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PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION

This Manual of the Amharic Language has been prepared for the General Staff by Major J. P. H. M. Alone, the West India Regiment, who has studied the language in Ethiopia.

The object of the book is to enable an officer on a visit to the country to understand, and make himself understood by, all classes of Ethiopians and for that reason only words in common use have been employed.

GENERAL STAFF, October, 1909.

REVISER'S NOTE

THE object of this book as originally written in 1909 can be seen from the author's Preface above. It was not intended to be an exhaustive treatise on the Amharic Language. For this, the student must turn to such works as that of C. H. Armbruster, without which no real knowledge of the language can be obtained. Nor is it believed that true Amharic can be learned apart from a knowledge of its orthography.

This Short Manual will, however, give to the beginner a basis, and a sound basis, on which to build up his knowledge of the language, and, having worked through this book, he will find himself in a far better position to pursue deeper studies in Armbruster's Initia Amharica.

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AMHARIC ALPHABET

AMHABIC is a language of Semitic origin and is akin to the Bega language of the Hadendoa.

Although it has no close connection with Arabic, it has, nevertheless, some of the Semitic features of that language; and the Arabic scholar will discover further points of resemblance.

As far as the writing goes, Amharic may be termed a syllabic language: that is to say, that the alphabet consists of 276 characters, each of which represents a syllable, not a letter. These characters are not all intrinsically different, but consist of 31 consonantal and 2 vowel characters, each normally of seven variations or forms, the character being slightly varied in form according to the syllable required.

In addition to these normal forms, a number of the characters have additional forms to indicate diphthongs.

Amharic is written in the ordinary way, i.e., from left to right. Words are separated by colons, and the only punctuation is a double colon, representing a full stop.

As this book is intended as a practical guide to the language, and not a scientific grammar, the Amharic alphabet and characters are left over to the end of the book. By consulting these in connection with the vocabulary, etc., it will be possible to spell out the meaning of an Amharic document.

In the pronunciation of Amharic words given in the Latin character hereafter, the system of the Royal Geographical Society has been followed: which is, broadly, that consonants are pronounced as in English, and vowels as in Italian. The following must be noted:

- c is abolished (except in "ch" as in English), and is replaced by "k" or "s" according to sound.
- 2. ch as in English "church".
 - ch an explosive "ch".
- 3. kas in English.
 - k an explosive "k" made from the back of the roof of the mouth; cf. the Arabic "Qāf".
- 4. t as in English.
 - t explosive with tongue against base of upper front teeth.
- p as in English.
 - p an explosive "p"

6. kh guttural, as in "loch".

ñ nearly the equivalent of the Spanish "ñ" or French "gn ".

always a consonant.

9. g always hard.
10. zh the French "i", or as "s" in pleasure.

11. A terminal "w" is pronounced as such: e.g., the Amharic "saw" (a man) is pronounced almost as "sao", not as the English saw.

Except as given above, all consonants and their com-

binations are pronounced as in English.

Great care must be taken, however, in the pronunciation of doubled consonants. In English we give no stress to a doubled consonant and pronounce it short, as though single (e.g., sitting). In Amharic, however, all doubled consonants must be "held on to", and given their due weight (e.g., sit-ting). If this is not done, our meaning will often be unintelligible to the Ethiopians.

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a is pronounced as "e" in Feh. "le", or as "er" in "ruler".
                "the "u" in "gun", but rather more open.
                "in " medal "
ĕ
                     " pin ".
                " marine ".
                   " au " in " Paul ".
                " in " rule ".
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If the above rules are carefully followed, and each letter given its proper value, there should be no difficulty about pronunciation.

PARTS OF SPEECH

THE ARTICLE

There is no indefinite article.

Example :

saw, faras, (a) man.

(a) horse.

When it is wished to emphasize the "a", the word " and " (one) is used.

Example:

tilānt ānd baklo ayyahu ijjig malkām nabbar, yesterday one mule I saw very fine (he)

The definite article when used with a noun is represented by the suffix "-u" for the masculine, and "-ītu" for the feminine, singular. When used with an adjective the suffixes are " -u " for the masculine and " -wä " (or " -Itu ") for the feminine. For the plural of both genders " u " is used.

When an adjective is used with the noun, the larticle is attached to the adjective and not the noun.

Example:

bēt, (a) house. bětu, the house. sēt. (a) woman. sētītu, the woman. bētoch, houses. bētochu, the houses. sētoch, women. sētochu, the women. tilliku faras. the big horse. malkāmwā set, the good woman. malkāmītu 📗

NOUNS

Nouns have two numbers, singular and plural. The latter is formed by adding "och" to the singular.

Example:

lij, äshkar.

(a) child. lijoch. children. (a) servant. äshkaroch, servants.

Sometimes the last syllable of a noun is dropped or changed when forming the plural.

Example:

bāryā, (a) slave. bāroch, slaves. wushshā, (a) dog. wushshoch, dogs.

This generally happens when the noun ends in a vowel sound.

Nouns may be either of masculine or feminine gender; there is no neuter, but neither their termination nor their declension is affected by their gender.

Masculine are God, angels, stars, names of men and male animals, occupations, offices and titles held by men.

Feminine are names of women and female animals, the moon, stars, earth, countries, towns, trees, plants, snakes,

and occupations and offices held by women.

The gender of generic nouns is distinguished by using the word "wand" (male) or "sēt" (female) for human beings or animals; or "āwrā" (male) or "inist" (female) for animals only, but even for animals "sēt" is often used.

Example:

lij, (a) child. wand lij, (a) boy. sēt lijoch, girls. doro, (a) chicken. āwrā doro, (a) cock. inist doroch, hens. (or sēt doroch)

But when "wand" and "sēt" are used as substantives they are declinable.

Example:

wandochin-innä sötochin hullun gaddala.
males and females all he killed.
he killed all, both males and females.

The declension of nouns is extremely simple. There is only one declension, and cases are formed as follows:

The accusative is formed by the suffix "-n" or ":n", and the remainder by prefixing the necessary prepositions, which are as follows:

ya-, of. la-, to, for. ka-, from, with. ba-, by, at, in, with, on.

Thus:

Singular. Plural.

Nominative. saw, man. sawoch, men.

Accusative. sawn, man. sawochin, men.

Genitive. yasaw, of man. yasawoch, of men.

Dative. lasaw, to, for man. lasawoch, to, for men.

Ablative. $\begin{cases} \text{kasaw, from, with} & \text{kasawoch, from, with} \\ man. & men. \\ \text{basaw, by, at, in,} & \text{basawoch, by, at, in,} \\ with, on man. & with, on men. \end{cases}$

When "ka-" is intended to mean together with, in company with, the noun to which it is prefixed is always followed by the word "gara".

Example:

farasoch ka-bakloch gärä hödu.
horses with mules went.
the horses went with the mules.

"ba." also means with in the sense of by means of, with the aid of.

Example:

ba-birat tasartoāl.

with iron he (it) is built.

it is built of iron.

ba-battir mattā-ñ.

with stick he hit me,

he hit me with a stick.

ADJECTIVES

Adjectives are in the masculine or feminine, singular or plural, according to the words they qualify. They are, however, only used in the plural in the following sense, i.e., as nouns of number.

Example:

daggoch innä kiffuoch hullu yimtu.
good (people) and bad (people) all let them come.
all may come, both the good and the bad.

Most adjectives form their feminine by adding "-Itu" to the masculine, but it is only necessary to put an adjective into the feminine form when the noun it qualifies does not of itself show to what gender it belongs, as in the case of generic nouns.

Example:

malkām lij, a fine child.

This might mean a fine boy or a fine girl; therefore, in order to leave no doubt, when speaking of a girl one would say—

malkāmītu lij, a fine girl.

Adjectives are declined in the same way as nouns, i.e., by adding "-n" for the accusative, and prefixing the necessary prepositions for the other cases.

Example:

ya-tillik ānbasā falag naw of large lion track (it) is. it is the track of a large lion.

la-rajjim shimāgillē ānd bir sattahu.
to long old man one dollar I gave.
I gave the tall old man a dollar.

ba-birtu kität yikkattāl.
with strong punishment he will be punished
he will be severely punished.

ba-dahinā mangad wassadhuāchaw $by\ good$ road $I\ took\ them.$

I took them by a good road.

ka-bet wust siwata.
from house inside when he comes out.
when he comes out of the house.

Intensification

Adjectives are intensified in two ways: (a) by inserting an extra syllable; (b) as in English, by using the word "ijjig", very.

Examples:

very large, very (a) tillik, tilillik. large, great. great. very small. tininnish. tinnish. small. very good, very malkām. good, fine. malkākām, fine. very long, very long, tall. rajājjim, rajjim, tall. very bad, very bad, wicked. ijjig kifu, (b) kifu. wicked. very far. ijjig ruk, ruk. far, distant. very wide, very wide, exten- ijjig saffi, saffī.

There is no rule as to when to use (a) or when (b); ordinarily the second form is used, except in "tillik", "tinnish", and suchlike adjectives in frequent use, where the reduplication is easily pronounced.

sive.

kāchchin, narrow.

extensive.

ijjig kāchchin, very narrow.

Comparison

Comparison is effected merely by using the prefix "ka.", equivalent to the English than; the adjective does not alter its form, and the "ka." comes first.

Example:

birtu inchat. birtu shambakko.strona wood. strona reed. ka-shambakko inchat birtu naw. than reedwood strong wood is stronger than reeds.

ka-faras baklo tankārrā naw. than horse mule strong is. mules are stronger than horses.

The Superlative is formed by means of the word "ka-hullu", than all.

Example:

 $tank "arr" a \left\{ egin{aligned} far as \\ baklo \\ zohon \end{aligned}
ight\} strong \left\{ egin{aligned} horse. \\ mule. \\ elephant. \end{aligned}
ight.$

nagar gin ka hullu zohon tankārrā naw.
but than all elephant strong id but the elephant is stronger than all; or, but the elephant is the strongest.

One can also say:

nagar gin ka-hullu zohon yibaltāl,* but than all elephant is greater. but the elephant is greater than all, or nagar gin ka-hullu yammibalt * zohon naw. than all he who is great elephant is. but the greatest is the elephant.

* From the verb "ballata", meaning he is greater, he exceeds; this is frequently used in comparison.

NUMERALS

The Cardinal numerals are as follows:

- l änd
- 2 hulat
- sost
- 4 ärāt
- 5 āmmist 6 siddist
- 7 sabāt

NUMERALS

simmint zatañ 9 āesir 10 āsrā ānd 11 asra hulat 12 āsrā sost 13 āsrā ārāt 14 āgrā āmmist 15 āsrā siddist 16 āsrā sabāt 17 āsrā simmint 18 āsrā za*t*añ 19 20 hava hava and 21 hava hulat hava sost, etc. 23 รลโลิรลิ 30 salāsā ānd 31 galāsā hulat 32 galāsā sost, etc. 33 ārbā . 40 ลีฑเลิ 50 silsā (or sidsā) 60 sa pa 70 80 samanyā zatana 90 mato 100 hulat mato 200 sost mato, etc. 300 shi 1.000 hulat shi, etc.

PARTS OF SPEECH

Example:

2,000

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one hundred and six. mato sixa hundred one thousand two hundred. mato hulat and two hundred

siddist

thousand zatana simmint mato siddist ghî eight. hundred and ninety ten thousand яiх

In writing, figures are generally used, except for very small numbers not exceeding one hundred.

In dates the "shi", thousand, is sometimes written and the remainder put in figures, or the whole is put in figures or words.

Ordinals are formed by adding "-aññā" to the cardinal or to the last of a string of cardinal numbers.

Example:

hulataññā. second. sostaññā. third. ārātannā. fourth. mato sostaññā, one hundred and third. āssir shī siddist mato ten thousand six hundred zatana simmintaññā, and ninety-eighth.

"Fītaññā" and "majammarīyā" are also used for

In an historic sense, "kadāmāwī", first, "dāgmāwī", second.

Example:

dāgmāwī Minilik. Minilik the Second *k*adāmāwī Hāila Sillāsē . . Haila Sillasie I.

Distribution is generally expressed by repeating the number.

Example:

ānd ānd hedu. oneonethey went. they went one by one, or one at a time. sost sost sitāchaw. threethreegive them. give them three each.

The prefix "iya-" is also used for this purpose.

Example:

iya sost takammatu, they sat down in threes.

Fractions are:

half, ikkul, gamis (or gimāsh). one third, sostanna kifil, i.e., third part; the word " kifil " meaning a part, portion. one fourth, ārātaññā kifil, or rub, (Arabic) etc.

PRONOUNS

Personal pronouns are either (a) separable, or (b) indicated by inseparable verbal prefixes or suffixes.

The following are the personal pronouns:

Separable

inē.	7.	iññā,	we.
ānta, ānchī,	thou (m.). thou (f.).	innānta, <i>or</i> illānta	$\}you.$
irsu, irsāchaw,	he. he (polite). she.	innarsu, <i>or</i> irsāchaw,	they.
irswā,	ane.		

Inseparable verbal prefixes and suffixes

Prefixes (subject)	Suffixes (e	
i-, I. ti-, thou (m). ti-, thou (f.). yi-, he. ti-, she. inni-, we. ti-, you. yi-, they.	-ñ,	me or to me. thee or to thee. thee or to thee. him or to him. her or to her. us or to us. you or to you. them or to them.
•	-t ancera u	•

The form "irswo", you, must be used when speaking to a person of position, not "anta", thou.

Similarly, when speaking of a person of position the form "irsachaw", they, must be used, and not "irsu", he.

form reaction , meg, into be used and used in conversation except for purposes of emphasis. The inseparable personal prefix indicates the person the verb is in.

The inseparable suffixes are attached to verbs in the

accusative and dative cases.

Example:

Accusative case.

Wada Ankobar wassada—

to Ankobar he took

to Ankobar he took

na, vs.
ächihu, you.
ächaw, them.

He took me, thee, etc., to Ankobar.

ba - gurādē gaddalhu with sword I killed \$\text{t, him.}\$ \$\tilde{a}t, her.\$ \$\tilde{a}chaw, them, or \$\text{gaddalhwāchaw.}\$

I killed him, her, etc., with a sword.

Dative case.

Dahinā baklō sattahu—
good mule I gave

kh or h, to thee (masculine).
t, to him.
āt, to her.
āchihu, to you.
āchaw, to them.
or sattahwāchaw.

I gave thee, him, her, etc., a good mule.

Possessive Pronouns are :

him (pol.)) his (pol.).

yarswā (ya-irswā, of her)

her, hers.

yaně (ya-ině, of me) my, mine.

yānta (ya-ānta, of you) (fem. yānchī) your, yours.

yarswo (ya-irswo, of you (pol.)) your, yours (pol.).

yarsu (ya-irsu, of him) his, its.

yarsāchaw (ya-irsāchaw, of

e.g. yanë bët naw. It is my house. bëtu yanna naw. The house is ours.

The possessive pronominal suffixes are:

-ē, my.
-kh or -h, thy (masculine).
-sh, thy (feminine).
-u, his.
-wā, her.
-āchin, our.
-āchin, our.
-āchin, our.
-āchin, our.
-āchin, our.
-āchin, their.

Example:

faras, a horse. farasāchin. our horse. farasē. mu horse. farasāchihu. your horse. farasikh thy horse. farasāchaw. their horse. or farasih farasish. thy (woman's) horse. his horse. farasu. faraswā. her horse.

Similarly when the noun is in the plural number, e.g., farasochē, my horses.

farasochēchin, our horses, etc.

Demonstrative Pronouns are:

	Sing	ular	T 11.7	Plural
	Mascul.	Femin.	English	Common
Nom. Accus.	yih yihin or	yich yichin	this this	illazzīh,* or illīh. illazzīhin, or illīhin.
Gen. Dative.	yihinnan yazzīh lazzīh	yazzieh lazzieh	of this to or for this	yallazzīh, or yallīh. lallazzīh, or lallīh.
Abl. • {	kazzīh bazzīh	kazzīch bazzīch	from this	kallazzīh, or kallīh. ballazzīh, or ballīh.

	Sin	Singula r		Plural		
	Masc.	Fem.	English	Common gender	English	
	yān, <i>or</i>	yāch yāchin	that that	illazzīyā* illazzīyān	those those	
Gen. Dative	yannan yazzīyā lazzīyā	yazzīyāch lazzīyāch	of that to or for that	yallazzīyā lallazzīyā	of those to or for those	
Abl. {	_	kazziyāch	from that	kallazzīyā	from those	
,	bazzīyā	bazziyach	at; in, on that	l	by, with, at, in, on those	

^{*} The form "innazzīh", "innazzīhin", "innazzīyā", "innazzīyā", etc., is also used.

Interrogative pronouns are :

TWINDS ADMINISTRA			
Singular mān, min or mindir,	inna	<i>lural</i> mān, plural)	English who, which? what, which?
yēt, yētu,	**	**	which, what, which one?
mānnāchaw,	,,	**	which of them?
yētiññaw,	**	"	which of two?

Examples:

mān naw lijjēn yamattā?
who he is my child who hit?
who struck my child?

măn naw irsu?

who he is he?

who is he?

mānnāchaw baklo liyāz?
which of them mule am I to catch?
which of the mules am I to catch?

min naw or mindir naw?

what is it? what do you want? what is the matter? The two latter expressions are also used in asking a question as to the reason why something was clone or not done.

Example:

min naw äshkaru älmattäm? what it is (the reason) the servant came not? why has the servant not come?

min naw dunkwān āltatakkalam \$\\ \ what it is (the reason) tent not been pitched? \\ \ why has the tent not been pitched?

Relative pronouns. "who", "which". There are two:

ya- is for the Past, and is prefixed to the Past Tense. yamm- or yammi- is for the Present and Future, and is prefixed to the Constructive Present.

Example:

tilānt ya- mattā saw. yesterday who he came man. the man who came yesterday.

larsu ya sattahu baklo.
to him which I gave mule.
the mule which I gave to him.

When these or any other prefixes (Conjunctions, Negative, etc.) are used with the 2nd pers. sing. or pl. the "t-" of the Personal Prefix is doubled.

Example: yammi-ttimātu. You who come. si-ttihēd. When you go. ā(l)-ttifalligim. You do not want. zārē yamm - īhēd ho he goes (or will go) or he is going man. the man who goes (or will go) to-day. to-day who

naga yamm - innishshāggar wanz. to-morrow which we cross (or will cross) river. the river which we cross (or will cross) to-morrow.

Reflexive pronouns. There is only one reflexive pronoun, viz., "ras-", meaning head or self. When used, possessive personal suffixes are attached to it to denote the person to which it refers.

Example:

myself. rās ē. thyself (masculine). rās - ikh *or* rās - ih. thyself (feminine) rās ish, himself. rās - u.

herself. rās - wā, rās - āchin. ourselves. yourselves. rās - āchihu.

themselves, (or himself (pol.)). ras - achaw.

The above may also mean my head, thy head, etc., but the context will show which meaning is to be given.

Another form is:

irs barsāchin. among ourselves, or one another. among yourselves, or each other. irs barsāchihu. among themselves, or one another, each barsāchaw. other.

This appears to be a contracted form of-

ba - rās - āchin. irau with ourselves. ba - rās - āchihu. irsu with yourselves. ba - rās - āchaw. with themselves.

AUXILIARY VERBS

The verb "to be" is represented in Amharic by three verbs; viz.

"ālla", he is present, or exists. This verb has only one tense, i.e., the "present".

"naw", he is, with a past tense "nabbara", he was. No other tenses.

"hona", it was, it became, it happened. This verb is conjugated as a regular verb through all tenses and moods.

The contracted form of "ālla", i.e., "āl", is frequently used in conjugation. (See Table of Verbs.)

"Naw" is not used as an auxiliary verb in its present tense, but its past tense "nabbara" is so used.

"Hona" being a regular verb, there is nothing peculiar in the way it is used, except that in the imperative mood it is used to signify consent; as

yi - hun, let it be so, may it be so.

There is no verb "to have" in Amharic. Possession is expressed by means of the verb "alla" and the pronominal suffixes.

Examples:

Present. ālla ñ there is to us we have. I have. there is to me h

ālla thou hast (m.) there is to thee

ālia - āchihu you have. thou hast (f.). ālia sh there is to thee (f.)

you have ālla -(2nd pers. pol.). there is to you

ālla -

ālla - āchaw there is to them they have. he has. there is to him

älla āchaw he has

(3rd pers. pol.). there is to him

ālla āt she has. there is to her

To form the Negative of this tense, "y-" must be prefixed and "-m" or "-im" suffixed:

e.g. y-alla-ñ-im. I have not. v-alla-w-m. He has not.

Past.

nabbara - ñ I had. nabbara - n, we had. there was to me \ thou hadst (m.). nabbara nabbara - h āchihu. you had. there was to thee nabbara - sh there was to thee } thou hadst (f.).

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\ you had
nabbara -
                  (2nd pers. pol.)
nabbara -
                                     nabbara -
                   he had.
there was
          to him
                                       āchaw, they had.
                   he had
nabbara - āchaw
                  (3rd. pers. pol.).
nabbara - āt
                   she had.
                   Future.
             aññ
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Conjugation of the Auxiliary Verbs

Present Tense

āllahu. or nañ. I am.āllah, or nah. thou art. āllash, or nash, thou art (fem.). nawo (nawot), thou art (pol.). ālla, he is. or naw. āllach. or nat (nach), she is. āllana, or nan. we are. āllāchihu, or nāchihu, you are. āllu. or nāchaw. they are, or he is (pol.).

Past Tense.

nabbarhu, I was.
nabbarh, thou wast.
nabbarsh, thou wast (fem.).
nabbara, he was.
nabbarach, she was.

nabbarna, we were.
nabbarachihu, you were.
nabbaru, they were, or he was (pol.).

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Whereas in English the "name" of a verb is known by the Infinitive, in Amharic the "name" is the 3rd pers. sing. of the Past Tense, Indicative Mood, and all verbs in the Vocabulary are given in this form.

The greater number of Amharic verbs consist of three syllables, but there are many verbs of two syllables, and a smaller number of four syllables. There is also one verb with only one syllable, viz., "shā", he desired, wished for.

The conjugation of Amharic verbs is only made difficult by the necessity to double correctly the consonants in the stem of the verb. The Prefixes and Suffixes are regular throughout.

Broadly speaking, there are two types of verb: Those whose second root-consonant is doubled only in certain tenses, and those whose consonant is doubled throughout. The pattern-verb of the former type is "lammada", to become used to, that of the latter type is "fallaga," to want. (See Conjugation of Verbs inset opposite page 24.)

The type to which a verb belongs is known (with the exception of those verbs which begin with "a") by its Infinitive, and it is recommended that a verb be always learned with its Infinitive, i.e., "lammada, malmad", "fallaga, mafallag", etc. To facilitate this, all verbs in the Vocabularies are shown with their Infinitives (or, in the case of "a" verbs, with their Imperatives).

Rules for Verbs

Rule 1.

Those verbs, whether of two syllables or of three, the second consonant of whose Infinitive is a 6th form (i.e., consonant alone without vowel), are like "iammada".

Those verbs, whether of two syllables or of three, the second consonant of whose Infinitive is a 1st form (i.e., consonant with vowel "a"), are like "fallaga".

Example:

"saggada", to worship; Inf. "masgad" (therefore Type 1 like "lammada"). "battana", to scatter; Inf. "mabattan" (therefore

Type 2 like "fallaga").

Rule 2.

All verbs like "lammada" double the second root-consonant in the Past Tense only.

· All verbs like "fallaga" double the second root-consonant throughout the conjugation.

Example:

"saggada", to worship; (Type 1) Past Tense, "saggada"; Present and Future Tense, "yisagdāl",

"battana", to scatter; (Type 2) Past Tense, battana": Present and Future Tense, "yibattināl".

Rule 3.

Four-Syllable Verbs double the third root-consonant in the Past Tense and Constructive Present (and derived tenses, such as Present and Future Tense) only.

Example:

"marammara", to examine; Inf. "mamarmar"; Past Tense, "marammara"; Present and Future Tense, "yimarammiral"; Imperative, "marmir".

"kalakkala", to forbid; Inf. "makalkal"; Present and Future, "yikalakkiläl"; Imperative, "kalkil".

Rule 4.

Two-Syllable Verbs whose first syllable is a 4th, 5th or 7th form (i.e., "ā", "ā" or "o") never double. (The only exception to this is in the 1st pers. sing. of the Gerund.)

Example:

"tsāfa", to write; Inf., "matsāf"; Present and Future Tense, "yitsifāl".

"koma", to stand; Inf., "makom"; Present and Future Tense, "yikomāl".

Note that all two-syllable verbs whose first syllable is 4th form shorten that syllable to "i" in the Constructive Present, and therefore also in the Present and Future Tense, e.g., "tsāfa", "yitsifāl"; "tāla, yitilāl"; etc.

Rule 5.

Verbs whose first letter is an "a" (not Causative) cannot be grouped according to their type by noting their Infinitive, as, whatever the type, the second consonant of their Infinitive can never be a 6th form. Such verbs can only be known from their Imperative.

Rule.—Those "a" verbs, the first vowel of whose Imperative is an "i", are Type 1 verbs. Those the first vowel of whose Imperative is an "a" are Type 2 verbs.

Example:

"āmmana", to believe; Imperative, "iman" (therefore Type 1). Present and Future Tense, "yāmnāl".

"āssaba", to think; Imperative, "āssib" (therefore Type 2). Present and Future Tense, "yāssibāl".

Rule 6.

Verbs beginning with the Causative "ās-" whatever their Infinitive or Imperative may be, double the second root-consonant throughout the conjugation, exactly like Type 2 verbs.

Example:

"āsmattā", to cause to come; Inf., "māsmattāt"; Present and Future Tense, "yāsmattāl".

Rule 7.

Passive or Reflexive Verbs. The "ta-" of the Passive is assimilated by any of the verbal prefixes, and the following consonant is therefore doubled to show the presence of the Passive.

(The "ta-" is retained, however, when it is prefixed to a verb beginning with "a".

e.g. yitäyällü. They will be seen. yitässabäl. It will be thought of.)

In the Present and Future Tense the second root-consonant is also doubled, and all 6th forms are changed into 1st form.

Example:

"talammada", to have become accustomed to; Present and Future Tense, "yillammadāl".

"tafallaga", to be wanted; Present and Future Tense, "yiffallagal".

In the Passive of the Infinitive, the second root-consonant is never doubled (as it would be in the case of Type 2 verbs in the Active).

Example :

" mafattan ", to test (Active).

"maffatan", to be tested (Passive). Note that here the 1st root-consonant is doubled to show the presence of the Passive.

Rule 8.

Three-Syllable Verbs whose Second and Third Syllables are the same. Such verbs are frequent in Amharic, e.g., "saddada", to send; "kassasa", to accuse; "sallala", to spy on.

If the verb is Type 1, the two final syllables contract and form one doubled consonant in the Constructive Past and Constructive Present Tenses (and in tenses derived therefrom, e.g., Perfect Tense, Present and Future Tense,

If the verb is Type 2, the two syllables are retained, and the first of them is doubled throughout the conjugation.

Example:

"saddada", to send; Inf., "masdad" (Type 1); Perfect, "saddoāl"; Present and Future, "yisaddāl". and "kassasa", to accuse; Inf., "maksas"; Perfect, "kassoāl"; Present and Future, "yikassāl".

but "sallala", to spy on; Inf., "masallal" (Type 2); Perfect, "salliloal": Present and Future, "yisallilal".

It must be realised that there are exceptions to the above rules. But these rules will act as a sound basis for the beginner, and the exceptions will be learned automatically as the student progresses in the language.

By means of the prefixes "a-" or "as-", and by certain changes in the spelling, verbs become causative. frequentative, or intensitive.

Example: he broke. sabbara (trans.) Root verb (he caused (someone) ā-sabbara 1. Causative to break (something). (he broke (something) 2. Frequentative to bits, or he broke sabābbara or several times. . intensitive he caused (someone 3. Causative to break (something ā-sabābbara frequentative to bits or frequently. or intensitive

By prefixing "ta-" to the root verb, verbs become passive. See Rule 7 above.

Example: \cdot

 Simple pass. it was broken, or ta-sabbara or trans. broke (intrans.). 2. Passive it was broken or broke ta-sabābbara

frequentative) va-sababbara	(to bits.
Further example	s:	
finjāl- in cup (acc.)	} sabbara he broke	$\Big\{ he\ broke\ a\ cup.$
finjāl- u- n cup the (acc.	a-sabbara he caused (someone) to break	the made (someone) break the cup, or he caused someone) to break the cup.
$rac{ ext{finjāl-}}{ ext{cu}p}$ (acc.)	} sabābbara } he broke to bits	$\{ he \ broke \ a \ cuf \ to \ bits. \}$
finjāl- u- n cup the (acc.	ä-sabābbara he caused (someone) to break to bits	he made (someone) break the cup to bits.
finjāl <i>cup</i>	ta-sabbara was broken or broke	a cup was broken or broke.
finjāl- u cup the	ta-sabābbara was broken or broke to bits.	the cup was broken or broke to bits.

Moods and Tenses

For the purposes of this book it is sufficient to consider the following moods:

Indicative mood.—It has two main tenses, viz.:

- 1. The present tense; this is also used for the future tense.
- The past tense.

Constructive tenses.—These tenses, one past and one present, are used as the bases of other tenses. The Constructive Past (which is in reality the Gerund) can be used alone, but the Constructive Present (or Contingent) has no meaning except when used with some auxiliary.

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Example:

faras gazichchē baklo la-āshkar-ē sattahu horse I having bought mule to servant my I gave or buying

having bought a horse I gave the mule to my servant.

Here "gazichchē" is the Constructive Past Tense of the verb "gazzā", he bought.

tor yizo rota · bb · iñ.
spear he having seized or seizing he ran at me
seizing a spear he ran at me.

"yizo" is the Constructive Past Tense of the verb "yāza", he seized.

1. The auxiliary verb "ālla", in its contracted form "-āl", added to the Constructive Past Tense, forms the Perfect Tense.

Example:

hēdo-āl

he having gone—he is (away still) i.e., He has gone.
matito-al

he having come—he is (here still) i.e., He has come.

anaanto-ai

he having fled—he is (still at large) i.e., He has fled.

gabto-āl

he having entered—he is (still inside) i.e., He has entered or gone in.

2. The auxiliary verb "nabbara", in its contracted form "nabbar", added to the Constructive Past Tense, forms the Pluperfect Tense.

Example:

matto nabbar nagar gin dagmo heda. Having come he was (here) but again he went. i.e., He had come, but he went away again.

shashto nabbar nagar gin tayāza.

Having fled he was (at large) but he has been caught.

i.e., He had fled, but he was caught.

i.e., He had gone in, but when I called him, he came out.

In the above examples "hēdo", "matito", "gabto", "shashto", etc., are the Constructive Past Tense (or Gerund) of the verbs "hēda", he went, "mattā", he came, "shashsha", he fled, "gabbā", he entered.

Imperative mood.—This mood is used to express desire, request, or consent.

Example:

yimtu, let them come, they may come.
yihun, let it be so, may it be so.
yigbā, let him come in, he may come in.
yihīd, let him go, he may go.

Infinitive mood.—This mood expresses the act itself, and may be a verbal noun.

Example:

Infinitive mattā. he came. mamtāt. the coming. hēda. he went. mahēd. the going takkwusa. he fired (with firearms or with matakkwus, the firing. an iron). he killed. gaddala. magdal, the killing.

mamtāt.

the hitting.

Example :

he hit.

mattā.

ka-mamtāt-u āssir kan ba-hwālā.
from coming his ten days at after.
i.e., ten days after his arrival.

magzāt yallam mashat yallam, māyyat bichchā naw. buying is not, selling is not, seeing only it is. i.e., There is no buying or selling going on, people are only looking (at the things exposed for sale).

It will be seen from the examples that a verb in the infinitive mood really becomes a noun. This mood invariably begins with the syllable "ma-".

Use of the Gerund

The Gerund—which also forms the Constructive Past Tense—is used in a variety of ways, and is of great importance towards the speaking of good Amharic. 1. The use of the Gerund obviates the repetition of the conjunction " and ".

Example:

hēdo tamallasa.

He going he returned. i.e., He went and has come back.

fartaw shashshu.

They being afraid they fled. i.e., They were afraid and ran away.

hījjē tayyikkē iwunatun āwkkē imatāllahu. I going I asking the truth I knowing I will come. i.e., I will go and find out the truth and come (and tell you).

2. The Gerund often assumes the force of the imperative.

Example:

yihinnan yīzah hid.

this you catching go! i.e., Take this and go!
tabanjā-āchihu-n yizāchihu takataluñ.

rifle your (pl.) you catching follow me.

i.e., Bring your rifles and follow me.

gazichchē limtā.

I buying am I to come? i.e., Shall I go and buy it?

Verbs in the Negative

Verbs are put into the negative by means of the negative articles "āl-" (prefixed) and "-m" or "-im" (suffixed). The suffix "-m" is omitted, however, in the Imperative.

(a) Past Tense Negative āl mattā - m, mattā. he came. came not. he hēda - m. āl hēda. he went. ħе went not. gabbāhu - m, gabbāhu, I went in. āl went not in. Ι wattāhu- m, wattāhu, I went out āl went not out (or up). (or up).

(b) Present and Future Tense

In this case the negative articles are affixed to the Constructive Present Tense. The force of the prefix "al-", however, is to change the personal prefixes as follows:

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	(or "Contingent")	I am becoming, or shall		•	
I became, or have become, used.		become, used		ming used.	Becoming us
Sing. 1 lammad—hu	Sing. 1 i—lamd	Sing. 1 ilamd—āllahu	Sing. 1 ilamd	nabbar	Sing. 1 lamd-ē * (lami)
2 m. lammad—h f. lammad—sh	2 m. ti—lamd f. ti—lamdi* (tilamj)	2 m. tilamd—āllah f. tilamdi—āllash	2 m. tilamd f. tilamdi	nabbar nabbar	2 m. lamd-ah f. lamd-ash
3 m. lammad—a f. lammad—ach	3 m. yi—lamd f. ti—lamd	3 m. yilamd—āl ("la" isomitted) f. tilamd—āllach	3 m. yilamd f. tilamd	nabbar nabbar	3 m. lamd-o f. lamd-ā
Plur. 1 lammad—na 2 lammad—āchihu 3 lammad—u	Plur. 1 inni—lamd 2 ti—lamdu 3 yi—lamdu	Plur. 1 innilamd — āllan 2 tilamd (u) *—āllāchihu 3 yilamd (u) *—āllu	Plur. 1 innilamd 2 tilamdu 3 yilamdu	nabbar nabbar nabbar	Plur. 1 lamd-an 2 lamd-āchihu 3 lamd-aw
	* If the addition of a suffix con- joins "d" with "i", the resultant character is a "j."	* The final "u" is omitted except when a Pronominal Suffix is inserted between the Verb and the Auxiliary.			* If the addition conjoins "d" with resultant character is ‡ In the 1st pers. Gerund the final c. always doubled.
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Past Tense	Constructive Present (or "Contingent")	Present and Future Tense	Imperfect Tense	Constructive Past (c
I wanted.		I want, or shall want.	I was wanting.	Wanting.
Sing. 1 fallag-hu	Sing. 1 i-fallig	Sing. 1 ifallig-āllahu	Sing. 1 ifallig nabbar	Sing. 1 falligg-ë*
2 m. fallag-h f. fallag-sh	2 m. ti-fallig f. ti-falligi	2 m. tifallig-āllah f. tifalligi-āllash	2 m. tifallig nabbar f. tifalligi nabbar	2 m. fallig-ah f. fallig-ash
3 m. fallag-a f. fallag-ach	3 m. yi-fallig f. ti-fallig	3 m. yifallig-āl ("la" is omitted) f. 'tifallig-āllach) 3 m. yifallig nabbar f. tifallig nabbar	3 m. fallig-o f. fallig-ā
Plur. † 1 fallag-na 2 fallag-āohihu 3 fallag-u	Plur. 1 inni-fallig 2 ti-falligu 3 yi-falligu	Pher. 1 innifallig -āllan 2 tifallig(u) * -āllāchihu 3 yifallig(u) * -āllu	Plur. 1 innifallig nabbar 2 tifalligu nabbar 3 yifalligu nabbar	Plur. 1 fallig-an 2 fallig-āchihu 3 fallig-aw
		* The final "u" is omitted except when a Pronominal Suffix is inserted between the Verb and the Auxiliary.	r 	*In the 1st pers. Gerund the final always doubled.

