, AN IGBOID LANGUAGE OF SOUTHERN NIGERIA

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1. Introduction

The present document is a composite put together from various unpublished or locally published source on the Echie language, an Igboid language spoken in Southern Nigeria. The 250,000 Echie people of occupy the Etche Local Government Area, to the North-East of the Rivers State of Nigeria. The language is a member of the Lower Niger Group. The only modern description of the language is Ndimele (2003) upon which the presentation of the sound-system below is based.

2. Phonology and orthography

2.1 Vowels

Echie has eight phonemic vowels (Table 1);

Table 1. Echie vowels

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i		u
	ɪ		ʊ
Close-Mid	e		o
Open-mid			ɔ
Open		a	

Echie vowels typically form harmony sets and can be arranged as follows using the Nigerian orthographic convention of subdots;

+ATR	-ATR
u	ɹ
i	ɿ
o	ɔ̣
e	
	a

2.2 Consonants

Echie, like many Igbo lects in this area, has a rich inventory of consonants, with palatal, labial, nasal and aspirated prosodies. There is no ideal way to set these out in a single table, but Table 2 shows the consonants;

Table 2. Echie consonant inventory

	Bilabial		Alveolar		Alveopalatal		Palatal	Velar	Labial-velar	Glottal
Plosive	p	b	t	d				k	g	
Aspirated plosive	p ^h	b ^h	t ^h	d ^h				k ^h	g ^h	
Aspirated labial plosive								k ^{wh}	g ^{wh}	
Implosive	ɸ	ɓ	(ɸ)						(kɸ)	
Fricative	f	(v)	s	z	(ʃ)	(ʒ)		ɣ		h
Labialised fricatives										h ^w
Affricates							tʃ	dʒ		
Aspirated affricates							tʃ ^h	dʒ ^h		
Nasals		m		n			ɲ	ŋ		h ⁿ
Labialised nasals								ŋ ^w		h ^{nw}
Laterals			l	r						
Labialised trill				r ⁿ						
Approximant							y		w	

The table uses superscript ‘n’ to represent postnasalisation. {ʃ} and {ʒ} are allophones of /s/ and /z/ before front vowels.

2.3 Tone

Echie has a typical Igboide tone-system with two level tones, and downstep as well as falling and rising glides. The basic conventions are as follows;

High	Unmarked
Low	˘
Downstep	ˉ
Rising	ˆ
Falling	ˆ

2.4 Echie orthography

Echie orthographic conventions correspond to the IPA symbols used in the phonology as follows;

c	tʃ
j	dʒ
ng	ŋ
ny	ɲ
sh	ʃ
zh	ʒ

However, phonetic /ʃ/ and /ʒ/ are treated as allophones of /s/ and /z/ but written ‘sh’ and ‘zh’ in the orthography.

tʃ is written ‘ch’ in deference to English orthography.

Post-consonantal nasalisation is represented as Cn. Thus;

h ⁿ	hn
h ^{nw}	hnw
r ⁿ	rn

Aspiration is represented as Ch. Thus;

p^h b^h ph bh
 t^h d^h th dh
 k^h g^h kh gh
 tʃ^h dʒ^h chh jh

and similarly.

/β/ and /kβ/ are in complementary distribution in different lects and are represented orthographically as ‘kp’. /f/ and /t/ are in allophonic distribution in one Echie lect only and are thus not represented in the writing system.

Table 3 shows the Echie alphabet used in this dictionary and is recommended in the existing literacy materials;

Table 3. The Echie alphabet

Letter	Echie	English
a	aka	hand
b	ibà	to dig
bh	ibhà	to grapple with
ch	ichà	to slice
chh	ichhà	to dodge
d	idē	to write
dh	idhē	to rumble
e	eke	python
f	efè	tapping knife
g	igā	to go, court
gb	igbā	to sew, fence, shoot, burst
gh	ighā	to become disorganised, lie
ghh	ighhā	to put in strings, mature, wean
gn	ignā	to singe off fur
gw	igwà	to lure
gwh	igwhà	to tie wrapper
h	ihà	to let go, shell
hn	ihnà	to arrange
i	ishī	to cook
ì	ishì	to gossip, say
j	ijī	to use
jh	ijhī	common fly
k	ikē	to trim wood
kh	ikhē	to tie
kp	ikpē	to ask for love, say, judge
kw	ikwē	to assent
kwh	ikwhē	to lose pregnancy, weave
l	ilē	to look, inspect
m	imē	to do, quarrel
n	inè	to warp, twist
nw	inwè	to barter, disentangle
ny	inyè	to try to remember
o	òrò	search for affection
ọ	ọrọ	sacred chalk
p	ipì	to blind
ph	iphì	to sharpen
r	irē	to sell, decay
rn	irnē	to burn

Table 3. The Echie alphabet

Letter	Echie	English
s	ishè	to whine, whimper
sh	ishè	to pull, draw (image)
t	ità	to bite
th	ìthà	to gauge
u	ùsu	disaster
u	ùsù	stammer
v	ùvòṁ	lost chance in a game
w	iwē	to poke
whn	iwhnē	to peel
y	iyē	to peel
z	izhē	to show briefly
zh	izhiē	to raise a prolonged din

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Echie-English Dictionary

Echie	PoS	English
àbà	n.	pivot and heave wrestling style
abà/udubara	n.	season of boom, surplus yield
Àbàchì	p.n.	The mighty one whose celestial robe sweeps the earth (in Òphirò)
àbàdà	n.	kidney-shaped seeds strung for igbiri masquerade jingles
àbakā/irò	n.	branch
abàkàlà	n.	fat
àbàlì	n.	night
àbàlì/njìrìchì	n.	shrub sp., the juice of which gives beautiful weal patterns
abarasha	n.	joke, fun, joviality, humour
abasha/àbòsha	n.	top minnow
àbàshìkolorì/idhìdhè	n.	earthworm
abhelū	n.	panther
abhìà/àdùdùkala/mbelē	n.	sizeable breed
abhụ	n.	pus
abhụ nthì	n.	inflammation of the ear producing pus
àbhubhà	n.	feather
àbhùbhù	n.	chaff
abhù	n.	song, dance
abhù	n.	tree with small leaves
abhùbhara	n.	peeling
abhùbhùrụanyà	n.	eyebrow
àbì	n.	money
àbì ojī	n.	manila
àbì òchhaa	n.	cowry
abọ	n.	rectangular basket
abọ nwìnìnì	n.	comic monologue
àbòrò	n.	inflammation of the vaginal region
abòshì	n.	shrub useful as pole, fender or spike
àcha	n.	clone
Àchà	n.	wicket whisk
àchà	n.	palm fruit of multiple apexes
àcha/àchalà/arìlò	n.	stunted breed
àchaàlà	n.	residue
àchakìkpò/ifirìfè/iwhìrìwhè	n.	small tapering bony fish
achalụ	n.	small coral bead
Àchàrà	n.	grass
achhụmachhụ	n.	action in spite of oneself
àchìchì	n.	type of bitter spice
nnùnnù/àsàrà/nshìrimà		
achìta òtì	n.	cheek
adà	n.	beetle
Àdha	p.n.	first daughter
adhàrà/adhìdhà/aghà	n.	side, coast, bank, edge
adhù	n.	climber with heart-shaped foliage and edible aerial bulb
àdida rì	n.	leftover meal
àdìma/ngelenge	n.	xylophone
àdùm hne	n.	problem, source of worry
àdùdù	n.	incitement
afa	n.	divination
afìrì oghò	n.	cotton wool

Echie	PoS	English
afọ	n.	belly, intestine
afọ imē	n.	pregnancy
afọ mgbahì/afọ mmahì/afọ ọtìtá	n.	costiveness, constipation
afọ òkhùkhò	n.	stomach upset
afọ	n.	year
afọ	n.	one of the four traditional weekdays
afọ gara aga	adv.	last year
àfufá	n.	garden egg, eggplant, aubergine
afùfù	n.	weal
àgàlà	n.	musical pipe
Àgàlàbà	n.	forked stick
àgàlàgàlanwū	n.	mosquito
agamaga	n.	wanderlust
agbà	n.	cornification
agbā	n.	paint, skin blemish, filarisis
àgbà	n.	tumour, abscess
àgbà naàm	n.	between and betwixt
agbajiri	n.	lotion potent in cut treatment
agbàkà	n.	advanced larval stage of the rhinoceros beetle
agbamagbà	n.	divination
Àgbàngo	n.	bench
agbara-ènwè	n.	olive colobus, <i>Colobus verus</i>
agbàrà	n.	juju, fetish, spirit, ghost, deity
agbàrà	n.	oath
àgbàyi/òkoro (ụkwū)	n.	footwear
Agbìdì	n.	coven (grove between Àkpọkhù and Ọdùfọ)
agbìdì/agbìrì	n.	ancient musical form in which tortoise shell was principal instrument
agbìrìgba	n.	shin
agbìshì	n.	small black ant, the bane of sleepers on uncemented floor
agbō	n.	vomit nausea
àgbòlì	n.	male impotence
agbùgba miǎrni	n.	(deep) soup plate
agbùgba ndọ/pokitì	n.	bucket
agbùgba nkwoṣha	n.	wash hand basin
aka/agbùgba abì ịse		
agbùgba ntigha ụthàrà	n.	(flat) fufu plate
agbù	n.	gum of the jaw
àgbùgbà	n.	plate, corrugated iron roofing sheet cf. gbamgbam
aghhà	n.	edge, side
àghhà	n.	infertility, lacking offspring, barrenness
àghhàdighhāra	n.	witch
aghhamebu	n.	eucalyptus
aghhū	n.	leopard, <i>Panthera pardus</i> . ‘tiger’ cf. also nwekpèkèlè
aghhū iyī	n.	crocodile spp. Nile crocodile, <i>Crocodylus niloticus</i> and slender-snouted crocodile, <i>Crocodylus cataphractus</i>
aghhū nkwo/ùghhà ñkwo	n.	kite [check transcription!]
aghhū	n.	hunger
Àghìrì	n.	costume, regalia
aghū	n.	monitor lizard, <i>Varanus sp.</i> , ‘iguana’
aghùrù/elekere mbà ọhā	n.	crow/forest dwellers' timepiece
Àgìdhà	n.	chair

Echie	PoS	English
àgìdha egū	n.	three-legged stool
àgìgà/̀ngùgù	n.	short spear for taking food out of the pot
agnā	n.	species of small rattan
agnàrnà	n.	bitter spice
agnàrna àwòm	n.	odonta
agō/agùgō	n.	denial
agù	n.	namesake, godson
agùbò	n.	shaving blade
àgùgò	n.	disputation, debate, argument
agwà	n.	climber from which syrup is extracted to cure stomach ache
àgwà ¹	n.	conduct, behaviour
àgwà ²	n.	beans
agwhā	n.	wooded water space where many fish live
àgwhà	n.	jaw, chin
Àgwhùmaghhù	p.n.	God of Possession and Divination
Àgwhùmagwhù Ogbuù	p.n.	Rain God (in Ụmōwo Ọ̀zùzù)
àgwhùrù	n.	species, tribe, lineage
agwọ	n.	snake
àhà/̀mpu	n.	guinea worm, any intra-muscular worm
àhà/̀mpu	n.	intramuscular worm
àhàbà/̀ichēku	n.	shrub with hard stem used to prop up rafters on which things are stored
àhìgbù	n.	hard shrub good as chewing stick
ahìhja	n.	weeds
àhù	excl.	opening call from a narrator
ahìrì ogbùdù/ogbùdù	n.	(raised) platform
ahìrì	n.	line, queue, row
ahìrì ọbhā	n.	barn row
ahnà	n.	name
ahnù	n.	fart, remark
ahnùma chì	n.	mole, variation in skin pigmentation
ahù	n.	fit, tetanus
àhù	n.	body
àhù ekere	n.	groundnut
àhù ikhē	n.	health
àhù ọkhù	n.	fever
àhù ọkhù òrnù	n.	common cold
ahù ọkhù òshè	n.	high fever leading to convulsion and/or delirium
ahù ọkhù ukwuu	n.	feverish condition associated with infantile convulsion
àhù ọkhù	n.	fever
àhù mbēle	n.	watermelon
àjà	n.	sacrifice
ajha iyī	n.	quick sand, beach sand
ajha mīrni	n.	subsoil
ajha nchhāra	n.	fired red earth, terra-cotta
ajha ọchhaa	n.	red earth, subsoil
ajhā/ ajha ìghara	n.	sand
ajhì	n.	hair of the body, fur
ajhì ahù	n.	body hair
ajhì amù	n.	pubic hair
ajhì amù	n.	pubic hair
ajhì m̀kpabhù	n.	armpit hair
ajhì ọ(w)hnù	n.	female pubic hair

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àjhìjhirì ishì	n.	hair on the head
àjiàjja/ ihìègwè	n.	lack of artistry or craftsmanship
Àjòkhù Jì	n.	yam God
ajòṣò òyi òkpù	n.	severe tumour of the hip region
àjù	n.	antidote
ajù àlà	n.	puff adder, <i>Bitis arietans</i>
ajùjù	n.	question
àjù	n.	first fruit harvest
aka	n.	hand
àkà	n.	green snake, <i>Dendroaspis jamesoni</i>
àkà	n.	larva of the black ant
aka ọmū/akpùkọrọ ọmū	n.	daughter stone
aka ọrnū	n.	skill, craftsmanship, profession
akanème	n.	local gin
àkàwàrà	n.	raphia cloth
akha/ùkha	n.	length see also ogologo
akhìrìlù/akhìrìlùlù	n.	bitter nut
akhù	n.	species, cornification, kernel
akhù	n.	stalk, handful of vegetable, leaf
akhù	n.	foliage
àkhù ¹	n.	wealth
àkhù ²	n.	domestic animal
àkhù ³	n.	flying ant
akhù gbèkèè	n.	coconut (i.e. European bitter cola)
àkhù huū	n.	edible winged ant
akhù igwè	n.	hailstorm
akhù ọzà	n.	rust
akhù/ùdì/ùkpa	n.	type, brand, species
akhurù ilù	n.	bitter cola (<i>Garcina kola</i>)
àkhurū	n.	pancreas, kidney
àkìdì	n.	sword bean
àkìkà	n.	white ant, termite
àkìkarā	n.	climber like yam tendril but with sharper spikes
àkìrì	n.	frog
àkọ	n.	craftiness
àkọ nā uchè	n.	wisdom
àkọrọ	n.	tiny yellow climber of tiny bluish foliage
àkọ	n.	scabies
àkọli/ọsūenyì	n.	hunchback
akọm	n.	malaria
akpà	n.	clasper, clamper
akpā	n.	soldier ant, safari ant
àkpà	n.	bag, sack
akpa àfọ (ukwuu)	n.	large intestine, stomach
akpa àkpùrù	n.	sack, bag from coarse material
akpa amù	n.	scrotum
akpa mamirni	n.	bladder
akpa nlu	n.	bile sack
akpa nwa	n.	uterus, womb
akpa shì	n.	pejorative term for stomach
àkpara	n.	rod, pole, antenna, walking stick
àkpara òcheē mirni	n.	umbrella rod, type of cassava
àkpàràkpà	n.	embroidery

Echie	PoS	English
àkpàràkpara	n.	farmer's rod
akpàtà	n.	measles
akpì	n.	caudal depression
akpì	n.	scorpion, ? tick
akpì	n.	whitish specks affecting yam tubers
àkpìrì	n.	thrift
àkpìrì	n.	sandfly
àkpìrì	n.	larynx, gullet, throat
àkpìrì	n.	gluttony
akpìrì ònnàm	n.	bedbug
Àkpòhĩa	n.	Èkpeye
àkpò	n.	alchemy, strong medicine, charm
àkpòrì	n.	convalescence effect
akpùkpò	n.	hide, leather, skin
akpū obì	n.	chest
akpū ùkwù	n.	ankle
akpù/akpùrùkpù	n.	benign swelling
akpùka	n.	stunted fowl ugly for poor feather arrangement
àkpùrù	n.	benign enlargement of the clitoris
àkpùtù	n.	deafness
àkù	n.	spike, arrow
akùbò	n.	Egyptian mongoose, <i>Herpestes ichneumon</i> and Two-spotted palm civet, <i>Nandina binotata</i>
akùkò	n.	narrative, tale, story
akùṁ òrnù	n.	yellow fever
akùbò	n.	pangolin cf. akwirikwa
akùṁ	n.	malaria
akwà	n.	coarse cloth
akwā mirni	n.	towel
akwha	n.	lamentation, cry
àkwha	n.	egg
àkwha amù/mkpuaru amù	n.	testis
àkwha mkpìrì	n.	advanced larval stage of the raphia palm beetle
akwhakwha	n.	tree with soft timber
àkwharà	n.	twine, artery, vein
àkwhùkwhù	n.	termite cf. àkìkà
àkwhùkwhà	n.	curse
akwhùkwhà/akwhàm àkwhà	n.	urge to act in spite of self
akwhùkwhù	n.	second yield tuber
akwhùrù/ùkwhùrù	n.	trail
akwirikwa	n.	pangolin cf. akùbò
àkwù	n.	nest
akwùkwò/akhù	n.	leaf, letter, book
akwùkwò irnī	n.	pumpkin
àkwùkwù	n.	epilepsy
àlà	n.	earth, home, ground, soil, land
Àlà	p.n.	Earth Goddess
àlà ezè	n.	paradise
àlà ipà	n.	submarine terrain, clay soil
àlà iwùrù ajhā	n.	alluvial soil
àlà ùlò	n.	floor
àlàlandhù nk;airi/araandè	n.	lime
nkìrì		

Echie	PoS	English
àlàlàndhù/araàndè	n.	orange
àlibashà	n.	onion < Hausa cf. ayō
àlibò	n.	tortoise
alìkìrijā	n.	predecessor of jazz music
àlilà/àlilà esù	n.	small brown millipede
àlìlò/àlulò/lòrì lòrì	n.	soft, fluffy
alìlì	n.	wrinkles
alò	n.	afterbirth, umbilical cord
alùlò ùwà	n.	predestination
àlùm dì nà nwanyī		
ama	n.	settlement, hamlet, thuftless lawn
Àmadiòhnà	p.n.	the Mighty One whose celestial robe sweeps the Earth as Major Oracle of the Region at Ọ̀zùzù
àmadiḡòlò	n.	monitor lizard
àmàm ihne	n.	knowledge
àmàma	n.	footprint
àmàmà	n.	paddle
àmàrnà	n.	indulgence
amì	n.	lobe
àmìniḡòṅḡ	n.	skink
amù	n.	testicles, penis
amùbèe nwā	n.	last child
amùma	n.	prophecy
àmùma	n.	dirt, filth
amùmà	n.	plot, stratagem, intrigue
àmùmà	n.	lightning
amùsù	n.	witchcraft
anù ọ̀hīa	n.	wild animal
anù(kpọ) àhù	n.	skin
anù ¹	n.	meat, animal
anù ²	n.	weight
ànù̀ngidhēre	n.	cobweb, spider
anùnù àhù	n.	flesh
ànù̀nù	n.	archaism for bird
ànù̀nù ebēe ebe	n.	unapproachable spirit tree of dangerous sap
anwùrnù	n.	tobacco
anya	n.	eye, hole
anya ajù	n.	vertigo, dizziness
ànya àsù	n.	night, evening
anya mirni akwhā	n.	tears
anya mirni asù/mirni asù/asù	n.	saliva, spittle
anya ọ̀khù/anyakala ọ̀khù	n.	fireplace
anya ụ̀shà/ụ̀thāra anyà	n.	yellowish paste that collects around the eyelashes
anyanwū	n.	sun
ànyim	n.	tortoise cf. ̀nnabì
ànno, 'nnọ	num.	four
àpàrì	n.	climber, cord from climber
àphija	n.	long tapering unbarbed fishing basket
àphìphìā	n.	pelican, hornbill?
apitì, apitìrì	n.	slime, mud
ara m̄be	n.p.	craziness
àràràà	n.	flower

Echie	PoS	English
arị àgbà nam	n.	medium-size fishing hook (size 12-18)
arị agwhā	n.	fishing in wooded water
arị ofufe	n.	angling
arị sàlàrị	n.	multiple hook fishing gear
àrikpà	n.	worm
àrịra	n.	edge, brim chapped skin
àrịra mīrni	n.	coast
àrịra/àrịra ntị/ntị ārịra	n.	small mud dwelling cat fish with two lateral spikes
Arīshoqhhaa	n.	Adjuvant
arị	n.	hook, fishing tackle
arị	n.	guinea worm
Arīshī ~ Arūshī	n.	God, guiding spirit
arna	n.	breast, udder
àrnà	n.	crest, comb
Àrnumarnù	p.n.	Goddess of possession as part of the Ọlamirnochhè Pantheon (in Ụmoyo)
Arūshī	p.n.	deity
asāà	num.	seventh
àsaà, 'saà	num.	seven
àsatō, 'satō	num.	eight
ashà	n.	weaver bird
àshī	n.	iron filing
àshī hne/àshī olù	n.	necklace
àshī nkūlò	n.	vocal cords
àshī/àshī nkūlò	n.	gills
asụ/anyụ mirni asụ/mirni asụ	n.	saliva, spittle
àtàalà/tàatà	n.	baby
àtàatā ishi ugbò/àtàatā ìngbè	n.	perpetual baby, childish person
èwheè		
àtàngalà	n.	mobile rafter for sleeping or husking palmfruits
àthànị	n.	bushbaby, galago. Allen's galago, <i>Galago alleni</i> and dwarf galago, <i>Galagoides demidovii</i>
athụ	n.	buffalo
athurū	n.	sheep
athù/athùthù/ishishi òngèlèngè	n.	clitoris
àthùmà/athuma ntị/ntị	n.	large brown catfish with two lateral spikes
athuma		
àtọ, 'tọ	num.	three
atụ	n.	chewing stick
atụ/atụ mīrni	n.	eel
atù	n.	measure
àtùkpokposhī	n.	woodpecker
awa/ibe	n.	piece, slice
àwhnù ọnū	n.	beard
awhnūshī	n.	tree with offensive odour
awhnụwhnụ	n.	suffering
awirikọtọ	n.	pernicious centipede
awọ	n.	grey hair
awọ	n.	toad
àwọm	n.	abandoned farmstead
àwọrọ	n.	body hair excluding hair of the head
àya/ya	pron.	he/she/it
àyaghịrị	n.	stunted ugly fowl

Echie	PoS	English
ayō	n.	onion < Port. cf. àlibashà
azhì	n.	youth
àzhì	n.	bad day (in business)
àzìzà/ànzìzà	n.	broom for in-door use
àzìzāra	n.	sweat
àzụ	n.	back of body
àzụ akà	n.	back of hand
azù	n.	fish

B.

baā/baānwa/baānwahñi/beè/b iyà beè/èbeà/èbeè/èbelā	dem.	this place
baragìdì	n.	robe, overall
be	loc.	place
be	int.	where?
be òle	int.	where?
beèm/hñim/ñkìthì	n.	silence, paying of deaf ear
bekē/èbeèkè	prep.	to or at the house of
bèkeè	n.	white man, European, foreigner
bembe arò	n.	club, boomerang
bharabhara/alafinji/lafinji	n.	large flat tapering fish
bìdhàà	n.	calm, lull, truce
bikhō		please
bòqshì/nkoṃ/nwankomṃ	n.	cat
bòrò bọrò	n.	oval

Ch.

chakìrìchā/shakìrìshā	n.	long pod with several blades used as delicacy for pepper soup
chekūchekū ụlò	n.	wall gecko
chị	n.	destiny
Chị	p.n.	Fate, Destiny
chìchọ chịchọ/nchịchọ	p.n.	talkativeness
Chinùkè	p.n.	Almighty God

D.

daā	sal.	title of respect for a woman
daàda	n.	granny
dhèndhèpja	n.	rashes
dhèndhèpja	n.	enteritis
di	n.	caretaker, lord, husband
di ntā	n.	hunter
di nwanētā	n.	kinsman who watches the conduct of a female relation
dị		indeed, really, what of
diàlà	n.	first settler
dibià	n.	traditional doctor, herbalist, diviner, healer, one knowledgeable in traditional practices

Echie	PoS	English
dìkìrìdìkìrì	id.	short and stout
dìkà	conj.	as, like
dìngbū	n.	family sacarium
dìmkpà	n.	great achiever
dọlì dọlì/ndọlì	n.	struggle
dọlì/òrì	n.	embrocation
dùbèdùbè	id.	fat and clumsy
dùbèm̀ dùbèm̀/ndubē	n.	listlessness, dullness
dum̀	quant	all
durù	n.	griot, wazir, counsellor
E.		
ebè	n.	double-headed rattle used as accompaniment to divination chant
ebē	n.	yam beetle
èbè	n.	tree cut to half the size
èbè ngwhōro	n.	central roofing beam
ebe nkwū nà èbe ngwò	n.	fern
Èbèdè/Ebede Nwọkù	p.n.	Fadama (in Ụmāthuru)
èbeka	n.	bee
èbèlè	n.	gourd, calabash
ebele awhūsha	n.	pumpkin
èbèndù	n.	stout corm weed
èberè	n.	mercy
èbherè/orū/inwèrnè	n.	magnanimity, philanthropy
èbhòm̀	n.	catamaran
ebì	n.	brush-tailed porcupine, <i>Atherurus africanus</i>
ebī-oru	n.	crested porcupine, <i>Hystrix cristata</i>
ebì/ebī akà/edu/edu ùmà	n.	mace of the perceptive
èbie	n.	female cricket
ebiri	n.	time, period, age, size, grade, class
èbùbè	n.	charisma
ebube aghhū	n.	evergreen shrub of striped laminate foliage mashed for the treatment of infantile convulsion
èbùlù	n.	ram
èchìchè	n.	thought
èchīle	adv.	tomorrow
echo	n.	bellows
echū mirni	n.	black cobra, <i>Naja melanoleuca</i>
edè	n.	cocoyam
edē àlà	n.	yellowish bulb crushed to make cosmetics
edē mbhòni/edē ukwuu	n.	cocoyam corm
edè/nwàngo	n.	cocoyam
èdèedè	n.	milky substance thrown up by babies
èdègèlè	n.	jingle
edegele òkòkò	n.	yellowish small spherical fruit roasted for its juice that is effective against itches and blisters
edi	n.	leopard, <i>Panthera pardus</i> . cf. nwekpèkèlè
ediàbàlì	n.	civet cat, <i>Viverra civetta</i>
edu/edu ùmà/ebì/ebī akà/ìtù	n.	faculty of locating the occult

Echie	PoS	English
àkà		
eduhie	n.	Sclater's guenon, <i>Cercopithecus sclateri</i>
efè	n.	tapping knife
èferē	n.	light
èfèrè/gnàrì gnàrnì	n.	flirtation
egbe	n.	hawk
egbe ñkwọ	n.	hawk
egbedegbe ihñì	n.	forehead
egbè	n.	gun
egbē el'igwē	n.	thunder
ègbèrimūthàrà egbel;egbe tọọ	n.	swallow
ọghhù		
Egbūlem	p.n.	Fadama (in Ègwii)
ègè	n.	deuced
ègèlègele	n.	sacred name for dog
ègèlègele	n.	praying mantis
eghhanya/eghhanya	n.	tiny tapering roundish surface fish with eyes on the head
eghhè	n.	grating flexible shrub with broad foliage
eghhèrè	n.	crack, mark
eghhèrè	n.	crack, mark, graduation
eghho àkhù	n.	brideprice
eghu	n.	goat
eghu àlà	n.	nanny goat
ègu	n.	caterpillar
egwu	n.	festival
egwùrùgwù	n.	rainbow
èhnèrne	n.	high sea
ehni	n.	cow
èhni enam	n.	afternoon
èhniè	n.	pool, puddle, flood, pond, lake
èjhe èhu	n.p.	So soon! Secret name for the pelican
èjìjì/èjù/èjùjù	n.	snail
èjima	n.	twins
eke	n.	python, <i>Python sebae</i>
eke ñkètè	n.	small non-poisonous water snake
eke nwaìkputù	n.	royal python, <i>Python regius</i> . also salò
èkèle	n.	greeting
èkètè	n.	short basket
èkhe	n.	traditional sabbath
ekhò	n.	bellows
ekho igwè/ekwhu igwè	n.	tripod stand
ekhò/ebelebe	n.	great fun
èkpèchì	n.	itch
ekpèrè, ekpètè	n.	membrane drum
èkpete	n.	open ground, fallow, plain
èkpete àlà	n.	ground
èkpete alā ụlọ	n.	floor
èkpete ekwhū	n.	fireplace, hearth
ekpete ezhī	n.	surrounding of a building
èkpete ọgbà	n.	central grounds of a compound
èkpete ụzọ	n.	lane
ekpiri	n.	climber with brownish red rood for flavouring pepper soup

Echie	PoS	English
èkpò	n.	tilapia
eku	n.	ladle
ekwè	n.	stool
èkwèke mīrni	n.	torrent
ekweñsụ	n.	devil
ekwhu	n.	cooking lot
ekwhu	n.	termite stool
ekwhu igwè/ekho igwè	n.	tripod stand
ekwhu ọkā	n.	termite pillar (used to support pot)
èkwhurù	n.	apple stork [?]
ekwùkwù	n.	excitement
èkwurèkwu	n.	talkativeness
ele	n.	bushbuck, <i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
ele mīrni	n.	sitatunga, <i>Tragelaphus spekei sclater</i>
elekere	n.	timepiece
elili	n.	melon
èlò	n.	venom, chemical
elū	n.	top, up, exterior
elu igwè	n.	heaven, sky
emerneme	n.	play, drama, entertainment
emerneme m̀kpàjàrà	n.	dress rehearsal
ènwè	n.	general for monkey spp. and white-nosed guenon, <i>Cercopithecus nictitans</i>
ènwè nchanaokpo	n.	Mona monkey, <i>Cercopithecus mona</i>
ènwè-nkpanala	n.	Tantalus monkey, <i>Cercopithecus tantalus</i>
enyī	n.	friend
enyi-(ohja)	n.	elephant
enyi mīrni	n.	manatee
epekele	n.	shard
erè	n.	thrift
erè	n.	prudence, thrift, financial management
eri	n.	dance music
èri	n.	thread
eri ijā/nwa emēne ọgò	n.	female puberty dance
eri ụbò	n.	thumb piano music
eriri afò	n.	intestine
eriri nwā	n.	umbilical cord
ernù	n.	spitting cobra, <i>Naja nigricollis</i> . also èrnùmeèrnù
ero	n.	glue, gum
ero	n.	mushroom
ero akhù ọchhaa	n.	yellowish mushroom of the deciduous forest
ero fo òto	n.	sparsely seeded or toothed
ero gbòghịrigbò/ero chàm	n.	darkish flat mushroom
chàm		
ero ijhī	n.	tiny mushroom of the farm during the rains
ero ñtukwhu/ero nwatākala m	n.	milk coloured mushroom of the forest
ero nkpū	n.	large milk coloured mushroom of damp decaying wood waste
ero nkwū	n.	small dead palm mushroom
ero ñtākweē eze/ero	n.	tough whitish dead wood mushroom
nwokpòrokò		
ero ọtùtù ọtùlè	n.	large carnation coloured mushroom of the forest
ero tìtì kpòrò	n.	flat smallish tough mushroom found on wood in freshly

Echie	PoS	English
		burnt farms
ero ụsụ	n.	ball of white matter which grows on decaying timber and is used in cookies and couscous
eruru	n.	brooding, meditation, contemplation
èrùrù	n.	electric fish
èshè	n.	cult drumming for the departed elder
èshè	n.	music for ancestral worship
èshì	n.	day, date
eshishi	n.	omen
eso	n.	sticky sap
esu	n.	millipede
esu gbakịrìgbā	n.	dancing millipede
esu m̀kpukwụ agnā	n.	giant millipede sighting of which is ominous
esu nwam̀kpi	n.	dwarf millipede
etēre/utēre/utūre	n.	mat, wattle from which rope or mat is made
etere gbèkèè	n.	well designed grass mat
etere ñkìrìnkì	n.	well designed wattle mat
etere ukpō	n.	screw pine mat
èfi	n.	fingerling
etuto	n.	boil, abscess
etuto àgbà nta	n.	visitation of boils
etuto arna esù	n.	painful tiny boil
etuto egbē arnù	n.	painful boil
ewī	n.	Gambian Giant-rat, <i>Cricetomys gambianus</i> . ‘rabbit’
ezē	n.	tooth
ezè	n.	deep place in a river
ezè	n.	king, chief, ruler
ezhì	n.	pig
ezhì ñgboim	n.	domestic pig
ezhī-ohja	n.	Red River hog, <i>Potamochoerus porcus</i>
ezhizhì	n.	root with greenish yellow interior crushed for cosmetics
èzùmèzù	n.	ingredients for a charm