Two-Syllable Verbs are in many cases Three-Syllable roots which have lost one letter. In these cases a compensatory "T" appears in the Infinitive and lary that any Two-Syllable verb has a compensatory "T" in the Infinitive, it can be immediately known that the

> Gerund "samto". " masmāt " sammā, to hear. Inf. "makrat" Gerund "karto". karra, to remain. Inf. Gerund "āyito". " mayyat ". to see. Inf. āyya,

NJUGATION OF VERBS.

=Constructive Present +ālla, +nabbar (indeclinable). +älla.* =Constructive Past (or Gerund) +nabbar (indeclinable).

Shortened to "al" in all but 1st sing, and 3rd fem. sing.

lammada are all verbs the second syllable of whose infinitive is a sixth form (i.e., consonant alone without vowel).

	Constructive Past (or Gerund)	Perfect Tense	Pluperfect Tense	Imperative
d.	Becoming used. Sing.	I have become used. Sing.	I had become used.	Let me become used; become used, etc.
	l lamd-ē * (lamijjē)‡	l lamjē—āllauh	Sing. 1 lamjë nabbar	Sing. 1 li-lmad
	2 m. lamd-ah f. lamd-ash	2 m. lamdah-āl f. lamdash-āl	m. lamdah nabbar f. lamdash nabbar	2 m. limad f. limadi * (limaj)
	3 m. lamd-o f. lamd-ā	3 m. lamdo-āl f. lamdā-āllach	3 m. lamdo nabbar f. lamdā nabbar.	3 m. yi-lmad f. ti-lmad
	Plur. 1 lamd-an 2 lamd-āchihu 3 lamd-aw	Plur. 1 lamdan-āl 2 lamdāchihu-āl 3 lamdaw-āl	Plur. 1 lamdan nabbar 2 lamdāchihu nabbar 3 lamdaw nabbar	Plur. 1 inni-lmad 2 limadu 3 yi-lmadu
	* If the addition of a suffix conjoins "d" with "6", the resultant character is a "jö". ! In the let pers. sing. of the Gerund the spal consonant is always doubled.			* If the addition of a suffix conjoins "d" with "i", the resultant character is a "j".

fallaga are all verbs the second syllable of whose infinitive is a first form (i.e., consonant with vowel "a").

Constructive Past (or Gerund)	Perfect Tense	Pluperfect Tense	Imperative
Wanting. Sing. 1 fallig-ā* 2 m. fallig-ah f. fallig-ash 3 m. fallig-o f. fallig-ā	I have wanted. Sing. 1 falligē-āllauh 2 m. falligah-āl f. falligash-āl 3 m. falligo-āl f. falligē-āllach	I kgd wanted. Sing. 1 falligē nabbar 2 m. falligah nabbar f. falligah nabbar	Let me want; want, etc. Sing. 1 li-fallig 2 m. fallig f. falligi 3 m. yi-fallig
Plur. 1 Afallig-an 2 fallig-āchihu 3 fallig-aw * In the 1st pers. sing. of the Gerund the final consonant is gluggys doubled.	Plur. 1 falligan-āl 2 falligāchihu-āl 3 falligaw-al	f. falligā nabbar Plur. 1 falligan nabbar 2 falligāchihu nabbar 3 falligaw nabbar	f. ti-fallig Plur. 1 inni-fallig 2 falligu 3 yi-falligu
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" appears in the Infinitive and the Constructive Past (or Gerund) in all forms except the 1st Pers. Sing. Thus if it is found in the Vocabu-be immediately known that the "T" will also appear in the Constructive Past (or "Gerund").

Gerund "samto". mattā, to come. Gerund "matito". Gerund "karto". mollā, to fill. Gerund "molto".

Gerund "ayito". tattā, to drink. Gerund

WAYS BE "HELD ON TO" (i.e., stressed) AS IN ITALIAN. IF THIS IS NOT DONE THE MEANING MAY BE ENTIRELY ALTERED. only in the Past Tense, whereas in Type 2 verbs it is doubled throughout.

25 1st pers. sing. "i-" becomes " āl- ". 2nd pp. sing. and pl. "ti." " ātti- ". 3rd pp. sing. and pl. "yi." " āi- ". lst pers. pl. " mni- " " ānni- " Example: i-hēd-āllahu Negative äl-hēd-im. I am going (or will go). I am going (or will not go). yi-ma*t*ā-āl āi-matā-m. He is coming (or will He is not coming (or come). will not come). inni-fallig-āllan ānni-fallig-im. We want (or shall want). We do not want (or shall not want). (N.B.—The negative articles cannot be added to the Constructive Past nor to any of its derivatives.) Negative Verbs There is one permanently negative verb, "aidollam", he is not. It has only the present tense. This verb is frequently used to express denial, e.g., " didollam ", no, that is not so; that is not the case. Conjugation of the Negative Verb " āidollam " Present Tense āidollahum. I am not. āidollanam. we are not. āidollahm. āidollāchihum, you are not. thou art not. āidollam. he is not. åidollum, they are not. Negation is also expressed by means of the verbs "alla" and "nabbar" in the negative forms, e.g.: vallam. he is not, does not exist. al-nabbara-m, he was not, did not exist. **ADVERBS** Adverbs are either simple or compound. The simple adverbs are: machē. when. " At the time when " is translated thus: si - inni-hēd when we go. when we shall go ba - tanassāna gizē when we started. at we had started time

how many? how much?

sint.

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         bichchā.
                        only, simply, alone. With the pos-
sessive personal pronoun this last adverb is used thus:
       bichchā-ē-n (accusative) \ I alone, I by myself.
  or la-bichchā-e
         tolo.
                           quickly.
         ganā,
                           yet, not yet, still
         āhun.
                          now.
         inkwā,
                           even, indeed.
         sinkwä.
                           but.
         injī,
         hullu gizē
                           always.
         zawatir.
                          formerly, in former times.
         diro.
  Compound adverbs are formed by a combination of:
  (a) Prepositions and nouns or adjectives, as:
          ba -
                  dastā.
                                 joufully.
         with
                  joy,
                  charinnat.
          ba -
                                 kindly, mercifully.
         with
                  kindness.
                  dahinā,
         ba -
                                 well.
         with
                  good.
          ba -
                  likk,
                                 according to.
         with
                  measure.
  (b) Prepositions and pronouns, as:
          ba -
                  zzīh.
                                 here.
                  this (place)
          at
          ka -
                  zzih.
                                 hence.
                  this (place),
         from
          wada - zzih,
                                 hither.
         towards
                  this (place),
          inda -
                  zzih.
                                 thus.
                  this.
           as
    wada-yēt (wadēt),
                                 where.
    inda-vět (indět),
                                 how.
    la-min (lamin),
                                 why.
    la-mindir (lamindir).
    sila-min (silamin),
                                 wherefore.
  (c) Prepositions, nouns and particles, as:
         ba - rās - gē
                                 at the head.
         at
              head side
            - igir - ge
         ba
                                at the foot.
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foot side

Compound adverbs are also formed by particles which are intended to represent certain sounds followed by the verbs "āla", he said; "ādarraga", he did; and "āsañña", he caused. These, however, really become verbs, as will be seen from the following examples:

Particle Instance leaping, jumping. mar vilāl, he jumps. mar. splitting, cracking. sitit sitit āla. it cracked, it split. kas bal. kas. caution. be careful! if, blowing, puffing. if bal, blow, puff! kaf. elevation. kaf ādarraga, he raised. zik. lowness. zik bal. lower! depress! silence. zim bal. be quiet! be silent! zim. joy, pleasure. he rejoiced. daa. das āla - w, kuch. sitting. kūch bal. sit down!

PREPOSITIONS

Prepositions are either separable or inseparable. The separable prepositions are:

sila. for the sake, for, on account of. towards, in the direction of. wada. vāla. without. inda, as, like as, according to. iska. up to, until.

Example:

sila wandim - u mattā he came on account of on account of brother his he came his brother. wada Addis Ababā innihid let us go to Addis Addis Ababa let us go Ababa. he ran towards the wada wanz rota

towards river he ran river. one cannot go yāla fakād - āchaw mahēd yallam without his without permission his (pol.) going is not (

permission. inda āwrē vichohal he yells like a wild he yelle like as wild animal animal. iska - innimata āttihid not go till ыЩ do not go we come come. innimmallas vitabbikāl he will keep watch iska he will watch ыШ until we return. we return

Inseparable prepositions are those which are chiefly used in the declension of nouns, pronouns, etc., viz.:

ya-, of.
la-, to or for.
ba-, at, in, on, by, with, through.
ka-, from, out of, with.

Of the above, "ba-" and "ka-" are also used with:

wust, inside. outside. wichi. before, in front. fīt. hwālā, behind. lāyi, above. tāch, below. ātagab. around. zurvā, alonaside. zand, chez (as in gārā. with, in company French). with. diras, as far as, up to. fantā. instead of.

When so used and when the word qualified is a noun, the inseparable preposition is prefixed to the noun, and the above particles follow the noun.

Example:

ba - dunkwān wust inside the tent. tent inside ba - zāf lāvi takamtoāl he is sitting on a tree. on tree above he is sitting ba - ālgā tāch āskammitaw put it under the bed. in bed under make it sit ba - bētē ā*t*agab alongside my house. at house my alongside ka - wadāiē gārā with my friend. with friend my with

"iska" and "diras" are always used to indicate duration or extent, as:

iska Ankobar diras ābran hēdna we went together as as far as Ankobar up to together we went far as Ankobar.

ka mātā iska twāt diras \\from evening till from evening till morning up to \\\ the morning.

CONJUNCTIONS

gin,
nagar gin,
dāru gin,
but, however.
but, on the other hand.

Example:

āhun yallam {gin nagar gin dāru gin but in winter it will not be

wanting.
there is none at present but in the winter there will be plenty.

(* Kiramt is really the rainy season, in general conversation, i.e., from the middle of June to the end of September.)

injī, but.

Example:

Almotam tamatto nabbar inji he died not having been hit he was but he did not die but he was wounded.

wayi
wayim
wayis

or, either . . . or

Example:

wayis and baklo wayis hulat ahiyyoch either one mule or two donkeys

inditāmatā yihun.
that thou bring let it be.
you must bring either a mule or two donkeys.

- m, or - im and.

Example:

farasochāchinin-innā baklochāchinin ganzabāchinin-im our horses and our mules our goods and hullun inniwasdāllan.

all we shall take.

we shall take all, our horses, our mules, and our goods.

farasn - im baklon - im hullum wassada.

horse and mule and all he took.

he took horse and mule and everything.

"If", "When", etc.

For Present and Future Tense

if. bi-, вi-, when, while. ere, before, without sā... are prefixed to the Conindi-. that, in order that. structive Present. li-, li-, nearly, almost. until. iski-, silammi-, because.

For Past Tense

ka-, since.
sila-, because.
inda-, in the same way that,
as.
iska-, until.

are prefixed to the Past
Tense.

Example:

bir bi-* yiggaññ (pass.) bēt igazāllahu.
money if it is found house I shall buy.
if I can get the money I shall buy a house.

misāchinin si - innibalā † dunkwānu waddaka our food while we were eating the tent it fell.

while we were eating our food the tent fell.

wada wanz si - innihed towards river when we shall go. when we go to the river.

să - yimată ăihedim. without he comes he will not go. he will not go without coming here first.

sā - yihēd yanigus yafakād warakat before he goes of king of permission paper

indi-tāmatā yihun.

that thou bring let it be.

Before he goes you must bring me the Emperor's permit (allowing him to go).

* See note on "yi", p. 31.

† or si-innibala s-āllan (continuity, "whilst").

(indi-) - * yittarrag (pass.) wassadaw.

In order that it might be cleaned he took it.

he took it for the purpose of cleaning it.

li - * yittarrag naw nearly it clean is it is nearly clean.

This may also mean, it must be cleaned, or it is to be cleaned. The context will show which meaning is to be given.

li - * yigadalañ mettä.

In order that he might kill me he came.

he came to kill me.

(*The "y" of the 3rd pers. (sing. and pl.) Prefix "yi-" is omitted in pronunciation when preceded by a conjunction, and the "i" becomes long, e.g., biggaññ, indittarrag, ligadalañ.)

" nna " or " inna ", for, because, as, is suffixed to verbs.

tammoāl inna ālmattām.

he is ill because he did not come.

as he was ill, he did not come.

"-s" but, as for, as to, is suffixed to nouns and pro"-ssa"

Example:

anta - ssā? but thou? (meaning what did you do? how did
thou but! you get on? etc.).

ine \cdot s dahina nabbar oh, I was all right.

INTERJECTIONS

expression of surprise. ara, arag, expressions of great surprise, astonishment, wayu, wayu gud,∫ etc. of course, just so. iko. Oh, in the sense: Q. What is the matter?-A. Oh, nothing; I just came to see what was āyi, going on. in answer to a call; means sir. ābēt. ābēt, ābēt,) repeated several times is used as an expression of great wonder or surprise.

AFFIRMATIVES AND NEGATIVES

āwon, yes. âidollam, no.

In answering questions to which the answer is a simple

والمراجع والمحتصف وكالمختاص والمتحارية معايفة والمنتاء والمساود

negative or affirmative, the above are seldom used by themselves; the verb is generally repeated, as:

Q. āssir bir ālsattahutim wayi?

ten dollars did I not give to him?

Did I not give him ten dollars?

A. šwon sattut yes you gave to him yes, you (pol.), did. or älsattutim

you gave him not no, you did not.

tilant yamatta saw aidollam!

he is } yes, he is.

āidollam
he is not } no, he is not.

bakis ganzab ālla wayi | Is there any money in the in pocket money there is? | Pocket?

ālla, there is. yallam, no, there is not.

"Injā", I do not know, is not often used by educated people, as it implies a certain amount of disrespect, as much as to say, I do not know and I don't care, Who knows! How am I to know! It is much better to say: "āl-āwwakhū m", I do not know, the negative of the verb "āwwaka". he knew.

imbī, expresses unwillingness, refusal. ishshī, ,, willingness, consent, compliance.

THE FORMATION OF SENTENCES

The formation of Amharic sentences is awkward, but the correct order of the parts must be observed, or serious misunderstandings may be the consequence. As some slight compensation for this difficulty, it is considered of little importance whether number, gender, and case of nouns and adjectives be correctly stated or not, as long as the sense is obvious. Verbs must, however, always be correctly stated.

(a) The verb is generally placed at the end of the sentence (or at the end of that part of the sentence to which it refers).

umen in refers)

Example:

 $\left\{ egin{array}{ll} ar{ ext{servant}} & har{ ext{da}} \\ the servant & went \end{array}
ight. \left. \left\{ egin{array}{ll} the servant went. \\ anbasa \\ a lion & I killed \\ I killed \end{array} \right\} & I killed a lion. \\ zar{ ext{are}} & yibardar{ ext{da}} \\ to day & it is cold \end{array}
ight.
ight.$

(b) Adjectival, qualificatory, or explanatory words or sentences precede the words qualified.

Example:

yabaklo chinat waddaka of the mule load fell off (here "yabaklo" is qualificatory.)

āsrā sost kan takammata he stayed thirteen days.

thirteen days he stayed (here "āsrā sost" is adjectival.)

batwāt yahēda saw bamātā yigabāl.
in the morning who went the man in the evening will arrive.
the man who went this morning will arrive in the evening.
(here "yahēda" is explanatory of "saw".)

yälafakädö wada katamā yammihöd without my permission to town he who shall go saw ānd bir yikaflāl any man who goes to town man one dollar he shall pay without my permission shall be fined one dollar.

(here "yālafakādē wada katamā yammīhēd" is explanatory of "saw".)

(c) The attribute always follows the subject.

Example:

yih baklo birtu naw this mule strong he is this mule is strong. (here "birtu" is the attribute of "baklo".)

(d) The relative positions of adjectives and nouns are much the same as in English.

Example:

(a) As to position:

birtu inchat strong wood. strona woodbirtu inchat naw it is strong wood. strona woodbut inchatu birtu naw the wood is strong. the wood strong it is

(meaning some particular wood.)

(b) As to number:

dahā a poor man. poor mandahoch sawoch poor vadakkama bakloa tired or worn-out mule. muletired or worn-out vadakkamū bakloch tired or worn-out mules. tired or worn-out mules

(c) In a collective sense:

tankarrochinna yadakkamu hullu indihedu yihun.

the strong and the worn-out all that they go let it be.

the strong and the tired, let them all go, or they must all go.

(d) The relative positions of subject and object are best explained by the following example:

 $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} {\rm anbas\bar{a}} & {\rm gaddalhu} \\ {\rm a\ lion} & {\rm I\ killed} \end{array} \right\} \ I \ killed \ a \ lion.$

The verb "gaddalhu" being in the first person, singular, there can be no doubt as to the meaning of this sentence, but in the next sentence, unless the object is put in the accusative case, there will be ambiguity:

 $\left. egin{array}{ll} \mbox{anbasan gaddala} & \mbox{a lion he killed} \end{array} \right\} \ \mbox{he killed a lion.}$

If one wrote "ānbasā gaddala", the verb being in the third person singular, it would not be clear whether the lion had killed something or whether someone had killed a lion.

ānbasā barēun gaddala a lion the ox he killed a lion balled the ox.

Here again to avoid ambiguity the object must be put in the accusative form; if not, it might be taken to mean that the ox had killed a lion.

But in a sentence with a relative pronoun the order is—object, relative pronoun, verb, subject. Thus:

barēun yagaddala ānbasā) a lion which the ox (acc.) which killed a lion (nom.) } a lion which killed the ox.

In this last sentence it is better to put "barēu", the ox, in the accusative form; it is not, however, absolutely necessary, because the relative positions of "barēu" and "ānbasā" in the sentence denote which is the object. If it was intended to imply that an ox had killed a lion, one would say "ānbasā yagaddala barē".

Conditional Sentences

I. The Conditional Present or Future is formed thus:

(a) Simple Conditional.

Rule.—" bi-" with Constr. Pres. followed by Present and Future Tense.

Example:

bi. (y)imatā ānd bir isatawāllahu.

if he comes one dollar I will give him.
bi- ttifallig imatāllahu.

if you want I will come.

(b) Improbability. "If by any chance." "If it should happen that."

Rule.-

Fither "bi-" with Constr. Present

"nuro"

or Constr. Present + "indahon"

or "ya-" with Past Tense +

"indahon"

or Constr. Past + "indahon"

followed by either Present and Future

Tense or Conditional

Present.*

* The Conditional Present is the same as the Imperfect Tense.

Example:

Either bi-(y)imatā nuro or yimatā indahon or ya-matā indahon or matito indahon If he should happen to come.

ānd bir isatawāllahu.
one dollar I shall give him.

or isataw nabbar. I should give him.

II. The Conditional Past is formed thus:

Rule.—

Either Constr. Past + "bihon nuro" followed by
Conditional Past.*
or "ba-" with Past Tense followed by "ba-"
with Past Tense.

Example:

Either samto bīhon nuro shashto nabbar.

if he had heard he would have fled.

nagrāchihuñ bihon nuro hījjē nabbar.

if you (pl.) had told me I should have gone.

or ba-sammā ba-shashsha.

ba-naggarāchihuñ ba-hēdhu.

* The Conditional Past is the same as the Pluperfect Tense.

ETHIOPIAN GREETINGS

ADDRESS

When talking among themselves, men of equal position or rank always address each other in the 2nd person singular. When addressing anyone of superior rank, or in speaking about a man of superior rank, the verb is used in the 3rd person plural.

GREETINGS

In the morning: āddarh (polite āddaru) indēt how didst thou pass the night? āddarāchihu indēt did you (pl.) pass the night? how badahinā äddarāchihu well have you passed the night? In the afternoon: wälh (polite wälu) indēt how didst thou pass the day?

indet

how have you passed the day?

how have you

passed the night?

have you had

a good night?

i.e., good morn-

ing!

how did you (pl.) pass the day?
badahinā wālh (polite wālu)
well thou passedst the day?
badahinā wālāchihu
well have you (pl.) passed the day?

wälächihu

have you passed the day well?

At parting in the afternoon or at night:
badahinā idar (polite yidaru)
well mayst thou spend the night!
badahinā idaru
well may you (pl.) pass the night!

may you have a good night! i.e., good night!

At meeting after some time: indet sanabbath?

(polite sannabatu?) hast thou passed the time? how sanabbatāchihu? indēt have you (pl.) passed the time? how indēt sanbitahāl? hast thou passed the time? how indēt sanbitawāl have you (polite) passed the how time?

how have you
been (since I
last saw you)?

indēt how hat

sanbitāchihuāl?

have you (pl.) passed the time?

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On going away for some time:

badahinā sanbit (polite yisanbitu)

wellbadahinā pass the time ! sanbitu

good-bye.

wellpass (pl.) the time!

The above are the forms most commonly used, but there are numerous other forms which are occasionally used.

The invariable answer is-

yimmasgan igzīābihēr

may God be praised. may he be praised God

followed immediately by similar greetings, and answers to them, repeated over and over again at intervals.

A general form of greeting for anyone at any time of day is-

*t*ēnā

yistilliñ,

healthmay he give thee for me.

which means may God give you health in answer to my prayer.

The word "igzlābihēr", God, is very seldom used in its complete form, a contracted form "igziārr" being generally used in conversation.

YEARS, MONTHS, AND DAYS

The Ethiopian year consists of 12 months of 30 days each, to which are added 6 days at the end of each leap year and 5 days at the end of each non-leap-year so as to make up the 366 or 365 days. These extra days are called Pagumen.

Each year is named after one of the four Evangelists. The Ethiopian year 1938 (Mārkos) began on our 11th September, 1945; thus the calendar for that year was-

English year.	English month.	Ethiopian month.	Ethiopian year.
1945	11th September to 10th October	Maskaram	1938 (Mār <i>k</i> os)
	11th October to 9th November	Tikimt .	
	10th November to) 9th December	Hid ār	
1946	10th December to 8th January	Tāhsās	ŀ
	9th January to 7th February	Tir	*
	8th February to 9th March	Yakātīt	
	10th March to 8th April	M aggābīt	
	9th April to 8th May	Mīyāzyā	
	9th May to 7th June	Ginbot	
•	8th June to 7th July	} Sanē	
	8th July to 6th August	Hāmlē	
	7th August to 5th September	Nahäsē	
	6th September to 10th September	Pägumēn	

The order of the names is:

Matthew (Mātēwos). Mark (Mårkos).

Luke (Lukās). John (Yohannis).

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The Ethiopian year is divided into four seasons which are:

" Tsadāyi ", from the 25th " Maskaram " to the 1st. 26th of "Tāhsās".

2nd. "Balg" or "Matsau", from 26th "Tāhsās" to the 26th of "Maggabit".

3rd. "Bagā", or "Hāgāyi", from 26th "Maggābīt" to the 26th of "Sane".

"Kiramt", from 26th "Sanē" to the 25th of "Maskaram".

Ordinarily, however, only two seasons are taken into account, viz., Kiramt, which lasts from June to September and is the rainy season, and Baga, which takes in the remainder of the year and is the dry season.

Days of the week:

Ihud Sundau. Monday. Sañño, Tuesday. Maksañño. Wednesday.Rabu (Rob), Thursday. Hāmus, Friday. Arb, Saturday. Kidāmē,

Băl. a feast day. a fast. Tom.

CURRENCY, EXCHANGE, MEASURES, Erc.

The silver coins in circulation before the Italian aggression were :

"bir ", dollar (Maria Theresa).

"ālād", half-dollar.
"rub", quarter-dollar.

"mahāllak", one sixteenth of a dollar.

" bēsā", one thirty-second of a dollar.

Maria Theresa dollars are still declared in circulation; these have a portrait of Maria Theresa on one side and the double eagle of Austria on the other, and are dated 1780. The Government has declared, however, that they are no longer legal tender.

For some years after the Emperor's restoration East African currency was in general circulation along with the Maria Theresa dollars, but in 1945 a new currency issue was made, based on the American dollar, one Ethiopian dollar being equal to 40.25 American cents. Notes are of the value of 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, and 500 dollars, there is a silver coin of 50 cents, and copper coins of 1, 5, 10, and 25 cents.

In the vicinity of towns coins are fairly numerous, but in some few remote country districts bars of rock salt about twelve inches long (called "chaw") are used as currency. The marketable value of these varies from time to time; on an average a "chaw" is equal to about a half of a dollar.

Merchandise is also exchanged for produce, native-made cloth, sheep, cattle, etc.

In bartering, certain articles have a more or less fixed value as compared with others, but as a rule it is a matter of agreement between the parties. Cloth is invariably sold by the "kind", or cubit. Small quantities of grain or flour are sold by the "kunnah" = about a quart and a half: large quantities are sold by the "dawalla" = a sack. Cotton thread and the more valuable articles of merchandise are sold by the "waket" = one ounce: to represent which the Maria Theresa dollar coins are generally used. Liquids, e.g., "tēj "and "tallā" (an intoxicating wine and a weak beer respectively), are sold by the "gumbo", an earthen vessel holding about three gallons.

Fairs are held once or twice a week in most districts. where goods are sold, bought, or bartered.

SHORT SENTENCES

1. Home Life

(a) Engaging a servant

āshkar likatīr ifalligāllahu a servant to engage I want

wat sirā tāwkāllah? boyyinat?

wat sira tawkallan boyy.like cooking do you know? waiting? libs mātab? clothes to wash?

warakathin äsäyañ your paper show me

mān naw tayāzhih?
who he is your guarantor?

mistinna lijoch alluh?
wife and children are there to you?

Ingliziññā tinnāggarāllah wayi? English do you speak?

sint dammawaz tifalligāllah? how much wages do you want?

āsrā hulat bir bawar twelve dollars by month isatahāllahu I will give you

sañño twät basost säät Monday morning at three hours nä come

sirāh das āyāssaññim your work does not please I want to engage a servant.

Can you cook! wait at table! wash clothes!

Show me your paper (references).

Who is your guarantor?

Have you a wife and children?

Do you speak English?

What wages do you want?

I will give you 12 dollars a month.

Come on Monday morning at 9.

Your work is not satisfactory.

(b) In the house

ālgabbāñim. kas bilah it has not entered me. Slowly tanāgar speak I do not understand. Speak slowly. shāyiwun wafrām ādrigaw tea thick make it

misā darsoāl wayi?
lunch has it become ready?

lairēt ārāt ingidoch āllu for supper four visitors there are

bimatu inditabbiku if they come that they may wait nigarāchaw tell them

wadājochēn itayyikāllahu my friends I will ask

baigirē ihēdāllahu on my foot I will go

lashāyi gīzē wich ihonāllahu for tea time outside I shall be

baāsrā hulat sāāt immallasāllahu at twelve hours I shall return

challimoāl it has become dark

gëtoch (immëtë) babët nachaw? master (mistress) at house is he (she)? (pol.)

yihinnan malikt sitāchaw

this message give him (her)
ibākkih (pol.)
please

naga nā balaw to-morrow come say to him

bizu sirā āllabbiñ much work there is on me

dakimoññālinnā itaññāllahu I have become tired I shall lie down (reflexive) and Make the tea strong.

Is lunch ready?

There will be four visitors for supper.

If they come, ask them to wait.

I will visit my **fri**ends.

I will go on foot.

I shall be out for tea.

I shall return at 6 p.m.

It is getting dark.

Is the master (mistress) at home?

Give him (her) this message, please.

Tell him to come to-

I am very busy.

I am very tired and I am going to bed.

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SHORT SENTENCES 44 I am ill. I am better. baggo nan, āmmoññal thank God. I have become ill. better I am. vimmasgan igzīābihēr let Him be praised God I am sorry. I am glad. das biloññāl āziññāllahu . I am glad I am sorry. (perf. tense) (reflexive perf. tense) (c) On the telephone I will telephone. What idawwalāllahu. silk is the number? telephone I will ring. sint naw? $k_{11}tt$ ir $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$ The number how many is it? Who is speaking? libal? mān Whom am I to say? I will call him (her). itarāchawāllahu I will call him (or her) (pol.) He (she) is not here. vallum wada wich hēdawāl He (she) has gone he (she) (pol.) to outside he (she) (pol.) out. has gone is not present Ring again in half an kaikkul säät bahwälä indaganä hour. at half hour after again vidawwulu ring (pol.) The number is wrong. tesastoa! knttiru is mistaken the number (d) In the shops I want to bill some ātkilt magzāt ifalligāllahu vegetables. vegetables to buy I want I want a car. I am in āwtomobīl ifalligāllahu. a hurry. I want a car chakkwiyällahu I am (perf.) in a hurry Where can I buy a ligzā? bārnēta yēt hat? a hat where am I to buy? Have you any timbāho āllah wayi?

tobacco have you?

tobacco?

yihinnan iwaddallahu yannan gin | I like this but I do that I like hut not like that. ālwaddim I do not like yihe sint naw? Batam wudd naw How much is this? It this how is it? Very dear it is is very dear. much ishshī iwusdawāllahu All right! I will take all right! I will take it (e) Enquiring the way yapostā bēt mangad yetinnāw naw! Which is the way to post office road which is it? the Post Office? ba*kat*itā lihid wayim wada Shall I go straight or by straight am I to go or turn to the left or to girā wavim wada liznr the right? left am I to turn kaññ i riahti tābiyāw yet naw ibākkwo? Where is the station, the station where is it please (pol.)? please? bazzih bakkul naw It is in this direction. bu this direction it is rūk naw wayis kirb? Is it far or near? far is it or near? Is there a hotel in this bazzīh katamā hotēl ālla wavi? in this town hotel is there? toum?

2. CAMP LIFE

Master— innānta you tikalu pitch	lijoch <i>boys</i>	dunkwänun the tent
dajju	wadih	yihun
the door t	owards h	ere let it be

f in order that it

may not enter

ābwārā indāigabā

Let the door face this way, so that the dust will not get in.

You boys, pitch the

teni.

Where are the cups?

wadēt nāchaw?

finiāloch

betwätim.

and in the morning wake me

สีสทสสสลิทิ

morning.

Master-

good, on table top

dagg bagabatā lāyi āskammitaw

put it

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Servant-The tent is pitched, is dunkwānu tatakloāl ikā the stuff to be put is pitched furniture the tent in? yigbâ wayi? may it go in? Yes, be quick about it. Masterawon tolo halu say (be quick) yes, tolo Put the bed at the kabarobet wada back, and the box ālgā the back towards to the right (as you bed sātinū wada kaññ vihun go in). right let it be, the box to āskammitū put. Is it ready? darsoālni or darsoāl wayi? is it ready? Servant-It is nearly ready, tinnish lidars naw there is a little little about to be ready it is more to do. karra is left, (or remains) Master-Where has the cook hēda? wadet watbet gone to, or what has he has gone? where become of the cook? cook Servant-He is cooking the vi*kakk*ilāl misā dinner. he is cooking dinner Master-Tell him to let the viflā halaw wihä fit water boil first. water let it boil tell him first Servant--Very well. ishshi or yihun very well or let it be so Tea is ready, sir. geta darsoāl shāyi is ready master tea

Good, put it on the

table.

where they are? cups Servant vāma*t*āl vittarragāllū He will bring them. they are being they being arehe will bring. cleaned washed, or cleaned. Master-Light the lamps, it is fanusoch ābru challama lamps light (plural) darkness aettina dark. mattä has come. badahinā Are the pega well kāsmoch driven in? well pegs tamatawalni? driven in are? Servant---Yes, sir, but we will āwon gētā, nagar gin dagmo drive them in more. yes master but again innimatāchawāllan we will drive them in Masterboyi yallam. zināb Hullo! there is no ara. hullo trench is not rain trench: if it rains. wihā will the water not bīma*t*ā if it comes aet in? water āigabām wavi? will it not enter? Servant_ bīyyē kwoffru I told them to dig a fasas dig you saying trench, but it seems trench naggarhuāchaw innarsu gin that they have forgotten to do so. I said to them they but vimaslaññâl rastawāl have forgotten, it appears to me Masterdaiiu vizzaggā Let the door be shut let it be shut and wake me in the the door

Servantsäät? hasint at how much hour?

At what time?

Mastersinagā

when the day dawns lijoch

boys

You boys!

At dawn.

Servantābēt 817

innänta

you

Sir?

Masterbalēlīt badahina kabtochun the horses, etc., at night wellindittitābiku vihun. that you guard let it be. indājāsāwrě wild animals so that they farāchaw do not frighten them

You must guard the horses, etc., well at night so that the wild animals do not frighten them.

Servantgētā sost yihun threeso let it be masterāllu zabaññoch there are watchmen.

Very well, sir, there are three men on match.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A Traveller and a Guide

baHararge mangad bu Harar roadJilděsá basint Jildesa in how many innigabāllan? we shall reach?

binnihēd if we go kan days

If we go by way of Harar, in how many days shall we reach Jildesa?

Starting from Addis

how many

Ababa and going

by the Shoa road in

aays

kaAddīs Ababa tanastan from Addie Ababa starting baShoā mangad hidan by Shoa road going Jildēsā basint kanJildesa in how many daysinnidarsāllan we shall reach?

männächaw mangad vishälannäl? which of them road [will be the] best for us

simih mān tibālāllah? your name what is called?

simē Gabru naw my name Gabruis

kawadetaññāw āgar naw from whereabouts country it is vamattāh? that you have come?

kaShoā ma#āhu from Shoa I came

katama naw wayis gizāt it is town province naw? it 18?

gizāt naw province it is

shall we reach Jildesa?

Which road will it be best for us to take?

What is your name?

My name is Gabru.

What part of the country do you comefrom? whereabouts do you come from?

I come from Shoa, or I came from Shoa.

Is it a town or a province?

It is a province.

kabētih ātagab yālla by your house alongside that which is katamā simu min yibālāl? town its name what is called?

gazhīyu mān yibālāl? the ruler of it who he is called?

yakatama shumu man naw? of the town the chief who he is?

yakatama shum — naw of town the chief he is, gazhīyūm — yibālālu and the ruler he (pol.) is called

shumatu mindir naw?

his rank what is?

dajjāzmāch nāchaw dajjazmach he (pol.) is

indamin bazzīh sifrā
how at this place
tagaññah?
are you found?

laguddāyi mattāhu on business I came

sirāh kantollih your work being right for you charrashni? have you finished?

ijjig ālkannāññim much it has not been right for me

bawadētaññāw mangad mattāh? by whereabouts road came you?

bāAkākī mangad mattāhu by Akaki road I came

iska Tādēchā Malkā diras as far Tadecha Malka (ford) as

What is the name of the town near your house?

What is the name of the ruler of it?

Who is the chief of the town?

The chief of the town is ——, and the ruler is called ——.

What is his rank?

He is a Dajjazmach.

How is it that you are here?

I came on business.

Have you been successful in your work (or business)?

I have not been very successful.

Which road did you come by?

I came by the Akaki road.

As far as Tadecha I came by — ba — mangad mattāhu
by — road I came,
kazzīyā bāwrā mangad
from here by main road
mattāhu
I came

ka Addis Ababa tanaschē from Addis Ababa I having started gabbāhu, dagmo Akālī AkakiI entered again tanaschē kazzīvā from there I having started gabbāhu Ankobar AnkobarI entered.

basint kan gabbāhni? in how many days did you enter?

bāsrā simmint kan mattāhu in ten eight days I came

ilat ilat tagwāzhni?
daily did you march?

āwon, ka-ihud bakar. āndim yes, Sunday except. one and kan ba Missar Midir day at Missar Midir wälhu I spent the day

ilat ilat sint sint yāhil daily how much about tagwāzhni? did you travel?

tsahāi sittinnasā iska sun when she rises until ikkul kan diras. half day. road, from there
I came by the main
road.

What towns did you pass through on your way here?

Starting from Addis Ababa I went to Akaki, and from there I went to Ankobar.

How long did it take you? or how many days did it take you?

I came in eighteen days, or I got here in eighteen days.

Did you travel every day?

Yes, except on Sunday. And I spent one day at Missar Midir.

About how far did you travel each day?