F.

ferefere	id.	very light in weight
fihnam̀/finhjàm̀	excl.	May It Be So, Amen

G.

galagwūgwu	n.	whitlow
gbaàra/zọọ	excl.	sorry, it's a pity
gbamgbam	n.	plate, corrugated iron roofing sheet cf. àgbùgbà
gbara gbara	a.	slim, slender
gbèdhè gbèdhè ch̀/hiṛì hiṛì	n.	dusk
ch̀		
gbelehem	a.	insignificant, unimportant
gbòri	n.	fishing expedition lasting for more than a day
Gbùdugbù	p.n.	Generalismo (in Òdùfò)
gbugbugāla	n.	somersault
gbùrùgbùrù	id.	roundish

Echie	PoS	English
ghhùghhùrùm	a.	bulky
gi	pron.	you, your (singular)
gnaa/gnaanwa/ gnaanwahnì/gnìna/gnìna/naa/ naà/ naanwa/naanwahnì/naànwah nì		as, here
gnadhàgnadhà	id.	feverish and restless
gnàrnàgnàrnà	id.	tepid, lukewarm
gòrì gòrì	id.	gentle breeze
gwògòròm	n.	bridge

H.

hàà	excl.	response of audience to the narrator's animation call of àhì
hankàrì/kpòndà/òga	n.	game of beating the stampede by maidens
hne	n.	home, thing
hne	n.	thing, something
hne ahìā	n.	gift, rite of making the first present to a bride
hne kwèrè m dī	n.	rite of asking for the bride's hand (formally)
hne mkpàlùlọ èbèlè	n.	rite of first nuptial visit
hne njhàru àlà	n.	rite of bride's first night
hne shìì/hne ògbèdè	n.	small quantity
hne ukwuu	n.	large quantity
hnenīta	n.	the unknown, the forgotten
hneshìì	n.	smallness
hoho	n.	taste of poorly preserved victuals
hoò hoò	id.	barking of a dog
hùhùdā hùhùdā/hùrùhùdā hùrùhùdā	id.	cringing

I.

ì	pron.	you (singular)
ìba/ìpa	n.	parts
ibe	n.	piece, sheet
ibè	v.	end, cut off
ibē	v.	crow, cry, mourn
ibē	n.	mortgage, pawn, mortgaged labour
ibe akwùkwọ	n.	piece of paper
ibhē	v.	peel, slice
ibì	n.	hernia
ibi ukwu	n.	elephantiasis
ìbìdhà	n.	relentlessness
ìbidha mirni	n.	heavy downpour, rainstorm
ibīe	v.	slice, gnaw
ìbìnituto/ìbini	n.	snouted brown fish abundant in full water
ìbìribè	n.	flakes, sparks
ìbiribe ochu	n.	cascade of soot and sparks in bush burning
ìbiribe/ìpiribe	n.	bits
ìbishara ọkhū	n.	partly burnt firewood

Echie	PoS	English
ibu	n.	load
ibù	v.	grow fat, swell
ibū	v.	bear
ibùsù/̀̀nkwhere/̀̀kwā	n.	wooden dish
ìchakìricha nthì	n.	itch producing sore around the ear
iche	n.	parrot
ichè	v.	think
ichē	v.	wait for, preserve, dry
ichekiriche	n.	dark large offensive smelling ant
ichhī	v.	close
ìchhì	v.	moor, rub harshly, grate, abrade
ichì	n.	beast, fool
ìchòm/̀̀erùrù	n.	early larva stage of the raphia palm beetle
ichū	v.	fetch, elude, grow dull in colour
ichū egwhò/̀̀gbā ò̀̀tiko	v.	to play hide and seek
idē	v.	write, touch gently
idhè	v.	soften, stalk
idhē	v.	rumble, be outsized
idhidhè	n.	earthworm especially to be used as bait by a fisherman
idhò	v.	become clear
idhō	v.	pack, arrange
idi	v.	endure
idù	n.	slimy medium insulating the foetus, clone, freak
idū	v.	direct, push
ifè	v.	cross, surpass, chant
ifē	v.	lessen, fly
ifi	v.	release air, tell a lie
ifirifè/̀̀achakìkpō	n.	small flat fish tapering to the tail
ifō	v.	uproot
ifù	v.	get lost
ìgbà	v.	joint
ìgbàrà/̀̀gbà̀̀rì	n.	row, queue
ìgbè	v.	dusk, pilfer
ìgbē	v.	crawl
ìgbe	n.	box
ìgbe ozù	n.	coffin
ìgbō/̀̀mgbō	n.	door
ìgbōgo	n.	trough
ìgborògodo	n.	fresh water tree with prominent stilt roots
ìgbū	v.	catch, cut, kill, dub, flower, bail
ìgbū ò̀̀chà	v.	make a rough path in a bush
ìgbugbo	n.	giant metal gong
ìgè	v.	touch slightly
ìgē	v.	drip
ìghà	v.	relent, die
ìghè	v.	play pranks, retrieve
ìghē	v.	be done, fry
ìghhè	v.	listen, lacerate
ìghhō	v.	become darkened
ìghō	v.	open
ìghù	v.	bloat or blister from heat, deaden
ìghū	v.	boil
ìgiri	n.	crowd

Echie	PoS	English
igirigi	n.	dew
ignā	v.	expose to heat, singe
ignē	v.	sidetrack, walk over
ignō	v.	stiffen, warp
ignòrñignò	n.	raven
igòdò/ìkpòtò/ùkpòtò	n.	bed
igōlo	n.	meteor, mythical beast
igōlo/kpòtù ukē kpòtù ùkè	n.	shooting star
igu	n.	gun cap
igù	n.	frond
igugo	n.	pernicious anaemia
igwè	v.	march
igwē	v.	beat, pound, grind
igwhì	n.	snout
igwhò	v.	keep in check, pacify, dam
igwhù	v.	wrap
igwhùgwhù	n.	shady area
igwhùgwhù/ùgwhù	n.	prestige, honour, respect
igwù	v.	swim, brave, dupe
igwū	v.	dig, poke
ihē	v.	lift, heave, come off, deroof
ihē òghhà	v.	threaten with raised object
ihē/ihie	n.	confiscation
ihere	n.	flower
ihere òkhū	n.	glowing splinter
ihìè	n.	serious misdeed, sacrilege
ihìè/ìjò	v.	miss, misfire
ihìègwè/àjìàjja	n.	lack of artistry
ihnè	v.	steal away
ihni	v.	face, front
ihni	n.	generation, good luck, pleasing countenance, friends
ihni	n.	face, blessing, acquaintances, generation
ihnī	v.	plant, erect, wipe, elude
ihni akwùkwọ	n.	(book) page
ihni òkpu	n.	sacred grove
Ihni Óla Ubì	n.	Point beyond which no villager settles
ihniè	v.	dodge, stalk, be lousy
ihoyì	excl.	audience response to the battle call kiri
ihù	v.	plead, pay homage with
ihū	v.	bend, pour out of
ijè/ijē	v.	mimic, imitate
ijhāà/ijhà	v.	bad
ijhē	v.	go, court, bed
ijhī	n.	fly
ijhi anyu àkà	n.	blowfly
ijhi òlùlò	n.	green bottlefly
iji	v.	possess, hold, baby-sit, do (auxiliary)
ijū	v.	become plentiful, be satisfying
ikè	v.	will, create, fix date, lacerate, divide, share
ikē	v.	harvest selectively, watch, spy, lop off, make soup, glisten, spark
ikè mkpe	v.	make final wishes
ikè ùlì	v.	make a will

Echie	PoS	English
ikhē	v.	tie fence, make law
ikhere	n.	tsetse fly
ikho	n.	concubine
ikhò	v.	putrefy, pay last respect, quarrel
ikhō	v.	be in love, do up yam in a barn
ikhò hnè	v.	contribute to a burial fund
ikìrì	n.	potto, <i>Perodicticus potto</i> and angwantibo, <i>Arctocebus calabarensis</i>
ikò	n.	calabash cup
ikōro	n.	steel eel
ikòshì	n.	militarised guard, police
ikpè	v.	bark, dress down
ikpē	v.	pacify, arbitrate, seek the love of, disclose
ikpe	v.	judgement, settlement, reconciliation
ikpèrè	n.	knee
ikpù	v.	cap, cover, uncover
ikpù	n.	lower abdomen, store for offspring
ikpū	v.	enter or pass through a respectable place, shift band
ikù	v.	hire
ikù	v.	carry in the bosom
ikù	v.	radiate current
ikū	v.	ladle, wear
ikwè	v.	knock
ikwē	v.	assent, nod, rock the waist
ikwhè	v.	mock
ikwhè	v.	wander
ikwhè	n.	tobacco mortar, giant mortar for processing palm produce
ikwhē	v.	lose pregnancy, do up tendrils, weave
ikwhē mirni/uju àlà	n.	deepest part of a river
ikwhò	v.	take into account, scrub, snore
ikwhō	v.	fade, collapse, pack
ikwhù	v.	provide shelter, uncover
ikwhū	v.	catch up with, make porridge or poultice
ikwhū àgbà	v.	apply poultice to an ulcerous inflammation
ikwhū edè	v.p.	throw a feast of cocoyam porridge as is the annual custom of Àmadiḡhnā Ọ̀zùzù Priests
ikwù	v.	stalk
ikwū	v.	talk, discuss
ilē	v.	look, inspect
ìle	int.	how many?
ilì	v.	bury
ilī	v.	connect with lines, leave, abandon a cause
ilù	v.	submit to, throw
ilū	v.	buy wine
ìlulu	n.	proverb
imē	v.	do, quarrel
imi	v.	nose
imì	v.	draw liquid, dip, push in
imò	v.	give deep cut
inè	v.	warp
ìnìnè	n.	amaranth
inū	v.	push
inwè	v.	barter, buy fish, disentangle, slip off

Echie	PoS	English
inwē	v.	own, quarrel
inwō	v.	winnow
inwū	v.	give flame
inyè	v.	try to remember
inyē	v.	give
inyì	v.	befriend
inyì	n.	coal, charcoal
inyi	n.	rheumatism
inyī/inyū/inyì	v.	climb
inyò	v.	peep, hail
inyō	v.	cut open, hail
ipē	v.	crack off
ipì	v.	poke, fuck
ipīe	v.	search, escape
ipìo	n.	noisy bird with yellow long beak and blue plumage
ipò	v.	chop into
ipō	v.	step on slime
ipū	v.	develop leakage, sprout, cut (tooth)
ire	n.	tongue, foot of a mollusc
irè	v.	be in vogue, be vain, be effective, calculate
irē	v.	sell, decay
irēnyì	n.	flatfish with slender snout
irī	num.	tenth
irī	v.	eat
iri	num.	ten
iri nà àbùò	num.	twelve
iri nà ànnò	num.	fourteen
iri nà àtò	num.	thirteen
iri nà ìse	num.	fifteen
iri nā otù	num.	eleven
irnē	v.	burn, scald, be hot
irni	n.	food
irni òmà bhà	n.	feast to calm down mourning
irno	n.	hatred, enmity
irnō	v.	show aversion to
irnú	v.	belt, be encumbered with
irò	v.	draw, pull, lure
irò ọtha	n.	mock warfare staged to honour a departed elder
irò/ọrò	n.	white telluric matter as sacred cosmetics
irù	v.	soften, wade
irū	v.	reach, grow, yield, brood
isè	v.	whine, whimper
isē	num.	fifth
isē	v.	float, bail
ise, 'se	num.	five
ishè	v.	draw, ask for, loose stitches
ishi	n.	head
ishi	n.	oath
ishì	v.	smell, lose lustre
ishī	v.	come from, leak, cook, set (trap)
ishi kpurùkpudà	n.	stopper that rests on a trap catch
ishi kpùrùkpùda	v.	none caring after
ishi mpù	n.	faculty of perception

Echie	PoS	English
ishì òkùkù	n.	headache
ishìò	num.	sixth
ìshù, 'shù	num.	six
isò	v.	follow, trail, investigate
isò	v.	arrange in symmetry
isū	v.	hit, burst, be in confusion
itè	v.	crack, knock
itē	v.	dub, make soup
itè	n.	pot
ite mgbùrù	n.	plain clay pot for concoctions
ite mirni	n.	pitcher
ite òjà	n.	clay pot for cooking food
ithē	v.	dangle, wake
ithū	v.	pin on, hail, search for
itì	v.	crack, spank, catch the air in a membrane
itī	v.	hit, shout, catch the air in a membrane
iṭta miarni/òṭta mirni	n.	low water level period
itò	v.	praise
itō	v.	increase, grow, lengthen
itōlu	num.	ninth
itolū, 'tolū	num.	nine
ituto mirni/otuto mirni	n.	high water level period
iwè	v.	take, slough
iwè	v.	poke, vex
iwèrè/iwirìwè/uwèrè	v.	slough
iwhnē	v.	wander, search, peel
iwhnò	v.	brandish
iwhnō	v.	be expansive, admit light, brighten, clear
iwhnò	v.	light
iwhnuwhnōrno/òwhnuwhnōrn	n.	tiny fly with oily limbs that pester the farmer in the dry season
o		
iwirìwè/uwèrè	v.	slough
iwù	v.	be in vogue
iwū	v.	wound, build
iyè	v.	play pranks
iyē	v.	poke
iyì	v.	remove fur or feather
iyī	v.	resemble, lay egg
izè	v.	avoid, dodge, abstain from
izē	v.	show briefly
ize	n.	eyesore
izhē/izhīe	v.	rumble, quarrel, put down load
izhèlizhìè	v.	sneeze
izhì	v.	clear the nostrils, bark, message
izhī	v.	show, teach
izhìè	excl.	be careful! watch out! Heavens forbid!
izò	n.	rain
izù	v.	arrange in heaps, suffice, knock against
izù	n.	week
izū	v.	steal
izù	n.	sense of good judgement

Echie	PoS	English
I		
ìbà	v.	dig
ìbā	v.	grow or burn profusely
ìbā ma mịrni	v.	wet bed
ìbhà	v.	enter, join, grapple with
ìbhā	v.	bark (a tree or) in anger
ìbhā	v.	peel
ìbhìà	v.	stamp, press
ìbhù	v.	uproot, hatch
ìbhù	v.	scramble for, plunder
ìbhù ọnu	v.	lay curse on s.o.
ìbọ	num.	second
ìbọ	v.	open, break (day), cut up
ìbọ	v.	wax, come to light, exhume, weed
ìbù	v.	be excessive, be disgraced
ìbù	v.	be
ìchà	v.	slice, cut, sever, give verdict
ìchhà	v.	dodge
ìchhā	v.	emit heat, dazzle, wear the colour of, ripen
ìchhì	v.	be smear, rub off
ìchhù àjà	v.	sacrifice
ìchī	v.	govern, rule
ìchì	v.	laugh
ìchì ijhè	v.	guide pilgrims or tourists
ìchì ñgwhà	v.	engage in love play
ìchīkọta	v.	gather
ìchọ	v.	search for, provoke, find, want, need
ìchù	v.	hunt, sack, prevent
ìdā	v.	scald, withhold correction
ìdhà	v.	fall, win, understudy, sound
ìdhà	n.	nightmare
ìdhù	v.	advise, set against, mature
ìdhù	v.	sew, prick
ìdhùwa	v.	pierce
ìdì	v.	be
ìdì □ ndhù	v.	be alive
ìdọ	v.	draw, be dumped, provoke
ìdọpù	v.	tear off
ìdù	v.	set against
ìdù	v.	reach, poke, pluck with a pole, suffice, swear
ìdù agbàrà	v.	swear
ìfà	v.	unshelf
ìfā	v.	overstuff
ìfọ	v.	compress, squeeze, cut (the neck), wash
ìfọ	v.	pack, cram, remain
ìfọdhà	v.	take pot off fire
ìfù	v.	release air, tell a lie
ìfù	v.	swell (like an abscess) also ìzā
ìfù	v.	pain, be peppery
ìfù	v.	fold
ìgā	v.	go, woo, bed
ìgbā	v.	sew, shoot, burst, sprout, fence, raise, ride, run take legal

Echie	PoS	English
		action, be available for sale, sting, shine (moon)
igbā àja	v.	divine
igbā alùkwaam	v.	divorce
igbā anyà kpìm	v.	wink
igbā egwù	v.	play
igbā igbùdù	v.	to perform the rite of effigy procession at the burial of a lineage head
igbā ìgbè	v.	to perform the rite of erecting statues
igbā ñgwògòrò jì	v.	to take mock yam title for a departed lineage head
igbā ufufù	v.	foam
igbā ụka	v.	go sour
igbāghàrà	v.	forgive
igbākọ	v.	dry up
igbāra	v.	recover from
igbāshìà	v.	spread, relay (news)
igbāthì	v.	straighten s.t.
igbāzè	v.	melt
igbà	v.	join, be adjoining to, copulate, fruit
igbà	n.	virgin forest
igbàjì	v.	break (as stick)
igbàkùrù n'akpìrì	v.	get caught in the throat
igbàkwù	n.	boxing
igbàwà	v.	break (like biscuit)
igbọ	v.	soften, relent
igbọ	v.	howl, vomit, boil, bark
igbọ hnè	v.	vomit
igbọ n'ọkhù	v.	become boiled
igbọnyu ọkhù	v.	overflow (soup)
igbọye	v.	become well-cooked
igbù	v.	lose appeal, wait on
igbù	v.	lose skin or leaves slip off, disentangle
igbù anya mirni asù	v.	spit out
ighā	v.	become disorganised, lie
ighhà	v.	scratch
ighhā	v.	be weaned, be grown, be big
ighhù	v.	embrace, constrict
ighhū	v.	count, retail, read, recite, sing
ighhū abhù	v.	sing
ighhū aghhū	v.	become hungry
ighọ	v.	change, dissemble, trick, become
ighọ	v.	pluck, catch in the air
ighụ	v.	overcook (oil)
ighū	v.	extract, preen
ighū ọnu	v.	to interrogate, extract confession
ignà	v.	turn tepid, vain or commonplace, be excited
ignā	n.	flat oily delicious fish with scales which while swimming often assumes a curved posture
ignā	v.	simmer
ignù	v.	mock, rejoice, borrow
ignū	v.	drink, dupe
ignūgbu	v.	get drowned
igō	v.	deny
igōzhi	v.	bless

Echie	PoS	English
igù	v.	refuse, name
igù àhnà	v.	name
igū	v.	life out of liquid
igwà	v.	lure, coerce, drag
igwā	v.	mix, tell, avenge
igwhà	v.	tie (wrapper)
igwọ	v.	dredge
igwọ	v.	become refractory, cripple, concoct, heal, turn with ladle
igwū	v.	finish, exhaust
ihà	v.	shell, let go, set at large
ihà/àkpi	n.	tiny insects spread to humans by domestic animals especially birds
ihì	v.	wring, twist, dance
ihnà	v.	arrange, settle, equal
ihnā	v.	bestow, chop off, extract
ihni, ihnià	v.	restitute, atone
ihnja	n.	bark, skin
ihnù	v.	state (price), make distinguishing mark
ihnū	v.	roast
ihọ	v.	sample, select, reject
ihọ	n.	couscous
ihù	v.	shake, rattle, shock
ihū	v.	fell
ija	v.	open carelessly, become commonplace
ija	v.	praise
ijọ	v.	miss the mark, deny, refuse
ijọ	n.	odd
ijọ/ihìè	n.	error, mistake, wrong throw
ijù	v.	rub, whisk, masticate noisily
ijū	v.	question, reject
ijūkwà ọnu	v.	believe
ikà	v.	refer to, look into, rule (a line)
ikā	v.	be above, be greater than, age
ikhà	v.	sharpen
ikhā	v.	be strained, stiffen
ikhù	v.	be engaged in, pluck (leaves)
ikhū	v.	gnaw, sow, tap
ikọ	v.	dredge, marsh
ikọ	v.	dry, be scarce, scratch, come off, guess, tell
ikpà	v.	weave, handle, seize
ikpā	v.	scratch, scrape, rear, be in circulation
ikpì	v.	stitch, pinch, pilfer
ikpọ	v.	warp, become blunt, commune
ikpọ	v.	run into, call, invite, bed, dry
ikpọ isùsù ji	v.	make a feast of mashed yam
ikpọ ñrikọ (òrikọ, òrikọrọ)/ikpù ñrikọ (òrikọ, òrikọrọ)	v.	commune
ikpù	v.	mouth, commune, roll up
ikpū	v.	mould, lick, feast
ikù	v.	cripple, be refractory
ikū	v.	hit, strike cadence
ikwà	v.	make up, be elusive, deny

Echie	PoS	English
ìkwā	v.	build up, take over, look after sanctuary
ìkwhà	v.	stop, end
ìkwhà	v.	do up cross-bars
ìkwhà	v.	bestow
ìkwhà	v.	abuse
ìkwhā	v.	rub against
ìkwhā	v.	mourn
ìkwhà ọràrà/ìkwhà ọrọrà	v.	build barn
ìkwhù	v.	blaze trail, thicken
ìkwhū	v.	perch or hang in a colony, drag, perform the rite of incest
ìkwọ	v.	carry one on the other, carry on the back
ìkwọ	v.	drive
ìkwọ	v.	ferry
ìkwọ	v.	splash
ìkwọ	v.	grind
ìkwù	v.	be in the company of
ìkwū	v.	pay, grow luxuriant foliage, be heard mud of
ìkwū ọmì	v.	extract by suction
ìlā	v.	shave
ìlā	v.	depart
ìlì	v.	look down upon
ìlìà	v.	pull apart
ìlè	v.	pull at, scratch unabashed
ìlọ	v.	drag out
ìlọ	v.	return, throw
ìlù	v.	fight, rescue
ìlū	v.	marry
ìmà	v.	purchase grain
ìmā	v.	know, dope, bed, spear, knot, unknot
ìmā ijọ	v.	be odd
ìmāwa idù	v.	discharge uterine matter before delivery
ìmì	v.	pain, suck, fruit
ìmì	v.	stick out, poke, be greedy, slip
ìmù	v.	learn, take light, jump
ìmū	v.	sharpen, foster, increase
ìnā	v.	take from, raise fund, levy, snatch
ìnè	v.	demand attention, bend, warp
ìnì	v.	oversatisfy, force on
ìnō	v.	swallow
ìnọ	v.	be available, stay
ìnọ	num.	fourth
ìnù	v.	heat without liquid, flame pottery
ìnū	v.	hear
ìnwà	v.	tempt, clear the throat, throw up, become commonplace, fade
ìnwū	v.	take up gently, rub, die
ìnyà	v.	sling on
ìnyā	v.	glue, cloister, place near fire
ìnyā/eso	v.	sticky sap, glue, gum
ìnyì	v.	press forth, surpass
ìnyū	v.	excrete, die down, grow blunt, rub, increase
ìpā	v.	life, weigh in the palm
ìphì	v.	squeeze

Echie	PoS	English
iphū	v.	sharpen, carve, shape
ipì	v.	squeeze, press
ipì	v.	blind
ipō	v.	rub lavishly
ipù	v.	leave, show up, amount to, perceive
irā	v.	breathe, scrub, lick, prove difficult
irì	v.	demand restitution
irì	v.	climb
irnà	v.	lead on, entice
irnā	v.	bed, sleep, thicken
irnū	v.	work
irò	v.	fashion
irō	v.	rub, squeeze, joke, disclose
irù	v.	poke, spike, demarcate, limp
irū	v.	deform, roast, be unclean, sin
isà	v.	prattle
isā	v.	wash, imbecilize, initiate, purify
isā àjà	v.	social imbecilization of the individual
isāto	num.	eighth
ishà	v.	thumb through, understudy, reply, drip
ishā	v.	widen, spread out
ishàrà	v.	successful completion of one's games
ishì	v.	say, gossip
isò	v.	stop, end
isō	v.	push against, jam, flow, respect, abstain from
isù	v.	grab, grapple with, check, fence, fall in demand, speak with the tongue in the cheek
isū	v.	pound, clear, stammer
ità	v.	bite
itā	v.	chew, shrink, dry
ithà	v.	stake, gauge
ithā	v.	drip, blame
ithì	v.	lose water, shrivel
ithì	v.	stretch
ithū	v.	ask to buy, fail to match, squeeze onto
ithū anyà	v.	dithyrambic imbecilization of an Age Grade
itò	v.	drop, mark stands
itō	num.	third
itō	v.	be older than, precede, loose stitches
itù	v.	measure, overrule
itū	v.	contribute, carve, cast, hit, let stray
iwà	v.	get out of control, penetrate, cut open
iwà	v.	break, be wedged between
iwahnà	v.	prattle
iwahnū	v.	peel, see, foresee, prophesy
iwò	v.	deny someone something
iwō	v.	barricade, dam, fence
iwù	v.	skip, deny someone something
iwū	v.	pour, purchase, draw, make music
iyà	v.	sift, court, raise hirelings, chatter
iyàgbà	n.	chain
iyì	v.	be in love with
iyōro	n.	sparrow

Echie	PoS	English
izā	v.	respond, swell, bloat cf. ifū
izà	v.	dissolve, sweep, be excited
izò	v.	plant, march, stride
izò	v.	absent from, save
izù	v.	cater for, train
izū	v.	purchase

J.

ji	n.	yam
ji àbàlà	n.	water yam
ji ābala nwagwọrọ	n.	curved water yam
ji àghhà	n.	long yam
ji òyibàrà	n.	giant yam
ji òdòghhàrà	n.	stout yam
jiakwhū	n.	cassava, manioc
jigìdhe	v.	control, brake
jìjì jìjì	n.	feebleness

K.

kà	conj.	that, so that
kaa	dem.	this (follows noun)
kāa wè	dem.	these
kaa/kiya/nya/ya/ke nya/ke ya	dem.	this
kamā hne	conj.	instead of
kañka	n.	tough leaf
kañka òkashì	n.	The not too tender foliage of a vegetable plant
kara		more than, unlike
ke òle	int.	which?
kelu kelu	n.	fit
kelu kelu akwhā	n.	sulkiness
keṁ	dem.	that, those
keṁ wè	dem.	those
khee/hu	adv.	again
khèrkhèrè ụkwū	n.	back of foot
Kolokōchhè	p.n.	Adjuvant
komkom	n.	tin can
komkom	id.	sound of tin can
kpaà/kwụlā/kwụ̀n̄n̄ia/kwụ̀nyā/ kwụ̀nyānwa/kwụ̀nyānwah̄n̄i/k wụ̀yà/kwụ̀yā	dem.	like this, this way
kpaàhn̄ụ/kpah̄n̄ụ/kwuh̄n̄ụ/kw ụ̀n̄n̄m/kwụ̀m	dem.	like that, that way
kpam kpam	excl.	completely!
Kpamkpam̄	p.n.	Generalismo (in Àbharà)
kpaṁkpaṁdhò/kpòṁkpòṁdhò	n.	star
kpapù	n.	penknife
kpàtamkpā	n.	palm beetle
kpèmbòm kpèmbòm̄	n.	drupe from a shrub of ovate foliage
kpìribòm/mkpìribò	n.	bamboo bars for suspending thatches in roofing

Echie	PoS	English
kp̄ir̄ikp̄ir̄i shì	n.	small intestine
kp̄it̄imkp̄i	n.	jigger, pin for holding raphia thatching in place
kp̄okirikp̄o	n.	batrep pod of a greenish brush wood of ovate foliage
kp̄ok̄ir̄ikp̄o	n.	brush wood good for making broom for out-door cleaning
kp̄ok̄whu	n.	compact arrangement
kp̄ok̄whu/kp̄ok̄whuru		
kp̄ok̄whuru		
kp̄on̄kwhùkwhù	n.	padlock
kp̄ot̄u ukē kp̄ot̄u ùkè/igōlo	n.	shooting star, meteor
kp̄ukirikp̄u	n.	fingerlike fruits of a deciduous shrub
kp̄ut̄ukp̄ut̄u	id.	sound of boiling water
k̄ur̄jà	excl.	playful opening formula for weaving a name into a charm
kwa/kwhe	v.	take!
kwaà	v.	imagine!
kwe	v.	be calm!
kwèè̀m	quant	plenty, a lot
	.	
kwhòbe	conj.	because (of)
kw̄u	int.	how, the way
kw̄u òle	int.	how, how many?
L.		
l̄or̄il̄or̄i	id.	very soft (as yam paste)
M.		
m(̄u)	pron.	I, my
m̄/wā	det.	the
m̄	dem.	that
mà	conj.	whether, if, or, in order that
mà...kwà	conj.	and also
mà...mà	conj.	neither...nor
màkà	conj.	because
mànà	conj.	but
man̄u	n.	oil
man̄u agn̄u	n.	honey
man̄u	n.	person
man̄u	n.	corpse of an important person
mbadamba	id.	extremely wide
mbakām	excl.	serves you right!
mbàl̄ama/mbàl̄amàm		that is the only condition, otherwise
M̄bàz̄umà	p.n.	Lord of the sea, credited with pomp, splendour and majesty
mbè	n.	calabash ladle
mbèkw̄u (m̄ir̄ni)	n.	West African black forest turtle, <i>Pelusios nigre</i>
mbèrède	n.	suddenness
mbh̄à agbàrà	n.	hypertension occasioning delirium or hallucination erectness
mbhe	n.	leaf for fish doping
mbhò	n.	priestly mace
Mbhòni	p.n.	Elemè people

Echie	PoS	English
mbhūrù	n.	snake sp.
mbhūrù m̀kpù	n.	Calabar ground python, <i>Charina reinhardtii</i>
mbì	n.	the great beyond
mbì ikpèrè	n.	erectness of the knee, standing at attention
mbìbì	n.	tattoo
mbìbìè/mbìribìrì	n.	slab on which vegetable is sliced
mbìmbì	n.	settler, non-native
mbọ	num.	first
mbọ akà/mkpòkoro akà	n.	finger nail
mbọ ụkwū/mkpòkoro ụkwū	n.	toe nail
mbọ/mbụbọ	n.	comb
mbọògwè	n.	replantable farmstead
mbụbarì	n.	flat choice twine for fish trap making
mbùbè	n.	morsel
mbube anù	n.	crumb of meat
mbùọ, otù	num.	one
mbùọ, àbùọ, laàbù, lam, nam	num.	two
mbùrù	n.	wren
mbùzọ	n.	tool for digging up tubers
Meemèkwhuru	p.n.	Goddess of Retributive Justice (in Ñnihni)
m̀gba	n.	wrestling
m̀gbà	n.	copulation, farmer's staff
m̀gba àmà	n.	presage
m̀gba ama ọnwu	n.	signs of inevitable death like bodily swelling
m̀gbà/mgbè	n.	oyster
m̀gbà/mgbè/mbù/ndì	v.a.	should have
m̀gbààà	n.	bleating of a goat
m̀gbabọ	n.	breach, branching off
m̀gbadamgbā/mgbàrù ọkwù	n.	recuperated forest
m̀gbàdhà	n.	deer
m̀gbaduzọ/nwurūrù	n.	hare
m̀gbàjì m̀kpìshì	n.	apportioning liabilities to persons responsible for burial rituals
m̀gbakà/susumè	n.	tapering cylindrical fish used for sauce for pregnant women
M̀gbakhe Nsọ	p.n.	Quarantine
m̀gbàkọ	n.	addition
m̀gbàkpù/ọnu òtù	n.	low window leading to the resting place of domestic animals
M̀gbakwo Àlà	p.n.	elf, fairy
m̀gbàlà	n.	kitchen
m̀gbàm ozu	n.	ill condition that leaves newly born baby with little flesh
m̀gbàpè	n.	well savoured white chalk relished by pregnant women, sherd of oil container used as torch
m̀gbara	n.	unattached extracted, extract, fender
m̀gbara àgìdhà	n.	chief's supporters, henchmen
m̀gbara ọkashì	n.	handful of hard leaf (vegetable)
m̀gbara ọnyà	n.	stick for restraining flying foliage around traps
m̀gbarì igwè	n.	mosquito larvae
m̀gbarìra	n.	perimeter, circumference
m̀gbarìta/m̀gbarìtara	n.	taking sides with
M̀gbarù	n.	first fruit ritual
M̀gbè	p.n.	God World, Pantheon Temple, Traditional Art Gallery
m̀gbè/m̀gbà	int.	when? while