From sunrise till midday.

sint

52 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS			
mangadu dagg nawni wayis the road good is it or kifu? bad?	Is the road good or bad!		
änd ändu sifrä dagg nabbar one one place good it was, änd ändü gin ijjig kifü one one but very bad nabbara it was	In some places it was good, but in others it was very bad.		
bawadētaññāw sifrā bakkul naw at about where place about is it kifu yanabbara? bad that it was?	Whereabouts was it that it was bad?		
ba —— nnā ba —— sifrā bakkul at —— and at —— place about naw. it is	At and it is (bad).		
bizu kulkulat āllabbatni? much steepness is there in it?	Are there many steep places in it?		
āwon or ālla yes there is	There are.		
sila mangadu kifāt on account the road badness baklochun mārrāgaf āsfallagahni? the mules to unload was it neces- sary for you?	Did you find it neces- sary to unload the mules on account of the badness of the road!		
āyī mārrāgaf ālāsfallagaññim oh to unload it was not necessary for me	Oh no, I did not find it necessary to un- load.		
ka — iska — mangadu from — up to — the road tāwkāllahini? do you know?	Do you know the road from — to — ?		
āwkyāllahu (Perfect tense I know it	Yes, I do.		

gīzē yihonāl mangadun About how many times how many times would it be (or is it) have you been along the road the road? yatamalallashaw? that you have been along it? bizu **Ω**ĪZē Many times. many timea latachāna kabt yimmachchālni? Is it fit for laden for laden animals is it fit? animals? yimmachchāl Yes, it is. it is fit kähun bafit machā naw When was the last nowbefore when it is time you travelled mangadun vahēdhaw? by the road before the road that you have gone it? this? hulat war vihonāl It is about two months trvo months it will be ago. mangadūn indamin āgaññahaw? What did you find the road how like did you find it? the road was like? batām kifu ālnabbaram It was not very bad. very hadit was not yammiäschaggar ijjig Are there many very sifrā very which causes difficulty place trying places in it? āllabbatni? many is there in it? hulat sifrā kabbäd chinat. In two places it is bad two places heavu load for heavily laden latachana kabt kifu naw animals. for laden animals bad 18 kazzīh tanastah basint Starting from here, in from here you starting in how many how many days will tigabāllah? kan you arrive there? days will you enter? lafattana saw zatañ kan yidarsal A man travelling fast for a hastened man nine days he will will arrive in nine arrive days, but a man

lälfattana saw haya ärät for not a hastened man twenty four kan yäsfalligäl days it is necessary

ilat ilat sint yähil naw maftan daily how much is it hastening yammībāl? that which is called?

iska āssir *t*aahāi sittiwatā sun when she rises till ten diras naw maftan säät it is hastenina hours tillkahulat sāāt yammibāl which is called, from two hours kan diras gin ikkul tillbut half dautillmangad yibālāl zigg it is called road alow

bamangad wihā bizu yiggaññālni? on road water plenty will it be found?

äitafām
it will not be wanting, or
yallam wihā
there is not water.

kāndu wihā iska lēlā
from one water till other
wihā sint yāhil
water how much
yāskēdāl?
does it make go?

lēlit bakkul wihā kāndu from one water at half night bahulataññā binninnassā on the second if we start lēlā wihā kan wada mātā day towards evening other water innägaññällan we shall find

not travelling fast will need twentyfour days.

How long a march every day would you call hastening?

Travelling from sunrise till four o'clock is called hastening, but going from eight o'clock till midday is travelling slowly.

Is there plenty of water along the road? or can one get plenty of water along the road?

Oh yes, there is plenty or there is no water.

How far is it from one water to the next!

If we start at midnight from one water we shall reach the next one the second day towards the evening. bamangadu hullu lakabt sār on the road all for animals grass yiggaññālni? will it be found?

bakatamā gabsinnā sār
in town barley and grass
äitafām bamangadu
will not be wanting, on the road
gin bawihā ātagab
but at water beside
kāllaw sār bakar
than that which is grass except
lēlā āiggaññim
other will not be found

wihāussā yagudgwād nawni as to the water, of well is it wayis fasāsh? or stream?

bāndu sifrā fasāsh naw balēlā at one place stream it is, at other dagmo gudgwād naw again well it is

ägarussä mödä nawni wayis as to the country, plain is it or tarataram?

iska — diras mēdā naw katilo as far as — plain it is, following gin taratarām naw but mountainous it is

bamangadu girānnā kaññ dur on the road left and right forest nawni wayis galātā? is it or open?

durim alla galaam forest them is and open (country) alla there is Can one get grass for the animals all along the road?

In the towns barley and grass will be plentiful, but along the road there is nothing except the grass which grows near the water.

About the water, are they wells or streams?

In some places there are streams, in others there are wells.

What is the country like? is it plain or mountainous?

As far as — it is flat, after that it is mountainous.

Is it open on either side of the road or are there forests?

There are forests and also open country.

vāhil $_{\min}$ bagalā*t*ā sifrā in the open place what amount giranna kaññ yittayal? left and right is it seen?

vittāvāl iska mk diras as far far it is seen asnagar yallam vammikalakkil . that which prohibits thing is not

sārussā bamangadu rajjim nawni? and the grass on the road long is it?

ta*kāt*iloāl it has been burnt

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kamangadu tarārām and the mountains from the road yāhil virikāl? min is it far? what amount

tarāroch ruk nāchaw gin they are, but mountains far girānnā tarārā kaññ right mountains left and mangadū bagudgwādā silālla there being the road in low-lying wust กลพ inside

dingāyām nawni? mangadu is it? the road stonu

äshawā naw āvi it is oh no. sand

wanz āllabbatni? bamangadu river is there on it? on the road

wanz (or āllu wanzoch) ālla there are rivers

vishshāggarāllu? indět are they crossed? how

dildīm ālla malkā ālla there is, bridge there is ford

How far can one see in the open country?

One can see a long distance, there is nothing to obstruct the view.

How about the grass, & along the road, is it lona?

It has been burnt.

And how far from the road are the mountains?

The mountains are far away, but as there are mountains on the right and left, the road runs along a valleu.

Is the road stony?

Oh no, it is sandy.

Are there any rivers on the road?

Yes, there are.

How does one cross them?

There is both a ford and a bridge.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS dildīws tankārrā nawni and the bridge strong is it?

naw it is

bamin tesartoāl? with what made it is?

yatasarrāw? bamindir naw with what it is that which it is made?

babiratinnā bainchat tasartoāl with iron and with wood it is made

dāmnā daruhawenz ijjig bank and bank at river very *k*ul*k*ul nawni? is it? steep

bawadahiññāw bakkul ijjig ruk towards here bu very far bawadyāññāw naw bakkul it is. towards there by kirb gin naw but near · it is

bamalkāw wihā nawni? at the ford water deep it is?

āidollam tilkijjig iska it is not deep veruup to bichchā gulbat diras naw knee up to only it is

hāvilaññā fasāshu nawni? the stream strona is it?

bakiramt sawn yiwasdal baklon in the rains man it takes muleviwasdāl āhun gin dahinā it takes. nowbut good ทลพ it is

wust dingiyām hawni bawihā in water inside etony 28 st wavis Jahawa? sand? OT

And is the bridge strong?

Yes.

What is it made of?

It is made of iron and wood.

Are the banks very steep?

The near bank is very steen, but the farther bank is not so steep.

Is the water deep at the ford?

It is not very deep, it comes up to the knees.

Is the stream strong?

In the rains it some. times carries away men and mules, but at present it is all riaht.

Is the bottom stony or sandu?

āshawā naw sand it is It is sandy.

LOCAL INFORMATION

- 1. (a) Ka iska diras
 From to as far as
 min yāhil mangad naw?
 what much road is?
 - (b) Kazzīh tanastan la
 From here we having started to
 basint säät
 in how many hours
 innigabāllan?
 we shall enter?

Kazzīh yasint sāāt
From here of how many hours
mangad naw?
road it is?

- (c) nigarañ ibākkih tell me please
- 2. yazzīh āgar simu min of this district the name what yibālāl? yazzīyā mandar? is called! of that village! yazzīyā tarārā? of that mountain?
- 3. yamandar älakāw wadēt of village the chief where-bakkul nāchaw? abouts is he (vol.)?
- 4. simāchaw mān yibālāllu?

 his name what is called?
- 5. and saw hido yimtu
 one man going come
 yibalachaw
 let him say to him
- 6. Hidnnå nå balaw go and come say to him

- 1. (a) How far is it from here to ——?
 - (b) In how many hours can one reach ——?

or,
How many hours
journey is it from
here?

- (c) Please tell me.
- 2. What is the name of this district? that village? that hill?
- Where is the chief man of the village?
- 4. What is his (pol.)
 name?
- 5. Let someone go and call him (pol.).
- 6. Go and fetch him. (i.e., Servant).

- 7. Kazzīh sifrā bahwālā wadēt this place after wherebakkul wihā yiggaññāl? abouts water will be found?
- 8. ruk naw wayi? far it is?
- 9. bizu nawni?

 much there is ?

 wihā malkām nawni?

 water good is it?
- 10. sila sawochē sink for my men supplies ifālligāllahu
 I require
- 11. Injarānnā bagg, tēj, tallā, bread and sheep, tej, talla, firē, ātākilt, mār, kibē, fruit, vegetables, honey, butter, watatim, sila kabtochim milk and, for animals and migib āmtālliñ ibākkih food, bring me please
- 12. Mangadū dahinā naw?

 the road good it is?
 bamangadū bizū chikā
 on the road much mud
 ālla wayi? saw yiwadkāl wayi?
 there is? man will he fall?
 darak nawni?
 dry it is?

- 7. Where is the next water?
- 8. Is it far on?
- 9. Is there much of it?

 Is the water good?
- 10. I want supplies for my party.
- 11. Please bring bread, sheep, tej, talla, fruit, vegetables, honey, butter, milk, and food for the animals.
- 12. Is the road good for travelling? muddy? slippery? dry?

AMHARIC LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS

Letter 1.

nagast zaitivopyā lagirmāwi nigusa of Ethiopia: kings To his majesty king of yistilliñ älam idmēnnā *t*ēnā madhanë health may He give for the world age and saviour of me: s ijj inasāllahu: āssir-āssir-gīzē ivālhu ten-ten-times I bow as I say lamakkabalinnā hīiiē nifās wada Jimmä. to receive and wind Jimmaaoina to girmāwīnatwo silafallaghu lamāvvat ägar your majesty because I wanted

fakād vammiäsfalligawn which is necessary permission ilamināllahu

to see

indīsa*t*uñ

that you may give me.

I beg.

country

Translation. To His Majesty the Emperor of Ethiopia. I offer my humble duty, praying that God may give you long life and health. I want to go to Jimma for a change of air and to see the country, and beg Your Majesty to give me the necessary papers.

Letter 2.

Igalē lakibur dajjāzmāch vidras So-and-so to the honoured dajjazmach may it reach gazhī vasīdāmo āwrājjā ruler of Sidamo province Kēnvā lamälaf wada hov kibur Kenua to pass honouredto vammigwāzaw gilahona wust bagizātwo that I journey because it is inyour territory vammiäsfalligawn sinkinnā latakatāochē for my followers which is necessary provisions and zabaññoch mangad vammiäsfalligutin road police which are necessary indiāzzulliñ indîmaruñ that you will order for me that they may lead me ilaminwotāllahu bamākbar by giving honour

I beg you. 60

Translation. To Dajjazmach So-and-so, ruler of Sidamo Province.

Sir,-I am going to Kenya, and since I shall be journeying through your country, I have the honour to beg you to arrange the necessary food for my men, and police to show me the road.

Letter 3.

vidras kaAto Walda Gabrīyēl la*t*ēnāh may it reach to Ato WaldaGabriel for your health indamin sanbitahāl inē kānta how have you passed the time from you katalayyahu kanāfkotih bata*k*ar igzjäbiher for I am separated for your longing except Godyimmasgan dahinā nañ. bänta tsalot may He be praised wellI am. by your prayer baSīllāsē charinnat hadahinā. Dabra Mārkos by the Trinity goodness wellDebraMarkos darrashu. lana. Ato Walda Mārvāminnā I reached. To such as Ato WaldaMariam. la-immēt Jamānash salāmtāēn indittinagirilliñ to lady Jamanash my greeting that you may tell for me ilaminhāllahu vaIsrāēl āmlāk baāvina sigā I beg you. of Israel God by eyes of flesh lamagganāñat vāb*k*ān to meeting may He satisfy us.

Translation. To Mr. Walda Gabriel. How has your health been these days? Thank God, I am well-except for the separation from you, and the longing I have for you. Through your prayers and the goodness of the Trinity, I reached Debra Markos safely. Give my greetings to Mr. Walda Mariam and to Mrs. Jamanesh. May the God of Israel satisfy us by causing us to meet once more eve to eve.

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TRANSLATION OF ENGLISH INTO AMHARIC

(Extract from pages 248-9 of Major Powell Cotton's "Shooting Trip through Abyssinia.")

ENGLISH

MAJOR COTTON'S SERVANT SPEAKS: -After starting from here, I let the mule graze at some water that I came to, and after a while I went on and passed the night at a f village near Injabara. Next morning as I sat on the bank of the Futtem river to drink, with my rifle across my knees and the mule beside me, ten men suddenly ran upon me from behind, took away my rifle, the mule, and the letters which were in my waistband. I know that they were Ras Warke's soldiers. They accused me of having been in the Italian service and having fought against them, and of now being in the service of an Englishman; they beat me and left me tied up for two hours. They then released me, and gave me back my rifle and my mule, and told me to go back to my master and tell him that they had taken the letters. I returned to the place where I had slept the night before, and the owner of the house in which I had slept showed me a road which avoided Bure, Ras Warke's town. I waited till nightfall and started in the dark. The man guided me till midnight when we found a road that I knew, and then he returned. At daybreak I hid myself in some bush near some water. For three nights I went on thus, at times on the mule, and at times walking, avoiding all large villages, but on the fourth night, when going down a steep place, the mule fell, and both of us rolled down into the valley. When I got up I found that the mule had been injured, but I led it along till we reached the Abbai (Blue Nile) the second night. Here, after drinking some water, the mule fell down dead, so I took off the saddle and bridle and crossed the river. Having gained the farther bank I said to myself, "Now I am safe".

Three days after crossing the river I arrived at Addis Ababa, but when I got there, I found Mr. Biru had gone out, and that Mr. Mackelvie was sick. The next day Mr. Biru took me to the Emperor's house, and after the Emperor had heard Captain Harrington's letter (read out to him), I was taken before him. He asked me whether I was the man from whom they had taken the letters, and also asked me how my master had been received at Debra

Markos. I told him that when we arrived at his town, King Takla Haimanot and the Queen were in the country, but that the Fitawraries had given us plenty of food and had also given us a guide to take us to Ras Warke, and that Ras Warke had also received my master well, and had given us plenty of provisions. The guide, who was a Basha, continually told us that there was plenty of game ahead, but not finding any game anywhere, my master was very angry, and said that he had not come to this country to listen to lies. They said that he was only permitted to shoot in Simien and nowhere else. Hearing this my master said he would not go on, he would wait where he was, and ordered letters to be written and gave them to me and told me to go quickly to the Emperor. The Emperor asked me how it was that his orders which the letters contained had not been obeyed. I answered that the Basha had said that the permits only allowed my master to shoot in Simien and on the road, but not off the road on either side. On hearing this the Emperor was very angry and asked me about many matters. Then he ordered other letters to be written, and told me that I must start the next morning. I told the Emperor that as they had beaten me once and robbed me, I was afraid. He said: "Don't you fear, I shall give you a letter saying that whoever obstructs you or does not assist you on your way, shall be punished." The next day Mr. Biru bought a mule for me and gave me three letters, and I started on my journey. It is eight days to-day since I left Addis Ababa.

AS TRANSLATED INTO AMHARIC

kazzīyā tanaschchë bāgaññahu wihā *tik*īt From here having started at I found water a little aār lībalā baklo fattāhu tikitim koyichchē mule I let go grass to eat and little having waited mangad yizhzhē hēdhu balnjabārā ātagab bālla road takina I went. At Injabara side which is bānd mandar āddarhu banagāw baFuttem at one village I passed the night. In the morning at Futtern wanz dār tamanja bagire ādriggē baklombankriver gun at my foot having put and mule bātaga bē huno ba wihā lamatatāt sikkammat at mi side being, by water to drink as I sat. kahwālas āssir sawoch badingat rotubbiñ from behind me ten men auddenly ran upon me,

tamanjanna baklo bamakkannatem yanabbaru dabdabboch gun and mule in my waistband which were letters ya Rās Warkē wattāddaroch indahonu wassadubbiñ they took from me. Of Ras Warke soldiers that they are äwwakhuāchaw ānta fīt yatālyān āshkar hunah I know them. You first of Italians servant being kaññā gārā tawāgtahāl ähunim yangliz Englishman's you fought and now with us dabadďabuñinnā āshkar nah indīh bilaw servant you are, threa having said. they beat me hulat säät āskarruñ hwālā tāsrē and two hours I being tied up they made me stay. Afterwards mallasulliñ fattuñinnā tamaniā baklom oun and mule they returned to me they released me and dabdābboch wada gëtah tamalas hid your master lettera to return. wassadubbiñ bilah nigaraw ñıılā you saying tell him they said to me. they took from me halālīt wada taññahubbat botā temallashu At night towards in which I slept place I returned. vataññahu bbat hět bālahēt Burā vammibāl In which I slept house the owner $Bur\bar{e}$ which is called āskarto. vaRās Warke katamā. bānd gār at one side remaining of Ras Warketown vammihēdawn mangad āsāyyañ iska lēlīt koyichchē road he showed me. Till night waiting which goes bachallamā tanassābu iska ikkul lēlīt sawyaw in darkness I started. the man till midnight vāwwakhut mangad iska agaññana dires which I knew road till we found tillmarāñinnā tamallasa kan sinagā hawihā Day when it broke he auided and returned. at water ātagab banabbara tashashaghuñ * badan tikit. in bush I hid muself. A little side which was takammichchē. bagir. tillik mandar haha*k*lo *t*ikit villages on mule I ridina. little on feet. large hullu tichchë lelīt hedhū baratanna sost leavina far. three nights I went. On the fourth allbakulkulat siward sāllahu baklo night but on steep place while descending I was, mule wadko hulatāchin waddaka. inēnnā baklo. he falling I and mule both of us fell. gilbit bilan bagudgwädä waddakna batanassahu into valley rolling we fell. When I got up

gizē baklo yatagwodā indahona āvvahu negar gin time mule injured that it was I saw. But iska hulatañña lälit wada Abbāī tillsecond. night to Abbai iskinnidara diras baklown sābhu bazzih wihā till we reach tillthe mule I led. Here water tattito muta waddaka inēm korichā drinking. dying. it fell. and I saddle. ligwāmim awatichchebbat tashāggarhu wanzu and bridle taking off from it. the river I crossed · wadiya yālla dār āgiñchchē āhun towards there which is bankhaving gained now dahinā naw ลีไhuñ * it is I said to myself. well Abbāi katashāggarhu sost kan bahwālā bakkulakan Abbai from I crossed three days after at mid-day bAddis Ababā gabbāhu bagabbāhu gîzē at Addis Ababa I entered. At time I entered gin Ato Biru watitawnnā. Ato Makilwi but Mr. Biru having gone out and Mr. Mackelvie tāmmaw āgaññahuāchaw banagāw Ato Biru wada being sick I found them. In the morning Mr. Biru to the Janhoi gibbī wassaduñ Jānhoim yaKapîtên Emperor's palace took me, and the Emperor of Captain Harrington dabdābbē kasammu bahwālā Harrington letter when he heard after wadarsāchaw ākarrabuñ dabdābboch to him made me approach, lettera yawassadubbat saw anta nah? baDabra Markos who they took from man are you'l at Debra Markos gētāhin badahnā takkabalu wavi bilaw your master well did they receive? savina tayyakuñ iññā bakatamāchaw badarrasna. gîzê he asked me. We at their town at we arrived time nigus Takla Hāyimānotinnā nigist wada āgar king TaklaHayimanot and queen to country hidaw nabbar Fitawrāroch gin bizu had gone **Fitawraries** but muchmigib sattuninnā wada Ras Warkē lamahêd food they gave. ToRasWarketo go yamangad mari sa#un Ras Warke dagmo of road guide they gave us. Ras Warkealso gētāchinin badahinā taganāññunnā bizn $\sin k$ our master well met and much provisions

^{*} In Gojjam the Pronominal Suffix "-ñ" is often added to the First Person Singular of the Past Tense.

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mallashuāchaw sattu biyyë vamangad he gave sayina I answered him. Of road mariu Bāshā nabbar fit bamangad hullu the guide a Basha was. ahead in road allbizu āwrē yiggaññāl āwrēus āla bāīnor game will be found he said. muchaamenot living huno gētā ijjig takwottu āsat indisamā beina. masterliesto hear very angry was. hwālā wadazzih āgar ālmattahum ālu · to this country I came not he said. A sterwards baSimēn balēlā āgar bichchā naw āddan in Simien country only it is shooting, in other ägar äidollam äla Bäshäw yihannan mälatächaw country it is not said the Basha. This his (pol.) saying samtaw ālhēdim bazzih ikovallahu alu having heard I will not go on, hereI will wait said gētā dabdābbochim tatsfaw tolo wada master, letters and having been written, quickly to . Janhoi indittihēd bilaw vihun the Emperor that you go he it having said sattuñ badabdābbochē indamin naw Howis it in my letters . he gave to me. wust yanabbara fakādē āltāzzazam bilaw tavvakuñ in which was my wish was not obeyed? asking asked me bamangad biehehā naw Jänhoi baSimeninna the Emperor. In Simen and on road onlu18 yallam āddan wada girānnā kaññ mälaf shooting left and right to crossing is not vaJanhoi vafakād warakat indīh vilāl so said of Emperor of permit paperit saus ālhüāchaw vihannan samtaw āla. Bäshäw · This ineBasha I said to him. having heard Jänhoi ijjig takwottu bizu nagarim the Emperor angry was, manu things and very lēlā dābdābboch tayyakuñ hwälä yitsāfu he asked me. Afterwards other letters let them be written banagatāw inditimmallas āntam ālu he said. and you in the morning that you return and vihun āluñ inë gîzē let it be he said to me. 7 one time dabaddabuñinnā ganzabēn wassadubbiñ ähunim they beat me and my belongings they took from me and now yāschaggiruññāl ifarāllahu dagmo biyyē again they will trouble me I am afraid saying mallashuāchaw āttifrā vammikalakkilihinnä who obstructs you Don't you fear answered him.

yammāiyāshaññih ikattāllahu yammil and who escorts you not on the way I shall punish which say warakat isatahallanh āln banagataw letter I shall give you he (pol.) said. In the morning Ato Biru baklogazzulliñ sost dabdabbochim Mr. Biru a mule bought me three letters and sattuñ inēm mangadē yāzhu zārē kAddis he gave me, and I my road took. To-day from Addis Ababā katanassāhu simmint kan naw. Ababa since I starting eight days it is.

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(The Amharic verbs given below are in the 3rd person singular, past tense. In order that it may be known, in accordance with Rules for Verbs Nos. 1 and 2 (page 17), to which Type verbs of two or three syllables belong the Infinitive of such verbs (or, in the case of verbs beginning with "a", the Imperative) is included in brackets beside the verbs in this Vocabulary.

a or an,
abaft,
abandon,
abate, v.a.,
abduct,
abide,
abide,
abitty,
able, adj.,
able (to be), v.,
able-bodied,
abode,
abotish,
above,
abroad.

he went abroad, he came from abroad,

abrupt, abruptly, abscond,

absence, absent, absolute, absolutely, absolve, absorb, abstain.

abstract, v.s., abundance, abundant, abuse, s. abuse, v.s., abyse, acacia. masc., and; fem., andItu. bahwālā. tawa (Type 1). āsānnasa, āgwoddala. tallafa. (matlaf). nora, takamma/a. chilot, machāl. chāvi. chāla. gwobaz. bēt, manoryā. āshāra, āzafiā. lāvi. ingidă agar, wichi agar. wada ingidā āgar hēda. kangidā agar mattā. kwurt. kwurt adrigo. shasha (mashashkaddā), (makdāt). ālamanor. vammāinor. fiteum. fatamo. fattā (maftāt). tattā (matattāt), wāta (mawāt). tawa (Type 1), karra (makrat). yikar āla. āwa*tt*ā. bizāt, milāt. yammibazā, molto. sidib. saddaba (masdab). gadal. girār.

accede. ishshī āla. accelerate. āsfa*tt*ana. accept. takabbala, wassada (mawsad). acceptable. das vāssanna. acceptablu. das assaññto. acceptance. makkabal. access. magbāt. accident (misfortune). ādagā, dingataññā nagar. accidentally. indiyāo, sāītāssab, badingat. accompany. shañña (mashaññat), ābro hēda. accomplice. bāliniarā. accomplish. fateteama (mafateteam). according to. inda . . . account, tale. tärik. accumulate, v.a., sabassaba, ätaräkkama, accumulate, v.n., tasabassaba, tatarākkama. accurate. likk. accusation. kis. accuse. kassasa (maksas). accuser, kasāsh. lammada (malmad). accustom, get accustomed to. accustom, v.a., āslammadā. ache, s., wigāt, mitat. āmmama-w (refiex.), waggā ache, v.a., (mawgat). acid. s.. matātā. acquaint. āstāwwaka. acquaintance (knowledge), iwukat. acquiesce. ishshi āla. acquit. bayyanaliat, atsaddaka, act. s.. airā. act, v.a., ādarraga (mādrag). action. ādrāgot. active. gwobaz. add. chammara (machammar). add (sum). dammara (madammaz). addition to (in addition to). ka . . . balayi. additional. vatachammara. address, s... ādrāshā. adequate, vammībakā. adiust. *lik ādarraga, āstakākkala. admire. waddada (mawdad), ākabbara, adannaka. admit (let in). ascabba.

admittance. adorn, v.a., advance, v.n., advancement. advantage. advantageous, adversity, advice. advise. adviser. affliction, afraid (to be). afraid (one who is), after. afternoon, afterwards, again. against. age, age (historic). agent. aggressor, agree. agree together, agreement. ahead. aid, 8., aid. v... aim, to (at), air, s., air. v.a., alarm. alike (to be), alive. all. all right! alliance. allot. allow. ally. almost. alone. aloud.

also, alter, v.a., although, macbāt. shallama, (mashallam), āgētsa. kaddama (makdam). makdam. rabb. tikim. yammīrabā, tikim yāllabbat. chiggir, makarā. mikir. makkara (mamkar). makāri. āmākārī. farră. fari. bahwālā (or bauhālā). kasaāt bahwālā. bahwālā. dagmo, indaganā. ba . . . (prefix). idmē. zaman. wakil. baddāi. ishshi ala. tasamāmmu. simiminnat, wul. wada fit. fit. irdātā. raddā (mardāt). daggana (ba-), (madaggan). nifās, āvar. ănăffasa. hukat. and hone, massala. hiväw. hullu. ishshi, dagg. wadājinnat. ākāffala, satta (mastat). fakkada (mafkad). yator gwädaññā. tikit karto, lidars. hichchā. batillik dimts, batillik bachuhat. dagmo. lawwata (malawwat). minim bi-, nagar gin,

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always. amble, v. ambush, v.a., ameliorate. among, ample, amuse. amusement. ancestor. and, angel. anger, s., angle, s., animal, animals (domestic). animosity. ankle. annex, v.a., annihilate. announce. announcement. annoy. anoint. another. answer, s., answer, v.a., ant (large). ant (small). ant (white). anvil. anxiety. any, ape. apostle. apparatus. appeal (legal), s., appeal, v.s., appear (to seem), appear (to show oneself), apprentice. approach, v.a. appropriate, adi., approval__ approve, approximately.

hullagīzē, zawatir, sark, watiro. saggara (masgar) ādagā tāla (ba-), ādaffata. ākallala. ba . . . makākal. vammibakā. tachā wwata. chawātā. ābbāt. ...m, ... nnā (suffixes). malāk (pl. malāikt). kwutta. māizan. insisā, āwrā. kabt. til. kwurchimchimit. chammara (machammar). ētaffā. tanāggara, awāj naggara (mangar). ware. äskayyama. kabbā (makbāt). lēlā, dagmo ānd. millash (usually pronounced mēlisa). mallasa (mamallas). gwundan. kuchāch, mist.masf. sigāt, machchanak. mānnim, minim, andach. hāwāryā (pl. hāwāryāt). ikā. yigbān, sabar. tamāttana, vigbān āla. massala (mamsal). täyya. tamari. karraba (makrab). yammiggabbă. ishshi malat. ishshī āla, dagg āla. wada, yahil.

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ākist.

April. miyāzyā. arbitrate. galāggala, arbitrator, galāgāyi. arch. kast. arduous, vammiāschaggar. grgue, takarākkara. argument. kirikkir. arise. tanassā. kind. ijj. arm, s., arms (weapons), vator ikā, masārivā. army. vator sarawit. around. bazurvā. arouse. āsnasšā. arrive, darrasa (madras), gabbā (magbāt). arrow, fīlātsā. artful, bilhātaññā. article. ikā, nagar. artillery. madf. inda. as. ascend. wattā (mawtāt). ascension. irgat. ascent. mawtāt, dāgat. tavvaka (matayyak). ascertain. ashamed, to be, āffara. ashes. āmad. tayyaka (matayyak). ask. asleep. ānkalāffā assemble, v.a., sabassaba. assemble, v.n., tasabassaba. assembly. gubāē. assent. v.n.. ishshī āla. assist. raddā (mardāt). assistance. irdātā. assistant. raddāt. astonish. āsdannaka. at, ba . . . (prefix). atone. sarrava. atonement, siryat. gattama, ātābbaka. attach. attain. darrasa. attempt, v.a., mokkara (mamokkar). āgalgāvi, āshkar, liji. attendant. attention. matabbak. auction, s., hărāi. audible. yammissammā. August. nahāsē.

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aunt. authentic. authorise. authority. avert. await. awake, v.a., awake, v.n.. axe. s.. baboon. baby. back. s.. backwards. bad. badge. badness. bag, baggage. bail, s., bail, v.a., bake. baking-pan, balance (remainder), bald. ball, bamboo (hollow), bamboo (male). banana. bandage, s., banish. banner. baptise. baptism, barbed wire. bare (barren), bargain, v., bark (of a tree). barley. barn, barrel. barren, barrier. barter, v.a., basin (washing), basket.

irgitaññā, iwunataññā. āsalattana, siltān satta. ailtán. kalakkala. tabbaka (matabbak). āsnassā, kasakkasa (makaskas). ānakkā (ānkā!). matrabya, misar. ziniaro. hizsān. iarbā. wada hwala. kifu. milikkit. kifāt. karatīt, dāwallā, korojo. ikā, ganzab. wās, mawāshā, tawāsa. gāggara (magāggar). mitād. kirētā. barā, rās malātā, kwās. karkahā, shambakko, shimal. muz. matamtamyā. kagaru saddada (masdad). bandērā. ātammaka. timkat. vaishoh shibo. bādo. takarākkara. lit. kirfît. gabs. yaihil maktachā, gwotarā. barmil. mahān, makān, Mar. takarā*kk*ara. mattatabvā. kirchāt.

bath. bathe, v., battle. be. beach. beak. beam. beans (broad). bear (to put up with), beard. bearer (of a letter), bearer (of a load), beat, v. beautiful. because. beckon. become. bed (flower), bed (i.e. bedstead). bed (i.e. bed and bedding), bedding. bee. beef. before, beg, beggar. begin, beginning, s., bequile. behind. belief. belief (religious), believe. bell. bellu. below. belt, . bench. bend, v.a., bend down, v.n., benefit. bent, bequeath. beside. best. bet. B.

vagalā mattātabyā. galā tāttaba. wugiya. hona. vabāhir dār. āf. gind. bā*k*ēlā. tāggasa, chāla. dabdābbē yayāzasaw, (maliktaññā). tashakkami. dabaddaba. wub, yammiāmir, konjo. sila. takkasa (matkas). hona. madab. ālgā. manvitā. vālgā libs (native: mintaf)... nibb. vabarē sigā. bafit, fit. lammana (malamman). lammāñ. jammara (majammar). majammarivā. tatanakkwola, ātāllala, bahwālā. imnat. hāvimānot. āmmana (iman!). dawwal. kachil. hod. tách. mattātakyā, kabato. makammachā. lammata, agwobbata. tadaffā. tikim, rabb. gwobătă. āwarrasa. ātagab. kahullu yammishā. wiririd.

bet, v., tawarārrada. betray. āsālfo satta (mastat). betroth. ācha (ich/), betrothal. matachāchat. better (to be). tashala. beyond, ka . . . wadīvā. Bible. matshāf kiddina. big. tillik, tälläk. bile. āmot. bind, tamattama,* āssara (isir!). bird. waf. birth. lidat. bishop, ābun, pāpās. bit, kwurāch, kimmāsh. bit (of a bridle). ligwām. bite, v., nakkasa (mankas), (of dog, tanäkkasa). oitter. marārā bivouac. safar. black. tikur. blacksmith, vabirat sarī. bladder. fiñā. blade. silat. blame, s., wakasā. wakkasa (mawkas), tayyafa blame, v.a., (matayyaf). blanket, s., bird-libs. bleed (make bleed), v.a., dam āswattā. bleed, v.n. dammā (madmāt). blind (to be). iwur hona. block, v.a., kalakkala, daffana (madfan). blood. dam. blossom, s., ābabā. blossom, v.n., ābbaba (ābbib!). blow, s., gushim. blow (as the wind), v., naffasa (manfas), naffă (manfāt). blow (one's nose), v., tanaffata. blow (to puff), v., if āla. blue. samāvāwī. blunder, s., gidfit, sihitat. blunder, v. gaddafa (magdaf), tasasāta. blunt (to be), dannaza, duldum. board, s. sān*kā*.

^{*} As with a bandage or lapping, i.e. by winding round and round.

boast. boat. bodu. boil (of liquids), v.a., boil (of liquids), v.n., boil (of solids), v.a., bold. boldness. bolt (of a door), bone. book. boots. bootu. border. border (of country), bore (a hole). v.s.. bored (weary), to be, v.a., borrow. both. bottle. bottle (small). boundary, bow, s. (a weapon), bow, v., bowels. box. s.. boy. brain. bran. branch (of a tree), brand. v.. . brass. brave. bread (thick cakes or European). bread (Ethiopian), break, v.a., break. v.n.. break loose. breast. breath. breathe. breed (give birth to). bridge.

bridle.

tamakkā, fokkara. ialbā. gala (outside), sawnnat (inside). āfallā. fallā (maflāt). kakkala (makakkal). dafär, gwobaz. difrat. yamazgīyā mawarwaryā. ātint. matshāf. gurd chamma. kiniyā, mirko. chāf. wasan, därichā, taraf. basā (mabsāt), naddala (mansalachcha (masalchat), dakkama (madkam). tabaddara. hulatum. tarmus. bilkāt. wasan, dimbar. kast. iji nassā (mansāt). änjat. вē*t*in. lii, wand lii. āngwol. galabā. chāf, karinchāf. takkusa (matakkus). madåb. gwobaz. ďābbo. iniarā. sabbara (masbar). tasabbara. na*tk*o hēda. darat, tut. istinfās, tinfāsh. tanaffasa. walladu, rabbu.

dildivi.

libab.

brigand, briant. bring. bring (near to one), bring up (a child). broad. broil. broom. brotin brother. brow (of a hill), bruise, s., bruise, v., brush. s.. brush, v.a., bubble, v., bucket. buckle. buffalo. bua. buale. build. bull. bull-calf. bullet. bullock. bunch. burden, s.. burden, v.a., burn, v.a., burn. v.n.. burst, v.n., bury, business. busy (he is). busy (to be), but. butler. butt. v.a.. butter. buy, v.s., by, cabbage. calamity

calculate.

shiftā. biruh. āmattā (mamtāt). ākarraba. āsāddaga. saffī. tabbasa. matragyā. marak. wandim. chāf. sanbar. sanabbara. matragyā. tarrage (matrag). taflakallaka, fallā (maflāt). makiā, bāldī, bāli. zalabat. gosh. tabāvi. malakat. sarră (masrăt). kormā. wayifan. tiyyit. sangā. zalalā. shikim. āshakkama. ā*kāt*tala. takättala. fanaddā (mafanddāt). kabbara (makbar). guddāvi, sirā. sirā yizoāl, (yizawāl, pol.). sirā vāza. gin, nagar gin, daru gin. āsālāfī. waggā (mawgāt). kibě. gazzā (magzāt). ba . . .

gwomman. makarā. kwuttara (makwitar), gammata (magammat).

calculation. calf. calf (of leg), bāt. calico. call, v., calm, s., calm, y.a., camel. camp, s., camp, v., campaign, camping ground. canal. cancel. candle. cannon. canvas. kob. cap. cap (of a cartridge), capability, captive. capture, v., caravan. carcase, care, s., · care (to take care of), careful (to be). carefully, carpenter, carpet, carrier. carry, cartridae. cartridge-belt. cask, cast. v.a.. cat. catch, v., vāza. cattle. kabt. cause, s., caution, s., cavalry. cave. centre. centre-pole, certain. chaff (from grain, etc.),

kwutar, hīsāb, gimmit. baftā, ābujadīd. tarrā (matrāt), āsmattā, tsatită. āsārrafa. gimal. safar. saffara (masfar). zamachā. masafaryā. masno. shära. shāmā. madf. sharā. dibbā. chilot, hävil, ākim. markoññā. märraka (mamärrak). gwāz. timb. tinkākē, tigāt. tabbaka. kas āla, tatanakkaka. kās bilo, batinkākē. ānā*t*ī. min*t*åf. tashakkami. tashakkama. tiyyit, iyyar. zinnār. barmil. tāla, warawwara. dimmat. mikinyāt. tinkākā. farasaññoch. wāshā. makākal, mahāl. misaso. irgit, iwunataññā. tibiyā, gafag.

chaff (joke), s., kald. chain. s.. chair. chairman. change (money), s., change, v.a., change, v.n., channel (artificial), character. charcoal. charge (entrust). charity. charm (superstition). chart. chase, v.a., chastisement. chat, v.n.. cheap, cheap (to be), v., cheat, s.. cheat. v.. cheek. s.. cheerfulness, cheese. cherish. chest. chicken-pox, chief, adj., chief, s. child. lij. chillies. chin. chip. v.a.. choke, v.a., choke, v.n., choose. chop, v.a.,

Christ. christen. church. cinder. circle, s.. circular. circumoiss. circumcision. citadel.

sansalat. wambar. wambar. minizārē. lawwata (malawwat), kayyara. talāwwata. masno. āmal, tabāyi. kasal. ādarā āskammata or satta. charinnat. āsmāt. kārtā. ābārrara. kitāt, girfat. tachawwata. rikkāsh. rakkasa (markas). katāfī. kattafa (maktaf). gwunch. dastā, das mālat. irgo, āib. aggaza. darat. kuffiñ. wānnā. āla*k*ā. kārīyā. agach. tarraba (matrab). ānnaka (inak!). tānnaka. marrata (mamrat). chafachchafa, kworrata), (makwuras).