Echie	PoS	English
̀m̀gb̀è ̀òle	int.	when?
̀m̀gb̀è/̀òm̀ùg̀ẁò	n.	fattening period of a maiden, especially after her first child
̀M̀gb̀ek̀he ̀M̀kp̀à	p.n.	Lady of the Evil Forest, Hecate
̀M̀gb̀èdh̀e ̀Ù̀bh̀à	p.n.	Anelation of a Nursing Mother
̀m̀g̀bèle	a.	plain, naked, single, unattached
̀m̀g̀bèle ̀mm̀à/̀mm̀ā ̀m̀g̀bèle	n.	knife without handle
̀m̀gb̀ī̀d̀i	n.	thick, imposing wall
̀m̀gb̀ṑ/̀ig̀b̀ṑ	n.	door
̀m̀gb̀òk̀òr̀ò/̀m̀gb̀òk̀òsh̀i/̀m̀kp̀òk̀òr̀ò	n.	uninitiated
̀m̀gb̀ù	n.	flood plain
̀m̀gb̀ù/̀ògb̀à	n.	compound, ward
̀m̀gb̀ub̀ē ̀uh̀ǹìè	n.	principal cross lane
̀m̀gb̀ù̀r̀um̀gb̀ù	n.	giant eel
̀m̀gb̀ù̀m̀gb̀ù	n.	natural wale on lower abdomen
̀m̀ir̀ǹī	n.	water, rain, liquid, juice
̀M̀ir̀ǹi ̀Òj̀òò	p.n.	<i>Fadama</i> (in Ìgbo)
̀m̀kp̀à	n.	lurch, difficulty
̀M̀kp̀à	p.n.	Evil Forest
̀m̀kp̀à	n.	column
̀m̀kp̀à ̀j̀i	n.	column of yams (in a barn)
̀m̀kp̀ab̀h̀ù	n.	armpit
̀m̀kp̀àgb̀u ̀nẁā	n.	still birth
̀m̀kp̀àj̀à̀rà	n.	mock, rehearsal
̀m̀kp̀àk̀à	n.	large tapering cylindrical delicious fish
̀m̀kp̀àk̀à ̀ù̀gb̀òr̀ò	n.	dull and not quite smart type of ̀m̀kp̀àk̀à that lives in muddy water
̀m̀kp̀akaǹish̀i	n.	seed yam
̀m̀kp̀à̀m̀kp̀à	n.	piece of wrapper
̀m̀kp̀e	n.	mourning
̀m̀kp̀e ̀ù̀k̀à	n.	consultation
̀m̀kp̀èk̀è̀r̀e	n.	calabash dish
̀m̀kp̀èk̀è̀r̀e	n.	gourd from which dishes are made
̀m̀kp̀èk̀è̀r̀e	n.	container
̀m̀kp̀èk̀ere ̀ū̀t̀u	n.	safe
̀m̀kp̀è̀l̀e	n.	tamper, tamp pad, tampon
̀m̀kp̀ì	n.	scissors
̀m̀kp̀ì̀r̀ib̀ò	n.	roofing rafter
̀m̀kp̀ì̀sh̀ir̀ì ̀aka	n.	finger
̀m̀kp̀ì̀sh̀ir̀ì ̀aka ̀ìk̀p̀oto (̀ìk̀p̀utu)	n.	thumb
̀m̀kp̀ì̀sh̀ir̀ì ̀aka ̀ù̀s̀ò	n.	little finger
̀m̀kp̀ì̀sh̀ir̀ì ̀ù̀kẁu ̀ìk̀p̀oto (̀ìk̀p̀utu)	n.	big toe
̀m̀kp̀ì̀sh̀ir̀ì ̀ù̀kẁu ̀ù̀s̀ò	n.	little toe
̀m̀kp̀ì̀sh̀ir̀ì ̀ù̀kẁū	n.	toe
̀m̀kp̀ì̀sh̀ì	n.	stick
̀m̀kp̀ì̀sh̀ì ̀os̀è	n.	rib
̀m̀kp̀ì̀sh̀ì ̀ù̀b̀ù̀b̀è	n.	rung
̀m̀kp̀ò	n.	pod, epidermis, exoskeleton, scale, nail
̀m̀kp̀o	n.	fisherman's container
̀m̀kp̀o	n.	walling, age grade
̀m̀kp̀o ̀òm̀à	n.	mind, memory, seat of wisdom
̀m̀kp̀òb̀è̀r̀e	n.	slicing off, breathing, the last

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myow	excl.	yes indeed!
N.		
na/n'/nà	prep.	in, on, from, of, beside, in front of, behind, under, above, beyond, a popular preposition and an auxiliary verb. The three different forms represent those preceding a consonant, vowel and syllabic nasal.
nà	conj.	and, that
naāni	quant	only
nchhà	n.	soap
ñchàkiri/chakirim	n.	face mark, birth or tribal mark
ñche	n.	guide, watch, flavouring for palm wine
ñcheē mirni/nze mirni	n.	umbrella
ñchhì	n.	dodge (wrestling tactics), grass cutter
ñchhì	n.	greater cane rat, <i>Thryonomys swinderianus</i>
nchìchì	n.	small climbing rodent
ñchọ	n.	scarce
nchọkpụ	n.	stooping position
ñchọrọ mirni	n.	striped smallish long tailed river snail
ñchọrọ	n.	smallish long tailed snail
ñchụchụ	n.	whisk
nchụụ anwụ	n.	mint
ñdàà	excl.	response to animation call at scramble game
ñde	sal.	my dear
ñdè	num.	one million
nde	n.	persons
ñdebọrọ	quant	some
ñdhà	n.	obscure corner
ñdhìdhà	n.	slope
ndhù	n.	high flying milky coloured forest bird
ndhù	n.	life
ñdhùdhò	n.	makeshift farmhouse, shack
ndịda	n.	touch, caress, massage
ndịj	int.	where, which, how?
ndikà/ñjikà		which is why
ndindì/ndụndụ	n.	stout
ñdọ n'ekwhò	n.	preinclesia, cerebro-spinal meningitis
ñdọrọ ọkpụ	n.	wrapper style that exaggerates the size of the hips
ndù	n.	stupor, torpidity
ñdùdù	n.	music pot
Ñdùm	p.n.	Fadama (in Àbharà)
ñdùnù, ñdùrù	n.	seat in a canoe or boat
ndùrì	n.	dove
ñdùrù mirnī	n.	rainy season
neñne	n.	granny
neñne ashà	n.	old skinny all belly weaver bird, potbelly
ñfe	n.	light
ñfụ	n.	dark tiny tree ant that gives painful bite
nfù	n.	perdition

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̀nga	n.	skip
ngaā ozhì/nwandū	n.	rot that guides fishing line to a shoal
̀ngbàduzò bibi	n.	Geoffroy's squirrel, <i>Xerus erythropus</i> . also nwaūrurù
ngalaba òtùlè/òwara òtùlè	n.	anal groove
̀ngàrì	n.	bribe
̀ngàrì	n.	garri, cassava flour
̀ngèlè	n.	Emin's Giant-rat, <i>Cricetomys emini</i> . 'rabbit'
̀ngèrèdè/ngghìghha	n.	dryer for storing victuals
ngghasha	n.	stamina
ngghìghha/̀ngèrèdè	n.	dryer for storing condiments
̀ngghù	n.	rib basket
̀ngghù	n.	bust
ngghùbò	n.	segregation, excommunication
ngghùghhùba	n.	consolation
ngghùkòba/ngghùkòlò/ngghùkòlùlò	n.	final judgement
̀ngìgà	n.	solicitation
̀ngìga nnwanyì	n.	courtship
ngnùgbu	n.	death by drowning
ngòlò	n.	foreskin of the penis, sign of male uncircumcision
̀ngòò	n.	back swing
ngù	n.	sauce
̀ngùgù/̀agìgà	n.	short slender spear for taking out food
̀ngwe	n.	curd
ngwhè	n.	lack
̀ngwhèrè	n.	lizard
̀ngwòrò	n.	lameness
ngwhòro	n.	shack, hut
ngwò	n.	raphia palm, palm-wine
̀ngwù	n.	sacred roof carried in procession as vow of patriotism of initiates
̀nha	n.	handful
nhùkàshì	n.	start from surprise or cold
nìlè	quant	all, every, each
	.	
njagha	n.	setting persons against themselves, insinuation
njila	n.	tiny mollusc like a snail
njila òsù	n.	striped smallish long tailed land snail
njù àhù	n.	oath of mutual love and protection
̀njùjù	n.	whisk
̀nkalama	n.	broken bottle, shrapnel, pellet
̀nkàrì	n.	artistry
nkari ùkà	n.	oratory
̀nkere ajhā	n.	spike and mud wall, wattle and daub
̀nkhapī	n.	musk shrew, <i>Crocidura nigeriae</i>
nkhoghā/khoghà khoghà	n.	haughtiness
̀nkhù	n.	intractable, intractability
̀nkhùkhò	n.	dispute
nkì	n.	darkened needle marks
nkìkara	n.	rag tagged
nkìkara hnè	n.	rag
̀nkìrì/̀nkìrìkpā	n.	small tree squirrel seen only in the evenings where the bush

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		is not so thick
nkịrịnkị	a.	tiny, slender
nkịtā	n.	dog
nkịta mīrni	n.	Cape clawless otter, <i>Aonyx capensis</i> . lit. ‘dog of water’
nkịta ọhịa	n.	feral dog
nkịta ọghhụ	n.	thug
̀nkọ	n.	riddle
̀nkọrọ	n.	stagnant water
̀nkù	n.	wing
̀nkukorī	n.	choice twine for making fishing baskets
̀nkụ	n.	truncheon
̀nkùlọ akà	n.	forearm
nkụkọrị	n.	chapped
nkwụkwà	n.	Cusimanse mongoose, <i>Crossarchus obscurus</i>
̀nkụlọ	n.	trachea
nkwà/èshè	n.	cult drum music
̀nkwabà	n.	pineapple
nkwabùbe	n.	laudation, eulogy
nkwàlịta	n.	elevation, prop
nkweē akà	n.	cactus
̀nkwèkè/uzhe	n.	batch
nkwhà	n.	promise
̀nkwhe	n.	enclosure, fence
̀nkwhere/ibùsù/ọkwā	n.	wooden dish
̀nkwhụ	adv.	with effort
̀nkwù	n.	large basket for garnering fingerlings
̀nle	n.	action dictated by the influence of others
̀nlu	n.	bile
̀nlulu abhụ	n.	panegyric
nnà	n.	father
nnàa		my young man
̀nnabì	n.	tortoise cf. ̀anyim
nnē	n.	mother
̀nne	n.	grandmother, female
̀nne kwele ekwele m̄	n.	girl's first love affair believed to be sanctioned by the mother
̀Nneñchètàrà/̀Nnekolochhè/̀Nn ekolochhē Nwanyì	p.n.	Adjuvant (in Èbèrì)
̀nnetà	n.	little black bird that nests around houses
nnī	int.	what?
nnụ	num.	four hundred
nnụ nā ọghhụ	num.	four hundred and twenty
nnụ nā ọghhụ ìse	num.	five hundred
nnụ nam̄	num.	eight hundred
nnwanyì	n.	female person
nnwokhò	n.	male person
̀nnyinyò	n.	mirror
̀nraā ajha	n.	little striped fish that pecks constantly at the river bed
nrakhō	n.	roping in, entanglement
̀nrī azụ	n.	Smyth's water snake, a brightly coloured non-poisonous water snake, <i>Grayia smythii</i>
̀nrìnrì	n.	exigency, obligation, after effect, boomerang
nshi	n.	poison, bad medicine, concoction

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nshi egbè	n.	gun powder
nshj mīrni	n.	bean plant tiny foliage of which is mashed for fish dope
nshi nnwanyị	n.	venereal disease
nshi ọkpọrọ ihnī	n.	migraine
ñshī mirni	n.	fish dope especially shrub with tiny leaves mashed for the purpose
ñshikō	n.	crab
ñsọghà	n.	crutch
ñtagbà	n.	West African house snake, <i>Lamprophis spp.</i>
ñtàkpamù	n.	strong biting brown ant that lives in colonies on trees
ñtọkhūm	n.	good riddance, serves you right
ñtu	n.	obscure corner
ñtụ	n.	lot, plot
ñtụ àlà	n.	foundation
ñtụ jiaqwhū/ñtụ mirni	n.	cassava fermentation lot
nthụ	n.	ash
ntukwhū	n.	stooling position
ñtụ ùwà	n.	foundation of the world
ñturi	n.	strolling
ñtù	n.	outlet
ñtùrùhiki	n.	tiny fly that dubs a provoker's hair with sticky mess
ñtùtù	n.	(calabash) kettle
nụ	pron.	you, your (plural)
nwa	n.	child, epithet of modesty
nwaekpekē	n.	Bates's dwarf antelope, <i>Neotragus batesi</i>
nwam̄bhe	n.	mouse
nwaṁmi	n.	egg-eating snake, a non-poisonous snake that sucks eggs around the home. <i>Dasypeltis scabra</i>
nwanātà	n.	co-villager, townsman
Nwanyọmụgwọ	p.n.	Anelation of the nursing mother as part of the Àmadiọhnà pantheon (in Ọzùzù)
Nwaṅgèlè	p.n.	River God credited with the erratic quality of finding first person in sight guilty of not checking his neighbours' misconduct (in Ọzùzù)
Nwaṅkwọ na Nne e	p.n.	bisexuality and incest (at Ñdashì)
nwashij	n.	young person, under-aged person
nwaūrurù	n.	Geoffroy's squirrel, <i>Xerus erythropus</i> . Also ṅgbàdụzọ bibi
Nwebegharà	p.n.	hubris as part of the Ọtamirnochhè Pantheon (in Ụmōyo)
nwekpèkèlè	n.	leopard, <i>Panthera pardus</i> . cf. edi
nwenètà	n.	close or blood relation
nwīdi	n.	major
nwīhà	n.	minor
nwikō/nwikiligbā	n.	little darling
nwikō/òkòlòkpashị	n.	cup
nyị	pron.	we, us, our
nzèrè	n.	dignity, aloofness from stain
ñzù	n.	wing of farmstead, usually about fifty metres square
nzu ụzọ	n.	foreign body cramming the eyes of an unbespectacled rider

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O.		
o/ọ		he/she/it
obeē àkwaha àghigbà	n.	cactus
obha mīrni	n.	dwarf crocodile, <i>Osteolaemus tetraspis</i>
obì	n.	heart, thought, spirit
obì	n.	settlement, habitation
obī	n.	spear for opening the ground
òbì n'ew	n.	mistletoe
obī ochhiè	n.	abandoned homestead
obī ọhnụ	n.	fresh homestead
òbìbì	n.	habitation, loaning
Òbìchhìrì Ụzọ/Uzhi	p.n.	longevity cult in Afara, Àkpọkhù, Ñnihni and Ụmēchem)
Obimarnalà	p.n.	patriotism as Part of the Àmadiòhnà Pantheon (in Ọzùzù)
òbìrì/òbòkoro	n.	palaver hut
òbò	n.	oil container
obo nshìkọ/okpò nshìkọ	n.	crab shell
òbò/okpò	n.	shell
òbòghòlò	n.	oedema
òbòjè/òbòjò	n.	mudskipper, victuals
Òbòmochhè	p.n.	Avatar Cult (around the Mystic Rock at Àbharà)
òbùbù	n.	weak noisy brown bird with ash coloured underpart
òbukwà/mgbụ/ùgbụ/ùgbụkwà	excl.	Heavens forbid!
obūru bushàa	n.	jetsam and flotsam, rejected
ochu	n.	freshly burnt farmland, planting season
òdhò	n.	yolk, yolk coloured cosmetics
òdògò/ọgbakọrọ	n.	arena, town square
òdu	n.	game to test presence of mind
òdu/ñchhì	n.	grass cutter
òdùdù	n.	blood sucking carnation coloured weak fly
òfè/ọwù	n.	other bank, other side
ofenja/ọkpọkọ	n.	smoking pipe
Ọgbò	p.n.	council of cult heads
Ọgbogidi	p.n.	coven (grove in Ọzùzù)
ogboro	n.	bar and current
ogboro amà	n.	main road
Ogborotà	p.n.	fertility cult
ògbuchì	n.	shrub with ovate foliage crush for the treatment of infantile convulsion
ogbùdù	n.	clay statue
ògbunoriè	n.	coccidiosis
ogburugbu	n.	huge
ògèrì	n.	female temple attendant
oghō	n.	synthetic cord
ògìrì	n.	food seasoner
ògo et'ere	n.	sweet fruit at the base of a type of wattle
ògogo	n.	sweet fruit from a tree with rough trunk
ogologo	n.	length cf. akha
ògu/òguru	n.	whole, all
Ogwēle	n.	Coven in which the unguided experiences night in front of him and day at the back (in Ñnihni)
ogwhū	n.	thorn
ògwùgwù	n.	valley

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Ògwùgwù	p.n.	Abyss
òhihe	n.	fetish contrivance
ohni	n.	fruit of the fluted pumpkin
ohnirni	n.	wedge
òhnu/òhnurnu	n.	whole tuber
Ojì	p.n.	God of Iron and Masculine Prowess (in Òzùzù)
ojī	a.	black, dark
òjījī	n.	costume
òjòngò	n.	jug
òjòngò	n.	crown
Òjukwū	p.n.	Goddess of Prophecy (in Ñnihni)
okhe	n.	male
okhe àkpè	n.	magical practices
okhe alikpo	n.	agama lizard
okhe umernē/ okhomokho	n.	arrogant disposition
òkhìrìmà	n.	plantain
okhòkpà	n.	cock
òkìkè	n.	division, creation
okìrì	n.	animation call for mob action
òkìrì	n.	wether
okīshi		be
òkòlò	n.	parley trumpet
òkòlò	n.	creek
okòrò	n.	circumference
okòrò	n.	circle
okoshiko	n.	hard wood
òkòso	n.	cone
òkpo	n.	palate
òkpò	n.	caravan, group of travellers
okpòkìrì	n.	Western tree-hyrax, <i>Dendrohyrax dorsalis</i>
òkpoko	n.	hammerkop stork, <i>Scopus umbretta</i>
okpokoro	n.	container
okpòkoro/okpòkorò	a.	hollow, pipelike
òkpoòrokò	a.	unripe
okpòrò	n.	cutting for replanting
òkpu	n.	cap, hat
òkpu àchàrà	n.	grass sun hat
Òkpu n'Ebhò	p.n.	Altar
òkpu nwagwọrọ	n.	cap with loop
òkù	n.	chant, call, hailing
oku ọhịa	n.	hunting chant
okūzhi	n.	Ogilby's duiker, <i>Cephalophus ogilbyi</i>
okwhu	n.	lid, cover, cap
òkwhùkwhò	n.	rake for cleaning the premises
òkwhùkwhù	n.	box, packet
òkwìrikwìrì	n.	owl
òkwò	n.	haunch
okwu	n.	language
olu	n.	neck, voice, dialect, idiolect
olulò	n.	army worm
òlùlò/olori	n.	bottle
olùlù	n.	pit, large hole
òmò	n.	nucleus

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òmoṅgò	n.	mug
ònye	int.	who?
opètè	n.	wattle sp.
òpò	n.	wattle sp.
òrie	n.	outward swing
òriùndò/òrìndù	n.	mesmerism
òro	excl.	shout of jubilation
orubambam	n.	lackadaisical conduct
ose	n.	rib cage
osè	n.	pepper
osē àpàri	n.	climbing pepper
oshī	n.	theft, corked state of firearm
osori/ogbàchhi/rakhò rakhò	n.	obstacle
Òsu	p.n.	Devotee
osùbè	n.	mortar for pounding
òsùmìrnì	n.	sea, ocean
òthù	n.	club, association
òtùlè	n.	bottom
otule ukwu	n.	sweet licking non-stinging brown insect with prominent rear part
òwu	n.	masquerade
òwù	n.	longing, nostalgia, loneliness
ozo	n.	track, lane
ozu	n.	unimportant corpse, carcass

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òbà/òbàrà	n.	small or shallow cup
òbā akà/òdìdā akà	n.	palm of the hand
òbà/òbàrà	n.	cup
Òbàchì	p.n.	the mighty one whose celestial robe sweeps the earth (in Òdùfò)
Òbàshì	p.n.	the mighty one whose celestial robe sweeps the earth (in Ùmānyaghụ)
òbhā	n.	barn
òbhàrà	n.	blood, redness
òbhàrà òbhàrà	id.	reddish, russet
òbhàrà	n.	blood
òbhùbhù	n.	worm with powerful sting
òbirìlù	n.	ebony
òbō	n.	sheath
Òbom̄	n.	Avatar (in Òzùzù)
òbùbù	n.	disgrace, excessive availability
òbùbù	n.	large flat fish with prominent snout, saury
òchhaa	a.	white, clean
òchì	n.	laughter
òchì wàrà wàrà	n.	waterfall, rapids
òchhìchhā	n.	cockroach
òchichì	n.	difficult stooling
òchọ	n.	skin blemish, albino mark
òchọkọrọ	n.	hermit crab
òchọkọrọ	n.	casting net

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ọdha kpùm	n.	poor flying night bird
ọdhù		delay, advice, stall, tail
ọdhū	n.	pestle
ọdida aka/ọbā akà	n.	palm of the hand
ọdidā ụkwụ/ọbā ụkwụ	n.	sole
ọdụ	n.	horn, pipe
Ọfọ	n.	mace of full initiation
ọga/kpọndà	n.	game of beating the stampede by maidens
ọgànelū/hne ọmaa	n.	smallpox, chicken-pox
ọgarị	n.	secret name for knife
Ọgbà	n.	recluse, cloister
ọgbà	n.	makeshift barn, recluse, cloister
ọgbā àkhaa/arùka akhaa	n.	thatch rod
ọgbā elè	n.	pole for lifting big game like the giant deer
ọgbā ezhì	n.	hunter's pole for lifting pig which when walked across induces farting
ọgba kpam	n.	switch, knob, button
ọgba kpim	n.	tack button
ọgbà/mgbu	n.	premises, compound, ward
ọgbàgbùrù ụwà n'erè	n.	thrifty person
Ọgbangò		rare pedigree as part of the Ọtamirnochhè Pantheon (in Ụmōgòm Ọphirò)
ọgbanke-ènwè	n.	white-throated guenon, <i>Cercopithecus erythrogaster</i>
ọgbàrà/ùgbàrà/mgbakhe nsò	n.	quarantine
ọgbatị	n.	dark large stinging insect that lives in dead wood
ọgbọ	n.	plantation, orchard
ọgbọrọ	n.	group of stands
ọgbụlā	n.	bar
ọgbụlā otù/gòlò golò	n.	more than full size
ọgbụzọ	n.	standard farm lane
ọgbụzọ uhniè	n.	cross lane
ọgbụzọ ùkwuu	n.	principal lane
ọghhìghha	n.	saving from trouble, maturity
ọghhù ànnọ nà ìrì nà àbùọ	num.	ninety-two
ọghhùghhù	n.	calculation
ọghhù	n.	hoe
ọghhū	num.	twenty
ọghhū ànnọ	num.	eighty
ọghhū ànnọ nà àbùọ	num.	eighty-two
ọghhū ànnọ nà ìrì	num.	ninety
ọghhū ànnọ nà ìrì nā otù	num.	ninety-one
ọghhū ànnọ nā otù	num.	eighty-one
ọghhū àsaà	num.	one hundred and forty
ọghhū àtọ	num.	sixty
ọghhū àtọ nà àbùọ	num.	sixty-two
ọghhū àtọ nà ìrì	num.	seventy
ọghhū àtọ nà ìrì nà àbùọ	num.	seventy-two
ọghhū àtọ nà ìrì nā otù	num.	seventy-one
ọghhū àtọ nā otù	num.	sixty-one
ọghhū ìrì	num.	two hundred
ọghhū ìrì nà ìse	num.	two hundred and five or three hundred
ọghhū ìse	num.	one hundred
ọghhū ìse nà ìrì	num.	one hundred and ten

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ọghhū ise nà ìri nā otù	num.	one hundred and eleven
ọghhū ise nā otù	num.	one hundred and one
ọghhū ishù	num.	one hundred and twenty
ọghhū ishù nà ìri	num.	one hundred and thirty
ọghhū nà àbùò	num.	twenty-two
ọghhū nà ànnọ	num.	twenty-four
ọghhū nà àtọ	num.	twenty-three
ọghhū nà ìri	num.	thirty
ọghhū nà ìri nà àbùò	num.	thirty-two
ọghhū nà ìri nā otù	num.	thirty-one
ọghhū na otù	num.	twenty-one
ọghhū nam	num.	forty
ọghhū nam nà àbùò	num.	forty-two
ọghhū nam nà ìri	num.	fifty
ọghhū nam nà ìri nà àbùò	num.	fifty-two
ọghhū nam nà ìri nā otù	num.	fifty-one
òghhùghhù	n.	counting, singing, recitation
òghhù	n.	war, fight
òghhùghhù	n.	luggage made up, constriction
òghighà	n.	relenting, death
òghigha	n.	disorganization, disintegration, casting about
òghurù	n.	crevice, niche
ògìgà	n.	trail, rhinoceros beetle
ògò	n.	in-law
ògò/ògòlò	n.	lamine shin believed to be the common bane of Ègwii people
ògwhù	n.	medication, concoction, witchcraft
ògwhùgwhù	n.	root
ògwhùgwhù	n.	stump
òhnà/òhnùhnà	n.	plateful
òhnùhna	n.	extraction, bestowal
òhnùhnà	n.	arrangement
òjọọ	a.	bad, ugly
òjhì	n.	iroko tree, <i>Milicia excelsa</i>
òjhì	n.	welcome present, kola nut
òjhì ùghhò	n.	local multi-lobed kola nut
Òkàhja Ùrashi	p.n.	Coven (in Ñdashi)
òkàhja/òkhohi&a	n.	virgin forest
òkhà	n.	corn, maize
òkashì	n.	hard leaf
òkhìrikhà	n.	stumbling block, sharp obstacle
òkhù	n.	light, fire, wood
òkhù àzìzà	n.	tattoo of glowing broom stick
Òkhù Ghàra Ìtè Gbuo Jì	p.n.	mystery of the aspergillum in which a bunch of tender palm fronds is dipped alternatively in cold and boiling cauldrons; whereas the juice drawn from the cauldron on the bare earth scalds the patient, that from the cauldron steaming on fire has a cooling effect
Òkhù Mmà	p.n.	magical ritual at which matchets roasting in the fire are drawn and lashed into the disciple
òkhù	n.	means of livelihood
òkpà	n.	tiny leg, limb
òkìrì	n.	noisy brown bird that lives in an unimpressive nest

Echie	PoS	English
òkpà egbè	n.	wielder of firearms password for male person
òkpasham/òkwhaā òkhu	n.	match for lighting
òkpòbhià	n.	hare
òkpọ	n.	crack, knock, game demanding silence
òkpọ	n.	three spiked catfish
òkpọ ògùrù	n.	yellow coloured three spiked catfish
òkpọbija	n.	giant forest-squirrel, <i>Protoxerus stangeri</i>
òkpòchha ènwè	n.	red colobus, <i>Procolobus bodius affpennanis</i>
òkpọkarara	n.	snake sp. <i>Atheris squamigera</i>
òkpọkọrọ	n.	shell, bin, sherd
òkpụ/mgbāka	n.	ancient
òkpū	n.	animal sp.
òkpù	n.	hips
òkpùkata	n.	hard lump
òkpùkata ajhā	n.	clod of earth
òkpūrụkpụ anyà	n.	eyeball
òkpùrùkpù	n.	ball like
òkù	n.	dish
òkụ anyà	n.	eye socket
òkụ ọlā	n.	chinaware
òkwà	n.	partridge
òkwā elu	n.	elevation, awkward situation
òkwā ènwè	n.	low flying large black bird with long tail feather
òkwa mirni	n.	heron
òkwa njala	n.	shallow
òkwhùkwhù	n.	funeral
òkwụ/òkwurụ	n.	cork, screw cork, plug
òkwùrọ	n.	okro
òlọlọlọ	n.	cramp
òlụlụ	n.	favourite wife
òlù kpaa kpaa/òlù kpara	n.	lack of self-control, impatience
kpara		
òmà	n.	baldness
ọmaa	a.	good, beautiful
ọmìrimà	n.	pit of a plant
ọmụ mmà	n.	whetstone
ọmụ uhiē	n.	slab for crushing camwood
ọmū	n.	stone
ọnū	n.	mouth
ọnụ mgbù	n.	fishing port
ọnụ mīrni	n.	mouth of a river
ọnụ òtùlè	n.	anus
Ọnụhịam	p.n.	Logos (in Abhara)
ọnwa	n.	moon, month, oval face (derogatory)
ọnwụ	n.	death
ọnyà	n.	trap
ọnyā igwè	n.	metal trap
ọnyā igwe ahàrà/ọnyā igwe eze	n.	metal trap with teeth
ọnyā mirni	n.	fish trap
ọnyā nnùnù	n.	bird snare
ọnyā òknà	n.	partridge snare
ònùnù	n.	incense

Echie	PoS	English
ọpà	n.	Derby's flying squirrel, <i>Anomalurus derbianus</i>
ọpà	n.	mark, stain, spot, discoloration, patchwork
ọpòlì/nshì egbè	n.	gun powder
ọràrà/ọrọrà	n.	crossbars in barn building
ọrìrà	n.	red-lined snake, <i>Bothrophthalmus lineatus</i>
ọrnụ	n.	means of livelihood
ọrọ	n.	portion
ọrọ/ìrọ	n.	telluric matter used on the eyelids by religious heads
ọrū/ọrurū	n.	deformity, imperfection
ọsa	n.	squirrel spp. orange-headed tree squirrel, <i>Funisciurus leucogenys</i> and firefooted tree squirrel, <i>Funisciurus pyrrhopus</i>
ọshà	n.	filter, maracas
ọsọ	n.	flight, race
ọsọ ibù	n.	flight from forced labour in the colonial days
ọsù	n.	sigh
ọsù/ọsùsù	n.	bunch
ọthì	n.	green vegetable worm
ọtụ kelu kelu	n.	prolonged session of hiccup, asthma
ọtụ m̄kpishi	n.	bringer of vicissitudes
ọtù òkha/mbele ọnyà	n.	gangrene
ọwā	n.	sharp piece (of bamboo)
ọwa òmù	n.	dragon, torch (especially from a bit of beaten climber of the same name)
ọwā/ọwara	n.	part
ọwhnụ/ọhnụ	n.	vagina
ọwiriwà	n.	tree with spiky trunk good as firewood
ọyọrọ	n.	prawn, crayfish, fingerling
ọzà	n.	gorilla
ọzhì	n.	haemorrhage
ọzhì imì	n.	nose bleeding
ọzhia	n.	worm that destroys crops by eating through the shoots especially near the base
P.		
pòkòpòkò	id.	smooth and plump
pukū	num.	one thousand
pukū òdè	num.	ten million
pukū pukū òdè	num.	one billion
R.		
ràbò rabò	id.	broad face (derogatory)
rìkọ rìkọ òtùlè/nweke òtù	n.	intestinal worm
rìrì rìrì	id.	precisely, safely, peacefully