Kristos. ātemmeka. bēta kristyān. fim, kassal. kib. kib.

gazzara (magzar). gizrat.

āmbā, katamā.

80 citron. turungo. civiliae. āsala*tt*ana. civilised (to be). sala*tt*ana. clamour. chuhat, hukat. clan. wagan. clap. v.. ächabachchaba. clarify, ătarră. clasp, v.s., chabbata (machabbat). claw, s., tifir. claw, v., bwättata (mabwättat). clay, shahila. chika. clean, adj., nitsū, tīru, clean, v., tarraga (matrag). cleanse, v.a., ลิทอ*เ*สเลลิ. clear, adj., tim. clear (of bushes or scrub), v., manattara. clearly, bagilt. cleave, v.a., fallata (maflat). clemency. mihirat. clerk. tsahāfī. clever, bilih. āwāki, bilhātaññā. cleverness. hilhat. cliff, gadal. lāvi wattā (mawtat), wattā climb, v.n., ĥа... cloak, s., kābbā, barnus. cloak (soldier's). lamd. clock. sāāt. cloth, chark. clothe (dress), v., labbasa (malbas). clothes. libs. cloud. dammanā. cloves. kirinfud. cluster. zalatā. coarse (of cloth or shakārā. persons), adj., coast. vabāhir dār. cock. awra doro. coffee, bunnā. coincide. gattama (magtam). cold. bird. kazkāzzā. cold (in the head), ยาวทร์ลิท. collect, v.a., sabassaba. collect, v.n., tasabassaha. colour. kalam, malk, comb. s.. mido, mābatarīvā. comb (cock's),

kokan.

comb, v.a., come. come (imperative). comfort, s.. comfort, v.a., command, s., command, v., commander. commerce. communion. compact. companion,

compel. complete, adj., complete, v.a.. completed (to be), completion. compliments. comply. comrade. conceal.

conciliate. conclude, v.a.,

concord, concur. concussion. condemn. condemnation. condition. conduct (action), s., conduct (character). conduct, v.a., confess. confide. confidence. confine, v., confirm. confiscate. confront. congeal. congress, connect. connection. conquer,

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ābattara. mattā (mamtāt). mas. nã, fem. nai, plu. nu. mätsanännät. ātsanānnā. tiizāz. āzzaza (izaz!). shum, ālakā : taklāvi (army). nigd. magganāñat (Liturgy: kwurbān). wiil. bālinjarā, gwādaññā. bagidd āsdarraga, āsgaddada. mulu. fitsum. charrasa (macharras). ālla*k*a. macharishā. salāmtā. tāzzaza, ishshī āla. bālinjarā, gwādaññā. shashshaga (mashashshag). dabbaka (madabbak). āstārra*k*a. charrasa (macharras), nagarun kworrata (makwirat). māsmāmāt tasamāmmā. madfāt. kwonnana (makwonnan). kunanē. ākwāhwān. ākāhēd, ādrāgot. āmal, tabāvi. marrā... tanāzzaza ba... ādarā satta (mastat). mattaman. wassana (mawassan). ătannă. wassada (mawsad), āsāffara. bafītu ākoma. raggā (margāt). gubāē. āgāttama. gitim, magātam. āshannafa, dil nessā (mansāt).

82 conqueror. conquest. conscience. consecrate. consecration. consent, s., consent. v.. consider. conspiracy. conspire, consult.contact. contagious, contemplate. contenta. continually. contract, B.. control. v.a.. conversation. converse, v., convict, v.a., cook. s.. cook, v.a., cook, v.n., cookhouse. cooking utensils. cool, adj., copper, copse. cord. cork. s.. corn, corner. corpse, correct, adj., correct. v.a.. cost, s., cotton. cough, s.,

count, v.a., country, s., countryman, courage. covenant. cover, s.,

cough, v.,

āshannāfī. dil mansāt, māshannaf. hilīnā. kaddasa (makaddas). kidisinnā. ishshi mälat, fakād. ishshī āla, fakkada (mafkad). marammara, āssaba (āssib!). sērā. āsēra (āsir!). tamākkara. magganāñat. talālāfī. āssaba (āssib!), bāsāb hona. yāllabat nagar. hullugizē, zawatir, sark. wul, māsmāmāt. gazzā (magzāt). nigiggir, chawata. tachāwata. farrada (ba-), (mafrad). vawatbēt āshkar. abassala. bassala (mabsal). wat bēt. vawat bēt ikā. bird. nahās. dan. māsaryā, gamad. buah. ihil. māizan. rēsā. likk, vakannā, ākannā, ārrama (ārrim!). wāgā. tit. sāl. āsāla (I have a cough, yāsilaññāl.). kwattara (makwitar). āgar, gatar. bălāgar. difrat. kidān.

makdaññā, mashafaññā.

cover. v.. cow, coward. crack, v.n., craftiness. crafty. cram, v.a., creak. cream. . create, v.. creation. creator. creature. credence. creditor. creed. crier. crime. crime (to commit). criminal, s., cripple, \$... crocodile. crooked. crop, s., CTO88. 8.. cross (some obstacle, river, etc.), v., cross-piece. cross-pieces (to put on). cross-pole of tent. crossing, s., crouch, v., crowbar. crown. B... crucifixion. crucify. cruel. crumb. crupper. crush. crust, cry (shout), s., cry (shout), v., cry (weeping), s., cry (ween) v.. cunning, adj .. cunning, s.,

kaddana (makdan). lām. farī. sana*ttaka*. tankwol. tankwolaññā, bilt. āgaffā, gitit Ala.. silbäbot. fattara (maftar). fi*t*rat. fatari. fitur (animal : insisa). mattāman. hāladā. hāvimānot. āwāi nagārī. wanjal, badal. wanajiala. wanialaññā. ānkāsā. āzo. gwobātā. āzmarā, sabil. maskal. tashāggara, ākwārrata. māgir. māggara. gādim, taradā. mashaggarvā. ādaffata (mādfat). dijano. zawd, āklil. si*k*lat. sa*kk*ala. chakkāñ. kurāsh, farfārī. ābunazalab. dakkwosa (madakkwos). kirfit. chunat. choha. likso. Alakkasa (Type 1). tankwalanna. tankol.

cup,
curdle, v.n.,
cure, v.a.,
curse, v.,
curtain, s.,
custody,
custom,
customary,
customs (duty),
customs house.

cut. v.a..

daily. dam (for water), s., damage, v.s., damp, adj., damp. v.. dampness. danger. dangerous. dare. darkness. dash, v., daughter. dawn, s., dawn, v., day. day after tomorrow,

day before yesterday, deaf, dear (expensive), adj., dear, (to become), v. death, debt, decay, v.,

deceit,
deceitful,
deceive, v.a.,
December,
decide,
decision,
decieve,
declaration,

finjāl, sinē.
raggā (margāt).
ādāna.
saddaba (masdab), raggama (margam).
maggārajjā.
tibkat.
limād, wagg.
inda limādu.
gibir, karat.
gumruk, gibir bēt, karat bēt.
kwarrata (makwirat).

ilat ilat. gadab. gwodda, abbalasha. irtib. rattaba (martab). irtibat. firbāt. vammišefarā. daffara (madfar). challama. daffå (madfåt), täla. sēt lij. nigāt, twāt. naggā (mangāt). kan. tanaga wadīyā (pron. tanagwadīvā). tatilant wadiya. dankworo. wudd. .ababbawat mot. tabalāshsha, shāggata (mashāggat). tankwol. tankwolaññā. ānshātata, shanaggala, tāhisās nagarun kwarrata. yanagar makwarat. nagarun yammicharris.

maglat, malat.

gallata (maglat), āla. declare. imbī āla. decline (not to accept). shallama (mashallam), āsgēta decorate. (house). shillimat (ornament), nishan decoration. (medal), gēts (house). magwodāt. decrease, s., āgwoddala, ānnasa. decrease, v.a., gwoddala (magwidal). decrease, v.n., deed. sirā, ādrāgot. tilk, rajjim. deep. dil ādarraga, dil nassā (mandefeat, v.. tabbaka (matabbak). defend. defer. äskovva. defile, s., bar. kulkulat. shanaggala, ātāllala. defraud. tamakkā. defy, degrade. āwārrada, shāra. delay. zagayya (mazagayyat). wakil, malaktaññā. delegate. s... wakkala (mawakkal). delegate, v.. delight, B., dastā. deliver up (goods). asrakkaba. (persons). āsālfo satta. āfarrasa, ā*t*affā. demolish. sayitān, rikkwus manfas. demon. rikkwus manfas yāllabbat demoniac. saw. t*at*arā*tt*ara. demur. āsābbaka, kassasa (maksas). denounce. deny. kāda. hēda. depart. departure. mahēd. kāgar āwattā or āswattā. deport. āwārrada, shāra. depose, depress (in spirits). äschannaka, äschaggara. depth. tilk, rizmat. deride. sāka ba... warrada (mawrad). descend. descent. mawāraijā. descent (ancestru). tiwlid. descent (steep), kulkulat. zarziro gallata (maglat). describe. desert. barahā, wudimā.

desert, v.a.,

kaddā (makdāt), tawa (Type

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deserve. tagabba. desire, s., minvot. desire, v. despise. nā*k*a. destitute. dahā. destroy. destruction. tifāt, matfāt. detain. detect. agañña, agallata. detection. maglat, māyyat. devastate. warrara (mawrar). dew. tēzā, tal. dictate (a letter), āstsāfa. die. mota. differ. talayya. difference. different. lělá, livvu. difficult. chink. difficulty. chiggar, chinkat. dig, diligent, tiguh. diminish, v.a., diminish, v.n., dinner, īrāt. dip, ātallaka (mātlak). dirty, adj... idif, yaddafa. dirty, to be. addafa. disadvantage. gwudāt. disciple, murt). disclose.

discontent. discover. disease. diseased. disgrace, s., disgust, s., disgust, v.a., aishonest. disinherit. dismount. disobliging, disown. dispute, s., dispute. v.

shā, fallaga (mafallag). āfarrasa, ātaffā, ābbalāsha. askoyya, azagayya. livyunnat, mallayat. chiggir, yammiāschaggar. kwoffara (makwoffar), daddaka (madaddak). agwoddala, āsānnasa. gwoddala (magwidal). daka mazmur (pl. daka mazāgallata (maglat). das alamālat. āgañña (āgiññ!). bashita. bashitaññā. nawir. maskakyā, tsiyafē. āsakkaka, tsayyafa. waslāttā, yāltāmmana. karistu āwattā. warrada (mawrad). mikañā. käda. kirikkir. til. ta*t*āllā.

dissolve • distant. distress. disturbance. ditch. divide. division, dizzinesa. do, doctor. document. dog, dollar. dominion. donkey. door, door-keeper. doorposts. doorway. double. double (cloth, etc.), v.a., double (cloth, etc.), v.n., doubt, s., doubt (be in state of indecision), v.a., doubt (to the extent of disbelief), v.a., dough, dove. down. drag. drain, s., draw (pull). draw (water), draw (pictures). dream, s., dream, v., dress (garment), dress, v.n., drill. s., drill (bore), v.a.,

drill (of military exercises), v.n., 🚙 drink, s. drink, v.,

mwāmwā (mamwāmwāt). ruk. hāzan, chiggār, makarā, chinkat. hukat. gudgwād, gudbā. kaffala (makfal). kifil. varās mazawwar. ādarraga (mādrag). bålamadhänit, häkim. dabdābbē, warakat. wishshä. bir. gizāt. āhiyyā. mazgiyā, dajj. baraññā. gitam, makān. vadaji āf. hulat itif, yatadaggama. darraba (madarrab), vatadarraba.

tarattara.

ta*t*arā*tt*ara.

tiritir, matarāttar.

bihō. rigib. wada tāch, zik, gwottata. fasas. gāba. kaddā (makdāt). sāla. hilm. āllama (ilam!). libs. labbasa (malbas). salf. bassā (mabsāt), naddala (mandal). tasallafa.

matat. tattā (matattāt). dye, s..

edible.

educate.

eighty.

either.

elect.

election,

elder (old man),

elder (comp.),

edict.

dye. v.a..

tabitā.

sakkara.

ādarra*k*a.

darak.

bonā.

dida.

sirā.

nora.

kalam.

tāla.

naddā (mandāt).

(matlak).

kabaro, nagārīt.

darraka (madrak).

ābwārā, tibyā.

gibir, karat.

vammībballā.

āwāj, tiizāz.

äsāddaga.

samānyā.

shimāgillē.

inkulāl.

wavis.

tāllāk.

marrata.

mamrat.

dākīvē, gundich, zēyē.

manorvā, bēt, mādarvā,

kallama (makallam).

waddaka (mawdak).

sattama (mastam), tallaka

drive, v.a., drop. s.. drop, v.a., drop, v.n., drown, v.n., drum (musical), s., drunk (intoxicated, to be), dry, adj., dry, v.a., *dry*, v.n., dry season duck. s.. dumb, dust. s.. duty. duty (customs). dwell. dwelling.

each. ivandand. eagle, nisir. ear. ioro. early (in morning). bamāladā. early (i.e. before time). kadam bilo. earth. midir, āfar (loose). ease. irfat. easily. sāiāschaggir. east. misrāk. Easter, fāsīkā, tinsāē. easy, kalīl, yammājāschaggir, kalāl. an easy thing. wāzā. eat. ~ ballā (mablāt). edge. där.

elephant. elevate. elongate. else. elsewhere. embarrass. emblem. emperor. empire, empower, empty, enable, encamp. encampment. encircle. encourage. encroach. end, s., end, v.a., end, v.n., endorse. endurance. endure, v.n., enemy, engage (a servant), enmity. enough (to be), v., enough. (it is enough), ensian. enter. entirely. entratis. entrance (by which to enter), entry. envelop. envelope, envou. epistle. equal, adj. equal (to be), v., equalize, v.a., equivalent (to be), v., erase. erect, adj., 🦈 erect, v.a.,

zohon. kaf ādarraga. āsrazzama. wavis, bāihon, balēlā sifrā. āschannaka, āschaggara. nishān. ātsē, nigusa, nagast. mangist. siltān satta, āsalattana. bādo. āschāla. saffara (masfar). safar. kabbaba (makbab). ādafāffara. talällafa. macharrashā. charrasa (macharras). āllaka (ilak!). āttama (āttim!). mattāgas. tāggasa. talăt. kattara (maktar). talätinnat. bakkā (mabkāt). vammibakā. vibakāl, bakkā, bāndērā, sandak ālāmā, gabbā (magbāt). fatsmo, batam. āniat. magbiva. magbāt. shaffana (mashaffan). ănbolok. malāktaññā. malikt. ikkul. takākkala. astakākkala. ikkul hona. faka. kat yāla. takkala (matkal), ākoma. sāta.

err,

gif.

error,

escape, v.,
escort, v.,
eternal,
eternity,
even, adj.
evening,
everlasting,
every,
every,
every,
every,
evident,
evil, s.,
ewer,
exact, adj.
examination, s.,

examine, v.,

examiner, s., exceed, exceed (be too much), except, exchange (money), s., exchange, v.s.,

exchange (money), v.a., exclude, excommunicate, excommunication, excrement (faeces),

exercise-book. exhausted (to be), v., exile. s.. exist. exit. s., expand, v.a., expect. expedition (military). expend. explain, expose. expostulate with. extend. extinguish. extort. extortion.

sihitat. āmalista (āmlit!). shañña (mashaññat), abro hēda. vazalaālam, vammāītāfā. zalaālam. likk. mātā. - yammāitafā, yazalaālam. hullu. bahullu sifrā. yatagallata. kifu, hātlāt, kifāt.. gumbo. likk. fatanā. marammara, fattana (mafattan). fattäsh. ballata (mablat). bazzā. ka . . bakar. minizārē. lawwata (malawwat), kayyara (makayyar) manazzara. kalakkala, äskarra. gazzata (magazzat). gizat. ayina midir (pron. ayinamdir), sagarā. dabtar. dakkama, āllaka. sidataññā. nora. mawcha. zaraggā (mazargāt). tabbaka (matabbak). zamachā. fajja (mafjat). āsgab**bā**, āsraddā. gallata (maglat). wakkasa (mawkas). zaraggā (mazargāt). ātaffā. bagif aswatta.

extract, v.s., eye, eyeball, eyebrow, eyelid,

face, s., facilitate, facsimile, faeces,

fail. faint, v.n., fair (market). faith. faithful, fall. v.. false. falselu. fame. familiarity. family. famine, fan, s., fan. v.a.. far. far (to be), v., fare (money). farmer. fast. adi... fast (quickly), adv. fast, 8., fast, v.n. fat, adi., fat, B., fat (to be or to become). father. fatiane. fault. fear, s., fear. v.. feast, s., feather. feature-February. feed (to give food to),

äswattä, äwattä. äyin. yaäyin blên. kindib. shifäshift.

fīt. ākāllala, āsmacha. misāle. āyina midir (pron. āyinamdir), sagarā. ātā. sawnnatu zāla. gabīvā. hāyimānot. yatāmmana. waddaka (mawdak). äsataññā, wushataññā. bāsat. sim, warē. wadājinnat, bālinjarānnat. bēta saw, zamad. rahāb. rāb. mānāfashā, mārāgabyā. naffā. rnk. raka. kirāvi, wāgā. ārāsh, gabarē. fatāń, bafitinat yammihēd. tolo bilo, bafitinat. tom, tsom. toma, tsoma. wafrām. aibb. waffara (mawaffar). äbbät. dikām. sihitat. firhāt. farrā (mafrāt). gibzhā. lābā. fit, malk. vakātīt. kallaba, maggaba.

float, v.n.,

flog.

floor.

feel (to touch). dāssasa. female (of animals). inist, sēt. fence, s., åtar. fence, v., āttara (itar!). ferment, v.n., bokkā, zafazzafa. ferry, s., mashāggaryā. fertile. firvâm. fester. maggala (mamgal). festival. bāāl (pl. bāālāt). fetid. gim. feud. tsab. til. fever. nidād, takkwusāt. few. tikīt, and and. field. irshä, marēt, mask, field-glasses (binoculars). manattir. sholā. fight, s.. tsab, til. fight. v... tawāggā, tatālla. figure (appearance), malk. file, s., morad. fill. mallā (mamlāt). find. āgañña (ägiññ !). fine (delicate), rakik. fine, v.a., makkacho askaffala. finger. tāt. finish, v.a., charrasa (macharras). finished (to be), expended, āllaka (ilak!). fire, s., isāt. fire (to light). isāt ānaddada. first. fītaññā, majammarivā. kadmannā. at first. fīt. kadim. fish, s., ลิศลิ. fish-hook. makātin. fit, v.a., ābajja, āgāttama. fit, v.n., gattama (magtam). flag. s.. sandak ālāmā, bāndērā, flame, s., nabalbāl. flash, s. maflakvā. flash, v., fallaka (maflak). flask (small). bilkāt. flea. kunichā. flee. shashsha (mashashshat), flesh, sigā.

tansāffafa, wāñña.

garrafa (magraf).

walal, maret.

flour, dukēt, dokēt. flow. v.. fassasa (mafsas). ābabā. flower, B., ābbaba (ābbib!). flower, v., zimb. fly. B.. barrara (mabrar). fly. v.. fly (outer fly of a tent). madarrabyā. fly-whiak. chiră (lit. tail). fog. gum. fola, v., ättafa (itaf). folk. hizb. sawoch. follow. takattala. food. migib, mabil. foolish, donkworo, moññ. foot. igir. footprint. kwotē. la . . ., sila. for. forage, v., tasamārrā. forbid. kalakkala. force, s., hāvil, gidd. asgaddada. force. v.. ford, s., malkā, mashāggaryā. ford, v.a., tashāggara. fore-arm. kind. forehead. gimbār. foreign, yangidā, yawich agar. forenoon. rafadd. forest. dan, dur, wudmä. forfeit, s., tifāt. forfeit. v.a.. ātaffā. rassā (marsāt), zanaggā forget. (mazangāt). forgive. vikar āla. forgiveness, vikartā. fork. mawgiyā. fork (table). shukkā. form, B., malk, misālē. former. vadiro. diro, kadmo, fit. formerly. fort. āmbā. fortunate. idilaññā. fortunately. ba-idil. forty. ārbā. foul. kifu, gim. ārāt. four. 🕳 fourfold. ārāt iji. fourteen. āsrā Ārāt.

ikā.

tirn.

zar, āvinnat.

shāggata.

94 fowl. fracture, s., fraament. frankly. fraud freedom. frequency. fresh. Friday. friend. friendship, from. front, in front. frontier. frost. fructify, fruit. fruitful. fry, v.a., frying-pan. fulfil. full. fully, funeral. furniture. fusty,

gaily. gain, s.. gain, v., gall. game (pastime), s., garaen. garner. gate, gate-keeper, s., gather, gather (harvest), geld, generosity, gentle. gentleness. gently, genuine.

genus.

doro. sibrat. *k*wurāsh bagilt. shingalā. ārinnat, natsānnat, bizāt. āddīs, nitsu, tikkus. ārb. wadāi. wadājinnat. ka—. fit. bafīt, wada fīt. dimbar, wasan, taraf. wurch. āfarrā. firē. firyām, tabbasa (matbas). mathashā. fatstsama (mafatstsam). mulu, milu. batām, fatsmo. ginzat.

badasta. rabb, tirf, tikim, ātarrafa, āgaññā. kwnssil. chawātā. ätākilt. yahil maktachā, gwotarā. bar. baraññā. sabassaba. kattata. gwonaddala. charinnat. dagg, gar. garinnat. \bar{k} as bilo.

germinate. v.n., giddiness. aift. gild, v.a., aimlet. ainaer. aird. airdle, girl. give. giver. glad (to be), v., aladlu. gladness. glass, alitter. s.. glittering, adj., glorify. glory, B., glue. gnaw. go, goat, God. gold. good.goods. gospei. gossip, s., gourd. govern, governor. grace (goodness), grain (corn). a grain of corn, granary, grape, grasp, v., grass, grateful (to be). gratitude. grave (tomb), aravu. graze (as_cattle), v.n., grease, s., great.

bakkala (mabkal). āganna (āginn). varās mazawwar. sitotā. bawark labbata (malabbat). wasfë. iiniibil. tä*ttaka.* matātakvā, makannat. sēt lii. satta (mastat). sachī. das āla- (with pers. suffix). badastā. dastā. birchikko. bilichlichtä. bilichlich vammIl. ākabbara, āmasaggana. kibir. muchā. nacha (manchat), gāta. hēda. fiyyal. Igzīābihēr, āmlāk. wark. dahinā, malkām, dagg, tiru. ganzab, ikā. wangel. chawatā, warē. kil. gazzā (magzāt). gazhi. tsaggā, mogas. ihil. kintāt. vahil maktachā, gwotarā. wavin. chabbata (machabbat), yāza. wulata awwaka (iwuk!). misgānā. makabar. marak. tesamārrā. kihāt. tillik.

greatness. tāllākinnat. arcediness, sist. green. ārangwādē. green (of foliage). lamlam. greeting, salāmtā. grief. hāzan. grieve, v.a., ลิธกิรรคทค. grieve, v.n. āzzana (izan!). grind, v.a. fachcha, afachcha. arindstone, Wafcho. groan, v.. ākāsata, (ākāssit!). grope. dāsa. ground, s.. marēt. grow, āddaga (idag!). growth. idgat. grudge, v., naffaga (manfag). grumble, v. āgworamarrama. grumbling. māguramram. guarantor. wās, tayāzh. guard. v.. tabbaka (matabbak). guardian. tabbaki. quess, s., hāsāb. guess, v.. āsbo fallaga. auide, s., mari. guide, v., marrā (mamrāt). guilt. badal. guilty. ātfī. guinea-fowl, jigrā. gum, muchā. guma, didd. gun. madf gun (shot-gun). irash. gunpowder, bārnd. gush, v.. bahavil fassasa. mari.

guy-ropes.

habit. habitation. habitually. habituate, v., hail, s., hair. hairless. half, adj.,

half, s.,

zawatir. āslammada. barado. tagwur. barā, malātā. ikkul, gimmash. ikkulētā.

ENGLISH-AMHARIC VOCABULARY bagidd fassasa (mafsas),

> limād, wagg. manorya, madarya.

half-way. ikkul mangad. hall, ādarásh. halt (stop)! kum. halter, s., lako. halter (mule, etc.), v.a., sanakkala, kavvada (makavvad). madoshā, mamchā, hammer, s., hammer, v.e., mattā (mamtāt). hand. ijj. hand over. v. (goods), asrakkaba : (persons). āsālfo satta. handful. chibt. handkerchief. mahāram. handle, s., mavāzhā. hang, v.a., sakkala (maskal), äntalattala. happen, hona. happily. dass bile. happiness, dastā. happy (to be), v. das āla- (with pers. suffix). harass. āschaggara, warrara (mawrar). harbour, s., wadab. hard. birtu, tankārrā. harden. ātannā, ābarattā. hardship. makarā. harm, s., kifāt. harm, v., goddā (magwidāt). harness, s., vafaras ikā. harness. v.a.. laggwoma (malaggwom). harp, masanko, barana. sabil, azmara. harvest. haste. fitnat. hasten. chakkwola (machakkwol), fattana (maftan). hastilu. fatno. hat. bārnētā. hatchet. matrabyā, misār. hate, s., matlāt. hate, v.a., tallā (matlāt). haunch. chin. hay, sār, dirkosh. haze, gum, chigag, irsu. (polite), irsachaw. head. rās. headstall. libāb.

ādāna, fawwasa (mafawwas).

heal, v.s..

high (to be), v.,

heal. v.n.. dāna. nealth. tēnā. healthy (person). bāla*t*ēnā. heap. s.. kimmir. heap, v.a., kammara (makammar). hear. sammā (masmāt). hearina. masmāt. heart. libb. heat, s., tikkwusät, mukat. amoka. heat, v.s.. heathen. āramanē, āramāwī. heaven. samāyi. mangista samāyāt. Heaven. heavy, adj. kabbād. heavy (to be), v.. kabbada (makbad). it is very heavy. ijjig yikabdāl or ijjig kabbād naw hedae. ātar, kitar. heel. sakwonā. heifer. gidar. \tilde{k} umat, irzimat. height. heir. warash. Hell. sīol, gahānnam, help, s., irdātā. raddā (mardāt), āgazza help, v.a., (ägizz!). helper. raddāt. hen. sēt doro. henceforth. kangidih wadih. her, ...āt (suffix). herald. āwāj nagārī. herb. kital. iraññā, yakabt tabbākī. herdsman, here. izzih, bazzih. heritage. rist. herself. rāswā. hesitate. ta*t*arā*tt*ara. hesitation. matarāttar. hide (skin), s., kodā. shashshaga (mashashshag), hide. v.a., sawwara (masawwar). dabbaka (madabbak). tashashahaga, dabbaka hide, v.n., (madabbak). high, adj., kaf yāla. kaf āla.

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highlands (the),
                              dagā.
                              līka kāhin.
high priest.
Highness (His),
                              liul.
Highness (Her).
                              liilt.
highway.
                              āwrā mangad.
hill.
                              korabtā.
hilly.
                              taratarām.
him.
                              irsun, or suffix -u.
                              irsāchawn, or suffix -āchaw.
  (polite).
  call him.
                              tirāw, tirāchaw (pol.).
  hit him.
                              balaw.
hinder, adi.
                              hwālaññā.
hinder, v.a.,
                              kalakkala.
                              takkasa (matkas), takso āma-
hint, v.,
                                lakkata.
hip.
                              chin.
hippopotamus,
                              gumārī.
hire. s..
                              kirāyi.
hire (to take on), v.,
                              takarāyya.
hire (to give on), v.,
                              ākarāvya.
history,
                              tārīk.
hit. v..
                              mattā (mamtāt).
                              wadih, wadazzih.
hither.
                              iska zārē diras.
hitherto.
hobble, s.,
                              lako.
hobble, v.a. (mule, etc.).
                              sanakkala, kayyada
                                (makayyad).
hoist, v.a..
                              kaf ādarraga (mādrag).
hold. v.a..
                              vāza.
                              kadādā (in cloth), gudgwād
hole, s.,
                                (in around).
                              kidisinnā.
holiness.
hollow, adj ...
                              bādo, kift.
holu.
                              kiddus.
home.
                              bēt.
honest.
                              libbu vakannā, kin.
                              valibb kinnāt, tāmāñinnat.
honesty.
honey.
                              mār.
honour. s..
                              kibir.
                              ākabbara.
honour, v.,
honourable.
                              kibur.
hope, s..
                              tasfā.
hope, v.,
                             tasfā ādarraga (mādrag).
hopeful
                             bāla tasfā.
horn (of a car, musical).
                             turumbā.
horn (of an animal).
                              kand.
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difrat.

horse.* horseman. hospitality, to give, host (entertainer), hostage. hot, hour. house. how, interrog., however. howl. v. humble, adj. humid. humility. hundred, hunger, hungry (to be).

hunt, v., hunter. hurl. hurry. v..

hurry up! husband. hut. hyaena, hypocrisu

idea. idiot. idle (one who is). idle, to be, v.. idol. if.

ill (to be), v.

he is ill.

faras. farasañña. āstanāggada. bālabēt. wäs. tikkwus, muk. sāāt. bēt. indet, indamin. daru gin, nagar gin. choha. tihnt. irtib. tihitinnā. mato. rāb. tarāba, rāba-w (with pers. suffix).

āddana (āddin!). addañ. warawwara. fattana (maftan), chakkwola

(machakkwol).

tolo bal. bāl, bālabēt. gojjo. iib. gibbizinnat.

ině. hāsāb. dunkworo, moññ, ligmaññā, tākāch. laggama (malaggam). taot (pl. taotat). bi., prefixed to Constr. Pres. (see pp. 35-6). tāmmama, ammama-w (with pers. suffix).

* The different colours by which horses are known are: bay, dāmā. grey, tiriñ. black, gurāchā. white, ambalai, or dalich. chestnut, dam dalicha.

tammoal.

white faced, bora. cream, borā, būllo. white-footed, magala.

illiterate. illness. image. imitate. immediatelu. immense. impair. impartial. impede. impediment. impertinence, impertinent. implement. implore, important.

impose. impostor. imprison.

improper, improve, v.a., impure. impute. in. inaccurate, incorrect, incapable, incessantly. include. income. incomplete. increase, s., increase, v.a.,

imprisoned, (to be),

increase, v.n., incredible. indemnity. indicate. indianity. indolence. indolent. induce. he induced me to come.

infantry.

vāltamāra. himām, bashitā. misālā. takākkala, āsmassala. āhun āhun, bafi*t*nat. tilillik, tälläk. gwoddā, āsānnasa, vammājādalā. kalakkala. inkifāt.

dafār. ikā, masāryā. lammana (malamman). kum or kabbad (of things), tillik (of persons).

chāna. āsataññā. āssara (isir!), baisar bēt āsgabbā.

tāssara. yammäiggabhä. āstakkama, āshāla. rikkwus.

kwattara (makwitar). ba . . . (prefix). gadāfā.

vammāichil.

ālamākwārat. chammara (machammar). tirf, dammawaz, ganzab. yālmallā, vāltafatsteama.

mabzāt. ābazzā, chammara (machammar).

hazză. yammäitäman. kāsā. āsāyya, āmalakkata, manāk, māwārad. hākēt. hākētaññā. ishshī āssaññā.

imatā žand ishshī āssaññañ. or na bilo ishshi assaññañ.

igirañña wattaddar.

infectious (disease). infectious (to be), v., infirm, (to be), v., infirmity, inflate. inform. information. infringe. ingenious. ingenuity. inhabit. inherit. inheritance, inheritor. iniure. injury. injustice. ink, inquire. inquire into. insert. inside. insolent, instead of. instigate. instigator. instruct (teach), v.a., instruct (order), v.a., instructions. instructor. instrument. insult. B... insult. v... insurrection. intelligence. intend. intention. intercede. intercessor. interchange, v., interest (on loan), intermediary. interpret. interpretation.

interpreter.

interview.

ālfo yammiyiz (or, yammitalāllaf) bashitā. tagābbā. dakkama (madkam). dikām. naffā (manfāt). āstāwwaka. warē. afarrasa, talallafa. bilhātaññā. bilhāt. nora. warrasa (mawras). rist. warāsh. gwoddā (magwidāt), magwodat. gif. \check{k} alam. tayyaka (matayyak). marammara. wust asgabba. wust. dafär. ba . . . fantā, ba . . . sifrā. äsnassā. āsnashī. āstamāra. āzzaza (izaz!). tiizāz. ästamari. i*k*ā, masārvā. sidib. saddaba (masdab). shiftinnet. iwakat, māstawāl, bilhāt, āssaba, fakkada (mafkad). hāsāb, fakād, mālat. āmāllada. āmālāj. lawāwwata. walad. mahākalaññā, makākalaññā. taraggwoma. tirgum, targwamē. āstargwāmī, tarjumān. magganāfiat.

intestine. intoxicate. intoxicated (to be). intrique, s., intrique, v.n., introduce (make acquainted), astawawwaka. intrust. invalid, s., invert. v.a.. investigate. invite. inward. iron, s., iron, (clothes), s., iron, v.a., irrigation. irritate. it irritates (of insect bites), island. it. itch. s.. itch. v.. itself.

ānjat. āsakkara. sakkara. māshokshok. āshakwashshakwa. ādarā satta. bashitaññā. galabbata. marammara. gābbaza (magābbaz). wada wust. birat. kāwuvā. takkwusa (matakkwus). masno. āskwottā. vibalāññāl. dasēt. iran. ikāk äkkaka (ikak!) rāsu.

jackal. January. jar (earthen). jaw. iealous. jealousy, Jesus. jigger. join, v.a., join, v.n., joints (of the body). joke, s. joke, v., journey. joy, joufully. judge, s., judge. v.a.. judgment. jug, 🕶 July. jump, v.a.,

kabaro. tir. gumbō. mangāgā. kinātaññā. kināt. Yasus. movālē. āgāttama. gattama (magtam). iimāt. kald. kallada (makallad). mangad, guzo. dastă, das malat. badastā, das bilo. faraj, danna. farrada (mafrad). fird. mankorkoriva. hāmlē. zallala (mazlal).

June,
just, adj.,
just, adv.,
justice,

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keep, v., keeper, key, kick, s., kick, v.a., kidney,

kill, v.a.,

kind, adj.,
kind (sort),
kindle (a fire),
have they lighted a fire?
kindness,
king,
kingdom,
kiss, v.a.,
kitchen, adj. or s.,
knead.

knee,
kneel,
knife (table),
knife (pocket),
knock, v.a.,
knot, s.,
knot, v.a.,
know,
knowingly,
knowledge,
knuckles,

lack, v., ladder, lade, lag, v.n., lake, lamb, s., lame, adj., lame, to be, lamp, lamd, s., sanē.

kin, yakannā.
indaw.
fird.

tabbaka (matabbak). tahhā*k*ī. makfachā. kwulf. irgichā. raggata (margat). kwulālīt. gaddala (magdal): ārrada (irad!) (beasts of slaughter). chàr. āvinnat. ānaddada. isāt āndidawāl wavi? charinnat. nigus. mangist. sāma. vawat bēt or wat bēt. āboka, lawwasa (malawwas). gwulbat. tambarakkaka. billāwā, kārā. santī. mattā (mamtat). kwātaro. kwāttara. āwwaka (iwuk!). āwko, baiwukat. iwukat. kurkum.

ātā (itā!).
masalā!.
chāna (machān).
āzaggama (māzgam).
hāyik, bāhir.
tibot.
ānkāsā.
ānakkasa (ānkis!).
māsho, mabrāt.
marēt : āgar (country).

landlord. language, lantern. lav (wind round), v.a., large. last, adj., last. v.. latch, s., late, (to be), v., late (to be, in morning), late (to be, in evening), lately, laugh, v.n., laughter. lavatory, law. lawyer, layer, laziness. lazy, lead (metal). lead. v... leaf. lean, v.n. learn. learning, s., leather. leave, v.. leaven, s., left (as to direction), leg. lemon. lend. length,

leaven, s.,
left (as to direction
leg,
lemon,
lemon,
length,
lengthen,
leopard,
leopard,
leper,
leprous,
lessen, v.s.,
lesson,
let go,
letter,
letvel, adj.

bālabēt. kwānkwā, āf. fānns. tamattama. tillik. hwālaññā, macharishā. nora. kwulf. zagayya (mazagayyat), koyya. raffada. mashsha. bakirb kan. sāka. sāk. sagarā bēt, gwāro bēt. higg (of Moses : orit). tabakā. dirb.

hākētañāa, ligmaññā.
irsās.
marrā (mamrāt).
kital.
zanabbala.
tamāra; (study alone, ātannā).
timhirt.
kurbat, kodā.
tawa, lakkaka (malkak), āskarra.
irsho.

hākēt, ligim.

girā.

lomi.

igir, kiltim.

ābaddara.

rizmat.

äsrazzama.
misir.
nabir.
lamtsāmā.
lamts.
lamtsām.
šsānnasa, āgwoddala.
timhirt.
lakkaka (malkak).
warakat, dabdābbā.
fidal.
tikikkil.

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ihd.

ähhada.

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liar. liberty. lick. v.a.. lid. lie, s., lie, v.n., lie (to lie down). life. lift. v.a.. light (as to weight). a light matter. light. s.. light (lamp), v.a., light (fire), v.a., liahtnina. like (to find pleasant), v., like (to be), resemble, v., likeness. limo. lime. limit, s... limp, v.n., linseed. lion. lip, listen. little. live, v., liver. load, s., load, v., lock, s.. lock. v.. locust. log, long. adi .. long (to be), long, v., longing, s., look. s.. look, v., looking-glass. loose, v.a., loose (to be), loosen, v.a., loot, v.a., loss.

āsataññā, wushataññā. ārinnat. โล้ยย. makdaññā. asat, wushat. wāsha. taññā. hiviwat. ānassā, bidigg ādarraga, kallāl. wāzā. birhan, mabrat. ābarrā. ānaddada. mabrak. waddada (mawdad). massala (mamsal). misālē. billit. norā. wasan, dambar, dârichā, ānakkasa. talbā. ānbasā. kanfar. ādāmmata. tikit, tinnish. nora. gubbat. chinat, shikim. chāna, āshakkama, kwulf. kwollafa (makwollaf, Type 2). änba*t*ä. gind. rajjim. razzama. nāffaka. nafkot. māyvat. tamalakkata. mastawāt. fattā (maftāt). lāliā. ālāllā. zarrafa (mazraf). titāt.

lost (to be). I have lost. We shall lose. loudly. louse. love. s.. love. v.. low, adj... low (to be). lowlands (the). luck. luckily. lucky. lucrative. luggage, lunatic. lungs. lurk. mad.madden. madness. magic.

taffā. taffābbiñ. vizafābbināl. batillik dimts, batillik af. kimāl. fikir, wid. waddada (mawdad). zik vāla. zik āla. kwollā. idil. ba-idil. idilaññā. vammiātarf, vammīrabā. ikā, guzo. ibd. sāmbā. tashammaka.

mad (to be, or go), magician. mail, s., maintain (feed), maize. Majesty (His), Maiesty (Your). make, v., maker. maladu. malaria. male. mallet. man, mane (of lion), manhood. manifest, adj., manner. many, map, march.

march, v.n.,

āsābbada. ibdinnat. tinkolā, āsmāt. tankwāyi. postā. maggaba, kallaba. bakkollo. girmāwī. girmāwinatwo. sarrā (masrāt), ābajja. garī. bashitā. wohā. wand. mamchā. saw. gofar. sawnnat. yatagallata. ākwāhwān. bizu. kārtā. guzo. tasallifaw hēdu; tagwāza (iourneu).

March (month), mare. mark, B., mark (to point out), v. market. marriage. married (to be). marrow (vegetable). marry. marsh.martingale. mason. master, s., master. v.a., match, v.n., matches. matter, (what is the?). mature, ripe (to be). May (month). meal. meal, flour, mean, v., what does it mean? or what is its meaning? meaning. measure, s., measure, v... measurement. meat. medal. mediate, v.n., mediator. medicine. meek. meet v.. meeting. melt. v.n.. memoir. memorial. memory, mend. v.. merchant. merciful. mercy. mercy seat, s., merely. message.

maggābīt. bazra. milikkit āmalakkata. gabīvā. maggābāt, sarg. tagābbā. dubbă. āgabbā. ragrag. imbīyāgus. gambī. gētā. āshannafa. gattama (magtam). kabrit. min hona? bassala. ginbot. misā. dukēt, dokēt, målatu mindir naw? mälat. malakkivä. lakkā (malakkāt). likk. sigā. nishān, lishān. āstārra*k*a. mahākalaññā, makākalaññā. madhānīt. gar, garrām, yawāh. taganāñña. magganañat. kallata (maklat). tārīk. matāsabyā, ziķir. hāsāb. ābajja. naggādē. mihirataññā. mihirat. māstārakvā. bichchā. milikkit.

messenger, mid-day. middle. mianiaht. mid-way. milk, s.. milk. v.. millstone. mind. what he has in his mind. never mind/ mine (belonging to me). minister, s., minister. v.a.. minister (of state), ministru. minute (time). miracle. mirror, s., miser. miserable. miseru. mislead. mist. mistake, s., mistake (make a mistake), v., mistress. mix (solids), v.a., mix (liquids), v.a., mix (solids), v.n., mix (liquids), v.n., mixture, moist. moisture. molest. Monday, money. monkey, month. moon. morass. more. moreover. morning morrow.

most.

maliktaññā, malāktaññā. ikkula kan. makākal, mahāl. ikkul lēlīt. ikkul mangad. watat. āllaba (ilab!). yawafcho, dingāyi. hāsāb, āimro. bahodu yalla nagar. gidd yallam, yikar. vanē. āgalgāyi. āgalaggala. ministīr. āgalgalot. dakīkā. tāmir (pl. tāmirāt). mastawāt. nifūg, sissitām. chiggaraññā. chiegir. āsāta. gum. sihitat. tasāsāta. immabēt. dabāllaka. kalākkala. tadabāllaka. takalākkala. dibillik. irtib. irtibat. aschaggara. sañño. ganzab. ziniaro. war. charakă. ragrag. dagmo, lēlā. dagmo. twät.

kahullu vammibazā.

mother. mould (for metal), B., mould (mildew). mouldy, to be, mount. v.. mountain. mouse. mouth. mow. much. mud. mule.* multiply, v.a., murder, v., murderer. muslin. mustard. mutineer. mutiny. s.. mutinu. v.. muself. mystery,

nail, 8.,
nail (finger or toe), 8.,
nail, v.s.,
name, 8.,
narrow,
nation,
nature (character),
nature (temperament),
nausea,
near,
near, to be,
necessarily,
necessary (to be),
it is not necessary to go.

* Colours of mules:

bay, black, grey, red, white,

necessity.

innāt. kālib. shāgātā. shāggata. watta (mawtat). tarārā. āvita magwot. āf. - āchchada (ichad!). ijjig, bizu. chika. baklo. daggama (madgam). nafs gaddala (magdal). nafea, gadāvi. anāah. sinafich. āmmāch. āmat. āmmatsa (āmmits).

mismär, chinkär. tifir. chanakkara. sim. tabbāb. kachchin. hizb, wagan. bāhirī. āmal. massakak. kirb. karraba. bagidd. āsfallaga. äsfallagi naw. mahēd aiasfalligim. gidd.

rāsē.

mistir.

sāmunā. wārdā. girāchā. shahilā. chabar. neck. needle. nealect, s.. neglect, v., negotiate. negotiation, negro. neighbour. neither.* net, s., never. never mind! nevertheless. new. news. night. nine. ninetu. no (refusal). nobleman, nobodu. noise. noon, nor,* North. nose. nostril. not.

note, notice, s.,
note (make a note of), v.,
nothing,
there is nothing there,
notice (news), s.,
notice, v.a.,
notify,
nourish,
nourishment,
November,
now,
nowadays,
number, s..

āngat. marfē. chal mālat. chal āla. gamaggama, tagabayāvva. magamgam. ahān*k*illā. gworābēt. wavis.* marbab. kato (with negative). gidd yallam. yih säyikar. āddis. warā. lēlīt. z*ลt*ลกี. zatana. imbī. makwonnin (pl. makwānint). männim. chuhat. katir, ikkula kan. wayis (see footnote). saměn. āfinchā. ānf. (expressed by the verb in the negative. See page 24.) māstāwushā, māmalkachā. lib ädarraga (mådrag). minim. minim vallam. warē, nagar. tamalakkata, āstawāla. āstāwwa*k*a. maggaba, kallaba. migib. kalab. hidår. āhun. zārē, yazārē gizē. kuttir.

*Wayis = either. With the word in the negative form it expresses: neither, nor. Example—wayis irsu wayis anta bazziya alnahbarachihum: Neither he nor you were there.

bagilt.

gibbī.

salēn.

madaf.

warakat.

gannat.

112 number, v., nurse, s.. nurse, v.a., oar, obedience. obey, oblige (to force). obstacle, obstinacu. obstinate. obstruct. ootain. obvious. obviously. occasion, s.. on that occasion. occur. o'clockwhat o'clock is it? at what o'clock, or at what time? October. offence. offend. offender. offer, v., office (appointment), office (room), officer, often. oil. ointment. old. old (olden). old man. olive tree. omit. on. once. one. onion. onlu. open, v.a., opener,

openly.

kwattara. āstamāmi, (children's = mogzit). āstāmmama. makzafyā. mattāzaz. tāzzeze. bagidd āsdarraga, asgaddada. kalkāvi, inkifāt. valibb sibāt. dandānā, libba sibb. kalakkala. āgañña (āgiñ!). vatagallata. bagilt. gīzē. bazzîyan gizê. hona. sint saat hone (or naw)? hasint säät? tikimt. badal, inkifat. baddala. baddāvi. ākarraba, abarakkata. shumat. tsihifat bēt, bīro bēt. shum. bizu gīzē. zavit. kibāt. ārogē. vadiro. shimāgillē. waviră. āskarra, tawa (Type 1). ba- . . . ānd gizē. ānd. shinkwurt. bichchā. kaffata (makfat). makfachā.

opinion, hāsāb. I am of opinion, vimasaññāl. michu gīzē. opportune. opposite, fit lafit, tivivu... āschannaka, āsāddada, oppress, wavis. or. order (command), s., tiizāz. order. v.. āzzaza (izaz!). order (succession), s., sirāt. order (do in order), v., basirāt ādarraga. ordinary, yazawatir, yatalammada, tarā. āddarāija. organise. sirr, zar. oriain. gēts. ornament, s., āgetsa. ornament, v.a., sagon. ostrich. lalā. other. vaññā. our. rāsāchin. ourselves. out. outside. wichi. mawchā. outlet. bawichi wagan. outwardly. iton, magagariyā. oven. balāvi. over. overcast, adj., dammanām. overcloud, v.n., dammana. āshannafa, dil nassā (mansāt), overcome, v.a., rattā (martāt). fassasa (mafsas). overflow, v.n., galabbata. overthrow, overturn, v., bālabēt. owner. hară. ox. pacify. āstārra*k*a. makjā, bāldī, bālī. pail. himam, sikayi. pain. s., sāla. paint, v., painter, sāyi. timd, itif. dirrib. pair, s., tammada (matmad). pair, v.,

palace.

paper.

palm tree.

Paradise.

palm (of the hand),

parch, parchment, pardon, s., pardon, v., pardonable. parent. parentage, part (portion), s., partiality. participate. partner, partner (in business), partridae. pass (defile), s., pass, v.s., pass, v.n., passable. passage,

passenger, Passover, passport,

past, paste, (edible). paste (gum), patch, s... patch (clothes), v.a., path. patience. patient. pattern, pay, s., pay, v., nea. peace. peak. pearl. pebble, peck, v.a., peel, s., peel, v.a., peg, s., pen. pencil. penetrate.

people,

ārrara (irar!). birannā. vikirtā, sirvat. sarraya (masarray), yikir ālā. yikir yammibāl. walāi. tiwlid. kifil. _ mādilāt. takāffala. bālinjarā. sharik. kwok. bar. āsāllafa. āllafa (ilaf!). yammiāshēd, yammiāsāllif. mangad, mashāgarvā. māstalālafvā. mangadaññā. fāsikā. yafakād warakat, yayilaf warakat. vällafa. muk. lit. muchā. matāfyā. takkama (matkam). mangad. tiigist. taggash. misālē, kirts. dammawaz (pron. dammoz). kaffala (makfal). ātar. salām ; irk (after war). chaf. shulat. lul tatar, chinchă. nakkasa (mankas). lit. kirfit. lāta. kāsmā, chikāl. biir. irsās. zallaka (mazlak). sawoch, hizb.

pepper, black or white. pepper, red, perfect, adj., perfectly. perhaps, period. perish. permission. permit, v., perplex. perplexity, persecute. persecutor. persevere, perseverance. perspiration, persuade. petition. petitioner. petrol. pick-axe. picture, s., piece. piq. pigeon, pile, s., pile, v.a., pillage, v.a., pillar. villow. pipe (water), pistol. pit, pitch (a tent), v.a., pitcher, pity, s., pity, v., place, s., place, v., plain, s., plaintiff. plank plant, v.,

plaster, s.,

kundo barbarë. barbarē. fitsum. fatsmo, batām. minālbāt. zaman, samon, taffā (matfāt). fakād. fakkada (mafkad). āschaggara, āschannaka. chinkat. āschaggara, āssāddada. āssādāi. taggā (matgāt). tigāt. lāb, waz. āsāmmana, ishshī āssanna (ässaññ). limană. lammañ. banzīn. domā. siil. kifil, kurrach. āsāmā, iryā. rigib, wāni. kimmir, (of hay, kullil). kammara (makammar), [of hay, kollala (makollal).] warrara (mawrar), zarrafa (mazraf). āmd. tirās. hwāmbwā. shiggut. gudgwād. takkala (matkal) gumbo, insiră, gân. hāzan. āzzana (izan!). sifrā, botā, ānora, āskammata. mādā. kassāsh. sankā. takkala (matkal). mirgit, lissin.

potter.

plaster (a wall, etc.), v., marraga, lassana. sahān. play (game, amusechawatā. ment), s., play, v., tachāwwata. play the fool, kabbata. please (if you please), ibākkih (to great man: ibākkwo). -das āssañña (ässaññ!). please, v., das āla-w (personal suffix). pleased (to be), pleasure. dastä. pledge. silat. wul. plenty. bizu. plot (conspiracy), s., sārā. plot, v., Āsēra. plough, s., mārashā. plough, v., ārrasa (iras!). pluck, v., lakkama (malkam), kattafa (maktaf). plunder, v., waitara (mawrar), zarrafa (mazraf), barabbara, plunderer. barbārī. pocket. kīs. pocket-knife, san*t*ī. point, s.. chāf, shul. āmalakkata, āsāyya. point out, v., pointed. shul, yatasala. poison s.. marz. pollute. āsāddafa, ārakkasa. pond. kurē, wihā vāllabbat gudgwād, yawihā mattarākamīvā. poor, daha. porter (carrier). tashakkāmi. porter (door-keeper). harraññā.* kifil, dirshā. portion. B.. possession, ganzab. possessor. bālabēt. possible (that which is), vammichāl. post. postā. post office, postā bēt. postage stamp. tambir. potato (or potatoes). dinnich.

The man who stands at the door of a chief's house and introduces visitors to the chief is called "aggāfārī": usher.

shahilä sarī.

pound, v., povertu. powder, B., powder (gun), power, powerful. praise, s., praise, v., pray, prayer, preach, preacher. preaching, s., precede. precipice. prefer, v.a., I prefer this one. preferable (to be), v., preliminary. prepare. present (introduce), v.a., preserve, v.a., press (printing). press, v.a., pressure. pretence, pretend. prevent. prevention. price. prick, v., pride. priest. priesthood. prince. print, v., prison. prisoner, prisoner of war. privately. proclaim, v.a., proclamation, produce. s.. produce. productive,

profit, s.,

wakkata (mawkat). dahinnat. dü*k*ēt. bārud. hāvil, chilot. havilaññā. misgānā. āmasaggana. tsallava (matsallay). tsalot. sabbaka (masbak). sabākī. sibkat. kaddama (makdam). gadal. marrata (mamrat). irsu (pointing at the object) vishālañnāl. tashāla. vamajammarīvā. āzagājja, āssanāddā. āganāñña, ākarraba. tabbaka (matabbak). mātamyā (bēt). chāna. chinat. gibizinnat. tagabbaza. kalakkala. makalkal. wāgā. waggā (mawgāt). tiibit. kurāt. kēs, kāhin. kissinnä, kihinat. masfin (vl. masafint). āttama (āttim!), āsāttama. isar bēt, gizot bēt, wahinī bēt. isaraññā. mirkofiñā. basiwwur, labichcha. āwāj naggara (mangar). āwāj. firē. āwattā. firvăm.

rabb. tikim.

profitable (to be), prolong. promise, v.. promote (to a rank), v, prong, pronunciation, proof, prop. v., proper, property, prophecy. prophet. propitiate. propitiation. proportion. proposal. prosecute. prosperity. protect. protector. province. provisions. provoke, proxy. pudding. puff. v.a.. pull, v., pull-over, s., punish. punishment. pupil. pupil (of eye). pure. purify. purport, B., pursue. pus, push, v., put, place, put in, away,

quail, s., quality (degree), quality (type), quarrel, s., quarrel, v.,

rabbā, takkama. āsrazzama. tasfā satta (mastat). shoma. mawgiyā. ātarār. magillachā, māsrajjā, daggafa (madaggaf). yamiggabbā. ganzab, kabt. tinbit. nabīvi. āstārraka. mēstērakvā. likk, matan. mikir. kassasa (maksas). limāt. tabbaka. tabbāki. gizāt, āwrājjā. kalab, sink. āskwottā, āskayyama. indarāsē, wakil. ālāwā. naffā (manfāt), if āla. gaba. vagalā, shurrāb. kattā, kassafa. kitāt. tamārī. yaāyin blēn. tiru, nitsu. ātarrā. mālet. takattala. magil. gaffā (magfāt). askammata, anora. kattata (maktat).

dirchit. bāhirī. āyinnat. chikachik, tabb, kirikkir. tatāllā. quarter, s.,
queen (reigning),
queen (consort),
question, s.,
quick, adj.,
quick (to be),
be quick!
quickly,
quiet (to be),
be quiet!
quietly,

rabbit,
rag, s.,
rain, s.,
rain, v.,
rainbow,
raise,

ram (sheep), ram. v.a.. rank. ransom. rapid, adj., rapidity. rapidly. rasp, rat. raw. razor (or razor-blade). reach, v., read, v., ready (to be). really. reap. reason (cause), reasonable. rebel. B.. rebel, v.,

rebellion,
rebuke, s.,
rebuke, v.a.,
receive,
recent,
recently,

rub.
nigist.
itēgē.
tiyyākē.
fatāñ.
tolo āla.
tolo bilo, fatno.
zim āla.
zim bal.
zim bilo.

tinchal. chark. zināb. zannaba. kasta dāmmanā. ānassā, kaf ādarraga (madrag). mukkit. dakaddaka. shumat, māirig. bēzā. fa*t*añ. fitinat. bafitinat. morad. āvit. tirē, vālbassala. milāch. darrasa (madras). ānabbaba, (mānbab), darrasa (madras), tasanāddā. bawinat (pronounced baunat). āchchada (ichad!). mikinvāt. indaimro välla, vammiggabbä. shiftă. shaffata (mashaffat), āmmatsa (āmmits). shift, shiftinnet. zalafā. zallafa (mazlaf), gatstsatsa. takabbala.

bakirb kan yahona.

bakirb kan.

warē.

reconcile. reconciliation. recover (health). rectifu. red. reduce. reed. refine. refuge, refugee. refuse, v.. regret, v., regularly. reign, v., rein (bridle), s., rejoice. relative. B.. release. v.a..

relief,
relieve,
religion,
rely,
remain (stay),
remain (be left over),

remainder, remedy, remember,

remind,
remove, V.a.,
rend,
renown,
renowned,
rent (rental),
rent (tear),
repair, V.a.,
repeal, S.,
repeal, V.a.,
repeat (do again),
repent,
repent,
repent, repentance,
reply, s.,

reply, v., report, s.,

āstārra*k*s. mattārak, irk. dāna. ākannā. kavi. āsānnasa, āgwoddala. shambakko. ārakkaka. mashashagyā. sidataññā. imbī āla. āzzana (izan!). basirāt. naggasa (mangas). izāb. das āla. zamad. fattă (maftāt), ārinnat satta (mastat), lakkaka (malkak). irfat. ākallala, āsārrafa, hāvimānot. tāmmana. nora, karra (makrat). karra (makrat), tarrafa (matraf). tirf. kirētā. madhānīt. libb ädarraga; (I remember, tizz vilaññāl). āstāwwasa, āsāssaba. ārāka, ānassā. sharakkata. tāllākinnat, sim. simma tiru. kirāvi, movā. shirkichā. ābajja (ābijj!). shirat. shāra. daggama (madgam). nisihā gabbā (magbāt). nisihā magbāt. millash (often pronounced " melss "). mallasa (mamallas).

report, v.a., representative, s.. request, s., request, v.a., require, rescue. s.. rescue, v.s.. resemble. respect. s.. respect, v., rest (remainder), s., rest (repose), s., rest, v., restore. restrict. resurrect. resurrection. return, v.a., return, v.n.. revenge, B., revenge. V.B.. reverse, v.a.. revile. revolve. revolver. reward. s.. reward, v.,

rheumatism. rhinoceros. rib, rice. rich. ride, v., ridge (of a hill), ridge-pole, rifle. right (correct). right (hand). right (as to road). righteous. to become righteous. to make righteous, T

āmalakkata, āwarrā. wakil, indarāsē. limanā. tayyaka (matayyak), lammana (malamman). fallaga, shā. madan, dahininnat. ādāna. massala (mamsal). kibir. ākabbara. kirētā, vakarraw. iraft. ārrafa (iráf!). mallasa (mamallas) : (of buildings, addasa). wassana (mawassan). ลิยทคศสลิ. tinsēē. mallasa (mamallas). tamallasa. hakal. tabakkala. galabbata, lawwata (malawwat). saddaba (masdab). zawwara (mazawwar). shiggut. gurshā, kāsā, wāgā, shillimāt. gurshā, kāsā, or wāgā, satta (mastat), shallama (mashallam). kwurtmät. āwrārīs. gwodin. ruz. bālataggā, hābtām. takammata. cháf. gādim. tabanjā, naft. dagg, dahinā, likk. kaññ. likk, kannā. taādik. tanddaka. ātsaddaka.

tsidk. righteousness, birtāt. rigour. kifaf. rim. kirfīt. rind. kalabat. ring, 8., dawwala (madawwal). ring, v.a., hukat, shibbir, girrigir. r10t. B. kaddada (makdad), sharakrip, v., kata. bassala (mabsal). ripe (to be), tanassā. rise (get up), v.a., wattā (mawtāt). rise (mount up), v.n., wanz, fasāsh. river. wanzu indēt yishshāggarāl? how can the river be crossed? fasāshu hāvilaññā nawni? is the current strong? wanzu tilk nawni? is the river deep? bawanz dildī ālla wavi? is there a bridge over the riner? mangad. road. mangadū dahinā nawni? is the road good? yih mangad wadēt yiwasdāl or where does this road go to? yāskhēdāl? tibs. roast, s., tabbasa (matbas). roast, v.a., sarraka (masrak). rob. wanbadē. robber. sirkosh, sirkat. robberu. gwobaz. robust. ālat, kwātin. rock, s., battir, zang. rod. warro balla. roque. roll (wind round), v.a., tamattama. takallala. roll up. taklilaw. roll it up/ tārā, saganat. roof, sirr. root, gamad, māsaryā. rope, äbbalāsha. rot, v.a., tabalāshsha, shāggata. rot, v.n., kib. round, adj., round (around), bazurvā. zora. round, to go, row (a line), s... tartā. kazzafa (makzaf). row (as a boat), V.B., āshsha (ish!). rub, v.a., bālagē. rude.

ruin, s.,
ruin (building), s.,
ruin, v.,
rule (to govern), v.,
rulet,
rumour,
run, v.,
runner (swift messenger),
rust, s.,

tifāt. firrāsa. ātaffā, āfarrasa. gazzā (magzāt). gazhi. warē. rota. malāktaññā. zāg.

Sabbath, eack. sacking (coarse cloth). sacred. sacrifice. s... sacrifice, v., saddle, s., saddle, v.a., saddle the mule! safe. sa fely, said (he). sail. s.. sail, v., saint. salary, sale. salt. salutation. salute, v.s., salvation. same (to be). sameness. sample, s.. sanctification. sanctify, sanction, s., sanction, v.a., sand. sandal, Satan. satisfaction (repletion), satisfy. Saturday sauce. saucepan,

sanbat. ionīvā. mak. kiddus. maswāit. sawwā (masawwāt). korichā. chāna. baklon chān. dahinā. badahinā. āla. maggārajjā. bamarkab heda. kiddus (pl. kiddusān). dammawaz, (pron. dammoz). shīvāch. chaw. salāmtā. salāmtā satta (or ākarraba). dahininnat. and hone. āndinnat. milikkit, āyinnat. kidisinnä. kaddasa (makaddas). fakād. fakkada (mafkad). åshawā. natală châmmă. savitān. tigab. taggaba (matgab). kidamē. wat. dist.

ādāna. save, v., magāz. saw, s., āla. say. v., mīzān. scales (weighing). battā (mabtāt). scarify, battana (mabattan). scatter. shittā. scent. tamārī bēt. school. makas. scissors. manāk. scorn. s.. nāka (manāk). scorn, v.a. gint. scorpion, warro ballā. scoundrel. sallāvi. scout (spu). vatamattā inkulāl. scrambled eggs. bwāttata (mabwāttat), scratch (as animals with moächchara. claws) v., ākkaka (ikak!). ecratch (itch), v., choha. scream, v., mazawwar. acrew. B.. tsahāfī. acribe. aafaf. acum. bánir. sea, mähtam. seal. s.. āttama (āttim!). seal, v., sifēt. seam. fallaga (mafallag). search, v., fattasha (mafattash). search (a person), v., zaman, warāt, sāmon. season, S., makammachā. seat, s., äskammata. seat. v.s.. hulataññā, dāgmāwī. second, adi. mistīr. secret. s.. shashshaga (mashashshag). secrete. dabbaka (madabbak). sawwara (masawwar). bashishig, basiwwur, bamistir. secretly. was, tayazh. security (bail). who will stand security wasu man vihonal? for him? wās āllahni? have you any one as security for you? āyya (iyi!). see. v., seed. massala (mamsal). seem. vāza. seize. marrata (mamrat). select, v.a.,

self. rās. sell, v., shatta (mashat). things offered for sale, shivach. seller. shāch. send. lāka (malāk), saddada (masdad). senior. tālla*k*. sense (common sense). bilhāt. senses. hiwāsāt. farrada ba . . . (mafrad). sentence (to find guilty and award punishment), v. bayyana ba... (mabayyan). separate, adj., liyyu. separate, v.. layya (malayyat). separation. malayyat, malayayyat. September. maskaram. series. tartā. serious. kabbād, birtu. servant. äshkar. settle (a matter), v., kworrata (makwirat). settle (in a country), v., takammata. settle (of sediment), v.n.. raggā (margāt). seven. sabāt. serenteen. äsrä sabät. seventy. sabā. severe. birtu. saffā (masfāt). sew, sewing, s., sifēt. shade, shadow, s., tilā. shade. v.a.. tilā ādarraga. shake. v.a.. ānakānnaka. shake, v.n.. nakannaka. shame (shameful), s., nawir. shame (a feeling), s., hāfrat. shape, s.. malk, kumat. share (part), s., fäntä, kifil. share, v. takāffala. sharp. silat (of edge), shul (of point). sharp (to be). gāla. sharpen, ลิธลิโล. shave, v.a., lacha (malachchat). shave oneself, v., talacha. she. irswā. sheaf. nado. shear, v.a., shallata (mashallat). shearer. shallāch. shears. makas. sheep. bagg.

yālgā libs. sheet (bed), s... shell (sea shell). zāgol. shelter, s., matagiyā. shelter, v., tatagga, tatallala. irraññā. shepherd. gāshā. shield. s... makkata (mamakkat). shield, v.a., shine. v.n.. bilich äla, barrā. markab. ehip. s.. shirt. kamis. tankatakkata. shiver, v.n., chāmmā. shoe. s.. takkwosa (matakkwos). shoot, v., shoot (imperative), takkwus. shop, s., gu k. shopping centre (of town), ārādā. shore. dār. āchchir. short. ahorten. āsāttara. shorts (clothes), kumtā. (or kumtā surī). shot (the pellets). rash. shot-gun. rash. chānkā, tikashshā. shoulder, s., choha. shout. v.. ahow. v.. āsāyya. zaggā (mazgāt). shut, v., āffār. shy, adj., danabhara. shy (of horse), v., sick (to be), v., tāmmama. he is sick. tāmmoāl (polite: tāmmawāl). sickle. s.. māchid. himam, bashita. sickness. side, s., gwon. sieve. wanfit. māvyat. sight, s... sights (of a rifle), mānatātarvā. sign, signal, s., milikkit. silence, s., zimmitā. zim vammil. ailent. zim bilo. silently. hār. silk.silver. bir. hatīāt, badal. sin, 8., baddala (mabaddal), hätiät sin. v.n.. ădarraga. ka . . . jammiro. since.

sing. zammara (mazammar). single (alone), bichehā . . . + pers. suffix and "n"; or labichchā + pers. suffix. muself. bichchāēn or labichchāē. ourselves. bichchāchinin or labichchāchin. single (of material). กละคไล้. sink, v.n., warrada. (in water), sattama (mastam), tallaka (matlak).sinner, hātlātaññā. sip, v.a., mattata (mamtat), kammasa (makmas). sister. ihit. sister-in-law. wārsā. takammata, kuch āla, sit. six. siddist. sixty, silsē, sidsē, size. kumat. skilful. bilhātaññā. skill. bilhāt. skin, s., kodā, kurbat (leather). skull.chin killat. eky. samāvi. slack (to be), (to be loose), lāllā. slacken (loosen), v.a., ālāllā. arrada (irad!). slaughter, v., slave. s... bāryā. sleep, s., in kilf. sleep, v., ānkalāffā. sleeve. ijjigē. slime. chikā. sling (leather, etc.). māngachā. sling (for slinging stones). wanchif. slip (of animate objects), v.n., adallata-w : adata-w. slip (of inanimate objects). tanshättata, wallaka v.n., (mawlak),slow. adi... zigmaññā. slow (to be). zaggama. slowly. kas bilo, zagvito. small. tinnish. small-pox, fantātā. smear. v.. labbata, kabba. smell. s. shittā. smell, v.a., shattata (māshtat), shattataw (with pers. suffix).

smell, v.n., smoke. s., smoke (of fire), v., smoke (tobacco), v., smooth, adj., smother. v.a.. snake. snake (very large), snare, s., snare, v.a., snatch. v.. sneeze. v., enuff. so (thus). so and so. such and such a thing, soak, v.a., soak (of rain), v.a., soaked (to be). soap, society, socks. soft, softly. soil, s., soldier. some, a few, something. sometimes. son.son-in-law. 800n. sore, s., sorrow, sorry, to be, I am sorry, soul. sound (noise), s., soup, sour. source (of a spring),

South.

80W. V.,

sower, 8.,

shattata (mashtat); gammā (magmāt) (unpleasantly). chis. tis. tēsa. tattā, ātēsa, laslāssā. ānnaka (inak!). ibāb. zando. watmad. ātsammada, ātammada (mātmad). nattaka (mantak). ānattasa (āntis!). surrat. indth. igalē, ikalē, intanā. intin. anakkara, zafazzafa. ābasabbasa. hasabhasa. ศลิทเวทลิ. indod. māhibar. āchchir yaigir, shurrāb. laslāssā, lizzib. kas bilo. marēt, āfar. wattäddar. āvvālē, andānd. ändäch nagar. āndānd gīzē. lij. āmmāch. kirb glzē, tolo, tikit koyyito. kwussil. hāzan. āzzana. āziññāllanh. nafs. dimts. shorbā. matātā. minch. dabub. zarrā (mazrāt). zarī.

spacious. span. s.. spare (be merciful), v., speak. speaker. spear, s., apectacles. spend. spider. spill, v.a., spin. v.. spirit. spit, v., epleen. splinter, s., split, v.a., spoil, v.a., spoil, v.n., sponge, s., 8000n. s., spread out, v., spring (of water), s., sprinkle, v.a., sprout, v., *spy*, s., 8py. V., squeeze, v.a., squint-eyed. stab. v.. stable. staff (stick). stagger, v.n., stale. stalk. s.. stalk. v.. stallion. stamp or seal, s., stamp (postage), s., stamp (seal), v., stamp, v.n., stand, v.. start (on a journey), v., startle. starvation. starve, v.a.,

saffi. sinzir. māra (mamār). tanāggara. tanāgārī, tor. yaāvin manattir. āwattā, kaffala (makfal). ahararit. āfassasa, daffā (madfāt). fattala (maftal), anazzara (thread). manfas. taffā (matfāt), intiff āla. tāffvā. sintir. sinitakī. sanattaka. ābbalāsha. tabalāshaha. safnag. mānkā. ānattafa, āsattā (āsta!). minch. racha (marchat), ārkafakkafa. bakkala. sallāvi. sallala (masallal). chammaka (machmak). shawrārā. waggā (mawgāt). vafaras bēt. dulla, battir, zang. tasanākkala. ärogē. āgadā. adifto takatāttala. dingulā. māhtam. tambir. āttama (attim!). raggata (margat). koma. kokab (pl. koākibt). tanassā. asdanaggata. rahāb, rāb, chiggār. āsrāha.

starve, v.n., state (being). stature. stead (in place of), steal. steep, step. s... step on. step out, stick, s., stiff (to be), v., still (even now). still (to be), v., sting, v., stink (offensive smell), s., stink, v.n.. stir. v. stirrup, stock (of a gun, includes all the wooden part), stocking. stomach. atone, s.,

stop, v.a.,

stop (cease doing), v.a.,
stop (wait), v.n.
storm (of wind), s.,
story (anecdote),
stove,
straight, adj.,
straight, adv.,
straighten,
straighten,
strainer (tea),
strange, adj.,
stranger, s.,
strap, s.,
stray (teff),
stray, v.n.,

stream, s., strength, stress (on a word), stretch, v., strike, v.a., strike (imperative).

tarāba. nibrat. kumat. ba . . . sifrā, ba . . . fantā. sarraka (masrak). (up) ākbat, (down) kulkulat. irmijiä. raggata. tarammada. battir, zang. yammāvilammat. ganā. ārrafa (iraf!). naddafa (mandaf). gammā (magmāt). āwwaka (āwik!). irkāb. sadaf.

vaigir shurrāb. chaggwārā, hod. dangivā (sometimes pronounced dingāvi). kalakkala: akoma (car. etc.). tawa (Type 1). koyya. āwilo nifās. tārīk. midijjā. yakannā, kat vala. bakatita. akannā. wanfīt, mātrīvā. bāid ingidā. tafar. chidd. tabatāttana; taffā (matfāt) (lost). fasāsh. hāyil, gwulbat, birtāt. yanagar wadākī. zaraggā (mazaraggāt).

matta (mamtat).

bal.

strike (a tent), v.a., etriker (of a gun). string. strip, v.a., strive. strong, strong (to be, or become). stubborn. stubbornness. study, s., study. v... stuff, v.a., stumble. v.. stupid, subdue. subject (of a country), s., submit. subside. substitute, s., substitute, v... subtle. subtlety, succeed, v., succeed (follow), v., successor. such. such and such a thing. suck. v.a.. suddenly. suffer. suffering, s., suffice. sufficient, sugar, s.. suggestion. suit, v., surtable. sulphur. sun, Sunday. superior (to be), v.,

supper.

support.

support, v.a.,

nakkala (mankal). mawgyā. gamad, māsarvā: Bī bā go (thin). lāta, lattata (malattat). tagāddala, tatātāra. birtu. tankārrā, hāvilaññā. barattā. libba sibb. yalibb sibbāt. nnat. ātannā. āgaffā. tadanākkafa. donkworo, moññ. āshannafa. zēgā. ijj satta (mastat). gwoddala (magwidal). mitik (representative, wakil) takkā (matakkāt). tankwolaññā. tankwol. kannā-w (maknāt) (with pers. suffix). takattala. takatāvī, warāsh. indazzih, indih. intin. tabbā (matbāt). badingat. tasakāyya. sikāvi. bakkā (mabkāt). vammībakā, bakkā, sukkār, sukkwār. mikir. tamachcha, tagabbā. michu, yammiggabbā. tsahāvi, jambar. ihud. ballata (mablat). maddagafiyā, raddāt. daggafa (madaggaf); raddā (mardāt) (help).

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suppose,
surprise,
surety,
surly,
surpass,
surprise, v.,
surrender, v.a. (of persons),
surrender, v.n.,
surrender, v.n.,

surrender, v.n.,
suspect, v.a.,
swallou, v.a.,
swamp, s.,
swear (an oath),
sweat, s.,
sweet, v.,
sweet, v.a.,
swell, v.,
swim, s.,
swim, v.a.,
sword.

sumbol.

table. table-boy, tack (sew lightly), v.a., tail. tailor. take, v.a., talk. v.. tall, tame, adj., tame, v.a., tan, v.a., tank. tanner, tares. taste, s., taste, v., tax. B.. tea. teach. teacher. teaching, s., tear (weeping), s., tear (rent), s..

āssaba (āssib!), massala (mamsal). maggala (mamgal). WAS. mikaññā. ballata (mablat). ādannaka. āsālfo satta (mastat) āsrakkaba. tagazzā, ijj satta (mastat). tarattara. wāta (mawāt). ragrag. māla. lāb, waz. ālāba, wazzā (mawzāt). tarraga (matrag). åbbata (ibat!). wānā. wāñña (mawāññat). gorādē (or gurādē), savif. milikkit.

tarapēzā, gabatā. äsäläfi, yabēt āshkar. wasawwasa. chiră, jirăt. safi. wassada (mawsad), takabbala. tachāwata, tanagāggara. rajjim, zalag yalla. garrām, yalammada. garrā (magrāt), aslammada. fāka (mafāk). vawihā masabsabvā, barmīl. fā.kī. inkirdād. kimshā. kammasa (makmas). gibir, karat. ahāyi. ästamära. āstamāri. timhirt. inbā. kadādā.

tear (rend), v.s., telephone, telescope. tell. temple, tempt. temptation. ten. tender (of meat), tender (of nature), tent, tent (to pitch), tent-rope. test, s., test, v.a., Testament, New, Testament, Old. testator. testify, testimonu. text. than. thank, v.a., thank you.

thank you (in answer to greeting),

thanks, s., that, pron., that, rel. pron., that,

that (in order that),

thee, theft, their, themselves, then, thence, thenceforth,

kaddada (makdad). silk. manattir. naggara (mangar), äla. makdas, masgid. fattana (mafattan). fatanā. āssir. bissil. tihut. dunkwän. takkala. āwtār. fatanā. fattana (mafattan). āddīs kīdān. blui kidān. āwrāsh. masakkara. misikkir. tiks. ka . . . āmasaggana. igzīābihēr yistilliñ. (usually shortened to igziarr

istillin).
igzīābihēr yimmasgan. (Lit.
"God be praised"; usually
pronounced igzīārr yimmas-

pronounced ig gan.) misgānā. irsu, yā.

ya-, yamm-.

"li-", prefixed to Constructive Present, e.g. li-(y)ihēd yāsfalligal, it is necessary that he should go.

ind, prefixed to Constructive Present, e.g. ind (i)-tāwuk, that you may know.

masc., antan; fem. anchin. girkosh, sirkat.

yinnarsu. rāsāchaw. bazzīyān gīzē. kazzīyā. kazzīyā wadīyā.

thus.

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izzīyā, bazzīvā. silazzîh. illīh, illazzīh, innazzīh. innarsu. wafrām. iēbā. chin. kachin; of cloth or paper, sis. nagar. āssaba (āssib). sostaññā. timāt, tim, tatammā; or reflex .: tammāw (with pers. suffix). wihā tatamtanāl or tammān. salāsā. yih, yihi. wadazzīyā, wadīyā. machchāññā (a raw-hide strip used for tying loads on to animals). ishokh. batām, fatamo. illīyā, illazzīyā, innazzīyā. masc. anta; fem. anchī. hāsāb. shih, shi. dabaddaba, garrafa. fatil. kir. zāchā. zāta ba- (mazāt). sost. wakā (mawkāt). zuroro. be wust. wanzu ba-tarārā wust ālfo vihēdāl. ba-bakkul. wanzu ba-tarārā bakkul vihēdāl. tala, warawwara. gaffā. āwrā *t*āt. mabrak, nagudgwād. hāmus. indih.

tie, v. tighten. till, until, till, v.a., timber, B., time, s.. tin, adj. or s., tin (petrol, etc.), s., tip, s., tip (reward), s., tire oneself. tired. tired (to be), tiredness. title. to, tobacco. to-day. to-morrow. toe. together. token. tolerate. tomb, grave, tongue, too (also), tool. tooth. toothache. toothbrush. top, torture, s., toriure, v., touch, v., tough. toward. towel, tower. town. track (as of animals), s. track, v., trade, s., trade, v., trader.

tick (insect), s.,

mazhgar. assara (isar!). ātabbaka. iska . . . diras. ārrasa (iras!). inchat. gizē, zaman. korkoro. tānīkā. chăf. gurshă. laffā (malfāt). dakkāmā, vadakkama. dakkama. dikām. shumat. la-. wada. tinbāho. zārē. naga. yaigir tāt. ānd lāvi, ābro. milikkit. tāggasa. makābar. milās. dagmo. ikā, masārvā. tira. yatirs wigāt. yatirs matragya. rās, chāf. sikāvi. āsa*k*āyva. nakkā (mankāt) dāssasa (madāssas). dandānā, tankārrā. wada. fotā. gimb. katamā. kwattē, fillagā. fillagā yizo hēda. nigď. naggada (managgad), shammata (mashammat). naggādē, shāch, shammāch.

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train (bring up), v.a., trample. transfer. v... translate. translation. translator. trap, s., trap, v.a., travel, v.n.. traveller. treachery, tread. v., treadle. treasure, s., treasury. treaty,tree, tremble, trespass. v.n.. trick, v.a.. trickery. Trinity. triumph, v., trouble, s., trouble (to cause), v., trousers. true. trumpet. trunk (of a tree), trust, v.. trusty. truth. try (attempt), v., try hard (strive). tube. Tuesday. turn (my turn, etc.), s., turn (cause to go back), v., turn (cause to go round). turn (to go round, revolve), turn, or return. tweezers. twelve. twenty. twice. twine (cord), s.,

twine. v.n..

āsāddaga, āslammada. raggata (margat). āsāllafa. taraggwoma. targwame, tirgum. āstargwāmi, tirjumān. watmad. ātsammada, ātammada. tagwāza. mangadaññā. shingalā. raggata (margat). margachā. hābt, mazgab. gimjā bēt. wul. zāf. tankalakkala. talāllafa. ātāllala. mātālal. Sillāsē. äshannafa, dil ädarraga. chiggir. āschaggara. surî. iwunataññā. malakat. gind. āmmana (iman!), tāmmana. vatāmmana. iwunat (pronounced unat). mokkara (mamokkar). tatātāra, tagāddala. āgadā. māksañño. tarā, tartā. mallasa (mamallas). āzora. zora. tamallasa (mammalas). gutat. āsrā hulat. hava. hulat gizē. māsaryā, gamad. tamattama.

twins, twist, v.,

umbrella (European), umbrella (native), umpire, unavares, uncle, unclean, under, understand.

undo,

union. unite, v.a., unity, unanimity, unload, v.a., unlock, v.a. untie, v.a., until. uplands. uppermost, upset, v.a., upwards, urinate. urine. useful. it is useful. useful (to be), v., useless. it is useless. usher. usual, adj., as usual. utility. utterly.

vagabond,
vain (in),
valid,
valid,
valley,
value, s.,
vapour (steam),
vary, V.n.,

mantā. tamazzaza.

ian tila. tilā. dāññā. sāvilaw. āgwot. rikkwus. tach, batach. āstawāla, gabbāw (with pers. suffix).fatta (maftat), kaffata (makfat). āndinnat, magganāñat. ānd ādarraga, āgāttama. andinnat hibrat. ārāggafa. kaffata (makfat). fattā (maftāt). iska diras. dagā. lāyiññā. galabbata. wada lavi. shanna (mashannat). shint. yammirabā, yammītakim. virabāl. rabbā, takkama. vammāirabā. äirabām. aggāfārī, barannā. vatalammada. inda limādu rabb, tikim. batam, fatsmo.

warroballā.
(ba)kantu.
yatsannā.
• shalako.
wāgā.
infwālat.
talawāwwata.

vault. s.. vegetable, s., vegetation. veil (curtain), s.. venerate. vengeance. verballu. verdict. vermin. very, veteran. vex. viceroy, victory. view. s.. vigilance. village, vine (stem). vinegar. violence. visit. v...

voice, s.,
vomit (reflex.), v.,
I vomited,
vote, v.,
vow, s.,
vow, v.,
vulture.

wager, s.,
wages,
wait, y.,
water,
wake, v.a.,
wake, v.n.,
walk, v.,
wall (mud),
wall (stone),
want, s.,

war, warm, adj., warm (luke-), warm (to be), v.,

wāshā. ätäkilt. kitala kital. maggārajiā. ākabbara. hakal. āf la-āf. fird. tabāvi. ijjig, batām. shimāgillē. āskwottā. vanigus indarāsē. dil. āstayāyat. tibkat. mandar. vawavin gind. kom*tāt*ē. gif, birtāt, hayil. gobañña (magobiññat). tavvaka (matavvak). dimte. āsmallasa, āstāwwaka. āsmallasañ or āstāwwakañ. marrata (mamrat). silat. tasāla. āmorā.

wiririd. kalab, dammauaz. koyya, tabbaka (matabbak). āsālāfi. āsnassā, kassakassa, ānakkā (ānkā!). bagir hēda, tarāmmada. gidgiddā. zimb. filagot : rahāb (hunger). shā (mashāt), fallaga (mafallag). tor, torinnat. muk, tikkus. labb v**äla**. moka, takkwasa.

warm, v.a., âmoka.
warmth, mukat,
warn, astanaki
warning, s., mikir, n
warrior, ārbaňíňá
wash, v.a., āttaba (i
wash (to wash oneself, hands, tāttaba.
etc.), v.n.,
waste, v.a., åbākka

watch, s., watch, v.,

watchman,
water, s.,
I want some water,
water-bottle;
wave, s.,
wax,
waylay,
weak.

he is very weak,

weakness. wealth. wealthy. weapon. wear, v.a., wear (to last), v.n., weather. the weather being rainy. fine. ,, weaver. wedding. wedge, s. Wednesday. weed. s.. weed, v.a., week. ween. weeping, s., weigh, weight. welfare... well. adv.. well, s.,

āmoka. mukat, tikkwusāt. astanakkaka. mikir, māstankak. ārbañnā. āttaba (itab!). tāttaba.

ābākkana, battana (mabattan), fajja (mafjat). вāāt. tabbaka (matabbak), tamalakkata. tabbākī, zabaññā. wihā. wihā ifalligāllauh. koddā, rawāt, irkot. mogad. sam. shammaka (mashammak). iññā. vadakkama, dakkāmā. ijjig dakmoāl (polite: dakmawāl). dikam. hābt, biltiginnā. hābtām, bālatsaggā. yator masāryā. labbasa (malbas). nora. gīzē. gizēw zināb huno. gizēw birrā huno. shammană. maggābāt, sarg. madakdakvā. rob. rabu. āram. arrama (ārrim), sāmmint. alakkasa (mālkas). likso. mazzana (mamazzan). mizan, kibdat. dahininnat. dahina, baggo (after illness). yawiha gudgwad.

West. miirāb. wet, adj., irzib. nakkara (mankar). wet. v.s.. wetness. irtibat. what? min, mindir? what (rel. pron. = that which), ya-, yamm- * Prefixes. what I told you was true, yanaggarhuh nagar iwunat nabbar. I have told you what they yāluñin nagar naggarhuh. said to me. wheat. sindē. mankorākur, mazawwar, wheel, s., when?machā? when, adv., (1) ba-, with past tense, followed by gizē. (2) si-, with Constructive Present. when we arrived. badarrasna gîzē. when they go, sīhēdu. where? wadēt, yēt? where (whither). wada . . . yētū, yētiññāw, mānnāchaw? which? ya-, yamm-,* Prefixes. which, rel. pron., si ... prefixed to Constructive while. Present, and to aux. " alla." while we were walking about, si-innimalallas s-allan. whip, s., ālangā. whip, v.a., garrafa (magraf). whisper, s... shukshuktā. whisper, v., tanshokāshoka whistle, v., āfwācha. white. nach. whither. wadēt, wada. who? mān? who, rel. pron... ya-, yamm-† Prefixes. the ox he killed yesterday. tilänt vagaddalaw barē. naga yammihēdu sawoch. the men who are going tomorrow. why? lamin, sila min?

* ya- is for the Past, and is prefixed to the Past tense. yamm- is for the Present and future, and is prefixed to the Constructive Present.

saffī.

sifāt.

bāltāt.

† See page 13.

wide.

widow

width.

wife. wilderness, will (wish), s., will. v.. will (testament). will (to make), v., win. v.. wind (air), s., wind, v.a., window. wing, wink, v.a., winter, wipe, v.a., wire, wire (barbed). wisdom. wish. s.. wish. v.. witch. witchcraft. without. witness, s., witness (to give evidence), v., wizard. woman. wonder. v.. wonderful, wood (timber) wood (forest), wool. word. work, s., work, v.a., world. worm, s., worry, v.,

worshim s ..

worship, v.,

wound, s..

mīst, misht, bālabēt. barahā, midra badā, fakād. fakkada (mafkad). nuzāzē. tanāzzaza. āshannafa, āgañña (āgiññ!), ratta (martat) (game) nifās. tamattama. maskot. kinf. baāyinu takkasa (matkas). kiramt (this really applies to the rainy months, i.e. June to October). ābbasa (ābbis!). shibo. yaishokh shibo. tihah. fakād. fakkada (mafkad), waddada (mawdad), fallaga (mafallag). mwārtaññā. āsmāt. yāla-, āla-, sā- + Neg. of Const. Present. misikkir. masakkara. tankwāyi, āsmātaññā. tadannaka, tagarrama. dink, girum. inchat. dan, dur. yabagg tagwur; suf (spun wool). nagar, kal. sirā. sarrā (masrāt). ālam. āschaggara, nazannaza. sigdat. saggada, āmallaka. kwussil.

wound, v.a.,
wounded (to be), v.n.,
write, v.,
writer,
writing,
wrong, adj.,
wrong, v.a.,

yawn, v.n., uear. this year, last year, yeast. yellow, yes, vesterday. yet (still). yoke, s., a yoke of oxen. yoke, v.a., yolk, young (of man), young (of animals), youth.

zebra,

ākwossala.
kwossala.
tamazzaza.
tsāfa.
tsahāfī.
tsihifat.
likk yāidolla.
badal; (mistake, sihitat).
baddala, (mabaddal.)

āzāggā. āmat. zandro. āmnā. irsho. bichā. āwon. tilant, tilantina. ganā. kambar. timd. tammada (matmad). āskwāl. gwobaz, gwulmāsā, goramsā. gilgal. wattāt.

yamēdā āhiyyā.

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(The Amharic verbs are in the 3rd person, singular, past tense.)

a flower, a blossom. ābabā. to lend. ābaddara. to make, to mend, to prepare. ābajja, ābāka. to beseech, to entreat (ibakkih, please; pol. ibākkwo). ābākkana. to waste āballata. to promote. ābarrā. to liahten. ābazzā. to cause to exceed. to flower, to bloom. ābbaba. to be or become mad. ābbada. ābbalāsha. to spoil. to unite, to club together. ābbara. ābbasa. to wipe. father. ābbāt. to swell, be inflamed. äbbata. sir (the usual answer to a ābēt. call). to go together, to accompany. ābro hēda. ābujadīd, calico. a bishop. ābun, a crupper. abunazalab. ābwārā, s., dust. to betroth. āchā. to clap the hands. āchabachchaba. ächchada. to reap, to mow. āchchāj, a reaper. āchchāwata. to cause to converse, to talk. āchchir. short. ādāffara, to encourage. to be partial to, to favour. ādallā. to save, to cure. ādāna. to astonish, to surprise. ādannaka. a trust, anything entrusted ādarā. to one's care. to entrust, place under ādarā sattā or āskammata,

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commit.

one's protection or care, to

ādarāsh, ādarraga, v.a., ādarraka, v.a.. ādāta, āddafa, v., āddaga. āddāñ. āddan. āddana.

āddara. āddasa. āddīs. ādrāgot, ādrāshā. āf.

āf lā-āf. äfä muz. āfāf. āfallā. āiar. āfarrā, āfarrasa. āfassasa, v.a., äffär. äffara. āfinchā. äiot. äftä. āfwāchcha. āgabbā. āgach, āgadā. aganna.

āgāttama, v.a., āgāzan,

āggābbā, āggāfārī, āggama, v.a., āggaza. āgwoddala, v.a.,

a hall, large room. to do, to perform. to dru. to cause to slip, slide. to be dirty, soiled. to grow. a hunter. shooting, hunting. to - shoot, to hunt, go out shooting. to pass the night. to renew. new. conduct, action. address. the mouth, beak (at times . "af" is used to mean language, instead of "kwankwā ''). verbally, personally. the barrel of a rifle. the face of a cliff. to boil. dust, earth. to give fruit, fructify. to destroy, demolish, ruin. to spill. one who is modest, shy. to be modest, shy, ashamed. the nose. a sheath, scabbard. a moment. to whistle. to marry. the chin. a tube, pipe, a hollow stalk. to find, to recover, obtain, to win. country. to connect, to join, to fit. kudu; (as a rule any large antelope is called agazan). to give in marriage. an usher.

to cup, to bleed a man.

to help.

to decrease.

agworamrami. āgwot. āhiyyā. āhun. āhun āhun. āib, äkähēd. ākallala. ākannā, v.a.,

āgworamarrama.

ākarkārīt. äkarraba. ākāttala. v.a.. ikim, ākist. ākkafa. ākkaka, ākkala, v.n., ākkarāvva. ākwāhwān. āla, v., ālakā.

ālakkasa, v., ālāllā, v.a., ālam. ālamanor. ālangā. ālāwā. ālfo vammiviz bashitā. ālgā. ālla, v., āllaba, v.a., āllafa, v., āllaka, v.n.,

āllama, v., āmad. āmālāi. āmalakkata.

āmāllada. āmallai**m**. āmāra. āmasaggana, to grumble. a grumbler, one who is discontented. uncle. a donkey. now. at once, immediately. cheese. conduct. to lighten, to relieve. to straighten, make prosper, to colonise. the spine, backbone. to offer, bring near, to burn, set fire to. capability. an aunt. to embrace. to itch, to scratch. to equal, be level with. to let on hire, hire out. manner, condition. to say, to tell. a chief, headman; an ecclesiastical title. to weep, mourn. to slačken. the world. absence. a whip. pudding. infectious disease. a bedstead, a throne. to be, to exist. to milk. to pass by. to be spent, expended, finished, done with. to dream. ashes. an intercessor. to point out, to show, to report. to intercede.

to worship.

to be pleasing, pleasant, nice.

to thank, praise, glorify.

āmāt. āmat. āmattā. ãmbā. āmbalāi. āmlāk, āmmāch. āmmama. āmmana, āmmatsa. āmmist. āmnā, āmoka, v.a., āmolē. āmorā. ămro. āmsā. ānabbaba. ānaddada.

änakännaka, v.a., änakkä, änakkasa, änassä, änäti, änattafa, v.a..

änattasa. ānbasā. ānbatā. ānbolok. ānchī. änd. āndāch, ānd ādarraga, v.a., and and. ānd ānd gizē, and gize. and hona, āndinnat. āndītu, ānf. āngat, ānjat, ankāsā. annaka, v.a.,

ānnasa.

father or mother-in-law. a vear. to bring. a fort, citadel. a white horse. a god, God. son-in-law. to ache, give pain. to believe. to rebel. five. last year. to heat, to warm up, a bar (of salt); an ingot. a vulture, or any large bird. beautiful. fifty. to read. to light a fire, to make a ... fire. to shake. to awaken. to be or become lame, to limp. to lift up, to take up. a carpenter. to spread out anything, like a carpet or bedding. to sneeze. a lion. locust. an envelope. thou (fem.). one. some. to unite. a few. some. sometimes. once. to become alike, same. unity. a or an (fem.). the nostrila. the neck. the entrails, the bowels. lame. to strangle.

to decrease, to be too little.

ānora, ānta. äntalattala, v.a., ārādā. ārafā. āraffada, āraffaka. ārog, ārāj, ārajja, ārā*k*a, $\bar{\mathbf{a}}$ ra $k\bar{\mathbf{e}}$. ārakkaka, aram, āramanē. ārangwādē, ārāt. ārāt iii. ārb. ārbā. ārinnat. ärinnat sa*tt*a. ārkafakkafa. ārogē, ārrada,

ārrāggefa, v.a.,

ārrafa.

ārrama, ārrara, ārrasa, āsā, āsāb (or hāsāb), āsābbada, āsāch, āsāddada, āsāddafa, āsāddaga, āsādfara,

äsa*kkak* äsakkara, äsäla,

to place, to station. thou (masc.). to hang (curtains, etc.). the town centre, shopping. centre. foam, froth, scum. to pass the forenoon. to be exhausted. a creeper, a tree-climbing plant. a butcher. to become old. to remove. spirits of any kind, liquor. to refine. a meed. a heathen. areen. four. fourfold. Friday. fortu. freedom. to set free, give freedom. to sprinkle (with a liquid). to slaughter, to butcher. to rest (also used to indicate a bird settling after a flight). to die. to unload beasts of burden; to shake (clothes, mat, etc.). to weed, to correct. to scorch. to plough. a fish. an intention, thought, idea. to madden. one who beguiles, deceives. to persecute, to exile. to pollute. to bring up (children). to give a lift, to take to one's destination. to disgust.

to intoxicate.

to sharpen; to make cough.

āsalachcha. āsālāfī. äsalattana,

äsälfo satta. āsāllafa. āsāllaka. āsānnasa. āsārrafa, āsāssaba, āsat. āsataññā.

āsa*tt*ā.

āsāyya, āsbo fallaga. āschaggara. āschaggārī,

āschannaka, āsdanaggata, āsdannaka. āsfallaga, āsfallāgi. āsfattana, āsgabbā. āshāggara,

āshakkama. äshakwashshakwa. āshāla. āshannafa.

āshannāfi. āshawā. āshkar. āskadimo. āskammata. āskarra. āskayyama, äskovva. āskwāl. āskwottā, āslammada. āsmāra, v., āsmāt. āsmattā,

to weary to bore. butler, waiter, table-boy. to civilise, to empower, to make competent. to betray, to deliver up. to cause to pass. to spend, to use up, expend. to abate, diminish. to calm, relieve, cause to rest. to remind. a falsehood. a liar. to spread out (of clothes, or

corn). to show. to auess. to oppress, to worry, to distress. difficult; one who worries. annous. to embarrass, to trouble.

to startle to astonish. necessary (to be). necessary. to accelerate. to admit (let in).

to lead or carry across (any obstacle, a river, etc.).

to load, to make carry.

to intrique. to improve.

to conquer, to be victorious, to overcome.

a conqueror. sand. a servant.

at first, previously, originally. to place, to put, to station.

to omit, to leave. to annoy, to disgust. to defer, detain. the volk of an egg.

to vex. to annoy, to enrage.

to tame. to intercede for. magic, witchcraft. to call, to cause to come. āsrāba. āsraddā. āsrā hulat. āsrā sabāt. āsrakkaba.

āsnassā.

āsrazzama, ässaba.

āssādāj. āssammā. āssanāddā, v.a., ässanna, v.a., āssara. āssir, āstakākkala, āstakkama. ästamāmī. āstamāra. āstamārī. āstāmmama, āstanāggada,

āstanakkaka. ästargwāmī. āstārraka, v.a.. āstawālā.

āstawāwwaka, . . . āt. ātabbaka, ātābbaka. ā*t*affā.

ätagab, ātaggaba, ātākilt, ātammaka. ätannä. â*t*ar. ātar. â*t*arār. ātarrā. 🥗 ātarrafa. ātint.

to wake, to arouse, to lift up. to starve. to explain. twelve. seventeen. to hand over, to deliver up (of objects). to lengthen, prolong. to think, to remember, to intend. persecutor. to preach, proclaim. to prepare, to make ready. to cause to be. to tie, bind, imprison. ten. to equalise. to improve. a nurse. to teach. a teacher. to nurse (a sick person). to give hospitality, to receive visitors. to warn. an interpreter, translator. to propitiate, make peace. to understand, to comprehend, to notice. to introduce, make acquainted. her (suffix). to tighten. to stick. to destroy, to extinauish (a fire). beside, alongside of. to satisfy. a garden, vegetables.

to baptise. to confirm, harden; to study. a fence. peas.

pronunciation. to clarify, to purify. to gain, make a profit.

a bone, bones.

āto, ātsanānnā, āttā.

āttaba, āttafa, āttama.

ā*tt*ara.

amai naa

āwāj nagārī, āwākī, āwarāsh, āwarrā. āwārrada, āwarrasa. āwattā. $\bar{s}wko$. āwlo nifās. āwon, āwrā doro. āwrā mangad, āwrā *t*āt. awrajja, āwrārīs. āwrāsh, āwrē. āwtār. āwwaka, äwwaka. āvar. āyi,

āyin,
āyinnat,
āyit,
āyitafām,
āyita magwot,
āyizo-h,
āyya,
āyyālē,
āzagājja,
āzaggāma,
āzam (or hāzan),
āzmāch,

āvidollam.

Mr. to comfort.

to lack, not to have, not to find, to miss.

to wash. to fold.

to seal, endorse, stamp, print.

to be short; to make, or surround with, a fence.

a crier, herald. clever, well-informed. testator.

to make public, to proclaim. to dishonour, to shame.

to bequeath.
to take, or put, out.

knowingly.

a storm, hurricane, whirlwind.

cock.
main road, high road.

thumb.
a province.
rhinoceros.
a testator.
wild animal.
a tent-rope,
to know.

to knead, to stir up.

air.

he or it is not, there is not, that

is not the case. an eye, or eyes.

kind, variety, description.

a rat.

there is some, there are some.

a mouse, don't be afraid (2nd sing.), to see.

several, a good deal.
to prepare, make ready.

to yawn. to be slow.

sorrow, sadness, grief. a commander (military). āzmarā, āzo, āzora, āzzana, āzzaza, āzzāzh, a crop, crops, harvest.

a crocodile. to turn round.

to be sorry, sad, to pity.

to order, command.

a title denoting chamberlain, superintendent.

ba-, prep.,

bāāl, badahinā, badal, badastā, baddala, baddāyi,

badigg ādarraga. badingat,

bādo, ba...fantā,

bafīt, baftā, bagā, bagg,

baggo, bagidd,

bagidd āsdarraga, bagidd fassasa, bagif āwattā,

bagil,

ba . . . gīzē, adv., bahāyil fassasa, bābir

bāhir, bāhirī,

bahodu wust yālla nagar kifu naw,

bahwālā (or bauhālā).

bāihon,
bajilt, bagilts,
bajirond,
bajja,
bakal,

on, in, at, by, with (is used as a prefix to nouns, pronouns, and adjectives).

a feast, festival, saint's day.

eafely.
fault, crime.
gaily, gladly.
to sin, to wrong.
an offender.
to lift.
suddenly.

empty, barren. instead of before.

calico. summer. sheep.

better (in health).
necessarily.
to compel.
to gush.

to extort.
privately, secretly.
when.

to gush. a sea, a lake.

character, the quality of any article.

what he has in his mind is wicked, i.o., his intentions are had.

after, behind, later on, subsequently.

else.

openly, publicly, frankly. a title; treasurer. to be suitable, convenient.

revenge, vengeance.

an ox,

slavery.

a barrel.

bakantu, bakar. bākēlā. bakkā, bakkala. bakkollo. bakkul. baklo, bāl. bālabēt,

bāladā. bālāgar,

bāla madhānīt. bālataggā, bāla tēnā.

balavi. bāldī (bālī). bālinjarā, bālinjarānnat. ballā. ballata,

bāltēt. bamāladā. bāndērā. bānnana. bar. barabbara. barado. barahā. barakat,

barārī.

barat. barattā.

barbarē. barbārī. barē. bārinnat, barmil.

vainly, for no object. except, with the exception of. broad beans. to be sufficient, ample, enough. to germinate, sprout. maize. through, by. a mule. husband. proprietor, owner, wife, husband. a debtor or creditor. a farmer, farm labourer. countryman. a physician. rich. one who is in good health, robust. over, above. a bucket. a companion. familiarity, friendship. to exceed, be greater than, more powerful, more valuable. a widow. early in the morning. a standard, flag, ensign. to start up in one's sleep, a gate. to pillage, to plunder. hail. wilderness. a blessing, a present (which you are generally expected to pay for). an express messenger, a swift runner or walker. a thorn enclosure in which cattle are kept, a zariba. to be, or become, strong, hard. chillies, red pepper. a plunderer.

barnus. barrā. barrada. bārraka, barraññā. barrara. bārud. bāryā, basā.

bārnētā.

basabbasa. bashishig. bashitā. bashitaññā. bāshshā.

basirāt. bassala.

bāt. batach. batām. batillik af. batinkākē, ba*tt*ā. battana, battasa. battir. bawichi. bawukat. bazabbaza.

bāzrā. bazzā. bazzīvān gizē. bēt, bětá kristyán, bēzā. bichā. bichchā. biho, bilchā. bilhāt, bilhātannā.

a hat. native black cloth. to be, or become, light, or bright (of weather). to be or become cold. to flash (as lightning). porter, doorkeeper. to fly, run or walk rapidly. gunpowder. a slave. to bore, to drill, to perforate. to soak (of rain). secretly. disease, sickness,

diseased, an invalid. a title of a sub-chief in the army. in order, regularly.

to ripen, be ripe, to cook, be ready. the calf of the leg.

under. very, very much. aloud, loudly. carefully. to scarify. to scatter.

to enap off, break. a stick, staff, walking-stick.

outwardly. knowingly.

to plunder or take by force, to confiscate.

to be too much, too many. on that occasion, then. a house.

a church. a ransom. uellow.

a mare.

only, alone, solely. dough. advantage, privilege.

cleverness, ingenuity. one who is clever, wise, ingenious.

L

bilichlichta. bilih. bilkāt. billāwā, billit. bir. biralē. birānnā. birat.

a glittering, shining, brightness. clever. a flask, a small bottle. a table-knife. limb (of the body). silver; also a dollar. a carafe, decanter or glass bottle. parchment.

birat mitad. birbirrā.

a tree, the seeds of which, when catching fish in Ethiopia.

birchikko. bird. bird libs. birhan. birtāt.

a blanket. light, brightness.

birtu.

birundo. bitwadad.

bizāt. bizu,

bizu gīzē. bohor. bokkā. bonā. borā.

borsā, botā. budā. bunn, or bunna. burākē.

bwāmbwā (or bombā), bwāttata.

iron: a rifle. a flat baking pan.

ground and thrown into the water, have an intoxicating effect on fish, so that they float on the surface of the water. This is the usual method of glass, a glass.

cold.

strength, firmness, hardness, severity.

strong, firm, hard, severe. raw flesh.

a high rank denoting a trusted. or "beloved", minister. abundance, frequency.

much, many, plenty, a great quantity.

often. reedbuck. to ferment. dry season.

a cream horse, or one with white forehead.

a wallet, a purse. place.

a cannibal. coffee. a blessina. a water-pipe.

to scratch or claw (of an animal)

chabar. chabbata. chāf. chafachchafa. chaggara-w, v. reflex.

chaggwärä, chakkāñ. chakkana. chakkulaññā, chakkwola. chāla. chal āla. challamá, s., challama, v., chāmmā. chammara. chammata.

chānā. chanakkara. chānkā. char. charakā. charinnat. chark. charrasa. chaw. chawatā. chibt. chid. chiggar. chiggar, chiggir, chikā. chikāl. or kibkāb.

chilot. chimmir. chin. chinat. chinchá chink.chinkār. chinkat. 🕶 chinkillat. chira.

a white mule. to take in one's hand, to grasp. the top, peak. to chop. to be distressed, worried, needy, the stomach.

cruel. to be cruel. active, one who hurries. to hasten, hurry. to be able. to neglect, despise, slight. darkness. to be or become dark. a shoe, the sole of the foot. to add to, to augment. to be calm, even-minded. composed.

to load up, to saddle, to impose. to nail. the shoulder. . kind. the moon. kindness, charity.

cloth. to complete, to terminate.

a game, talk, conversation. a handful.

tef straw. difficulty, distress, worry. starvation. difficult.

mud. a peg, for tethering or picket-

power, ability: a local court. an addition. the thiah. a load, burden. stony ground. difficult.

a nail. difficulty. skull, brain. a tail, a fly-whisk. chirk, chirosh,

chis, choha, chuhat,

dabaddaba, dabāllaka, v.a., dabbaka, v.a., dābbo,

dabdābbē, dabtar, dabtarā,

dabūb,
daddaka,
dafār,
daffā,
daffana,
daffara,
dagā,
daggat,
dagg,

daggafa, daggama, daggana, dagmāwi, dagmo,

dahā, dahinā, dahininnat, dahinnat, dajj, dajjāzmāch,

dakaddaka, dakīkā, dākīyē, dakkaka, dakkāmā, adj., dakkama, v., cloth.
a scratching (in sand or elsewhere).
smoke.
to shout, cry out, to scream.
a noise, shouting, crying.

to beat, thrash.

to mix (solids). to hide (something). European bread, a thick cake of bread. a letter. an exercise-book. man of certain ecclesiastical rank. the South. to beat level. bold ; impertinent, insolent, to dash, to upset. to stop up a hole, to fill in. to dare, to venture, to be bold. the highlands. a steep place, a cliff. good, that's good, I'm glad of that.

to support, uphold, to refresh.
to do again, to repeat, to recite.
to aim at, to point (a rifle).
second (in a historical sense).
also, again, notwithstanding,
more.
poor.

good, well.
well-being, salvation.
poverty.

door.

a title denoting the officer who commands what is equivalent to our main body of an army.

to ram.
a minute (of time).
a duck.
to be fine, tender.
tired, weak.

to be or become tired, worn out, infirm, feeble.

dakkwosa,
dālich,
dam,
dam āswattā, v.a.,
dammanā,
dammawaz,
dan,
dāna,
danabbara,
danaggata,
danaggaza,
danazzaza,

dandānā, dangiyā,

dāññā,
dannaka-w, v. reflex.,
dannaza,
dār,
darak,
darat,
dārichchā,
darraba,

darraka, darrasa, dāru gin, das āla-w, v. reflex., das āssañña,

dasēt, dāssasa, dastā, dawal.

dāwallā, dawwala, dibbā *or* kamsur, dibdāb,

dibillik, didā, didd, difrat, to pound, bruise.
a white horse.
blood.
to bleed, make bleed.
cloud.
pay, salary.
copse, forest.
to be eafe or saved, to be healed.
to shy (as a horse).
to be astonished, surprised.
to be short-sighted, dim-sighted.
to be deaf, dull, stupid.
to be stiff, to "go to sleep"
(of arm or leg).
headstrong, wilful.

headstrong, wilful.

a stone (generally pronounced dingsyi).

a judge.

to be surprised, wonder at.

to be blunt,

shore, bank, edge.

dru.

the chest.
the end, extremity of anything.
to double, to line (as with cloth).

to be or become dry or hard.
to arrive, to reach, to be ready.
but, however, nevertheless.
to be glad, pleased.
to be pleasing, give pleasure or
satisfaction.

an island.
to touch, to feel.
delight, pleasure, gladness.
a large bell or gong, as used in
churches.

a large leather bag or sack. to ring.

the cap (of a cartridge).

a pad or numnah put on
animals under the saddle
or load.

a mixture, dumb. gums (of teeth). boldness.

dijano. dikām. dil. dil ādarraga, dil nassā, dil hona. dildivi. dilmansāt. dimbar. dimmat. dim*t*s. dīn, dingat. dingātsē. dingula. dink. dinnich. dirb. dirchit. dirgo,

dir*k*, dir*k*osh,

diro,
dirshā,
dist,
dokēt (or dukēt),
domā,
donkworo,
doro,
dubbā,
dullā,
dunkwān,
dunkwānin nakkala,
dunkwānin takkala,
dur,

fachcha,
fajja,
fāka,
fākād,
fākī,
fakkada,
falag (or fillagā),
falag yizo hēda,

crowbar. weariness, fatique, feebleness. victory. to be victorious. to be defeated. a bridge. conquest, victory. a frontier, boundary, a cat. the voice. sulphur. suđđenly. suddenness, surprise. a stallion. wonderful. potatoes. laver. a quail. a present of bread and wine sent to strangers by chiefs. dryness, drought. (1) hay, (2) dried and pounded bread carried by soldiers and travellers on expeditions, etc. formerly, long ago, originally. a portion. a saucepan. flour, powder. a pick-axe. a fool, dullard, stupid, illiterate. a chicken. a gourd, a marrow. a staff, stick. a tent. he struck a tent.

to grind, reduce to powder.
to burn, scald, to cost, wear out.
to tan; to erase.
will, desire, permission, wish.
a tanner.
to permit, to wish, to allow.
a footprint, track, trace.
to track by means of footprints.

he pitched a tent.

a forest, jungle.

fallā, v.n.,
fallaga,
fallaka,
fallata,
fanakkala,
fanattaka,
fanattara,

fanta,

fāntā, s., fantātā, fānus, faraffara, farāj, faranj, faras, farasamā, fari, farrā, farrāda, fasas, fasas,

fasikā. fassasa. fatān, adj., fa*t*ārī. fatil. fatno. fatsmo. fatstsama, fattā. fattala. fattāñ. fattana, v., fattana. fattara. fawwasa. fazzaza. fidal, fikir. filāch, filātsā, fillagā. fīñā, 🗻 finjál, fird.

to boil, be boiled. to want, require, seek, search. to spring up (of water), to flash. to split, to cleave. to roll away, turn upside down. to aprinkle, aquirt. to snap, to shoot or fly off like a spring suddenly released. instead, in place of. a share, portion. smallpox. a lantern. to crumble. a judge. a European. a horse. a horseman. a coward. to fear. to judge, give a decision. a drain, gutter, shallow trench. flowing water, a river, stream, current. Passover, Easter. to flow. rapid. the Creator, one who makes. thread. hastily, quickly. fully, completely. to accomplish, complete, perfect. to set free, release, to untie. to spin. tempter, Satan. to tempt. to make haste, be quick. to create. to cure, restore to health. to be short-sighted, bleary-eyed. a letter (of the alphabet). love, affection, care, regard. a splinter, a chip. an arrow. a footprint. the bladder. a cup.

judgment, verdict.

firē, firhāt, e., firyām, fīt,

fītaññā, fīt lafīt, fitsum, fīyyal, fotā,

gabatā, gabbā,

gabbara, gābbaza, gabīyā, gabs, gadab, gadāfā, gadāl, gadām, gadāyi,

gaddafa,

gaddala, gādim tarāda, gafafo, gaffā, gaffā,

gāggara, gaggara, galā, s., gāla, galabā, galabā, galāgayi, galāggala, gāllaba, gallata, gamad, gamaggama, fruit.
fear.
fruitful, fertile, productive.
the face, front, before (both as
to time and position).
first, foremost.
face to face, opposite.
absolute, complete, perfect.
a goat.

a table.
to enter, arrive at, to understand, to set (of the sun or
moon).

to pay taxes.
to invite.
a market.
barley.
a dam.
incorrect, inaccurate.

a tornel.

a cliff, steep place, monastery, a slayer, one who has killed

anything.
to support, to err, to turn off
the subject of conversation, to

break a fast.
to kill.
the cross-pole of a tent.
chaff (from grain, etc.).
to push, shove.
to pull or strip off, to skin

animals.
to bake.
to sulk.
the body.

to be red hot, wheat or barley chaff, bran. to upset, invert, turn over.

an arbitrator.
to arbitrate.
to gallop.

to expose, reveal, make public.

rope, cord. to bargain, value. gamīs, or gimmāsh, gammā, gammasa, ganā, ganāa,

gannat,
gannaza,
ganzab,
ganzat,
gar, (or garrām),
gārā, prep.,
gārā, s.,
gārrada,
garrada,
garrama-w, v. reflex.,
gasaggasa,
gasgāsh,
gāshā,
gassā,

gāt,

gat, gatābā, gattā, gattaba,

gattama, v.n.,

gattara, gazaggaza, gazhi, gazză, gazzara, gazzata, gēsho,

gētā, gēts, gibbī,

gibbizi**nna**t, gibir, gibir bēt, a half, a portion.
to stink.
to halve.
still, even now.
powerful, glorious (of kingdom).
paradise.
to prepare for burial.
money, goods, property.
funeral.

meek, simple.
with, along with.
a mountain.
to veil, to cover with a curtain.
to flog.

to be astonished.
to travel quickly, to hasten.
one who hastens.

a shield.
to roar (like a wild animal),
also to eructate.

a small shed adjoining a house in which animals, goats, sheep, etc., are kept.

a hand's width. an animal with a sore back. to rein up suddenly.

to have a sore back (as beasts of burden).

to meet, to match, to coincide, to fit.

to stand straight.
to stutter, to stagger.
a buyer, a ruler, a governor.

to buy, to govern, to rule. to circumcise.

to excommunicate.
a plant, the leaves of which are
used in making talla, the
native beer.

master.
ornament, decoration.
a palace, the inside of any enclosure or house.

pretence, hypocrisy.
a banquet, taxes.

a banquet hall, custom house.

guban.

gidar. a heifer. gidd, necessity, obligation, force, compulsion. gidgiddā. the wall of a house. gif, iniustice. gilbiyā, a gallop. gilgal, the young of animals. foetid, stinking. gim, gimal. a camel. gimb. à stone wall or tower. gimbār. the forehead. gimjā bēt. the Treasury. gimmash, half, but, however, nevertheless. gin, nagar gin, daru gin, ginbot. May. gind, the trunk of a tree, a log of wood, a beam. gint, a scorpion. girā. the left. girāchā, a grey mule. girār, an acacia tree. girfat. flogging, chastisement. girgirtā, grumbling, discontent. girmāwi, His Majesty. girmāwīnatwo. Your Majesty. girrigir, tumult, riot. gisat, a roar, eructation. gitim, a join, coincidence, fit; a rhume. gitim bilo. accurately. gizāt. a province, possession, domigîzē. time, occasion, weather. gizot. disfavour. being sent to Coventry. gizot bēt, prison. gizrat. circumcision. gizzit. excommunication. gobān. sister-in-law. gobañña, to visit. gofar, the mane (of a lion).
a grass hut or shanty. gojjo, gorādē (or gurādē), a sword. gosh. a buffalo or bison. gubāē. an assembly, a council, conference.

the door-posts.

gubbat. guddāvī. gudgwād. gulbat. gulbatām, gum. gumārē. gumbo. gundich. gunfan. guroro. gurshā, gutat, guzō. gwādañña, gwāro bēt, gwāz, gwilt. gwobātā, gwobaz, gwobbata. gwoddā. gwoddala.

gwodin, gwomman, gwonaddala, gworabët, gwottata, gwulbat, gwunch, gwundan,

hābt,
hābtām,
hāchāmnā,
hāfrat,
hākēt,
hākētafinā,
hākītam,
hāmēt,
hāmlē,
hāmus,
hām,
hārai,
hārāi,

the liver. business. a well, a hole, hollow. strength; the knee. strong, courageous, brave. a fog, haze. a hippopotamus. a large earthen pitcher. a duck. a cold in the head. throat. a tip. tweezers, pincers. a day's march. a companion. a lavatory. a caravan. a grant or fief of land. bent, crooked. a young and able-bodied man. to be bent, crooked. to damage. to subside (as rivers after a flood), to become less. rib. cabbage. to geld. a neighbour. to drag. the knee, strength. the cheek.

wealth.
rich, wealthy.
the year before last.
shame.
lazinese.
indolent, lazy.
a doctor.
slander, back-biting.
July.
Thursday.
silk.
an auction.

a large ant.

hādātaññā, , haya, hāyil, hāyilaññā, Hāyila Sillāsē. hāyimānot. hēda. hidār. higg, hilīnā. hilm. himam. hiwāsāt. hivāw. hiviwat. hizb. hod. hona. min hone? hukat. hulat. hulatachaw. hulataññā, hulat gizē, hullu. hullugizē (hullagīzē). hwālā,

hwālaññā.

ibāb. ibākkih, ibākkwo. ibbach (or ibtat). ibd. adi... ichagē.

idā, idif. idmē, s.. if āla, if bal. igalē. igir. igiraññā. igziābihēr.

a sinner. twenty. strength, power. strong, powerful. Power of the Trinity. faith, religion. to go. November the last. conscience. a dream. pain, illness. the senses. alive, living. life. people, populace, nation. the belly. to be, become, to happen. What is the matter? tumult. disturbance. two. both of them. second. twice. all, the whole, every. continually, always. after, behind, afterwards, later on.hindermost, the last.

a snake. please. a swelling. mad, a lunatic. the chief monk and head of all the monasteries in Ethiopia. a debt. dirty, soiled, polluted, unclean. age. to blow or puff. blow | puff! so-and-so, a certain person. the leg (including foot). a footman, infantryman. God.

igzīābihēr yistillin,

igziābihēr yistwo,

ihil. ihit. ihud. ijia tabbab. ijjig, ijj nassā, ikā, ikak.

ikkul. ikkula kan. ikkulēta, s., ikkul lēlīt. ikkul mangad. ilat ilat. ililtä. illazīh, innazih or illīh, illīyā, innaziyā, imbi.

imbī āla.

imbīyāgus, immabet. imnat. inb (inbā). inchat. indinda. indarāsē.

inda limādu. indamin? indazzih. indat? indīh, 🗻 indivāw. indod.

thanks, thank you, (when addressing a person of equal or inferior rank). thanks, thank you (when addressing a person of superior rank). corn, grain, crops. sister. Sunday. the hand. tight-sleeved Ethiopian shirt. veru. to bow. goods, "stuff," furniture, tools. itching (the sensation), itch, scabies. the same, half, equal. mid-day, noon. the half. midnight. midway, half way. dailu. a shout of joy. these. those. no! I will not! exclamation of refusal. to say no, to refuse, not to agree, to be unwilling.

a martingale. mistress, lady. belief. a tear (weeping).

wood (timber). so that, in order that. as, such as, like. a representative vicerov.

(This word is used to express a plenipotentiary in treaties and other official documents.) customary, as usual.

hows like this. houng

thus, in this manner. just, just so.

soan berries.

inē. infwälat. ingidā. ingidā āgar inist. injā.

vapour. a stranger. abroad. the females of birds or animals. I don't know! Who knows? How do I know? (This should not be used in answer to persons of high rank; the negative form of the verb awwaka, "to know", should be used. i.e. ālāwakhum, "I do not know".) large flat cakes made from teff, or wheat, flour. but. an obstruction that causes to

inkilf. a.. inkirdäd. inkulāl. inkwan. iññā, innaĥo! innarsu, innāt.

injara.

inkifāt.

injI,

insisā. intan.

intin.

iraft, s., irash, irāt. irdātā, irgat. irgichā, irgit,

irgo. irk, irkāb. irkot. irm, irmijjā. irraññā. irsās,

I. stumble. aleep. tares. an egg, eggs. no, well, so, even. me. behold! they. mother. an animal. an expression equivalent to our "What's his name?" an expression equivalent to our "What's its name?" rest, repose. shot-aun. supper. assistance, aid, help. the Ascension. a kick. certain, true, reliable, authensour milk, cream cheese. peace, a treaty of peace. a stirrup. a water-bottle. a prohibited thing.

a step (with the foot).

a herdeman, shepherd.

lead, a bullet, a pencil.

irshā. irsho. irsu. irswā. irswo. irtib. irtibat. iryā, isarañña. isar bēt. isātı isāt ānaddada. isāt āndidawāl wayi? isātun ātaffā, isātun if balau. ishat. ishokh. ishshi. ishshī āla. ishshī āssañña. ishshī mālat, s.,

istinfās. itēgē. iton. iwukat. iwunat. iwunetaññā. ivāndānd. iyyar. izāb. izzīh. izzīvā.

iska.

jabanā, ialbā. iambar. ammara. iammārī. iandaraba. jāno, 🗻

a field. yeast. he. it. she. you (sing. polite). damp, moist, wet. dampness, wetness. a wild pig. a prisoner. prison. fire. he lighted a fire. have they lighted a fire? he put out the fire. blow up the fire. an ear of corn. a thorn, prickle. all right! to say all right, to consent. to induce, persuade. consent. till. until, as far as, as long as, followed by diras, e.g., iska dimbar diras, as far as the frontier. the breath, breathing. queen consort. an oven. knowledge.

> authentic, true. one by one, each. a cartridge. reins (bridle). here. there.

the truth (pronounced unat).

a kettle, a coffee-pot a small boat. the sun. to begin. a beginner. a eunuch.

a white cloth with a broad red stripe in the middle, much worn in Ethiopia.

jān tilā, jarbā, jib, jigrā, jimmāt, jinjibil, jirāt, joro, an umbrella of European make.
the back.
a hyaena.
a guinea-fowl.
the joints of the limbs.
ginger.
the tail.
an ear. ears.

ka . . .,
ka . . . bakar,
ka . . . balāyi,
kabaro,
kabato,
kabbā,
kabbāda,
kabbādda,
kabbara,
kabbara,
kabbara,

kachchin, kāchil, kāda, kadadā, kadam, kadam bilo, kaddā.

kaddā. kaddada. kaddama. kaddana. kaddasa. kadmaññā. kadmo. kaf ādarraga, kaf āla. kaffā, kaffala. kaffata. kaftā, ka . . . gārā, ka . . . jammiro. kakkala.

than, from. except. in addition to, besides. a jackal. a belt. to anoins. to surround, encircle. heavu. to be heavy. to bury. to be honourable. domestic animals, horses. mules, cattle, "possessions." narrow, thin. a small bell. to deny, disown, disinherit. a tear, hole, rent. at first, formerly, before, early (before time). to draw water, also to copy a letter. to run away, desert. to tear, rend. to precede. to cover. to sanctify, consecrate. formerly, in recent times. to raise, make higher. to be high, lofty. to be bad, wicked, get worse. to divide, to pay. to open. height, elevation. together with, along with. since. to boil (of solids).

a word. kāl. fodder, provisions, monthly wages. rations. kalab. to hem, to turn the edge of any. kalabbasa. thing as in a hem. to mix (fluids only). kalakkala. to forbid, to step, prevent, kalakkala. obstruct. ink, paint, a pen, colour. kalam. a mould. kālīb, a cartridge-case (empty). kālīk. one who forbids or obstructs: kalkāyi, an obstructionist. to be or become red. kallā. to feed, to nourish. kallaba. light (as to weight). kallal. to dye, to colour. kallama, to melt, dissolve. kallata, v.n.. a yoke. kambar. komis. a shirt. to heap up, pile up. kammara, v.a., to taste. kammasa. a day. kan a norn. kand. livs.kanfar. the right (hand). kaññ. to succeed, be straight, profitable, kannā. or favourable. . customs (duty). karat. custom-house. karat bēt. a bag, sack. kara*t*it. chillies. kārīvā. a bamboo. karkahā. a wild pig. karkarro. to remain over, be left. karra. to be near, to approach. karraba. to peel. karrafa, to spend or pass the winter, karrama. or the rainy season. to twist (of thread). karrara, a chart or map. kārtā. indemnity, reward. . . kāsā. charcoal. kasal. to be careful, slow, quiet. kas āla. carefully, gently, quietly. kas biles a peg, tent-peg. kāsmā,

to get thin.

kassā,

kassafa,
kassara,
kassasa,
kassāsh,
kassata,
kassitā,
kast,
kasta dāmmanā,
kāta,
kātā,
kata,

katamā, katanā, katir, kato (with neg.), kattā, kattafa, kattana, kattara.

kattata,

ka . . . wadiyā, kayī, kayyada,

kayyara,
kazkāzzā, adj.,
kazzafa,
kazzafa,
kazzih wadiyā,
kazzīyā,
kādda,
kēs,
kibāt, s.,
kibb,
kibd,

*k*ib**ë,** kibir, *s.*, kibrīt, kibur,

kidāmē, kīdān, kiddus, kidisinnā, kīfāt,

to punish (of Divine judgement). to be bankrunt. to accuse, blame. an accuser, plaintiff. to purloin, pilfer. care, caution. a bow (weapon). rainbow. asthma, shortness of breath. trigger and locks. to break into small pieces by continued blows. a town, city. mildew. noon. never, under no circumstances. to punish. to pick, to cheat. to be thin, watery. to engage (a servant); to enclose in or surround with a fence. to pack, put away, to gather in the harvest. bewond. red. to halter, to hobble (a mule, to change. cold. to row (as a boat). from here. thence. to thresh corn, etc. a priest. grease. a circle, round. weight. butter. honour, respect, glory. matches. honourable, respected, honoured. Saturday.

a covenant.

holy, a saint.

sanctification, consecration,

badness, wickedness.

kifil. kift, adi... kifu. kihinat. kilkilkil. kiltim. kimāl. kimmāsh. kimmir. kimshā, s., kin. kinat, kind. kindib. kinf. kintāt. kir. kiramt. kirávi. s.. kirb. kirb kan. kirchät. *k*irētā, kirfit. s.. kirinchāf. kirinfud. kie. kissinnā. kital. kitar. kitāt. kob. kodā. koddā. kok. kokab (koākibt, pl.), kollala, v.a., kolo. koma. konjo, korabtā. korichā. korkorrof kormā.

korojo,

a part, portion, division. open, hollow. bad, wicked, malicious. priesthood. a gourd. forbidden. lea. a louse, lice. a taste, a morsel. a heap, pile, mound. taste. eouity. iealousy. the forearm, an arm's measure. euebrows. a wing. a grain (of corn). thread cotton. the winter, the rainy season. hire, rent, fare. near. recently. a basket. remainder; one who is disappointed. peel, bark. a twig, branch. cloves. a pocket. priesthood. a leaf. a hedae. punishment. a cap, hood. the hide, skin. a snater-bottle. a peach. a star. to pile up (of hay). fried grain. to stand, remain stationary. beautiful. a hill. a saddle. tin (s. or adj.). a bull. a baa.

AMHARIC-ENGLISH VOCABULARY

kosso,* kosso.*koyya, kuchāch. small ants. kuch āla. to sit. kuffiñ. chicken-pox. kulil. kulkul. a defile. kulkulat. kumat, kumtā. ahorta. kunané. damnation. kundo barbarē, black pepper. kunichā. a flea. kunnā. kurbat, kurchimchimit. the ankle. kurkum. knuckles. kurrāsh. kuttir. a number. kwānkwā. language. kwās. a ball. kwātaro. a knot. kwātiñ. a rock. kwāttara. kwitir. a knot. kwoffara. to dig. kwok. partridae. kwollā. lowlands. kwonnana.

kwoffara,
kwok,
kwollā,
kwonnana,
kworbat,
kwottē,
kwulālīt,
kwulālīt,
kwurbān,
kwurchimchimīt,
kwurrāsh,
kwurrāsh,
kwurrāsh,
kwurrāsh,
kwurrāsh,
kwurrāsh,

kwussil.

to wait, await. a pile (of hau). a steep descent, down hill. height, stature. a measure for grain. leather, a leather skin, hide, a crumb, morsel. to tie into a knot, to join up (of rope or string). to judge, to condemn, a hide, leather. a footmark. kidneus. a lock, a key. Holy Communion. ankle. a fragment. to cut. abrupt, decided. abruptly, deciding. rheumatism. a wound, a sore.

* A tree from the leaves of which the Ethiopians make a very strong purgative, which they take at regular intervals of about a month, to keep down the tape-worm, from which malady most Ethiopians suffer continually. kwuttā, kwuttara, anger.
to count, reckon up.

la-, lāb, lābā, labbasa,

labbata, v.a., labb yāia, lācha, v.a., laffā, laggama, laggwāmī, laggwoma,

lāka, v.a., lāka, v.n., lakkā, lakkaka, lakkama, lako, lāllā, lām,

lamlam, lammā, lammada,

lammañ, lammana, lammata, v.a., lāsa, laslāssā, lassana, lāta, lattata,

lawwasa, lawwasa, layi, layinna, layya, v.a., to, for (preposition).
sweat, perspiration.
feathers.
to put on clothes, to dress, to
ween.

to overlay, to gild.
lukewarm.
to shave.
to tire oneself.
to be lazy, idle, to shirk.
a groom.

a groom.

to put the bridle on a horse,
etc., to load a gun.

to send, consign, to remit. to be great, to excel. to measure, to fit, draw a plan.

to let go, to dismiss.
to pick up, to collect.

a halter, a hobble. to be slack, loose.

a cape or mantle, highly ornamented, worn by soldiers and men of rank.

green (of foliage).
to be green, to flourish.
to be accustomed, get used to,
also to learn.

beggar, petitioner.
to beg, implore, request.
to bend.

to lick, lap. smooth, soft.

to plaster, to smear, polish.
to pull or peel off anything that

to pull or peel off anything that comes off in strips (as the bark of some trees); to peel fruit. to kneed, stir, to disturb.

to change, to exchange, barter. above.

the uppermost, top. to separate, distinguish.

lightning.

lazzaba, lēbā. lēlā. lelit. lētā. libāb. libb. libb ādarraga,

libbu yakannā. libs, lidat. ligim. ligmannā, ligwam.

līk,

liilt.

lij,

likk. likk ādarraga, v.a., likk yāidolla, adi... limād. limana, s., limät. lissin. lit.

liul,

livvu. livyunnat. lizzib. lofisā. lomī. lugwam (or ligwam), luĪ,

mabil. mablat. mablāt.

to smoothen, soften. a thief. another, other. night. bare-back (of horse). a bridle. the heart. to keep in one's mind, to · remember, make a note of.

honest. clothes, clothing, birth. laziness. one who is lazy, idle. a bit (of a bridle). Her Highness.

a child, an attendant (in the same sense as the word "bou" is used in some places). Also used instead of " ato " (Mr.) for a young man of gentle birth.

head, chief, e.g., lika pāpāsāt. archbishop; a learned man.

right, correct. adjust. wrong. custom, habit. petition, request. prosperity. plaster, plastering.

the bark of trees, which can be pulled off in long strips. the most high (God); His

Highness. separate, different. difference. soft, smooth. a sheep-skin cape. a lemon, lime. a bit (of a bridle).

a pearl.

food, eatables. progress. eatables, food, eating. mabrak. mabrät. mabzāt, s., machakkwil. machāññā.

macharrashā.

machchāmyā,

machē.

māchid.

madab.

māchivā.

madāb, s.,

mādalāt.

a light, lamp. increase, abundance. ravidity, haste. a raw-hide thong, used for

fastening loads on to mules, the end, conclusion. boots, sandals.

when. a reaping-hook. betrothal-money. a flower-bed. brass. growth, bringing up.

mādag. a cleaning-rod. madakdakvā or yatamanjā zang,

madān. s.. madarrabyā, madf. madfaññā. madhānit. madosha. maflakkyā. maftan. magamgam, māgar. magāz, magbāt, magbiyā, magfāt, māgga, maggaba, maggābāt, maggābi, maggabit.

maggala. magganañat, maggara, maggārajjā, magil. magillachā. magitam.

magia magwodat,

mahārram.

partiality. rescue, salvation. the outer fly (of a tent). heavy gun, artillery. a gunner, artilleryman. medicine, a saviour.

a hammer. a flash. haste. negotiation. a cross-piece. a saw.

the going in, entrance. an entrance. pressure.

to sip. to feed, nourish.

marriage. a steward, a title among priests. March.

to suppurate. a meeting, interview. to put on the cross-pieces. a curtain, a screen, a sail.

proof, evidence. connection.

a declaration, exposure. an injury.

a handkerchief.

mahēd. māhibar. mähtam, māhtamyā, (bēt), māizan. majammarīyā. $m\bar{a}k$. makābar.

makākal (or mahākal),

makākalaññā (or mahākalaññā),

makalkal. makammachā. makannachā. makannat. makarā.

makāri. makas. makātin. makbab.

makdam. makdaññā. makfachā.

makidas. makkabal.

makkara. makmas. s..

makovvat, s., māksañño.

maksas. maktachā.

makwonnin. makzafyā.

māla. mālaffvā. s.. mālafyā, adj.,

malāk (pl. malāikt), malakat.

malakkivā, mālat.

mālatu mindir naw.

malātā. malayyat.

malikt (or malakt).

maliktaññā (or malāktaññā), a messenger, envoy.

departure. a society. a stamp, seal. a printing press.

a corner. the first, the beginning.

a coarse cloth, sackcloth. a grave, tomb.

among, in the midst of, in the centre.

an intermediary, mediator.

prevention, obstruction. a seat.

a girth.

a waistband, cummerbund. calamity, distress, worry. an adviser, councillor.

scissors. a fish-hook. a circle. advancement. a cover, a lid. an opener, a key. a church, temple. acceptance. to warn, advise.

taste. waiting. Tuesday. accusation. a barn.

a noble, nobleman.

an oar.

to swear, take an oath. a passage (way through).

good, very good. an angel.

a trumpet. a measure.

a savina, meanina.

what does it mean? or what is its meaning?

hairless, bald. difference, separation.

a message, an epistle.

malk. malkā. malkām. malla, v.n., mallasa, v.a.,

māmalkachā. mamchā.

mān? mānāfyā, mānāfashā, manāk. manaknak.

mānatāttaryā, manattara. manattir.

mandar. manfas. māngachā. mangad. mangadañña, mangāgā. mangist, mānkā. mānkorkorīyā, mannacha. v... mānnim. manoryä mantā. manvitā. mår. māra. marak. marammara.

marārā. mārashā. marbab. marēt. marfē, margachā,

mari.

markab.

form, appearance. a fora. good, nice, beautiful. to fill, to be full. to return (i.e., give back), to answer, to turn. a notice. a mallet, hammer, striker, anything to strike with.

who? a fan. indignity, despite. shaking, trembling, an earth-

auake. sights (of a rifle).

to clear of scrub, bushes, etc. a telescope, spectacles, binoculars.

a village. a spirit. a sling (leather). a road.

a passenger, traveller. the jaw.

a kingdom. a spoon. a jug. to spring up.

anybody, nobody. an abode. twins, a pair. bedding. honeu.

to be merciful, to forgive.

to inquire into, to investigate, to examine.

bitter. a plough. a net.

the ground, land, fields. à needle.

a step, treadle; a pad for a rubber stamp.

a guide, also the guy-ropes of a tent.

a ship.

markabaññā,
marrā,
marraga,
marrara,
marraza,
marraza,
marz, s.,
masāfaryā,
masāfichā, masfiyā,
masakkara,
masalāl,
masanko,
māsaro,
māsaryā,

masārvā. masfin. masgid. mashāgaryā, māshannaf. mashashaggiyā. mashāt. māshillā. mäshokshok. mashsha. mask. maskal. maskaram. maskot. māsmāmāt. masmāt. masno, masob.

massa*kak*, massala, *v.n.*,

māstārakyā, mastawāt, māstāwushā, mātā mātab

matabbak, mataggyā, matamtamyā,

a sailor. to guide, to lead, to plaster, to daub. to be bitter. to choose, select, vote. to poison. poison. a camping ground. - an awl, something to sew with. to give evidence, to bear witness. a ladder. a harp. a cooking-pot. a rope, cord, anything to tie with. arms, weapons, tools. a prince. a temple, a synagogue. a ford, crossing. conquest. a refuge. a request. Indian corn. an intrique. to be evening. a field, pasture-land. a cross. September. a window. concord, agreement. hearing. a canal. a basket-table to put "injara" nausea, disgust. to resemble, to seem; to fashion. propitiation, mercy-seat. a looking-glass. a note, notice. evenina a black cord worn round the neck by all Christian Ethiopians. attention, watch. a shelter.

a bandage, wrapper, turban.

matarātiar, matātā. mato. matrabya, matragya. mattā. mattā. mattāgas, mattāman, mattana. mattārak. mattātabyā, mattātakvā. mattäzaz. mawarajia, mawgiya, māwuchā. mewutāt. mavåz. mavāzhā, māyyat, mazawwar, mazgab, mazgīyā, mazhgar, mazzana, v.a., mazzaza, v.a., mēdā.

mēdā,
melss,
michu,
midijjā,
midir,
mido,
mido,
midra bædā,
migib,
mihirat,

arāttar, doubt, hesitation.

ātā, vinegar.
o, one hundred.
rabyā, an axe, hatchet, adze.
ragyā, a broom, brush, duster, anything to clean with.
tā, to hit, strike.
tā, to come.
tāgas, patience, endurance.
tāgas, belief, credence.
tana. to take one's measure, form an

opinion of. tārak, reconciliation. tātabyā, a basin, tub, anything to wash

tātakyā, a waist-belt, girdle. tāzaz, obedience. varajjā, a descent, incline.

a prong, something to prod or prick with. an outlet.

an ascent.
a capture.

a handle, something to hold by. sight.

a screw, wheel, machine, anything that revolves.

a store, treasure, account-book. a door, the door itself (the part which opens, etc.).

a tick (insect).

to weigh.
to draw, or pull out, things that
are deep in the ground as
stakes, a plant with a long
root, a sword from the scabbard.

a plain.
an answer, reply.
convenient, suitable.
a kitchen-stove.
land, ground, the earth.
a comb.
a wilderness.

a wilderness.
food, nourishment.
mercy.

mihirataññā. mihirat yalellaw. miirāb. mikaññā. mikinyāt. mikir. milāch. milās. milāt. milikkit. milläsh. milu, or mulu, min. mindir? minālbāt. minch. minim. minim vallam. minizārē.

mintāf,

mirkoññā,
misā,
misālē,
misār,
misaso,
misgānā,
misht,
misikkir,
misir,
mislanē,

mismār, misrā*k*, mīst, mīst, mitād,

mitik, mīyāzyā, mīzān, mogad, mogas, moggatā,

moka, v.n., mokkara,

merciful. cruel. West. disobliging, surly. a reason, cause. advice. a razor, razor-blade. tonque. abundance. a mark, symbol, sign. an answer, reply; vomit. full. unhat? perhaps. a spring, source. anu, nothing, there is nothing. small change, exchange (money). a carpet or rug, something to spread out, bedding. a prisoner of war. lunch, a meal. a likeness, image, faceimile. an axe. a pole, centre-pole. thanks, praise. wife. a witness. lentila. governor.

tranks, praise.

wife.
a witness.
lentils.
a local chief, representative of
governor.
a nail.
East.
wife.
white ants.
a flat baking-pan, in which
injara is cooked.
a substitute.
April.

weight, scales.
a wave.
grace, favour.
to argue, dispute, plead in
court.

to be warm, hot.
to try, attempt.

molālā, adj., molto, adj., moñī, morad, mot, mota, v., moyā,

moyālē, muchā, mugit, mukat, mukat, mulu, muz, mwāmwā,

nā,

nabalbāl, nabbar (or nabbara), nabiyi, nachch, nachcha, naddā,

naddada.

naddafa.

naddala.

nado,
naffaga,
naffaga,
naffaga,
naffaga,
naffaga,
naffaga,
naffot,
nafs,
nafsa gadāyi,
naft,
naftaññā,
naga,
naga,
nagar,
nagargin,

oblona. to fill, to be full. plenty, abundant. foolish. a file (rasp). death. die. a reward, grant of land for services. a jigger. gum. a dispute, legal case, suit. warm, hot; also paste. heat, warmth. a ram (sheep). full. a banana.

to dissolve.

come! (the imperative masculine : the feminine is nayi) a flame. he was. a prophet. white. to gnaw, to pluck out. to drive, to urge; to judge correctly, arrive at a correct conclusion. to burn up, light up. to sting. to bore, to drill. a sheaf. to blow, to inflate, to fan, to sift bu blowing. to grudge, be miserly. to long for, to miss. to blow (as the wind). longing. the soul, life.

 a rifleman, skirmisher. to-morrow. a word, thing, matter. but. however.

a murderer.

a rifle, gun.

nagārī,
nagārīt,
nagāsh,
nagāt,
naggāt,
naggāda,
naggādē,
naggara,
naggasa,
nagudgwād,
nahās,
nahāsē,
nāka,
nakannaka, v.n.,
nakkā, v.n..

nakkā, na*kk*afa, na*kk*ala, nakkara,

nakkasa. nakkaza, v.n., nākwitā. nās. nassā. natalā. natib. nattā. nattaka, v.a., nattara, nawir, s., nawwara. nibar. nibb. nibrat. nidād. nifās. nifug. nigd. nigd bet. nigist, nigus, nishān,

nisihā gabbā,

nitsu, adj.,

nisir.

a speaker. a large state drum. a regent. dawn. to be, or become, dawn. to trade. a merchant, trader. to say, to tell. to reign, to rule. thunder. copper. August. to despise. to shake. to wake up, start up in one's aleen. to touch. to reproach. to root up, to strike a tent. to wet, make moist, or damp, to soak. to bite (as animals). to corrode, decay. a point, stop. copper. to hold, withhold. single (of materials only). a dot, a stop. to be white, clean. to snatch away. to purify, to clarify. disgrace, shame. to be shameful, disgraceful. a leopard. a bee. state, condition, being, fever. the wind. a miser, miserly. commerce, trade. a shop. queen (ruling). king. an emblem, badge, decoration. to repent. an eagle.

clean.

-nnā (suffix), nora, norā, nu,

postā,

rāb, rāba-w, v. reflex., rabarraba, v.a., rabb, rabbā,

rabu (or rob), rachcha, v.a., raddā, v.a., raddāt, raffād, raffāda.

raffa*k*a, raggā,

raggama,
raggata,
ragrag,
rajjim,
rāka,
rakik,
rakkā, v.n.,
rakkaka,
rakkasa,

rārā.

rās, rāsāchaw, rāsāchin, rāsē, rāsu, rāswā, rash, rās malātā, rassā, rattā, and, inasmuch as, because.
to live, inhabit, stay, to dwell.
quicklime.
come! (plu. imp.).

post, mail.

famine, hunger. to be hungry. to put in layers. advantage, gain, use. (i) to be useful, profitable. (ii) to breed, increase, become prolific. Wednesday. to sprinkle. to help, to assist. assistant, one who helps. forenoon. to be forenoon, to become late (in morning). to be exhausted. to curdle, coagulate, to settle (as floating substances in liquid). to curse. to tread upon, kick, stamp. a bog, marsh, swamp. long, tall, deep.

long, tall, deep.
to be far distant.
fine, rare, eloquent, refined.
to quench one's thirst.
to be fine, rare, etc.
to be, or become, cheap, unclean, to lose value.
to have compassion, to pity.
the head.
themselves, himself (pol.).
ourselves.
myself.
itself, himself.
herself.
shot (the pellets), shot-gun.

to forget.

to overcome, to get the better of,

to win a game.

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rice.

rattaba, v.n.,
rawāt,
razzama, v.n.,
rēsā,
rigib,
rihrāhē,
rikkāsh,
rikkwus,
rist,
rizmat,
rob (or rabu),
rota, v.,
rub,
rut.

to be damp, moist.
a water-bottle.
to be long, deep, tall.
a corpse.
a dove, pigeon.
compassion, pity.
cheap.
impure.
a heritage, inheritance.
depth, length.
Wednesday.
to run.
a quarter, i.e., one-fourth.
far, distant.

sāāt,

ruz.

sāba,

sabā, sabassaba, v.a.,

sabāt, sabbara, sabil, sach, sadaf.

sadar,
saddaba,
saddada,
safar,
safar,
saffā, v.n.,
saffara,
saffi,
safi,
safi,
safi,
safi,
safi,
safi,
safag,
saganat,
sagarā,
sagarā böt,
sagada,

sagon.

saĥān.

aak.

a watch, clock, also an hour, time of the day. to pull, draw, lead at the end: of a rope. seventy. to assemble, get together, accumulate. seven. to break. a crop, crops, harvest. a giver. the stock of a gun, including the butt. to curse at, to swear at. to send. scum. a camp, encampment. to sem. to be wide, extensive. to camp, encamp. wide, extensive. a tailor. a sponge. a flat roof. faeces, excrement. a lavatory. to worship. an ostrich. a plate. laughter.

sāka, sāka ba-, sakkā, sakkala, v.a., sakkonā, sāl, s., sāla,

salachcha, salāmtā, salāsā, sala#ana, v.n., salēn, salā.

saliala,
saliāyi,
sam,
sāma,
samāyī,
sāmbā,
samēn,
sammā,
sammint,
samon,
sāmunā,
sanabbara,
sanaf,
sanakkala,

sanattaka, sanbar, sanbat, sandak ālāmā, sand, resangā, sankā, sannafa,

sañño, sansalat, sansi, to laugh.
to laugh at, deride.
to thread (as beads on a string).
to hang, suspend, crucify.
to be drunk (intoxicated).
the heel.
a cough.
(i) to draw, paint.

(ii) to cough.
(iii) to sharpen.
to be bored, tired.
salutations.
thirty.
to be civilised.

a palm tree, a palm-tree mat.
(i) to be, or become, sharp.

(ii) to succeed, prosper, become good.

(iii) to stalk, to creep, to crawl. to spy out, scout, explore. a spy.

wax.
to kiss.
the sky.
the lungs.
the North.
to hear, listen, attend.

a week.

a period, season, time. soap.

to bruise. dull, sluggish, lazy.

to geld, castrate (animals only). to halter, to hobble (mule, horse,

etc.).
to split, crack.
a bruise.
Sabbath.
a flag.
June.

a gelding, bullock. a plank.

to be, or become lazy, idle,

sluggish.
Monday.

a chain. a pocket-knife, sār, grass. sarāwīt. an armu. sarī. a maker. Saftā, v.a., sarraka. to steal. to pardon. sarrava, v.. 888. sāssā. sāssā, sāta, v.n., sātin. a box. sa*tt*a. to give. sattama, saw, a man. sawnnat. sawwara. savi. sayif. a sword. sāvilaw. unawares. sēt, woman. sēt lij, daughter, girl. shā, v., shaffana. shaffata. shaffata. shaftaññā. shāggata, shahilā. shakim. a load. a valleu.

shalako, shallala,

shallama, v.a.,

shallata,
shāmā,
shamaggala,
shamba*kk*o,
shāmē,
shammā,

shamma*ka,* shammana, shammāne, shammata.

to work, to do, to make. a small antelope. to be selfish, covetous. to be, or become, thin, flat. to err, to miss in shooting. to sink, to be drowned. body, manhood. to hide, conceal, do by stealth. a painter, artist. to desire, to wish. to cover over, to envelop. to rebel, to mutiny. to cheat out of (something). a rebel; mutineer. to be or become mouldy, fusty. potters' clay, clay in general, clay-coloured. to give the war-cry, to serenade (in war). to adorn, decorate (with orders or iewels). to shear. a candle. to be or become aged. a reed. gruel for cattle, etc. the piece of cloth draped over the shoulders of all Ethiopians. to amoush, to waylay, to weave. a weaver.

to trade, to shop.

shanaggala, shanakkara, shan*k*illā, shanna, shañña,

sha**rā**,

shāra, v.a., shāra, v.n.,

shararit, sharik, sharrara, shāsh, shashsha, shashshaga, v.a., shāta, shatta, shattata, shattata-w, v. reflex., shāvi.

shāyi,
shī (or shih),
shibir,
shibor,
shifāshift,
shift,
shiftā,
shiggut,
shigoko,
shillimāt,

shimāgillē, shimal, shimbrā, shingalā, shinkwurt, shint, shirat, s., shishig, shittā, shityāch, sholā, shoma_u.a.,

shorbā,

to defraud, beguile.
to leak as if cracked.
a negro.
to urinate.
to escort, to accompany, to see
off.
canvas, canvas water-bottle,
canvas bag, or anything

made of canvas.
to degrade, depose.
to recover from illness, to yet

a spider. a partner. to weave a web. muslin.

to run away, to escape. to hide, conceal. diarrhoea.

to sell. to smell.

tea.
one thousand.
a mob, a crowd.
wire.
eyelashes.
a rebellion, mutiny.
rebel, brigand.
a revolver, pistol.
a marmot.
an ornament. decor

an ornament, decoration (not medal). a veteran, elder, old man.

a veteran, etaer, ota man male bamboo. chick-pea.

deceit, fraud, treachery. onion. urine. repeal. a secret.

scent, spices. merchandise. a fla tree.

to put into office, to appoint to an office.

soup.

shukkā, shul. adi... shulat. shum. shumat. shurrāb. si-

si-

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sībāgo. sibb, s., sibrat. sidataññä. siddist. sidib. sidsā (or silsā). sifāt. sifēt. sifrā, sigā, sigājjā, siil. sikāvi. siklat, sila-.

sila min? silat. silazzīh. silbābot. silk. sillāsē. silsa. siltān. sim. simēn, simiminnat. sināfich. sindē. sinitaki. $\sin k$.

sint.

a fork (table). pointed. the peak, tip. a chief, official. rank, office. socks, stockings, pull-over. when (adv.) prefixed to Constructive Present. while prefixed to Constructive Present, and followed by another si-, prefixed to the appropriate person of "alla," e.g. si-innibalā s-āllan, "while we were eating." strina. fat. arease. a fracture. an exite, refugec. 81X. an insult, abuse. sixtu. width. sewing, the seam. a place. meat, flesh. a carpet, rug. a picture, a painting. suffering, torture. crucifixion. for, on account of, because, for the purpose of. why, on what account? (i) a blade, of a knife, (ii) a vow. therefore, for this reason. cream. a telephone. the Trinity. sixtu. authority. name, fame. the North. an agreement. mustard. wheat. a splinter.

provisions.

how many? how much?

sinzir. SIT. sirā. sirā yaza, sirā vizoāl. sirāt, sirāt ādarraga. sirk.sirkosh bar. sirvat. s... sis, sissit. sitit āla. siwwar. sost. sostaññā. sukkār. gurī. surraī.

tabakā. tabaläshsha. tabanjā. tabattaba. tabāvi. tabbā. tabbāb. tabbaba. tabbaka. tabbākī. tabbasa. tāch. tachawata. tāda. tadaffā. tadanä*kk*afa. taddafa. tafar. taffā, v.a., taifa. *t*āfîyā, tagabbā, tagābbā.

tabaddara.

a span. a root, roots. work, duty, act. to be busy. he is busy. order (succession). to carry out (a function), to order. a theft. the back door. a pardon. thin (of cloth or paper). areediness. to creak. a secret, stealth. three. third (ordinal). sugar. trousers. enuff.

to borrow. a lawyer. to be spoilt. a rifle. to smack. bug. to suck. narrow. to be narrow. to guard, watch, await, expect. a watchman, quard, to roast, fry. below, under. to play. to put on the stove or fire. to bend down. to stumble. to rush violently, to charge. leather, a strap. to spit. to be lost, to perish. spleen. to deserve. (i) to be married.

(ii) to be infectious.

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tagāddala. tagaddama,

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taganāñña, tagarrama. tagāza. taggā, taggā, taggaba,

iaggana, täggasa, taggash, tagwāza. tagwazh, tagwur. tāhisās. takabbala. tākāch. takāffala. takākkala. takallala. takammata. takarākkara, takarāyya,

takattala. ta*kātt*ala. takavvama. takkā. takkala. takkama.

takkasa.

takatāvi.

takkwura, takkwusa. taklavi, adi..

taklāyī, s.,

tal, tāla. talācha. to strive.

to hide oneself, become a recluse; to lie flat.

to meet.

to be astonished. to be in disfavour.

to shelter, to come close. to persevere.

to be satisfied, have one's

to bind or dress a wound. to endure, bear, have patience.

a patient man.

to journey, travel by caravan.

a traveller. hair, a hair. December. to receive, accept. an idler.

to share, participate. to be equal.

to roll up.

to sit, to stay, to ride. to argue, bargain. to take on hire.

a follower, successor.

to follow.

to burn, be burnt. to be very angry, furious.

to ambatitute.

to plant : to pitch a tent. to profit, be profitable, improve. to wink at, make a sign; to

to darken (of the sky).

to fire (a gun, or an animal *). general, chief, main.

an army chief, commander-inchief.

dew.

to throw, cast, drop. to shave oneself.

* A process used throughout Ethiopia as a remedy for tumours, swelling, sore backs, etc. Generally done on completion of day's journey and the animal loaded up again the next day.

tālākinnat. talāllafa.

*t*alāt. talawāwwata.

talavva. talbā, talla.

tallā, s., tallā, v., tallaka.

tamachcha, tamakkā. tamākkara. tamalakkata. tamallasa. tamaniā. tamāra. tamārī. tamārī bēt. tamattama, v.a., tama#ana tamazzaza, tambarakkaka. tambir. tamir. tammada. tāmmama. tammoāl. tanāda. tanaffasa. tanāffata.

tanagaggara,

tanāggara.

tanākkasa.

tanakkaza.

tanakkwola.

tanassā, tana#afa.

tanāzzaza (ba·), tānīkā. ^S tankärrä.

greatness.

to trespass, encroach, transgress.

an enemy.

to vary, interchange, change round.

to be separated.

linaced.

to generate, produce worms, putrify.

native beer.

to hate, be hostile.

to be great, deep, to sound the

to oe surtable.

to boast.

to consult, take advice.

to look, to notice.

to return (i.e. come or go back). a rifle.

to learn.

a learner, student.

a school.

to bind, to wind round.

to appeal. to wring.

to kneel. a postage-stamp.

a miracle.

to yoke together, to pair.

to be ill, unwell. he is sick, ill.

to fall into ruins. to breathe.

to blow one's nose.

to talk over, converse. to speak.

to bite savagely (of dogs). to be decayed, corroded.

to be crafty, to use guile.

to arise, wake up, stand up, start on a journey.

to lie flat, or be spread out (as a mattress or rug).

to confess, to make one's will. a tin, petrol tin,

strong, robust, hard.

to carry.

tankatakkata, tankwāyi, tankwol, tankwolaññā, taññā, tansāffafa, tanshāttata, tarā, adj..

tarā. s..

tārā, s.,
tarādā,
taraf,
tarāggafa,
tarāggwoma,
tarākkama,
tarāmmada,
tarapēhā,
tarārā,
taratarām,
tarattara,

targwāmē,
tārīk,
tarmus,
tarrā,
tarraba,
tarrafa,
tarraga,
tarraka,
tarraka,
tārsaka,

tasabā*kk*ala, tasa*k*āyya, tasallafa, tasamāmmu,

tasamārrā (or tasamarra), tasanāddā, tasanākkala, tasāsāta, tasfā, tasfā ādarraga, tasfā satta, tashāggara, to tremble, to shiver.
a magician.
craftiness, subtlety.
crafty.
to lie down, to sleep.
to float.
to slip, to slide.
ordinary.
a turn (not revolution but
rotation).
a roof

a turn (not revolution but rotation).
a roof.
a tent-pole.
a border, frontier.
to spread out, to air.
to interpret, translate.
to collect, to store up.
to take a step.
a table.
a mountain.
mountainous.
to doubt, to such an extent as

to disbelieve.
an interpretation, a translation.
a story, history, account.
a bottle.

to call.
to chip, to slice
to remain over, be left.
to clean, brush, sweep.
to become reconciled, make peace.
a row, line, series.
to push aside, push one's way
through.

to be tender, delicate.
to suffer.
to drill, to parade.
to be agreed, to come to an
agreement.
to graze (of cattle).

to be ready, to be prepared.
to trip up, to stagger.
to make a mistake.
hope.
to hope.

to promise.
to cross, cross over (river, ravine, etc.).

taskakkāmī, tashāla, tāt, yaigir tāt, tataggā, tatāllā, tatammā, tatammaka, tatamākkaka, tatarāttara,

tashakkama.

ta*tātā*ra, *tatt*ā,

tā*ttak*a. tawa. tawaddada_ tawaga, tawarārrada. tavāzh. tāyya, tayyaka, tāzzaza. ŧēj, tēnā. tēse. tēzā. tibbot. tibs, s., tibyā. tifät. tifir. tigab. tigat, tiguh, tihitinnä. tihut. tiibit. tiizāz. tiijā. tikashaha. tikimt. tikit. tikkwus: tikkwusăt. tika.

a carrier, porter. to be better, preferable. a finger. a toe. to shelter. to fight, quarrel, dispute. to be thirstu. to be baptised. to be careful, to beware. to doubt, be in a state of indecision or hesitation. to try hard, to strive. to drink, to smoke (cigarette, to gird, to put on (trousers). to leave, abandon, let alone, to be, or become dear, expensive. to fight. to bet, lay a wager. a guarantor. to appear. to ask, interrogate. to obey. wine. health. to emit smoke. dew, frost. a lamb. a roast. dust (in house). loss, ruin, fault. finger or toe nails. satisfaction, repletion. perseverance, care. diligent. humility. humble.

pride.

a calf.

October.

a text.

little, few.

the shoulder.

a command, order.

warm, hot, fresh,

heat, temperature.

tikur. til. til.

tilā. tilant (or tilantina). tilk.

tillik. tim (or riz). timāt.

timb. timd. timhirt.

timkat. timtim. tinbīt. tinchal.

tinkākē. tinkolā. tinnish. tinsāē.

tir. tirās. tirē.

tirf, tirgum,

tirgyā, tiritir. tirs,

tiru. tis (or chis).

tit. tiwlid. tīyyākē.

tolo. tolo bal. tom (or tsom).

tiyyit (or iyyar),

toma (or tsoma), tor, torinnat.

totā. tsaddaka.

tsādik. teāfa.

teaggā. teahafī.

a worm. a feud.

a shade, shadow: umbrella. uesterday.

depth. big. large. a beard. thirst.

black, dark.

a carcase. a yoke of oxen, a pair.

a lesson. oaptism. a priest's turban.

a prophecy. a hare, rabbit. care, caution.

maaic. little, small.

resurrection, Easter. Januaru. a villow.

raw, new. interest, remainder, profit. a translation, interpretation.

a made-up (constructed) road;

the Milku Way. doubt, hesitation. a tooth, teeth.

good, fine. smoke. cotton, cotton-wool.

generation, race. a question. a cartridae.

owickly. be quick! a fast. to fast.

a spear. a war. an ave.

to be or become righteous. righteous.

to write. grace, mercu. a writer, ecribe.

tsahāi. tsalot. tsavvafa. tsiyāfē. tuhān (or tihwān). turumbā. turungo.

tut. twāt.

wada. wadab. wada fit.

wada hwālā. wadāi. wadājinnat. wada lāvi. wada tāch.

wada wichi. wada wust. wadazzih.

wadazzīvā. waddada. waddaka.

wadāt? wadih.

wadīyā, waf. wafcho.

> waffara. wafrām.

wāgā. wagab, wagan.

wagg, waggā,

waggada, wahini. wakēt.

wakii. wakkā.

wakkala.

wakkasa. wakkata. the sun. a praver.

to disgust. disgust.

a louse, bed-bug. a horn.

a citrus fruit. the nipples. the morning, early.

towards, to. a harbour.

ahead, in future. backwards. a friend.

friendship. upwards. downwards.

outside. inside.

hither. thither.

> to like, love. to fall, tumble.

where? in which direction? this way, this side.

that way, that side. a bird.

a millstone or grindstone, a mill. to be, or become thick or fat. fat. thick.

price, value, cost, reward. the hips.

a tribe. a habit, custom. to pierce, to prod, to wound,

to throb, to prick. to go away, be off.

prison. a measure of weight.

an agent or representative. to beat out corn.

to establish an agent or representative.

to accuse, expostulate with.

to pound, bruise.

wāla. walāi. wallada. wallaka. v.n.. wambar, wānā. wanaf. wānchā. wanchif. wand. wandim. wand lij, wanfit. wangēl. wänî. wanjal, wanjalaññā. wanna. wāñña, v., wanz. war. warakat. warārī.

warāsh, warāt, warawwara, wārdā, warē, wark, warrada, warraññā, warrara,

wārsā, wās, wās āllahni!

warroballā.

wāsu mān yihonāl? wāsa, wasan, wasfē, wāshā, waslāttā, wassada, wassana.

to pass the day. a parent. to generate, give birth. to slip, slide (of things). a chair, chairman. a swim, swimming. bellows. a drinking-horn, horn cup. a sling for slinging stones. male. brother. boy. a sieve. gospel. a pigeon. a crime. a criminal. the chief, head. to swim. a river. a month. paper, a letter. a destroyer, one who lays waste. an heir, a successor. months, season. to throw. a black mule. rumour, news, information. gold. to descend, dismount. one who brings news. to lay waste, destroy. to inherit. vagabond. sister-in-law. a surety, hostage. have you anyone as security for you? who will stand security for him? to get a surety.

a boundary, limit,

to limit, to confine.

an awl.

dishoness.

a cave.

to take.

wat. wāta. watat. wat bet. watmad. wattā, wattäddar. wattāt, wāyi, wayi, wayitan. wayim, wayis, wavin. wayirā, waz. wāzā. wazawwaza. wazzā, wich (or wichi), wid. widkat. wigāt, wihā. wihā ifālligāllahu. wihā tatamtanāl, wiririd. wishshā. wobā. wudimā. wul, wnrch. wushat. wust.

yā, ya- (*prefix*),

yaāin blēn, yabag tagwur, yabāhir dār, yabarrā, yabirat ærī, yadajį āf, yadajį mashāgworyā,

sauce. to swallow. milk. a kitchen, also a cook. a trap. to ascend, come or go out, to climb. a soldier. a youth, young man or woman. an exclamation of grief. indicates a question. a bull calf. either, or. grapes. an olive tree. perspiration. a light matter. to vibrate. to perspire. outside. lone. a fall. a throbbing pain, ache. water. I want some water. we are thirsty. a bet, wager. a dog. malaria. a desert. a treaty, agreement. frost. a lie. untruth. in. inside.

that (pron.).
(rel. pron.) who, which, what,
past tense, prefixed to Past
Tense.
the pupil of the eye.
sheep's wool.
a beach, coast.
bright.
a blacksmith.
the doorway.

a bolt (of a door).

yadakkama,
yāddafa,
yadiro,
yafakād warakat,
yafaras bēt,
yafaras ikā,
yafit mattātabyā,
yagalā mattātabyā,
yabail,
yaigir tāt,
yakamā,

yakātīt, yāla-, yalammada, yalibb kināt, yāllafa, yallam, yamēdā āhiyā, yamm- (prefix),

vammiggabbä, yanagar makworat, vanagar wadāki, vangidā. varās mazor. vatāmmana, vatirs matragyā, vatirs wigāt. vativyit mawgyā, yawah, väza. vazalaālam. vēt? vih (vihi). vikar. yikar āla, vikarta,

zāb, zabaññā, zāchā, zāf, zafazzafa, weak. dirty. former.

a passport, permit.

harness. a basin. a bath.

amount, much.
a toe, the toes.
right (not authority),

ight (not authority), just, straight, correct.

February.
without.
ume.
honesty.
past.
there is not.

there **is** not. a zebra.

(rel. pron.) who, which, what, present or future tense, prefixed to Constructive Present.

proper, suitable, appropriate. decision.

stress (on a word).
foreign.
dizziness, giddiness.
faithful.

a toothbrush.
toothache.
the striker of a rifle.

meek, gentle. to seize, catch, hold.

eternal, everlasting.

this. leave it, never mind.

to forgive. forgiveness.

reins (bridle).
policeman, watchman.
a threat.
a tree.
to soak.

zaffana. zāg, zagayya, zaggā, zaggana, zāgol, zagvito. zālā. zalabat, zalafā. zalag yälla, zalālā. zalālam. zallafa. zallaka. zallala. zamachā.

zaman. zammada. zammara. zanabbala. zando. zandro. zang, zannaba. zāpī, ZBF. zaraggā, zārē. zarf. zarra. zarrafa. zāta. zatań.

zamad.

zatanā, zawd, zawwara, zayit, zēyē, zig,

zigmaňňā, zik,

zik āla, 🖚 zikir. to dance.

to delay, to be late.

to shut.

to take a handful. a shell (sea-shell). late, after some time.

to faint. a buckle.

a taunt, rebuke.

a bunch, cluster. eternitu.

to rebuke, taunt.

to penetrate, to leak through. to jump, leap.

a campaign, expedition (mili-

tary). a relation, relative.

a relation, relati a period. to be related to. to sing. to incline, lean. a large servent.

this year.
a staff, rod.
to rain.
ebony.

a seed. to extend, stretch.

to-day. a seam. to sow.

to plunder, to loot. to threaten.

to tareaten.
nine.
ninety.
a crown.
to revolve.
oil.
a duck.

slow. one who is slow. low.

to crouch, to be low.

commemoration day (of saints and the dead).

zora, v.n.,

zimb. zim bal, be quiet, silent, holdHOWT tonque. zim bilo, quietly, silently. zimmitä. silence, quietness. zināb, rain. zinjaro, a monkey. zinjibil, ginger. a cartridge-belt. an elephant. zinnār, zohon.

to revolve, go round, to turn.

LIST OF USEFUL IMPERATIVES

rs. sing. (used to interiors) is in every case given first; and finally the 2nd pers. sing. polite (always used to a is formed by prefixing INNI---to the form of the 2nd pers. sing. The 3rd pers. plur. ("Let them . . .") is the same as the Polite form. to the form of the 2nd pers. sing. to the form of the 2nd pers. sing. erative always precedes the verb is formed by prefixing LI—t e 3rd pers. sing. ("Let him. is formed by prefixing YI-The 3rd pers. The 1st pers. then the 2nd

EXAMPLE, II.HID, Let me go; YI.HID, Let him go; INNI-HID, Let us go YI.HIDU, Let them go. 4. The Negative is formed by prefixing for the 2nd pers. sing. ÄITI. , , 3rd pers. sing. ÄI.

(to the form of the 2nd

ANNI-

lst pers. plur.

"ATTIL." and "AL." are also used for the 2nd and 3rd pers. plur., but in these o cases a final ".U" must be suffixed to the verb. EXAMPLE. ATTI-HID, Do not go; Al-HID, Let him not go; ANNI-HID, Let us not go; ATTI-HID.U, Do not go; Al-HID.U, Let them not go. The final I. of the prefix is omitted before an " § " except where two " §'s " conjoin.

yikwoffru

yādrigu

kwoffru

tamallasu

wuradu

wutu

wutu

ādrigu

tayyik

kwoffir

adrie

ask!

be quick!

be quiet!

break!

bring/

build!

burn!

bury!

buy!

call!

oatch!

clean!

close!

come!

crawl!

cross!

cut!

dig!

go back (or come back)!

go down!

go out!

go up!

do!

come in/

bend down!

drink!	<i>tatt</i> ā	tattu	yitattu
eat!	bilā	bilu	yiblu
enter/	gibā	gibu	yigbu
fire (shoot)!	takkwus	takkwusu	yitakkwusu
fold!	itaf	i <i>t</i> afu	yitafu
fry!	tibas	<i>t</i> ibasu	yitbasu
get down!	wurad	wuradu	yiwuradu
get off ! (lorry, horse)	wurad	wuradu	yiwuradu
get on! (i.e. hurry up)	bal	balu	yibalu
get on! (lorry, horse)	wu <i>t</i> ā	wutu	yiwutu
get out!	wutā	wutu	yiwutu
get out of the way!	zor bal	zor balu	zor yibalu
get up! (stand)	* tanasā	tanasu	yinnasu
get up! (tree, lorry)	wutā	WILFU	yiwutu
get up: (wee, vorig)	hīd	hidu	yihidu

tamallas

wurad

wu*t*ā

wu*t*ā

LIST OF USEFUL IMPERATIVES

yimmallasu

yiwuradu

yiw℩սքս

yiwutu

^{*}The Passive prefix "TA-" (used also for intransitive and reflexive verbs) is always omitted in the face of another prefix, and the subsequent consonant doubled, e.g. yishshagar, Let him cross. (Exception is made in the case of "ATTI-" where the TA- is omitted but the letter remains single).

hide yourself !	* tashashag	tashashagu	yishshashagu
hobble! (animal)	sankil	sankilu	yisankilu
hold! (i.e. take something held out)	inka	inkāchihu	innaho
hold!	yaz	yāzu	yiyazu
jump!	zilal	zilalu	yizlalu
keep!	<i>t</i> abbi <i>k</i>	<i>t</i> abbi <i>k</i> u	yitabbiku
keep low!	āgonbis	āgonb isu	yagonbisu
kill!	gidal	gidal u	yigdalu
lie down!	taññā	taññu	yitaññu
light! (a fire)	āndid	āndidu	yāndidu
light! (a lamp)	ābrā	ābru	yābru
listen!	∫ādām <i>t</i>	∫ādām≀u	∫yādām <i>t</i> u
load up!	\ simā	\ simu	\ yismu
	chān	chānu	yichānu
	* tamalkat	tamalkatu	yimmalkatu
	fallig	falligu	yifalligu
	ālālā	ālālu	yālālu
open/	kifat	kifatu	yikfatu
pitch! (a tent) put!	tikal	tikalu	yitkalu
	āskammit	āskammitu	yas <i>k</i> ammitu
read!	ânbib .	ānbibu	y ānbib u

ride!	* takamat
roll up/ v.a.	taklil .
run!	rut
anddle!	<i>ch</i> ān
search for!	fallig
search! (a person)	fattish
seize!	vāz
sell!	$\mathbf{shi}t$
send!	lāk
shout!	<i>ch</i> uh
ahow!	āsāyi
- T. T.	* ∫ takamat
eit down!	kuch bal
spread! (of a carpet, etc.)	ān <i>t</i> if
spread! (in the sun)	ästä
(liquids)	ārkafkif
sprinkle! { liquids) solids)	irch
stand! (or stand up!)	kum
start!	* tanasā
stay!	koyyi
stop!	koyyi
stop! (a vehicle)	ä <i>k</i> um
strike ! (a tent)	ni <i>k</i> al
	mitā
strike! (i.e. hit)	wat
swallow!	· w ch

ru <i>t</i> u
<i>ch</i> ānu
falligu
fattishu
yäzu
shitu
lāku
<i>ch</i> uhu
āsāyu
(takamatu
$\begin{cases} \text{ta}k \text{amatu} \\ k \text{uch balu} \end{cases}$

antifu

ārkafkifu

āstu

irchu

kumu

tanasu

koyyu

koyyu ākumu

nikalu

mitu

wātu

ta*k*ama*t*u

taklilu

yifattishu yiyāzu yish*t*u yilāku yichuhu yāsāyu yikkamatu or kuch yibalu yan*t*ifu yāstu yārkafkifu yirchu yi*k*umu vinnasu yikoyyu yikoyyu yakumu yin*k*alu yimtu yiwā*t*u

yi*kk*amatu yita*k*lilu

yiru*t*u

yi*ch*ānu

yifalligu

take! take away!	wusad ānsā	wusadu ānsu	yiwusadu vānsu	8
take care!	* tatan <i>kak</i>	ta <i>t</i> an <i>kak</i> u	yi <i>tt</i> an <i>kak</i> u	
tell! throw! (or throw away)	nigar	nigaru	yingaru	
tie (up)!	tāl isar	<i>t</i> ālu isaru	yitālu	t
tighten!	ā <i>t</i> bi <i>k</i>	ātbiku	yisaru vä <i>t</i> biku	Ē
try!	mokkir	mokkiru	yimokkru	F
turn round/ v.a.	āzur	āzuru	yāzuru	5
turn round! v.n.	zur	zuru	yizuru	-
unload!	āwurd	āwurdu	yāwurdu	2
unloose!	fitā	fitu	yiftu	Ę
unsaddls!	ārrāgif	ārrāgifu ,	yārrāgifu	5
wait!	tabbi k	tabbiku	vitabbiku	5
wash! (one's hands, etc.)	tā <i>t</i> ab	tā <i>t</i> abu	vitātabu	Ę
wash! v.a.	itab	i <i>t</i> abu	yitabu	Þ
work!	sirā	siru	yisru	. Z
write!	<i>t</i> sāf	tsāfu	yi <i>t</i> sāfu	
			-	4
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THE AMEARIC ALPHABET (vide pp. 1 and 2)

let	form	a 2nd form		2nd form 3rd form		4th form		5th form		6th form		7th	form	
Short Fr	a as in "le"	n Long u as in "rule"		Long I as in "marine"		Long & as "u" in "gun"		Long ē as in "let," but more open		V. short. Vowel- less terminal, or short i as in "pin"		0, as in "	"au" Paul"	Remarks as to pronunciation
U	hā	U • ht	u	ч.	hī	Ч	hā,	ч	hě	U	h, or hi	ប	ho	As in English.
Δ	l <u>a</u>	<u>Ar</u> lo	Ļ	Λ,	li	Δ.	<u>la</u>	A	lē	A	l, or li	~	lo	
ф	hā	ժ ե- հ	u	ሒ	hī	ሓ	hā	Ψ.	hē	ሕ	h, or hi	ሖ	ho	35 58
σo	ma	ஏ ு _உ	ıu	னு	mī	αð	må	οđ	mē	àο	m, <i>or</i> mi	qъ	mo	27 29
w	80.	W- 80	1 .	щ	sī	,w	ននឹ	w.	8ē	w	s, or si	ф	80	Called the "king s" and used for great names such as "Trinity" "king" etc.
۷.	ra	ru ريا	ı	Z	rī	ሪ.	rā	۷.	rē	C	r, or ri	C	ro	" "
ń	88,	fir su		ή,	នរិ	Ų.	sā	n.	, sē	Ų	8, <i>or</i> si	r	80	56 E2
'n	sha	ii sh	ա	ìī,	shī	ij	shā	'n.	shē	ñ	sh, <i>or</i> shi	ų	sho	22 29
Ф	ka	ф . ku	1	ф	k ī	.	kā	4	<i>k</i> ë	ቅ	k, or ki	Ф	ko	An explosive k, made from the back of the roof of the mouth.
ñ	ba	[]- bu	1	Ŋ,	bî	η	bā	A.	bē	·n	b, or bi	L	bo	As in English.
T	ta	† tu	.	1	tī	Ŧ	tā	T	tē ,	ት	t, or ti	4	to	32 29
Ŧ	cha	the ch	ա	Ŧ	chī	Ŧ	chā.	Ŧ	chē	ት	ch, <i>or</i> chi	干	cho	99 99
7	hā	. hu	.	3	hī	•	hā	4	hē	7	h, or hi	·£	ho	and the second
ž	па	t- no	1	1	nī	£	nā	ž	nē	3	n, <i>or</i> ni	.	щo	22 #9
T	ña	T ñu	•	ኚ	ñī	r	ñā	*	ñē	7	ñ, or ñi	<u> </u>	ño	The " n " as in Spanish, or French " gn."
አ	ā	ሸጉ u		ለ .	i	ላ	ā	ሌ	6	አ	i	አ	0	As in English.
'n,	ka	Tr. ku	ı	'n,	kī	ካ	kā	ኬ	kē	ክ	k, or ki	ኮ	ko	91 99
Ti.	kha	Tr kh	ıu	'n	khī	ሽ	khã	ኺ	khē	ኽ	kh, or khi	'T'	kho	Guttural, as in loch.
(D	₩a	O . ***		T.	WI	P	wa	B	wē	Φ-	w, or wi	Ф	wo	As in English; but see p. 2 of text.
O	ā	() - u		Q	ī	V ₂	ā	Ŋ.	ē	Ò	i .	Ŋ	o	As in English.

7				Anna and			2000,000	7 7 7	Alexander of the		1	Share I'm	
又	ja	又.	ju	L i	jī .	ጀ	jā	7 .	jē	y j, or ji	Ż	jo	
7	ga	ጉ	gu	7 . 8	gī	2	gā	Ն	gē	T g, or gi	7	go	Always hard.
M	ta.	ጡ	tu	ጠ, 4	4	ጣ	tā.	w.	ίē	T t, or ti	æ.	to	An explosive T.
a	cha	æ	c h u	 4	chī	œ.	chā	ar.	chē	Gh ch, or chi	£r.	cho	An explosive CH.
×	<i>p</i> a	Å.	p u	Å,	p î	ķ	рā	R.	$m{p}$ ē	r p, or pi	×	p o	An explosive P.
X	<i>t</i> sa	Я-	<i>t</i> su	X. t	tsî	Ą	tsā.	R.	tsē	ts, or tsi	X ·	<i>t</i> so	An explosive TS, often replaced in Shoaby "ta" (fn), etc.
Ø	tsa	₽.	<i>t</i> su	Q	tsī	A	tsä	7	tsē	ts, or tsi	Q,	<i>t</i> 80	An explosive TS, rarely used.
4 ,	fa	ø.	fu .	4	fī	ፋ.	fā	Z,	fē	6, f, or fi	6,	fo	As in English.
т	ра	F	pu	T	pi	T	på	71;	pē -	T p, or pi	T	po	99 29

* For the sake of good pronunciation, it should be observed that there is always a slight "w" sound before an "c." tankol, deceit, sound almost tankwol. gomman, cabbage

THE FOLLOWING ARE DIPHTHONGS

ф.	<i>k</i> wa				фц	<i>k</i> wĭ	.	kwā	4	kwē	Ф^	<i>k</i> wi	•	•	• .	•	
% .	hwa	•			%	hwi	3.	hwā	:3	hwē	3	hwi	•	٠	•	•	۱ ٔ
ኩ	kwa				ኩ	kwi	ካ	kwā	ኳ	kwē	ከተ	hwi kwi		•	•	•	
7-	gwa		•		ጒ	gwī	1	gwā	1	gwē	7	gwi		•	•	•	ļ

Note. - Spelling is entirely phonetic and it is therefore sometimes possible to spell a given word in several different ways. In general, it does not matter in which of these ways the word is spelled, but care should be taken in the use of the different kinds of "S", "H", and "A", since these have a definite significance assigned to them by custom.

Example :---በመልካ : በዛብ3ና : በድልደ : by bridge as it abounded on us road At ford water or (it abounded on us and)

Comparing the above letter by letter, the letters will be easily recognised to be-

in first form, sounded ba (short a). В

ma (short a). ., first M " sixth I terminal. L KA fourth

So the word will be BAMALKA. Each succeeding word being treated in this way, the whole sentence can be put into English characters, and will read -Bamalkā wihā bazzābbininnā badildī mangad mattāna.

and can then be translated with the aid of the vocabulary, or through the translator's colloquial knowledge: As the water was too high for us at the ford, we came by the bridge-road, or The water was too much for us at the ford, and we came by the bridge-road.