Echie	PoS	English
S.		
sa	conj.	when, as
sà	conj.	or, is it?
sàko	n.	dogfish
salò	n.	royal python, <i>Python regius</i> . also eke nwaìkpùtù
sàmbì	n.	key
sere sere	id.	lightly
serè serè/nserē	n.	chatter, idle talk
shakalam	n.	ray
shì	conj.	or, whether
shì	n.	excrement
shì ñgwurù	n.	laziness, loss of pep, lack of fillip
shìshì	n.	chicken
su	excl.	cry for shooing off beasts
sù		indeed, really
T.		
tàatà	n.	baby
tàatā ishi ugbò/tàatā mgbè	n.	perpetual baby, childish person
èwheè		
tàatā mgbè èwheè	n.	perpetual baby, a childish adult
tìj	a.	small
tòrotòro	n.	peacock
tupu	conj.	before
tùmà	conj.	instead of
tùmà...shì	conj.	although
tùtù	conj.	since
U.		
ubè	n.	trap-pole, hoe with very long handle
ùbhe	n.	pear
ubhēne/ubhēle/àgba	n.	wild cherry
èzekē/àdhanaghū		
ùbhene òsa	n.	redless tree squirrel, <i>Funisciurus anerythrus</i>
ubhùbhò	n.	soft wood that spreads out as shelter at low height trunk of which was tabooed as firewood
ùbu/ùbu àgàlà/ùbu òrìmà	n.	excessive desire, loss of self-control
ùbùbè	n.	ladder
ubuubu	n.	unimpressive heap
ùchichì	n.	seal
udhe	n.	heavy breath
ùdù mkp̄r̄ọ	n.	insect like wasp that doesn't sting
uduudu	id.	fat and dull
ufè	n.	deceit, lie
ùfe	n.	folk tale, chant
ùfè/ùfèm/òkpò	n.	trail, track
ugirī	n.	wild mango

Echie	PoS	English
ugùrù	n.	belch
ugwhùmàgàlà	n.	chameleon
uhe	n.	spermatozoa collection
ùhu	n.	obverse
ùhu/ùlọ	n.	repercussion
ùhù	n.	marsh mongoose, <i>Atilax paludineus</i> and long nosed mongoose, <i>Herpestes naso</i>
ujē/aka	n.	handle
uju	n.	lake
ùke	n.	brightness, sparkling nature
Ùkè	p.n.	Kindred Spirits
uketu	n.	large climber producing delicious fruits
ukhe	n.	sharp spiked climber
ùkho	n.	rafter over fireplace for storing
ukhòṁ	n.	fowl
ukpō	n.	screwpine
ukwe	n.	matching, fitting, befitting
ukwhē	n.	dye
ukwhù	n.	waist
ukwhù	n.	waist pain, lumbago
ukwuu	a.	big, large
ùle	n.	examination
ùle òkpàjàrà	n.	mock examination
ùli	n.	web
ùli	n.	manner of burial
ùli/ùlili/àkpòrì	n.	resultant effect
ulu	n.	balminess
ùme	n.	severe loss through death
umernē	n.	conduct
ùnè	n.	musical bow
ùre	n.	decay
ùreüre	n.	rottenness
urù	n.	flesh, profit
uruburu	n.	monitor lizard
ùse	n.	profit
ùse	n.	reward
utā	n.	bow, tentacle
ùto	n.	growth
uwe àhù	n.	shirt
uwe òghhù	n.	blouse
uwe òtùlè	n.	shorts, trousers
uwe ukwhù	n.	shorts
uwè/mweyi	n.	dress
uzè	n.	red-legged sun squirrel, <i>Heliosciurus rufobrachium</i>
uzhi	n.	large forest tree. The leaf and bark are boiled to treat malaria
uzhie/nkwèkè	n.	batch
Ụ		
ùba	n.	multitude, prosperity
ùbàkìrìbā	n.	low branching tree that grows in colonies

Echie	PoS	English
ùbhanì	p.n.	Ibanì, Bonny
ùbhụ		scramble
ùbò	n.	vengeance
ùbòlò	n.	ostracism
ùchhakā	n.	bright flat fish broadest near the tail
ùdarà	n.	African apple
ùdụ nthì/òlā nthì	n.	earring
ùdụ/ùgbu	adv.	now
ùfọ	n.	remainder
ùfọdụ	quant	some
	.	
ùfụ	n.	pain
ùfufụ/ùfütuu	n.	foam, bubble
ùgbọ	n.	rumour, hint
ùghà	n.	giant rattan
ùghàlàlà	n.	crookishness
ùghàlàlà ọnu	n.	hair-splitting drivel
ùghhà	n.	rattan, climbing rope
ùgòrò (ọmụgwọ)	n.	post-natal flow
ùgwhū	n.	fishing net
ùgwhụ àbasha	n.	small aperture net
ùgwhụ èkpò	n.	medium aperture net
ùgwhụ ezè bụ àkhù	n.	large aperture net
ùgwhụ ñku òtùlè	n.	crescent shaped net with loop
ùgwhụ nku	n.	crescent shaped net
ùgwhụ ùlàrì	n.	expansive net
ùhà	n.	major part
ùkà	n.	dispute, disputation
ùkha	n.	length
ùkha ezè	n.	roofing raft
ùkhụkha	n.	parallel line
ùkhùkhurū	n.	shrub that produces fruits that cluster at branch tips
ùkọ	n.	scarcity, bracket, coincidence
ùkpà	n.	climber producing round fruits of hard shell
ùkpa/akhụ/akpọ/ùdị	n.	type, kind, species
ùkpa	n.	association
ùkpō	n.	cowpea
ùkwhụ	n.	public exhibition of persons guilty of incest
ùlàrì/ùlòkō	n.	silken material (especially head-tie)
ùlọ	n.	abode
ùlō	n.	ringworm
ùlọ	n.	aftermath
ùlòshara ọkhū/ìbìshara ọkhū	n.	ember
ùlụ	n.	second child
ùmarnì akukọ	n.	endless chatter
ùmàrnà	n.	premature ripening
ùmàrnì	n.	endless
Ùmarnù	p.n.	Goddess of Possession (in Òzùzù)
ùmì	n.	marrow
ùmì/ùmjà/ùmì àlà	n.	well
ùmù	n.	offspring, children
ùmūshì	n.	boys and girls
ùnụ	n.	sack cloth

Echie	PoS	English
ùpụrù	n.	brain
ùpù	n.	exit
Ùrashì	p.n.	River Cult (in Òzùzù)
Ùrashì Mkpà	p.n.	God of Healing (in Òzùzù)
ùsọ	n.	(roaring of) water current, terminal
ùsọ mirni	n.	ocean current
ùsọ	n.	extremity
ùsọ	n.	terminal
ùsọ ekwhu	n.	obscure cooking end
ùsọ nwā	n.	last child
ùthàrà	n.	fufu
ùthāra miīrni	n.	paste for thickening soup
ùzọ	n.	scramble
V.		
vàm	id.	in a flash
vòm	id.	in a swoop
W.		
wā/m̄	det.	the
we	pron.	they, their
wè	dem.	follows kaa , ‘this’, kem , ‘these’ to mark plural
Y.		
ya	dem.	this
ya/àya	pron.	he/she/it
yā/nyā/nā/nà/yà	det.	this
yà	int.	what of
Z.		
zagụ zagụ	id.	elegant poise
zàm	id.	quick rise

Male names

If proverbs are short sentences based on long experiences, our names being short proverbs, condense the figurative plurisignificance feature of our proverbs, rendering phrasic interpretation difficult. When common entries appear under male and female Echie names, male bearers of such names could, as with epithets of profession be further identified by the suffix **nwokhò** (male); thus, **Nwụwā** being both male and female name, distinguishes the male bearer as **Nwụwā nwokhò** and a male **Nwamkpà** is **Nwamkpā nwokhò**. Here are common Echie names of male persons:-

Àbadìnekè	Children are gifts from nature
Àchìnefù	It is all cosmetic laughter
Àchọnwá	May I never lack children
Adjèlè/Alele/Anele/Amele	Future will tell
Adìndhù	All depends on life
Agbàgbuo	Let the many crush the few, reconsider
Agbagwaa	United people shall never be vanquished
Àgbàm	He has taken after me
Agbàràghham	The gods will vindicate me
Agghūbọlọm	Do not segregate against me
Àgnùba	One never beats the crowd
Agñùchhaa	We shall never tire of celebrating your arrival
Agūnàa	He has taken after the father
Ahnàmefùlè	May my name never perish
Akaahnàotù	The five fingers are never equal
Akàgbuo	Words do violence to perfection
Àkhùbùòghhù	No thorn no crown
Àkhùmefule	May I never lose the investment
Àkọdìnobì	Wisdom has multiple dimensions
Àkpùnọnū/lelè	Avoid public disparagement
Akujobì	You have come to assuage my sorrows
Àkwhegbū/Àkwùkwhegbū	Scolding does not harm the child
Àlàribhòlè	The neighbourhood is hostile
Àmadì	May the lineage perpetuate
Amakọlọnwá	May the lineage never lack young ones
Amechhì/Amefulè	May the lineage never cease
Amọnwū	The lineage has known bereavement
Amụgwù	The lineage has known hatred
Anebho	The raise false accusation against me
Ànèmotù	There are many issues facing a man
Anọkwuru	I am glad to have lived to witness this
Anugbùo	One without a brother is the first target in a brawl
Anyalèbechì/Leñchi	Trust in better fortune
Anyalèbibhèkàrà	Why should anyone not endure what everyone else bears?
Anyāmele	They would not listen but we shall see
Anyasọ	When you face the brave chastisement hides the head
Àsọnye	One without a brother is an easy target
Àwam̄	Death persists in invading my household
Awhnụnanya	Seeing is believing
Àzatālam	Many more people follow in my lineage
Àzọghhù	But for dispute setbacks would not be many
Àzọnwū	But for bereavement setbacks would not be many
Àzụnàa	You have come when the father is no more

Chìbèè	Destiny prevails
Chìbùọ	May the gods avenge me
Chìbūzọ	Destiny prevails
Chìkè	Destiny prevails
Chìkèzhie	May destiny turn a more favourable countenance
Chìshòkwū	May fortune silence gossips
Echēfù/Echèzọlọ	Remember
Echọnwụ	All plans take death into account
Egbe	Agile like the kite
Egbūchulem	Do not kill me when my time is not due
Ègbùlẹfù/Ègbùnefù/Èlèlè	May they be thwarted that persecute the innocent
Eghhèjuru	I have been maligned enough
Ejilùwà	Boast not of material things
Èlàzù/Enyàzù	Majority interest prevails
Elemùwà	Cosmic laws prevail
Emejuru	Have i not tried enough to secure a child?
Emesọbụm/Hneēm	I am unfairly treated
Emùka	Much is mockery and gossip
Ewùnonū	Much is chromatic sensibility
Gòzhiēm	Bless me
Hanàchọ	May posterity perpetuate
Hnedịọhnà	You are desired all
Hneēmem	They persecute me
Hnejhēnihni	The future holds more hope
Hnejirìka	You have come to elevate me
Hnekọronye	Those that lack you lament
Hnekwhàbha	They boast that possess you
Hneméfo	May i be spared
Hnemètụ	Experience is the best teacher
Hnemēnachị	Destiny prevails
Hnezùrùmeè	Their wishes are not god's
Ignēchì	Destiny prevails
Ìgnèrè/Ìnwèrè/M̀mezhi	May i not suffer for trying to please
Ikhadijīm	I am powerless against them
Ikiriko	Talking drum
Irnokā/Irnulọ	Hatred in the neighbourhood is more lethal
Iwejọọ/Iwezọọ	You have come to sooth my privation
Kèmakọlọm	Private ownerships secures greater happiness than public
Kèmjika	You are compensating
Kwekètà	As it was in the beginning
Manùme	Man is god to man
Màrnizù	Be prudent
Mànyishị	Have you mere come to tantalize me?
Màrnizù	Be prudent
M̀bhakọghhù	Vaunting is much of the fight
M̀bònye	Notwithstanding my insignificance spare me
Mèebhōm	They attribute their flaws to me
M̀gbakàbàlà	Wealth will come when it will
Mmechhaa	Procrastination leads to failure
M̀menì/M̀mèrènnì	For what crime do I suffer?
M̀melọ/M̀metà/M̀megbu	Oppression
Ndhùbezè	Wealth comes when there is life
Ndhùbishì	Life is all that matters

Ñdimèlè/Ñnamèlè/Ñnòdīm/Nwanlēm	Hope lies in the future
Nghhèkata	I no longer worry when their tongues wag
Ñjikònye	Who have i robbed?
Ñlemōgù	My prayers may yet be answered
Ñnadì	Power derives from the lineage
Nnàmđì	My father lives
Nnanna	Grandpa reincarnates
Ñnànyìbūnọ̀nū	We can do minus certain kinsmen
Nshidìnanya	I read their evil wishes from their gaze
Nshìrimobì	My consolation
Nwagō	I am absolved
Nwagwhù	I have known afflictions
Nwakākhù	Wealth cannot be valued above the possessor
Nwakōhù	A slave cannot be valued above the master
Nwakpākà	Spare him
Nwalà/Nwalēzhi	Patriot
Nwamkpà	I have known afflictions
Nwanyanwụ	Light
Nwarìshì	I have known afflictions
Nwechēfōm	Great surprise
Nweēmēm	Threatened posterity has been my undoing
Nwegbè/Nwankiregbè	Heralded
Nw'ejil'efù/Nwekēpùrọ̀nwù	Held in trust for death
Nwekè	Destiny
Nwèkhe	Born on the Sabbath
Nwelemā	Elegant like the deer
Nwelèndhù	Where there is life there is hope
Nwemēnefù	Will it be another wasted labour?
Nwigwè	Of strong mettle
Nwigwē	Gift from above
Nwirnegbū	It matters little that they hate me
Nwobilọ	You have come to sooth my agony
Nwodim/Nwubhānì	Fair complexioned
Nwobò/Nwuzhì	Patriot
Nwokhobàa	May your tribe increase
Nwokhōshòlè	Great surprise
Nwokhụwā	Rare pedigree
Nwukè	Child of my puberty
Obìajūnwa	It may be in vain but i adore you
Obīnà	Precious to the father
Ọ̀bùnezhi	Too good to be true!
Ọ̀dikà	Rare pedigree
Ọ̀diurù	I value nothing above you
Ọ̀dụ	God's time is the best
Odudu/Ọ̀dùm	Pathfinder
Ọ̀gazhi/Ọ̀pùrụm	He guides me aright
Ọ̀gbāji/Ọ̀jiji	You come from a lineage of great yam farmers
Ọ̀gbònnàa	You took after your father
Ọ̀gọ̀khò	Father-in-law
Ogùamānam	May the fault not come from me
Ogùndhù	We pray for life
Ogùzhiè	Prayer answered
Ogwele/Ọ̀gwuūm	You extricate me from vicissitudes

Ọhnagnùnà	You have stopped their mockery
Ọhnàlẹ	Behold, all ye!
Ọjimmùọ	Weight not your valour against weaklings like me
Ọketù	Destiny prevails
Okholù/Olobō/Ọlùo	Commanding personality
Ọkorobià	Young fellow
Ọkpọnnàa	You are my light
Ọkpori/Ọkpo	You have come to feast with us
Ọmèsùrùm	I am neither the first nor would I be the last to suffer thus
Ọnū	The mouth talks so much that it contradicts itself
Ọnūkwùfọ	The mouth should not disclose all it knows
Ọnūkwurū	You have silenced their detractions
Ọnwakàlágbulẹ/Ọnwutebe	Relent awhile death
Ọnwamēgbu	Death is a bad reaper
Ọnwamōnyikhe	Death fears no warrior
Ọnwanākhù	Death cannot be suborned
Ọnwanīkpe	Death brooks no negotiations
Ọnwubàlilì/Ọnwubàliri/Ọnw ulì	Decimation breeds contempt
Ọnwuchūruba	We are few on account of death
Ọnwudhèbe	Spare him death
Ọnwukà/Ọnwumē	Death decides it all
Ọnwumēlu	Death is killsport
Ọnwuzọ/Ọnwubikhō	Death I implore thee
Ọnyagnùnà	Too good to be true
Ọnyechè	Great surprise
Ọnyeghhām	I pleaded but none came to my aid
Ọnyegorom	Who vouchsafes for me
Ọnyegbulẹ	Spare him
Ọnyekonwū	Who is above death?
Ọnyemuchè	Who can predict god's will
Ọnyenām/Ọnyewè	They would wish you for themselves but god wills otherwise
Ọnyesò	We are not many
Ọtēgbè	One gun that is mightier than many
Ọzemènè	None desires a repeat of bitter experiences
Ụbabikhè	The multitude prevails over the few
Ụbadìnekè	Prosperity comes from god
Ụbọ	Restitution
Ụbjà	Rare pedigree
Uchēnnà	It is as father wills
Uchēnwa	I solicited for offspring
Ùdhezhi	May peace reign in the land
Ụgwadū	Circumstances are that check malice
Ụgwegbū	In vain they hate me
Ụgwulọ/Ụkūlọ	There is hatred in the neighbourhood
Ụkāchi	Destiny prevails
Ụkōhnà	You came at the time of dispute
Ụkōnwā	We lacked children
Ụme	Bereavement
Ụmenwā	Infantile mortality
Ụmerne	Morals
Ụmeshì	It has happened several times but jolts each time

Ùmezhìrikhē

May bereavements abate

Female names

Àgbòò/Mgbòò	Lady
Àdhagbàrà/Àdhagwhù	You came at my time of great afflictions
Àdhakhù	Born into plenty
Àdhibhè	Child of my puberty
Aferīnwa	The womb is magnanimous to grant us this
Ahìukà	Tongues wagged
Akājàa/Akājia	Words do violence to perfection
Akhòhnà	Every new child makes the society richer
Àkwhekē	I will protect you as the python the egg
Àkwhughhò	Like the eagle's egg it's not easy to come by your kind
Àjùrùwàmi	The worst is to cease struggle
Àmama	Your beauty rises daily
Amandhem	Galaxy of beauty
Anyaghhā	They devour you with their gaze
Awhnewerè	We don't choose their sex
Àwhnìrnìlè/Òlejùrùlò	I wish i had a full house of your sex
Àwhnùdha	Rare pedigree
Chanākwalam	I have been robbed enough by nature
Chìkà/Chìkànelè	It is what god sends that we receive
Chìshàa	God may yet silence my detractors
Eghhekwhuo	I tire of gossips
Eghhobūchha	Wealth paves the way to brightness
Èghòlu/Nghhèbùkà	No point paying attention to all their gossips
Ègwemā	Paragon of beauty
Èjhiè	You will never desert me
Èjìnwanyèmènnì/Nwanyìmènnì	A woman is not capable of much they say
Èjirè	God is on my side
Èjùkà	Disputations are setbacks
Ejùwà	Boast not of material things
Èlogù	Our prayers may yet be answered
Eligwē	We hope on favours from above
Èlùwà	We hope on cosmic favours
Emejiakà/Nwemèjiekà	Could this be another wasted labour?
Eriabaa	The wealthy exploited
Èribhù	Rare pedigree
Èrìmmā	Beauty does not pacify hunger
Èrìngà	The well to do do not feed the poor
figbògò	Plumpy
Ihnigba/Ihnishàa	You have come to brighten my life
Kèchinyèrnè/Èwèkèchinyerne/Nwèwèkèchinyèrnè	We don't dictate to god
Mgborè	God's time is the best
Mmọ̀nū	My pride
Ndhem/Amandhem	Galaxy of beauty
Ndhèmjìonū	Forgive women of their gossips
Ndhemmànyà	Their beauty is external
Ngikànnì	I reserve my comments
Nnàlù/Nyēnàa	Father's darling
Nnennà	Father's mother
Nnenne	Mother is great
Nnènnè	Mother's mother
Nwabàlàrà	They wished otherwise

Nwabọlà	Great treasure
Nwachì	You have come to shape my destiny aright
Nwaghàa	May your kind increase
Nwagbàrà/Nwanyìagbàrà	Born at my time of great afflictions
Nwago	Absolution
Nwajī	Born into plenty yams
Nwakaji	A child worths more than yams
Nwakākwa	A child worths more than dresses
Nwakefū	Is this indeed a free gift
Nwakhù	Born into wealth
Nwalōgbà/Nwalà	Patriot
Nwamānà	Paragon of beauty
Nwamgbàlà	Well breed
Nwamkpà/Nwagwhù/ Nwanyìagwhù	Born at my time of great afflictions
Nwamuka	Too beautiful to last
Nwamgbè	Child of my puberty
Nwamgbùle	Fit for exhibition
Nwamkpà/Nwagwhù/ Nwanyìagwhù	Born at my time of great afflictions
Nwammā	Great beauty
Nwamuka	Too beautiful to last
Nwaṅdù	Great surprise
Nwaṅdùrù	Child of my puberty
Nwanyì/Nyēnàa	Father's wife
Nwanyìarn`y	Imposing
Nwanyikwa	Yet another girl
Nwanyimmā/Nwanyìothube	The one with the attractive navel
Nwapụnanwū	The sun shall never smite you by day nor by night
Nwazùtụrọnwū	Held in trust for death
Nwehinishanyà	
Nwekhe/Ṃgbekhē	Born on the sabbath
Nwekwē	Heralded
Nwehujie	Is this another wasted labour?
Nwelefūo	Is this another wasted labour?
Nwelube	Spare her
Nwìbàrì/Nwuzìgwe	Dazzling beauty
Nwọdhakhù	If children were for a fee/would not afford you
Nwodho/Nwuhīe	Child of my puberty
Nwọgnù	Joy
Nwohēre	Destiny prevails
Nwọpìdà	Slim beauty
Nwuchè/Nwụhnịa/Nwụwā	Great tribulation
Nwụdà/Nwanyìarnù	Elegant
Nwụhā	Tempting like a choice dish
Nwụlọ/Nwapụnanwū	The sun shall never smite thee by day nor by Night
Nwuzìgwe/Nwanyìgwe	Dazzling beauty
Ọbuhīe	May you elude the snatcher
Ọbùnezhi/Ọbùnwā	Too good to be true
Ọchham	You have come to brighten my countenance
Ọgaram	My recompense
Ọgbòròwu	Superb, princess
Ọgèrì	Lady

Ọgōnnàa	Mother-in-law
Ọhnànūmma	Not all that seen so are friends
Ọkèdụ	They deprive me
Okwubàkọ	Critics advise
Olujie	Your beauty will forever trap their gaze
Ọmeni	Let your hands be clean
Ọnyeghhè	Spare yourself of listening to their evil tongues
Onyējihnekānwa	What do they have that excels you?
Ọnyejū	We shall always need more of you
Ọnyemàzhụ	The future is unpredictable
Ọarignàrnà	Charming
Ọyoyò	What perfection we deny at home we praise abroad
Ụganwā	Transit
Ụgbakhù	Wealth bedecks you
Ụgbodhò	Much will go to keep your state of beauty
Ụgbọmmā/Ụzùmmā	Your beauty advertises itself
Ụghajī	Born in the year of poor yam harvest
Ụgwajāmma	None talks good of the enemy
Ukāchì	Destiny prevails

Common praise names for both sexes

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| 1. | Àbàshìkolorī Nọ n'Agbàrà Nyuọ Shì Na Manù | From the spirit world the earthworm messes up the world of the human |
| 2. | Àdha Erī Ishi jī Àdha Erī Òtùlè Ya | Neither the head nor the tail of the fat yam is fit for the prime daughter |
| 3. | Àdha Rèbe Urè Ègbuo Eghù | You slaughter rams to appease the frown of a prime daughter |
| 4. | Àgbà Nam Bù Ishi Mmā | Perfection lies between extremes |
| 5. | Àlà Tụrụ Ime Ji Àmụ Ọzùrù | When the earth takes in she begets the anthill |
| 6. | Àringèlesè/Nwikō/Nwìkìlìgbā | Little darling |
| 7. | Àwhnùlèlè | Fit to be married to a whiteman |
| 8. | Egbutùo Ọjhi Àzọchhìhu Ọjhi | When an iroko tree gives way its place can only be taken by the kind |
| 9. | Àhụ Dī ya | She that never lives the husband's side |
| 10. | Egbe Buru Ụzụ Àtụ | The kite throws and draws tumult |
| 11. | Ègèdegè/Egelege Ègèlegè | Hard to handle |
| 12. | Ekpū Ekpu Egnē Egnē | Hard to handle |
| 13. | Gnòrni Gnòrni Mmā | Cascade of beauty |
| 14. | Hne Ọmaa Gnārna M Anyà | I drink of your beauty and it intoxicates me |
| 15. | Ìbàrì Mmā | Cascade of beauty |
| 16. | Ìkhere Bē N'Ọwiriwà | The tsetse fly bites and waits between thorns |
| 17. | Mbekwu Òshimirnì Eji Èkwhe Udhè Kwù Ohnā | Deep sea turtle when you heave your breath it speaks of majesty |
| 18. | Mbuzū Nwoche Ọgbà N'Igwē | The cricket is in the earth yet she referees to the heavens |
| 19. | Mgbàdhà Nọ N'Ọhia Èkwu Ụkà N'Ụlọ | The place of the deer is the forest yet she entertains the world of the human |
| 20. | Mkpàkelebe Ji Èri Àwọm Mkpe | Iron wood that survives seasons of bush burning |
| 21. | Mirni Shì | Faecal drain that all dread to face |
| 22. | Mma Dī Ya | The husband's glory |
| 23. | Ndanda Nwenwēe Ụkwù Eji Àgba Ajhā | Do they not see the mound it raises they that laugh at the ant's limbs? |
| 24. | Nghhanghha Èbùlù | Stout rams are most dread |
| 25. | Nnyinyò M Èjì Àwhnù Ụzọ | My image maker |
| 26. | Nwa Ihni Emēme Ọdà N'Àhụdà | They avail themselves of your countenance that travel to distant places like ahoada |
| 27. | Nwanyì Mashìlā Dī Ya Nde Ụkà Kà Fùọ Ọnù | Needless molesting one endeared to the spouse |
| 28. | Nwokho Dī Mma Mgbọtọ Èjì Àgbara Ụtù | Ladies struggle at much cost to behold your countenance |
| 29. | Nwokho Nwanyì Jāra Mma | Your maidens confess your attraction inspite of themselves |
| 30. | Ọdìdì Nwatà Èjì Àkpa Ibhè e Akwhā | Their sighs of envy salute your beauty/they flinch and cringe that you refuse |
| 31. | Ọgba Mgba Ụghhù | Tumult sits eagerly on the neck of your wrestling opponent |
| 32. | Ọgbèdhè Lụọ Ikhōo Obì Àjụy Yā Oyi | One else can vex a youth spoused to the childhood lover! |
| 33. | Ogbèti | Chief wife |
| 34. | Ogwhu Dhūrụ N'Ama Akpā | Thorn that chooses the mark; a colony of soldier ants |
| 35. | Ogwhu Dhūrụ N'Amāa Akpa | Thorn that lodges in a man where it is difficult to reach |

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| 36. | Olu Obō Adìì Ùsà Ọbù | You speak up although you are not greedy |
| 37. | Olu Ubè | Majestic poise |
| 38. | Ọlùlù Dī Ya | Favourite wife |
| 39. | Ọrnù Jì Gbā Ọlā | Your yams are crowned in the earth |
| 40. | Ọrnù Jì N'Ọgbọ Ùghhà | Your yams grow where rattans did |
| 41. | Ọrnù Jì N'Ọgbọ Ukhē | Your yams grow in place of thorny thickets |
| 42. | Ùgharà Àmāa Èzè | Lord of the mighty |
| 43. | Ùghhara Anāa Èfèrinarna Amāa Akpa | You don't display your might in a sea of soldier ants/even the mightiest belong to a people |
| 44. | Ugri Adìì Mma Ọkpò Àsàà Àgaa Yā N'Ùkwhù | They say the wild mango tastes acrid yet new footpaths lead daily to it |
| 45. | Ùgìrì Àmāa Èzè | Being so sure of foot belies your spare frame |
| 46. | Ùgìrì Anāa Èfèrinarna Amāa Akpa | You can't be careful enough to escape a sea of soldier ants |
| 47. | Ugūru Nkìta Anāa Àdì Ọhna Mma | Dog belch that violates all |
| 48. | Ùhu Mirni Ekwee Nkwe Ọgwùgwù | Counter current too strong for the brave swimmer |
| 49. | Ùsọ Nwā Gburu Nwìndò N'Ote Ihnī | Rare pedigree with well spaced dentition |

Echie settlements

Àbharà	Spirit Cult
Àchàrà	Cult (in Òbibì)
Àfara	Diviners
Àgbalụ	Spirit Cult
Àgbom̄	Spirit Cult (in Òwụ)
Àgwam̄	Spirit Cult (in Òwụ)
Àkagbà	Fertility Cult (in Ñnihni)
Àkàshimochhè	Fertility Cult (in Ùlakwō)
Akịrika	Fertility Cult (in Ògìdhà)
Àkpòkhù	Forest Demon Cult
Akwà	Cult
Akwhụkabi	Devotees of the Mighty Spirit
Alabàchi	Mighty Spirit (in Òphirò)
Amajhi	Spirit Cult (in Ñnihni, Òmumā and Ùlakwō)
Amakù	Forest Demon Cult (in Ìgbodhò and Mbā)
Amọkha	Forest Demon Cult (in Ùlakwō)
Èbèri	Cult of Traditionalists
Echie	Telluric Fraternity
Edegelem	Cult of the Valorous (in Ìgbo)
Egbekē	Cult of the Valorous
Egbelū	Family Cult (in Òmumā)
Egbelubi	Cult of Mutual Protection (in Ndashi)
Egbū	Cult
Ègwii	Spirit
Ekpeledho	Cult of the Matriarch (in Ùlakwō)
Elelē	Cult of Common Root
Ezèlàkà	Cult of Forest Dwellers (in Ìgbodhò)
Ezhamà	Spirit Cult (in Òzùzù)
Ezhikòhja	Cult of the Matriarch (in Òzùzù)
Èzhikpe	Spirit Cult (in Ìsu)
Ìgbo	Cult
Ìgbodhò	Family Cult
Ihiè	Cult of the Matriarch
Ìkhem	Cult of the Valorous
Ìkpò	Cult (in Òbibì)
Ìkwerengwò	Cult of the Valorous
Ìnèè	Spirit (in Ìgbo)
Ìsu	Evil Spirit
Mbā	Spirit Head
Mkpehnie	River Cult (in Akwà)
Ñchokochhè	Forest Demon Cult
Ñchokotà	Cult of the Matriarch (in Ìgbo)
Ndàshì	Spirit Cult
Ñgèlehniè	Water Spirit Cult (in Ñdashi)
Ñnamārò	Spirit of Possession Cult
Ñnihni	Water Spirit Cult
Obhōnà	Cult of the Matriarch (in Òzùzù)
Obì	Cult of the Matriarch (in Ìgbodhò)
Òbibì	Spirit of the Matriarch Cult
Obìohja	Fertility Cult (in Òmumā)
Obitè	Fraternity
Òbòkwù	Spirit of the Matriarch Cult (in Òzùzù)

Ọbūọ	Cult of the Matriarch
Ọdagwhā	Family Cult
Ọdụfọ	Family Cult
Ọfè	Family Cult
Ọfeketà	Cult of the Matriarch (in Ọdagwhā)
Ọgbọ Ngwọ	Spirit Cult (in Ụmọbachì Ọdụfọ)
Ọgbo Ogidi	Fertility Cult (in Ọzùzù)
Ọgidhà	Cult of the Matriarch
Ọhnàntà	Cult of the Matriarch
Ọjia	Cult of the Matriarch (in Ọzùzù)
Okhehnī	Fraternity
Ọkhomokhò	Forest Demon Cult (also near Àkpọkhù)
Ọkhoragghū	Forest Demon Cult
Okochhe	Fertility Cult (in Ìgbo)
Okōhija	Fertility Cult (in Elelē)
Okohia Oruashe	Fertility Cult (in Ñdashì)
Ọkpalà	Mighty Spirit Cult (in Ègwii)
Ọkpọdìm	Justice Cult (in Ụlakwọ)
Ọkpoko	Fertility Cult (in Ọdụfọ)
Okudù	Fertility Cult (in Mbā)
Ọphirọ	Family Cult
Ọwụ	Guild
Ọzùzù	Spirit of the Matriarch Cult
Ụlakwọ	Fertility Cult

NUMERALS

In reciting the cardinals, it is usual to drop the initial vowels in the Echie for three to nine, so that "**àtɔ**" (three) becomes "**tɔ**", for example. Ordinals are formed by placing "**ke**" (of) before the number, so that "**ke àsaà**" means "the seventh". However, distinct ordinals exist from first to tenth as follows: