

ON THE ORIGIN OF TONAL CLASSES IN KINANDE NOUN STEMS*

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This paper investigates the Proto-Bantu origins of the principal tonal classes in Kinande nonderived mono- and disyllabic nominal stems. The ternary H vs. L vs. 0 distinction in the final syllable of the current language is traced back to a binary H vs. L contrast in Proto Bantu on the basis of two strata of reconstruction: first, a shallow one based on c. 200 PB cognates shared with the closely related Lacustrine languages Runyankore, Haya, and Jita, and second, a deeper one based on c. 100 PB cognates shared with the more distantly related Congolese languages Tembo, Luba, and Lingala. A chronology of tone changes is postulated in which different sequencing of the same changes as well as alternative phonologizations of ambiguous phonetic structures play a key role.

1. Introduction.

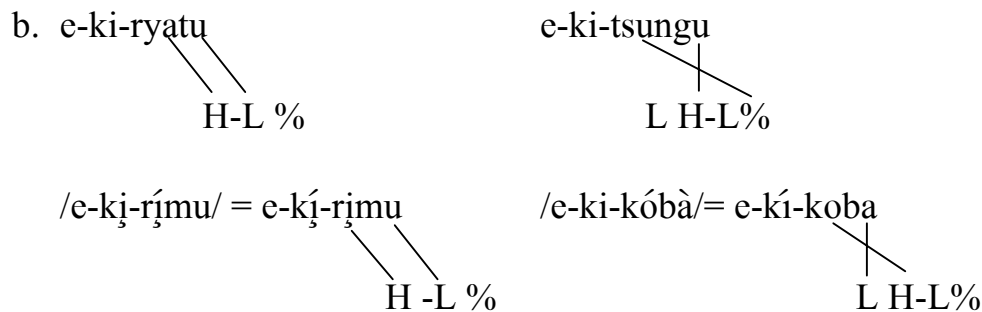
In one of the first investigations of the tonology of the Bantu language Kinande (D42), Hyman (1990) isolated the six contrasting tone patterns of (1a) for disyllabic noun stems.¹ They arise principally from a process shifting a high tone (H) one syllable to the left. In addition, to account for the contrast between the stable

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¹ There are actually a few additional minor patterns; see section 5. As a representative of the tonal class of *e-ki-hánde* ‘piece of cloth’ Hyman (1990) designates *e-ki-tábu* ‘book’ a Swahili loan ultimately from Arabic.

H of *e-ki-hánde* vs. the alternating H of *e-ki-ryátu*, the phrase-medial form appearing before the modifier *ḳi-ṛító* ‘heavy’ is taken as underlying and a process that attaches H-L% boundary tones to the penultimate and last syllables of the phrase-final form is proposed. Words like *e-ki-tsungu* and *e-kí-koba* that block the attachment of the H-L% are assigned an underlying final low tone (L). As seen in (1b), this structure prevents the H% from reaching the penult by the ban on crossing autosegmental association lines. Kinande thus presents an underlying ternary /H-L-0/ contrast on the final syllable of disyllabic stems in this analysis.

(1) a.	<i>citation</i>	<i>phrase medial</i>	<i>gloss</i>	<i>lexical</i>	<i>type</i>
	e-ki-ryátu	e-ki-ryatu ḳi-ṛító	shoe	/ryatu/	/00/
	e-ki-tsungu	e-ki-tsungu ḳi-ṛító	potato	/tsungù/	/0L/
	e-ḳi-ṛiṃu	e-ḳi-ṛiṃu ḳi-ṛító	spirit	/ṛiṃu/	/H0/
	e-kí-koba	e-kí-koba ḳi-ṛító	rope	/kóbà/	/HL/
	e-ki-hánde	e-ki-hánde ḳi-ṛító	cloth	/handé/	/0H/
	e-kí-sáka	e-kí-sáka ḳi-ṛító	branch	/sáká/	/HH/



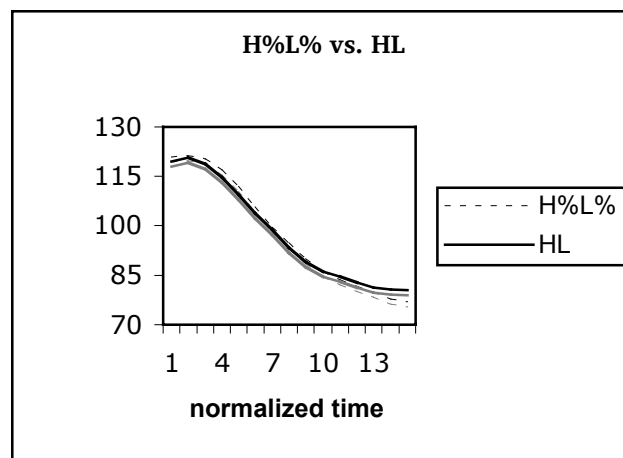
Given that Proto-Bantu (PB) nouns are reconstructed with four contrasting tonal shapes /HH, HL, LH, LL/ by Greenberg (1948) and Guthrie (1967-1971), the question of the diachronic origin of the Kinande stem classes arises. The goal of this paper is to shed light on this matter. The paper has three parts. First, we report the results of an analysis of c. 200 cognates shared between Kinande and several closely related Lacustrine languages based on the material in recently published lexicons of substantial (over 1,000 entries) size for J.31 Runyankore (Kaji 2004), K.12a Haya (Kaji 2000), and E.24, 25 Jita (Downing 1996 Ukwere dialect and Kagaya 2005 Mrangi dialect)—see Appendix A. Second, we explore the origin of the contrast between the final L of /kóbà/ vs. the 0 of /ṛiṃu/ based on the material in the lexicons for the more distantly related Congolese languages D.54 Tembo (Kaji 1986, 1996), L.31 Luba (Yukawa 1992), and C.36 Lingala (Kaji 1992), in order to evaluate the hypothesis of Meeussen (1976) that Kinande

/HL/ corresponds to PB HH while Kinande /H0/ corresponds to PB HL—see Appendix B. Third, we consider the implications of this result with respect to the presumed chronology of tonal changes that must have occurred in the development of Kinande from Proto-Bantu. Finally, we note various extensions of the /L/ vs. /0/ contrast in the contemporary Kinande lexicon.

2. Preliminaries.

In Kinande the attachment of the boundary H-L% to the penultimate and final syllables of the stem neutralizes the contrast with an underlying /HL/ stem. Thus, on the basis of the citation form, one cannot predict if the H on the penult will disappear (or shift), as in *e-ki-ryátu* ‘shoe’, *e-ki-ryatu k̄j-r̄jto* ‘heavy shoe’, or remain attached to that syllable, as in *e-ki-hánde* ‘cloth’, *e-ki-hánde k̄j-r̄jto* ‘heavy cloth’, as the phrasal context is altered. This surface ambiguity is at the basis of several lexical realignments discussed below. In order to substantiate the assertion that there is no phonetic difference between the two forms, we recorded and analyzed a sample of two repetitions of ten stems each from the two classes with the help of our consultant. No discernible difference in either peak height, alignment, or syllable duration was observed: cf. the normalized F0 contours over the last two syllables (employing a Praat script from Xu 2007) in (2).

(2) Time-Normalized F0 contours of H-L% vs. HL nouns



As a purely notational convenience, we follow Mutaka (1994) in transcribing the H% with the umlaut sign (thus, *e-ki-ryátu* ‘shoe’ vs. *e-ki-hánde* ‘cloth’). As seen in (2), there is no phonetic difference between these two structurally different tones.

Simplex (nonderived) nominals come in two basic varieties in Kinande: monosyllabic and disyllabic. As in most other Bantu languages, the latter class outnumbers the former by a considerable degree and indicates that CVCV is the canonical stem shape for nominals. In our hand count of the reconstructed nominal stems in Guthrie (1971), we find c. 998 disyllables vs. c. 111 monosyllables. As far as the disyllabic tonal classes of Proto-Bantu are concerned, they occur in the order /HL/ > /LL/ > /LH/ > /HH/ with the frequencies shown in the table below in (3a). In monosyllables, H outnumbers L. For purposes of comparison we show the Proto-Bantu reflexes that have survived into Kinande in (3b). The relative proportions are comparable to those in (3a) and provide some confidence that the inherited vocabulary more or less faithfully reflects their Proto-Bantu source with no obvious skewing.

(3) a. Proto-Bantu tonal classes (Guthrie 1967)

HL	LL	LH	HH	Total	H	L	Total
344	315	192	147	998	77	34	111
.34	.31	.19	.15		.69	.31	

b. Proto-Bantu reflexes in Kinande

HL	LL	LH	HH	Total	H	L	Total
78	52	28	24	182	14	10	24
.42	.29	.15	.13		.58	.42	

3. PB Reflexes in Kinande and Lacustrine Bantu.

We now turn to the reflexes of the PB tonal classes in our c. 200 word Kinande corpus, starting with the disyllabic stems.

3.1 HL. The corpus contains c. 80 PB HL stems from Guthrie (1967-1971) that have reflexes in Kinande. Over three-quarters are matched by cognates in Runyankore, Jita, or Haya. The regular Kinande correspondence is with a H on the syllable preceding the stem: 69/80. A few examples are shown below in (4). The first group comprises /H0/ stems that host the Kinande H⁰ boundary tone and the second /HL/ stems which repel it. As we see, both classes regularly correspond to H0 stems in Runyankore, Haya, and Jita and to HL in the Guthrie reconstruction, posing an intriguing problem as to the origin of this apparent tonal split. We return to this puzzle in section 3.4. (Aside from the umlaut sign, our transcriptions are faithful to the source.)

(4) Reflexes of PB HL stems

<i>PB</i>	<i>gloss</i>	<i>Kinande</i>	<i>Runyankore</i>	<i>Haya</i>	<i>Jita</i>
gútà	oil	amágÿta	amajúta	amajúta	lifú:ta
cúkà	hoe	eyísÿka	efúka	enfúka	i:nsúka
pínì	hoe handle	omúhìni	omuhíni	omuîni	
dímì	tongue	olúlimi	orurími	olulími	olulími
kátà	headpad	éngäta	engáta	engâta	i:ngáta
yúmà	iron	ékyüma	ekyô:ma	ekyô:ma	
yánà	child	ómwäna			omwá:na
kádà	charcoal	eríkála	i:kára	eikâra	likára
kídà	tail	omukíra	omúkira	omukîra	omukíra
kúbà	chest	ekíkÿba	ekifúba	ekifûba	ecifúBa
támà	cheek	erítëma	i:tâma	eitâma	litâma
kóbà	animal skin	ekíkoba	ekikóba	ekikôba	
pémbè	horn	eríhembe	i:hê:mbe	eiyêmbè	liyé:mbe
kókò	chicken	éngoko	enkóko	enkôko	i:nkóko
púnġù	eagle	ekíhungu	empû:ngu	ekiûngu	
tándà	bed (for wood)	ekítanda	ekitâ:nda	ekitânda	ecitá:nda
tádà	granary	ekítara	ekitâra		ecitâra
búmbà	clay	eríbumba	i:bû:mba	eibûmba	liBú:mba
kúmÿ	medicine man	omúkyumÿ	omufúmu	omufûmu	
pídà	pus	eríhira			amá:ra
tégò	trap	ekítego			omutégo

Thus, Kinande has retracted the H one syllable to the left on to the noun class prefix. If the latter lacks a vowel or has had its vowel devocalized before a vowel-initial stem then the H appears on the pre-prefix, as in *é-n-gäta* ‘headpad’ and *ómw-äna* ‘child’. While one might wish to interpret the retraction as a response to crowding by the boundary H%, the fact that it regularly occurs in /HL/ stems that block the attachment of H% indicates that there is no direct connection between these two hallmarks—retraction to the prefix and H-L%—of the Kinande language.

We now turn to the exceptions to the regular correspondence. First, a handful of PB HL items appear with the toneless /00/ reflex in Kinande.

(5) /00/ reflexes of PB HL stems

<i>PB</i>	<i>gloss</i>	<i>Kinande</i>	<i>Runyankore</i>	<i>Haya</i>	<i>Jita</i>
kókò	crust	oluköko			oBukóko
kúmì	ten	erìkùmì	i:kúmi	eikûmi	
tétè	reed	ekitetè	omutê:te		omwitète

Seven items appear in the *e-ki-hánde* class (6). The first five are plausibly loans from penultimate-stress Swahili.² (The *bh* of *omubhángä* is a digraph indicating that the consonant is a stop; single *b* denotes a fricative intervocalically.)

(6) nonalternating /HL/ reflexes of PB HL stems

<i>PB</i>	<i>gloss</i>	<i>Kinande</i>	<i>Runyankore</i>	<i>Haya</i>	<i>Swahili</i>
cím̀bà	lion	eš̀imbä			simba
kóóp̀ì	slap	erìkóf̀ì			kofi
yáǹì	leaf	oluyáǹì			jani
kómb̀è	cup	ekikóm̀be		ekikômbe	kombe
páǹgà	bushknife	omubhángä			panga
yíǹò	tooth	eríno	erí:no	eíno	jino
júb̀à	sun	eryúba	i:zô:ba	eizô:ba	jua

Finally, three PB HL stems *gímà* ‘monkey’, *tádè* ‘iron ore’, and *pácà* ‘axe’ have Kinande reflexes with a double H: *éngíma*, *erítále*, *émbása*. Most lack cognates in the closely related Runyankore, Haya, and Jita.

3.2 LL. The corpus contains 49 Kinande stems that reconstruct as PB LL. Forty-one have the expected development as the /00/ *e-ki-ryätu* category (N=37) or the /0L/ *e-ki-tsungu* (N=4). A few examples are cited below in (7), with cognates

² It is interesting that as far as the Kinande citation form is concerned, the penultimate stress of Swahili would be compatible with either the phonologically stable high of *e-ki-hánde* or the boundary H% of *e-ki-ryätu*. Kinande systematically takes the first option. Runyankore makes a similar choice in its adaptation of Swahili (and English) loans. For example, in our hand count of the first fifty loans in Kaji’s (2007) Runyankore lexicon, we find only a handful of items in the alternating class (marked with an umlaut). The vast majority are adapted with the stable accent: *embarâ:si* < Sw *farasi* ‘horse’, *engamíra* < Sw *ngamia* ‘camel’, but *kâ:wa* (cf. *ka:wá yangye* ‘my coffee’) < Sw *kahawa* ‘coffee’. This adaptation may indicate a dispreference for alternating H or alternatively that the loan is adapted from a phrase-medial context in Swahili where the penultimate stress = high tone correspondence would require assigning the word to the nonalternating class in Kinande.

from Runyankore, Haya, and Jita, which also show this regular development. It manifests the frequently made observation that L tones tend to be inert in Bantu languages.

(7) /00/ and /0L/ reflexes of PB LL stems

<i>PB</i>	<i>gloss</i>	<i>Kinande</i>	<i>Runyankore</i>	<i>Haya</i>	<i>Jita</i>
mèdò	gullet	omumëro	omumiro	omumiro	limiro
gòmà	drum	engöma	engoma	engoma	i:ngoma
gùdù	leg	okugülü	okuguru	okuguru	okuguru
nàmà	muscle,meat	enyäma	enyama	eñama	i:ñama
gànjà	palm of hand	ekigänza	ekigaanja	ekiganja	ecigá:nja
bìdì	body	omubiri	omubiri	omubili	omubiri
tàkà	soil	ekitäka	i:taka	eitaka	litaka
dìdò	fire	omulïro	omuriro	omulilo	omuliro
gìgè	locust	engïke	enzigye	enzigye	i:njige
dàgò	mat	ekirago			echirago

The items in (8) have been reclassified into the *e-ki-hände* class, suggesting that they have been reanalyzed on the basis of the ambiguous citation form. The first five are shared with the Kavutirwaki (1978) dictionary. The last two are the tone patterns assigned by our consultant; the dictionary retains the etymologically expected *enyöndo* and *enzögu*.

(8) stable /HL/ reflexes of PB LL stems

<i>PB</i>	<i>gloss</i>	<i>Kinande</i>	<i>Runyankore</i>	<i>Haya</i>	<i>Jita</i>
dèdù	beard	olùléru	ekireju	ekileju	ecirefu
pùngà	wind	erihúnga	i:hu:nga		omuyaga
gèmbè	hoe	ekigémbe			
dèngè	leg	omuléngé			
gòngò	back	omugóngo	omugô:ngo	omugongo	omugo:ngo
yòndò	hammer	enyóndo	enyo:ndo	eñondo	i:no:ndo
jògù	elephant	enzógu	enjojo	enjoju	i:njofu

In this lexical restructuring we see that the stems have been reclassified on the basis of the ambiguous isolation form with a penultimate high tone. Thus, the smaller *e-ki-hände* class attracts items from the larger *e-ki-ryätu* class in addition

to being the repository of Swahili loans. The reason presumably is that this tonal class is phonologically stable (no alternation).³

3.3 LH. Our corpus contains 24 reflexes of the PB LH class. It has a more varied outcome compared to PB HL and LL. Twelve items are reflected as the fixed penultimate H of *e-ki-hánde*, with a retraction of the final H. Several are matched by a Runyankore or Haya cognate whose final accent in phrase-medial position directly mirrors the PB source. Ukerewe Jita is most faithful to PB since it lacks the retraction of the H that is found in the phrase-final forms of Runyankore and Haya.

(9) stable /HL/ reflexes of PB LH stems

<i>PB</i>	<i>gloss</i>	<i>Kinande</i>	<i>Runyankore</i>	<i>Haya</i>	<i>Jita</i>
nùṅgú	pot	enyúngu	enyu:ngu	eñúngu	i:ñu:ngû
jòjá	bodyhair	olwéya	orwo:ya	omwó:ya	
pàndé	cloth	ekihánde		olupánde	
yíná	hole	ekyúna	omwi:na	ekí:na	eli:nâ
yòṅgó	brain	obóngo	obwongko	obwôngo	omwo:ngô
dùmbí	long rain	omũlũmbi	omuju:mbi		
gùàdí	partridge	engwáli			i:nkwa:rê
yùmbá	house	enyúmbä		énju	i:ñú:mba
dòṅgó	mud	obudóngo	obudô:ngo	obudongo	

Six Kinande items in the class of PB LH reflexes display the double-H of *e-kí-sáka* ‘branch’ (10). Several of the Runyankore or Haya cognates belong to the phrasally alternating class (see (20) below) that reflects their LH provenance. They are marked here with an umlaut.

³ A similar phenomenon appears in Russian where loans systematically join the fixed accent class. The alternating (mobile) class is much smaller (c. 2% of the native Russian lexicon) and so the preference for the fixed class is ambiguous between frequency and stability. The Kinande data suggest that a stable phonological form can be decisive.

(10) double-H reflexes of PB LH

<i>PB</i>	<i>gloss</i>	<i>Kinande</i>	<i>Runyankore</i>	<i>Haya</i>	<i>Jita</i>
càká	bush	ekísáka	ekishaka	ekisháka	lisakâ
cìcá	vein	omúšisa	omüsi	omüsi	
pàpá	wing	ekípúpa	i:papa	eipäpa	liBaBâ
pùká	insect	ekíhúka	ekihúka	ekiüka	
tìkí	stump	ekíšiki	ekisi:ku		ecisikî
yàtí	grass	obúnyátsi	orunyâ:nsi	akañâ:si	liñási

The Kinande stems in this tone-doubling class all have a voiceless medial consonant—a property that distinguishes them from the *e-ki-hánde* set in (9). Another one, pointed out by both SAL reviewers, is that the initial syllable of the stem in the items of (9) either begins with a glide or is followed by an NC cluster—both common (compensatory) lengthening sites in Bantu, as evidenced by the forms in Runyankore and Jita.

Two possible reconstructions of the single vs. double-high retraction seen in (9) vs. (10) present themselves. If voicing is the critical factor, we may posit a sound change spreading of the word-final H to the preceding syllable that is blocked by an intervening voiced consonant. This is followed by the general H retraction that affected HL stems as well. The steps in (11) show this scenario.

(11)	/ki-búga/	/ki-saká/	/ki-pandé/	
	_____	ki-sáká	_____	Final H Spreading
	kí-buga	kí-sáka	ki-pánde	General H Retraction

Under the alternative interpretation shown in (12), the second mora of the lengthened vowel is the target of Final H Spreading. Then the more general retraction shifts Hs one mora to the left. Finally, long vowels are merged with short ones.

(12)	/ki-búga/	/ki-saká/	/ki-pandé/	
	_____	_____	ki-paandé	Vowel Lengthening
	_____	ki-sáká	ki-paándé	Final H Spreading
	kí-buga	kí-sáka	ki-páánde	General H Retraction
	_____	_____	ki-pánde	Vowel Shortening

Both alternatives seem plausible on general grounds.⁴ They predict different outcomes for stems whose medial consonant is a plain voiced one with no glide onset. Under the first we expect a single H tone analogous to *ekihánde*, while the second predicts doubling in the manner of *ekísáka*. Our corpus contains three possible stems of this shape, which are listed below in (13).

(13)	<i>PB</i>	<i>Kinande</i>	<i>gloss</i>
	pàdí	embäli	ant
	gòdí	omúgòle	bride
	bògó	embögo	buffalo
		émbógo	
		embógo	

The Kinande reflexes are unfortunately varied and hence inconclusive. For ‘buffalo’ *embögo* is the tonal assignment offered by our consultant. The Mutaka and Kavutirwaki dictionary lists *embógo* as well as *émbógo*.

The four PB LH stems in (14) have joined the toneless class in Kinande and for the most part in Runyankore, Haya and Jita as well.

(14)	PB LH with Kinande toneless reflexes					
	<i>PB</i>	<i>gloss</i>	<i>Kinande</i>	<i>Runyankore</i>	<i>Haya</i>	<i>Jita</i>
	nòní	bird	enyönyu	ekinyonyi	ekiñoñi	i:ñoñi
	bògó	buffalo	embögo	embogo	embógo	i:mbogô
	pàdí	ant	embäli	empazi	obwa:zi	i:mpaji
	yèndá	nine	omwënda	omwenda	omwenda	

We conclude that for the PB LH class, the H is retracted from its etymological position as either a single (9) or double (10) peak. The split is based on either the voicing category of the medial consonant or alternatively on the length of the preceding vowel. Another important reflex of this class is that it resists the attachment of the H% to the final syllable. As we shall see, this behavior is distinct from the monosyllabic H. That is, while PB *dó* gives *e-kí-rö* ‘night’, *enyúngu* ‘pot’ < *nùngú* and *o-mú-sísa* ‘vein’ < *çícá* block the H% attachment.

⁴ The majority of the Runyankore forms in (9) have a long vowel and also have no high tone. This might reflect a dispreference for rising tones **enyũ:ngu* and final peaks **enyu:ngú* at the cost of deletion of the H.

3.4. PB HL vs. HH and the Kinande /H0/ vs. /HL/ Contrast. In a paper important to our topic, Meeussen (1976) called attention to certain inaccuracies in Guthrie's PB tonal reconstructions, especially with regard to the lexical items belonging to the PB HL and HH classes. Based on material in Greenberg (1948) and his own research, Meeussen proposed for example that Guthrie's HL reconstructions for *kadi* 'woman' and *kingo* 'neck' be replaced with HH while Guthrie's HH for *kige* 'eyebrow' be replaced by HL. More significantly for our purposes, in the course of his discussion Meeussen states that PB HH is reflected as Kinande H-LL while PB HL is reflected as Kinande H-HL. In other words, the apparent puzzling split of Guthrie's HL class into Kinande stems such as *o-mú-lüme* 'man' with a final /0/ that accepts the boundary tone vs. stems such as *o-mú-kali* 'woman' with a final /L/ that repels it can actually be traced back to the /HL/ vs. /HH/ distinction in Proto-Bantu.

In an effort to determine the viability of Meeussen's reconstructions as the basis for the Kinande *o-mú-lüme* vs. *o-mú-kali* contrast, we constructed a corpus of c. 100 Kinande cognates drawn from lexicons of the reversing languages Chi-Luba (Yukawa 1992) and Tembo (Kaji 1986) as well as Lingala (Kaji 1992). These are so-called "clear" languages in which the PB four-way tonal distinction is preserved and differ from Lacustrine languages such as Runyankore, Haya, and Jita which have merged HH and HL (Philippon 1998). In the reversing languages, PB H and L appear to have interchanged so that PB HH is reflected as LL and PB HL is reflected as LH. See Appendix B for the corpus.

Here are the results. We find a fairly regular correspondence (29/39) between Kinande /H0/ = H-HL% and PB HL (reflected as LH in the reversing languages). Some examples appear below, showing the Guthrie reconstruction. These correspondences suggest that PB *yáda* 'fingernail' and *dámú* 'sister-in-law' should be reassigned to the HL class.

(15) PB HL reflexes

<i>PB</i>	<i>gloss</i>	<i>Kinande</i>	<i>Tembo</i>	<i>Luba</i>	<i>Lingala</i>
dúmè	man	omúlüme	múlumé	múlumé	
dímì	tongue	olúlimi	lúlimí	lúdimí	lolémo
támà	cheek	erítëma	étamá	dítamá	litáma
béédè	breast	eríbëre	éberé	díbeelé	libéle
yáda	fingernail	ékyála		lwáalá	
kúpà	bone	eríkùha		máfufwá	mokúwa
kídà	tail	omúkira	múkirá	múkilá	mokíla
cúkà	hoe	eyísùka		nkasú	

kádà	charcoal	eṙíkàla	ékalá	díkalá	likála
búdà	rain	émbùla	m̀vulá	mvulá	mbùla
yótà	thirst	ényöta		nyootá	
jókà	snake	énzöka	ńzoká	nyoká	nyóka
túkù	day	obútükü	lúsukú	dítukú	
yánà	child	ómwána	mwaná	mwáaná	moána
nénè	bigness	obúnène	búnene	múnene	monéne
dámú	sister-in-law	omúlämu	múlamú		

For the smaller PB HH class, we have 19/21 correspondences between Kinande /HL/ = H-0L and PB HH (reflected as LL in Luba and Tembo). The forms marked M in the table below are Meeussen's (1976) alternative reconstructions to Guthrie's HL. The correspondences suggest that *bumba* 'clay' should be reconstructed as HH. The last two items are anomalous. Kinande *olúhala* is consistent with PB HH while the Tembo and Luba reflexes suggest PB HL, which should yield *olúhàla* in Kinande. Luba *dípasá* is consistent with Guthrie's HL reconstruction but should give *omúhàsa* in Kinande. The words in the final column are from Lingala (L), Lomongo (M) or Bemba (B).

(16) PB HH reflexes

<i>PB</i>	<i>gloss</i>	<i>Kinande</i>	<i>Tembo</i>	<i>Luba</i>	<i>Lingala</i>
kádí(M)	woman	omúkajı	múkasi	múkaji	moási (L)
bumbà	clay	eṙibumba		lúpeemba	
kókó(M)	chicken	éngoko	ńgoko		kókó (M)
tumbı́	chair, stool	ekıtumbı́	cı́fumbı́		
yáyú(M)	yawn	émyaya		mwáau	
cındı́	squirrel	ekısindi		nshiindi	
kúpı́	shortness	ekı́kuḥı́		bwı́ipi	
pı́dá(M)	pus	eṙı́hı́ra	másira	túfina	mayı́ná (L)
kúdú(M)	oldness	obúkulu	múkulu	búkuluumpé	kúlú (M)
bánjá(M)	courtyard	ekı́banza	cı́banja	banza(M)	
kóbá(M)	skin	éngoba	cıkoba	dıkoba	
púngú(M)	eagle	ekı́hungu			púngú (M)
kúmı́	witchdoctor	omúkumı́		fumu(M)	
kédé(M)	frog	ekıkere	cıkere		
jábı́	beer	óbwabı́	mafu		
júká	breath	ómuka	muka		
jámı́ (M)	chief	ómwami			ámı́ (B)

ćimbá(M)	lion,wildcat	eyĩsimba		šimba(M)	
pádá	baldness	olúhala	lúalá	díbalá	
pácà	twin	omúhasa		dípasá	lipása (L)

We conclude that Meeussen's reconstructions are correct and that the source of the Kinande /H0/ vs. /HL/ contrast is PB HL vs. HH.

3.5. Monosyllables. Our corpus contains 24 stems that can be traced back to monosyllables in the Guthrie PB reconstruction: 17 reconstruct as H and 9 as L. The PB H stems appear in Kinande with the H on the preceding prefix, reflecting the retraction also seen in the disyllabic /LH/ stems. Most also allow the attachment of the H% boundary tone. Nine stems can be traced back to PB L. All except *dì* 'long, tall' have /0/ reflexes in Kinande that allow attachment of the H% boundary tone.⁵ We include CVV stems where the first vocoid is realized as a glide and the resultant CGV syllable counts as a single tone-bearing unit. The umlaut indicates Runyakore and Haya stems whose H alternates with phrase-medial forms where it appears on the stem in its etymological position.

(17) PB monosyllable reflexes

<i>PB</i>	<i>gloss</i>	<i>Kinande</i>	<i>Luba</i>	<i>Runyakore</i>	<i>Haya</i>	<i>Jita</i>
cú	face	obúsö		obüso	obüso	oBusû
tú	ear	okútü	dícu	okütu	okütwi	okutwî
dó	night	ekírö	dílolo	ekiro	ekíro	
tá	bow	obútä		obuta	akäta	
bĩ	excrement	amábĩ	túufi	amäzi	amäzi	
kũ	corpse	omũkũ		omüfu	omüfu	omufû
ké	smallness	obúkë	búkëse			
já	outside	eyĩhyä				a:njá
dũĩ	knee	erĩrwĩ		oküju	oküjwi	
dĩó	food	akályö		ekyókürya	ekya:külya	eBilyô
cúé	fish	ekítswë				i:nswî

⁵ Aside from *ekindu* 'thing' monosyllabic stems do not permit the H% boundary tone to associate to the prefix. Working within the framework of Lexical Phonology where word-level phonology precedes phrase-level phonology, Mutaka (1994) postulates an underlying long vowel for the root so that the H% associates to the phonological penult. The more plausible alternative is to allow the phrase-level phonology access to the word-internal structure. See Odden (1996) for other examples in which phrasal phonological processes such as the shortening of a pre-complement long vowel in Kimatuumbi is sensitive to the prefix-stem parse.

bí	badness	obúbì	búbì	obübi	obübi	oBuBiBî
bû	ash	eríbû	bútu			lifû
tí	tree	omúti	múci	omuti	omúti	litî
dó	sleepiness	otúlo		otüro	otülo	i:ntirô
dá	louse	éndá				i:ndâ
cé	father	íse				
cúá	termite	omúswa	nswa	omüshwa	omüshwa	omuswâ
mè	dew	ekimë	dímé	orume	olume	ecime
dà	intestine	olulä		orura	amala	oBula
tù	cloud	ekítù		ekicu		
ntù	thing, person	ekindu	múúntú	ekiintu	ecinu	
jì	village	omuyi			omüji	ecijíji
bùè	stone	eríbwë				liBui
gà	crack	ekigä				
pù	pit of stomach	ekíhü	cífu			
dì	long, tall	omúli	múlé			

The following table summarizes the regular developments of the PB tonal classes in Kinande. Five of the six subtypes for disyllabic stems in the Hyman typology of (1) have been traced. The /0L/ class represented by *e-ki-tungu* ‘potato’ remains to be accounted for. See section 5.

(18) PB canonical reflexes

<i>PB</i>	<i>example</i>	<i>Kinande</i>	<i>gloss</i>
HL	dúmè	o-mú-lüme	man
HH	kádì	o-mú-kalì	woman
LL	mèdò	o-mu-mëro	gullet
LH	dùmbé	o-mü-lümbì	long rain
LH	pùká	e-kí-húka	insect
H	tú	o-kú-tö	ear
L	mè	e-ki-më	dew

4. Chronology

In many Eastern Bantu languages the PB H vs. L contrast was reinterpreted as H vs. 0 (Clements & Goldsmith 1984). This restructuring helps to explain the long distance displacement of H tones found in such languages as Digo (Kisseberth

1984) and Chizigula (Kenstowicz & Kisseberth 1990) as well as rhythmic alternations of H such as those found in Kirundi (Goldsmith & Sabimana 1985). With a syllable's L reanalyzed as 0, it no longer blocks the drift of H nor buffers adjacent Hs, which tend to keep a respectable distance from one another. A major motivation for the reanalysis and switch to an accentual system was the merger of the HH class with HL, which Clements & Goldsmith (1984:7) dub "Meeussen's Rule"; cf. Philippson (1998). The result was an inventory of tonal contours with just one H peak, which could be reanalyzed as a "head" governing a domain of toneless syllables. The verb had the potential for an accentual interpretation already in PB since the H vs. L lexical contrast was restricted to the initial syllable.

We may account for the difference between Kinande vs. the Lacustrine languages Runyankore, Haya, and Jita by assuming different chronologies in the HH>HL and L>0 changes, as shown in (19). In the Lacustrine languages HH>HL occurred before the reanalysis of L as 0 so that any trace of a distinction between the PB HH vs. HL stem classes was eliminated. In Kinande, on the other hand, L>0 occurred first with the subsequent HH>HL (perhaps via an intermediate downstepped H^lH) producing the three-way H vs. L vs. 0 contrast on the final syllable that is the basis of the *o-mú-lúme* vs. *o-mú-kalì* puzzle we have been trying to explain and that prompted Hyman & Valinande (1985) to posit a global rule for a comparable contrast in the verbal inflection.

(19) reconstruction of tonal classes

Lacustrine Bantu

PB	HL	HH	LH	LL
HH>HL	—	HL	—	—
L>0	H0	H0	0H	00
surface	H0	H0	0H	00

Kinande

PB	HL	HH	LH	LL
L>0	H0	—	0H	00
HH>HL	—	HL	—	—
surface	H0	HL	0H	00

The Kinande split of the PB LH class into LH vs. HH on the basis of either the voicing of the medial consonant or the postulated vowel length (recall (9) vs. (10)) allows us to pinpoint the H retraction of PB LH as later in the chronology. The development of the double H must have occurred after HH > HL. Otherwise

PB *pùká* ‘insect’ would have joined HH *kádî* and should appear as Kinande *e-kí-huka* instead of the attested *e-kí-húka*. On the other hand, it must have preceded H-retraction to account for the fact that both H’s are shifted one syllable/mora leftward in *e-kí-húka* as well as to ensure that the medial consonant that conditions the split still separates the two stem syllables. As a result of the split of the PB LH class, Kinande had five tonal categories for disyllabic stems (H0, HL, 0H, HH, 00) in contrast to just three for Lacustrine Bantu (H0, 0H, 00).

Subsequently, Kinande as well as Runyankore and Haya (but not Jita) retract H from the final syllable. Poletto (1998) treats the phenomenon in Runyankore as crowding by a L boundary tone. For Haya Hyman & Byarushengo (1984) derive the retracted prepausal form *obugólo* ‘snuff’ (cf. *obugoló bwange* ‘my snuff’) via an intermediate form *obugóló* in which the final H has spread to the preceding syllable. This spread H tone appears in certain phrasal contexts such as before a vocative noun: *obugóló káto* ‘(the) snuff, Kato’. In Runyankore and Haya the retraction occurs at the end of a phrase and leads to regular alternation between a phrase-final retracted form and a phrase-medial form with accent on the final syllable (20). In Runyankore retraction produces surface merger with the original H0 (<HL) class if the penult is short. If the penult is long the contrast is realized as Fall vs. H. Haya maintains the contrast as Fall vs. H for both long and short syllables.

(20)	<i>pause</i>	<i>my N</i>	<i>gloss</i>
H0	e-ki-sígye	e-ki-sígye kyangye	eyelid
	e-ki-rô:to	e-ki-ró:to kyangye	dream
0H	e-ki-túgu	e-ki-tugú kyangye	liver
	e-ki-kó:ko	e-ki-ko:kó kyangye	animal
Runyankore (Kaji 2004)			
H0	e-ki-fûba	e-ki-fúba kyange	chest
	e-ki-kô:na	e-ki-kó:na kyange	crow
0H	e-ki-géle	e-ki-gelé kyange	sole of foot
	o-mw-ó:ya	o-mw-o:yá gwange	body hair
Haya (Kaji 2000)			

In Kinande the retraction of the PB word-final H differs from Lacustrine Bantu in a number of respects, suggesting that it was probably a separate development. First, the language eliminated the PB vowel length contrast (while retaining the [ATR] contrast for high vowels). Thus, a surface contrast in short vs.

long syllables was not available to express the distinction between original and retracted H's. There are other differences as well. First, retraction in Kinande does not result in phrasal alternations: a PB LH stem like *pàndé* 'piece of cloth' from (9) appears as *e-ki-hánde* with a stable H. In contrast PB *pùkà* 'insect' alternates in Runyankore (*ekihúka*, *ekihuká kyange* 'my insect') and Haya (*ekiúka*, *ekiuká kyange*). Second, in Kinande all stem H tones retracted—not just those on the final syllable—presumably to allow more comfortable phonetic expression of the larger range of tonal classes. The noun class prefixes were all toneless in PB and offered a tempting Lebensraum for the more crowded stem inventory. As shown below, the H retraction allowed a system of surface tonal contrasts to emerge in which there is just a binary opposition for any of the three positions (final, penult, antepenult) in exchange for the earlier (underlying) three-way contrast on final syllables.

(21)	early	0-HL	0-H0	0-0H	0-HH	0-00
	H-retraction	H-0L	H-00	0-HL	H-HL	_____
	surface tonal oppositions					
	antepenult:	H vs. 0				
	penult:	H vs. 0				
	final:	L vs. 0				

Another point worth making concerns the limited distribution of the L in the reconstruction of (21). It is restricted to occur in the context H__#. This phonotactic restriction helps to explain another puzzling asymmetry in Kinande tonal development. In the wake of retraction of the final H, the Kinande system of contrasts allowed two alternative interpretations of the final syllable's nonhigh pitch: /L/ or /0/. There is an interesting difference between the monosyllables and disyllables here. For the LH disyllables with PB cognates, 14/15 chose /HL/, which blocks the H%, as in *e-ki-hánde*. But monosyllables such as *o-kú-tü* < PB *tú* 'ear' chose /H0/ at a 13/17 rate. This difference between the monosyllables and disyllables presumably reflects the fact that /HL/ originated from PB HH structures in the disyllabic stems. Under a minimal generalization learner (Albright & Hayes 2002) such factors as the location of the morpheme junctures could be taken into account in the transmission and reconstruction of the grammar from one generation to the next so that the phonotactic constraint that restricts L to the H__# context could include the tautomorphic factor as well. If this tautomorphic property is factored into the phonotactic restriction then a /L/ analysis for the retraction site in monosyllables such as *o-kú-tü* would be precluded since the

H shifted to the prefix and is hence no longer in the stem. However, it should be noted that we still lack an explanation for the uniform /L/ choice for the disyllables since in principle both /HL/ < HH and /H0/ < HL analyses were available. The former preserves an association line, albeit one that is linked to a different tone. If faithfulness to association lines governs input-output relations then this might be a reason to prefer /HL/ over /H0/. The Optimal Domains Model of autosegmental phonology (Cassimjee & Kisseberth 1998) in which a feature specification is accompanied by a domain or span indicating its scope offers another possible interpretation in which two domains are combined into a single one so that (H)(H) > (H 0) is distinct from (H) 0.

Upon the completion of H retraction and in the absence of any alternations between the penult and final syllable for the *e-ki-hánde* class, we assume that the inventory of tonal classes was restructured, as indicated in (22). The Kinande disyllabic tonal classes deployed a surface L vs. 0 contrast in final position and a ternary H vs. floating H vs. 0 contrast initially.

(22)	<i>PB</i>	<i>HL</i>	<i>HH</i>	<i>LH</i>	<i>LL</i>	
	Kinande	/ ^H 00/	/ ^H 0L/	/HL/	/ ^H HL/	/00/
	example	mú-lúme	mú-kalĩ	mũ-lũmbĩ	mũ-şĩsa	mu-mëro
	‘man’	‘woman’	‘rain’	‘vein’	‘gullet’	

The phonotactic constraint restricting L to the H__# context is a relatively complex one since it is composed of three terms and crucially refers to both a left-hand and right-hand context (cf. the model of constraint induction in Hayes & Wilson (2008) where constraints are preferentially restricted to two terms). Furthermore, a stem’s specification as /L/ or /0/ could not be predicted on the basis of phrase-medial contexts such as preadjectival (recall 1). As we will now see, both of these factors played a role in the evolution of the system to its current state.

5. Extensions.

The discussion to this point has been restricted to the portion of the Kinande lexicon for which PB cognates are available. This of course is a small fraction of the current lexicon—one that managed to survive many cycles of transmission from one generation of Kinande speakers to the next. What is the inventory and population of the tonal classes in the current language? Here we are indebted to Jones (2007) who classified the nouns (and verbs) in the Kavutirwaki (1978) lexicon with respect to their tonal patterns. In (23) we have reorganized his tabulation of

A chi-square 2x2 contingency table for the voicing factors T+R vs. D+ND over the *o-mú-lüme* vs. *o-mú-kalì* classes is statistically significant: chi-sq = 13.6, df = 1, p = 0.000.

The second observation with respect to (23) is that the /L/ vs. /0/ contrast has spread to each of the other classes so that now every tonal category is cross-classified with respect to the dual phonological interpretation of the final syllable—a type of feature economy (Clements 2003). But in each case, the class that represents the original development in our reconstruction outnumbers the innovating class to which the 0/L contrast has been extended. As a result, the PB LL>00 now has a /0L/ counterpart—the presumed origin of the *e-ki-tsungu* class from (1). This development indicates that the postulated phonotactic restricting L to the H__# context in the reconstruction of (22) has been simplified by dropping the initial term. Moreover, the PB LH class which originally had almost exclusively the final /L/ that blocks the H% boundary tone has now gained /0/ counterparts too. This is true for both the double H from voiceless medial consonants like *o-mú-kékä* as well as the single H from voiced medials like *e-ki-dóngö*.

The third observation is that the voicing category of the medial consonant that originally defined membership in the double-high *e-kí-sáka* vs. single-high *e-ki-hánde* reflexes of the PB LH class continues to play a role in the extension of the class. In (25) we tabulate the distribution of voicing categories for the medial consonant. The data indicate a strong bias for the *e-kí-sáka* class with double H to contain a medial voiceless consonant or voiced sonorant while the *e-ki-hánde* class contains a disproportionate number of ND. This difference is statistically significant: chi-square = 57.5, df=1, p=0.0001.

(25)		<i>T</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>ND</i>	
	e-kí-sáka	26	34	2	1	T=voiceless
	e-ki-hánde	11	4	1	34	R=sonorant
						D=voiced obstruent
						ND=prenasal voiced

This finding suggests that the voicing or compensatory lengthening contributed by the medial consonant that originally defined membership in the two classes continues to play a role.

A similar finding holds for the split of the PB LL class to /00/ *e-ki-ryätu* ‘shoe’ vs. /0L/ *e-ki-tsungu* ‘potato’ (26). While the /0L/ class is much smaller, the low-tone favoring ND forms its largest subclass. A contingency table over the

same T+N vs. D+ND yields a less robust but still significant difference: $\chi^2 = 4.09$, $df=1$, $p=0.043$.

(26)		<i>T</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>ND</i>	
	e-ki-ryätu	56	139	23	79	T=voiceless
	e-ki-tsungu	22	12	7	24	R=sonorant
						D=voiced
						ND=prenasal voiced

Finally, the /L/ vs. /0/ contrast has also been extended to the monosyllables (27), dropping the tautomorphic restriction in the postulated original state of (22). Once again both terms of the contrast have been extended so that the PB H class now has a final /L/ counterpart to the original /0/ and the PB L class now has a /L/ counterpart to the original /0/. As with the disyllables, the extensions are smaller than the original classes.

(27)	<i>PB</i>	<i>example</i>	<i>gloss</i>	<i>size</i>	<i>representation</i>
	H	e-r̥í-bü	ash	32	/ ^H 0/
		o-bú-swa	white mushroom	9	/ ^H L/
	L	e-r̥í-bwë	stone	24	/0/
		o-bu-do	mushroom	2	/L/

6. Summary and Conclusions.

This paper has traced the Proto-Bantu origin and the development of the six contrasting Kinande tonal classes of disyllabic nominal stems in (1) on the basis of two cognate sets. First, comparison with several closely related Lacustrine languages shows that the six classes originate from a HL, LH, LL contrast. Second, a deeper comparison with several Congolese languages suggests that the puzzling split of the HL class with respect to the presence or absence of a H% boundary tone can actually be traced to a HH vs. HL contrast in Proto-Bantu, confirming a hypothesis in Meeussen (1976). We proposed a chronology of tonal changes leading to a reconstructed state with a ternary H vs. L vs. 0 contrast on the final syllable and a phonotactic constraint restricting the L tone to the context H__#. The current Kinande lexicon has extended the ternary contrast by dropping the H restriction. Various lexical items have changed their tonal class affiliation based on alternative analyses of ambiguous phrase medial or phrase-final forms.

The research reported here depends entirely on the availability of large and accurate lexicons such as Yukawa (1992), Kaji (1986, 1992, 2000, 2004), and Kagaya (2005). The construction of such lexical materials for a greater variety of languages is an urgent task for Bantu linguistics and will help to put the reconstructions by such pioneers as Greenberg, Guthrie, and Meeussen on a more solid footing.

Appendices

The first column is the assumed PB tonal reconstruction. The second grades the Kinande correspondence: a marks an expected reflex; b denotes an anomalous tonal or segmental correspondence. The next column shows the number of the Guthrie reconstruction followed by the actual form and then the reconstruction from Meeussen (1980). The Kinande forms are primarily from our consultant but were also checked with the Kavutirwaki (1978) and Mutaka & Kavutirwaki (2006) lexicons. The Runyankore forms are taken from Kaji's (2004) lexicon and the Haya ones from Kaji (2000). Jita-U is from Downing's (1996) glossary based on the Ukerewe dialect and Jita-M is from Kagaya (2005) based on the Mrangi dialect. In appendix B, the Tembo data are taken from Kaji (1986, 1996) and the Luba data are from Yukawa (1992). For the Lingala column the forms labeled with M are Lomongo forms from Meeussen (1976) while the remaining data are Lingala words from Kaji (1992).

R	T	G no.	PB-G	PB-M	gloss	Kinande	Ruvyakore	Haya	Jita-U	Jita-M
HL a	71	béédé	béede	breast	eribère	i:bère	eibè:le	liBé:re	ribéere	
HL a	148	bɔ̀nà	bɔ̀n- búa	dance dog	amábɔ̀na ém̄bwà	embwà embúga	ém̄bwa ekibúga	i:mbína imbwâ	ribína imbwa	
HL a	174	búgà	búga	garden	ekíbúga	embúga	ekibúga	imbwâ	imbwa	
HL a	192	búmbà	búmba	clay	eribumba	i:bú:mba	eibúmba	libú:mba	omukeeka	
HL a	200	kékà	kéka	mat	omukékà	omukye:ka	omuke:ka	omuke:ka	omukeeka	
HL b	290	cápo	cápo	bag	eyísàho	esháho	omuke:ka	omuke:ka	echikápo	
HL a	296	cége	ceke	sand	omúsege	omushè:nyi	omuke:ka	omuséni	omusényi	
HL a	311	kúmù	kumu(a)	thumb	ekákúmo	orukúmu	olukúmu	omuséni	echikúmu	
HL a	324	kúmù	kumu(a)	thumb	ekákúmo	orukúmu	olukúmu	omuséni	echikúmu	
HL a	347	çjù	çu	face	obúsjù	orukúmu	olukúmu	omuséni	echikúmu	
HL a	388	pínì	pínj	hoe handle	omúhni	omuhni	omuhni	omuhni	isúka	
HL a	436	cjúkà	çu	hoe	omúhni	omuhni	omuhni	omuhni	isúka	
HL a	512	yídò	(j)údu	nose	eyísjúka	efúka	enfúka	i:nsúka	isúka	
HL a	572	dími	dími	tongue	éñindo	enyí:ndo	eñindo	olulmi	orurími	
HL a	697	dúmè	dúme	man	omúlime	orurími	olulmi	olulmi	omurúme	
HL a	729	dújì	dú(i)	knee	erírwi	okúju	okújwi	olulmi	omurúme	
HL b	746	cúpa	cúpa	bottle	etsúpà	ecúpa	echúpa	i:ncúpa	omurúme	
HL a	914	gútà	gúta	oil	amágútà	amajúta	amajúta	lifú:ta	amafúta	
HL a	952	jókà	júba	worm	énzòka	enjòka	ekijòka	i:ñjòka	injòka	
HL b	955	júbà	júba	sun	eryúba	i:zò:ba	eizò:ba	lisú:Ba	risuúba	
HL a	980	kádà	káda	charcoal	eríkàla	ikàra	eikàra	likàra	rikàra	
HL a	1016	kátà	káta	headpad	éngàta	engàta	engàta	i:ngàta	ingàta	
HL a	1053	kídà	kída	tail	omúkíra	omúkíra	omúkíra	omúkíra	omúkíra	
HL b	1079	kjgé	kjge	eyebrow	ekikjge	omúkíra	omúkíra	omúkíra	omúkíra	
HL a	1120	kódù	kody	scar	éngolj	omúkíra	omúkíra	omúkíra	omúkíra	
HL b	1208	kúmù	kúmù	ten	erikúmù	i:kúmù	omúkíra	omúkíra	omúkíra	
HL b	1125	kókò	koko	crust	olukòko	omúkíra	omúkíra	omúkíra	omúkíra	
HL b	1156	kóópj	koko	crust	erikóopj	omúkíra	omúkíra	omúkíra	omúkíra	
HL a	1181	kújì	kúnj	firewood	erikófi	orúku	olúkwi	olúkwi	orukwi	

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<i>R</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>G no.</i>	<i>PB-G</i>	<i>PB-M</i>	<i>gloss</i>	<i>Kinande</i>	<i>Rumyakore</i>	<i>Haya</i>	<i>Jita-U</i>	<i>Jita-M</i>
HL	a	1258	kúba	kúba	chest	ekíkúba	ekifúba	ekifúba	ecifúBa	echifúba
HL	b	1260	kúdu	kúdu	tortoise	ekúdu			liñawakúru	bawakúru
HL	a	1273	kúpa	kúpa	bone	eríkúpa	i:gúfa	eigúfa	ligufwa	riwa
HL	a	1350	nène	nène	bigness	obunène			oBunéne	obunéne
HL	a	1547	pída	pída	pus	erúhira			amaí:ra	obufira
HL	a	1548	pjga		hearth	erúhiga	i:héga	eúga		obufira
HL	a	1551	pímbo		stick	omúhúmbo			insí:mbo	isímbo
HL	a	1576	fnà		base of tree	éndina				amasína
HL	a	1650	táko	táko	buttock	erítáko	i:táko	eitáko		ritáko
HL	a	1652	támà	táma	cheek	erítéma	i:táma	eitáma	litáma	ritáma
HL	a	1666	tándà	canja	bed for wood	ekítanda	ekitá:nda	ekitánda	ecitá:nda	echtánda
HL	a	1692	tébè		stool	ekíbete				echitébe
HL	a	1699	tégo		trap	ekítego	omuté:te		omutégo	omutégo
HL	b	1723	téte		reed	ekitéte	omuté:te			omwitéte
HL	a	1738	fíma	fíma	heart	omúfima	omúfima	omúfima		omúfima
HL	a	1808	túe	túe	head	omútwé	omútwé	omútwé	omútwé	omutwé
HL	a	1863	túku	túku	day	obúútúku			olusúku	orusúku
HL	a	1867	túmò	túmò	spear	erítúmò				richúmu
HL	a	1894	yádà	jáda	finger nail	ékyaála	ekyá:ra	ekyá:la	olujára	injára
HL	a	1904	yákà	(j)áka	year	ómwáka	omwá:ka	omwáka	omwá:ka	omwáka
HL	a	1922	yána	jána	child	ómwána			omwá:na	omwána
HL	a	1966	yédù		white	óbwèru			éra	
HL	a	2010	yímbo		song	ólwímbo			olwí:mbo	orwímbo
HL	a	2025	yíbi	jíb-ji	thief	ómwýbi	erí:sho	elí:sho	omwí:fi	omwýfi
HL	a	2030	yícò	jico	eye	éjiso	erí:sho	elí:sho	elí:so	eríso
HL	a	2054	yíkì	júki	smoke	ómúki	omwí:ka	omwí:ka		
HL	a	2068	yína	jma	name	éjina			lisí:na	risína
HL	b	2073	yínò	jmo	tooth	erino	erí:no	elí:no	elí:no	eríno
HL	a	2080	yínú	upnu	salt	ómúnya	omwô:nyo	omwô:ñu	omú:ñu	omuuñyu

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HL	a	2113	yòkì	júki	bee	énzúki	enjòki	enjòki	i:njòki	
HL	a	2137	yótà	jó(n)ta	thirst	ényòta			lil:yo	
HL	a	2162	yúmà	(j)úma	iron	ékyúma	ekyô:ma	ekyô:ma		echuúma
HL	b	ps153	dàngò	d'ango	door	omulángo	omuryà:ngo			omuryango
HL	a	ps40	búdà	b'uda	rain	émbùla	enjúra	enjúla		
HL	a	ps133	cúé	c'ui	fish	ékítswé			i:nswá	iswi
HL	a	ps9	bépo	pépo	cold	émbèho			i:mbé:o	
HL	a	ps336	kúmù	k'umu	medicine man	omúkumù	omufúmu	omufúmu		omufúmu
HL	a	141	b'ídò	b'ido	soot	émb'iro				
HL	a	166	bónò	bono	castor beans	olúbòno				
HL	a	211	búto	búto	seed	émbúto				
HL	a	222	b'ùjì	b'iji	white hair	émbw'ijì				
HL	a	619	d'ímù	d'imu	spirit	ek'irimù				
HL	a	1078	k'ádù	t'idu	stupidity	ek'ík'irijù				
HL	a	1407	p'ácà	p'aca	twin	omúhasa				
HL	b	1408	p'acà		axe	émbàsa				imbasa
HL	a	1549	p'ígò		kidney	émbjiko				if'igo
HL	a	1615	p'údò	p'údo	foam	er'ih'ulo				
HL	b	1643	t'ádé	t'adi	iron ore	er'ítale				
HL	a	1765	f'itù	f'itú	forest	om'ús'itijù				
HL	a	2056	y'íkò		fireplace	ér'jiko				
HL	b	ps221	g'ímà	k'ima	monkey	éng'ima				
HL	b	ps553	y'úçj	j'iji	river	ól'úsjì				

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HH	a	55	bánjà	bánjà	yard	ekibanza	ekibà:nja			
HH	a	392	cúa	cúa	termite	omúshwa	omúshwa	omúshwa	omuswâ	riwa
HH	a	399	púa		thorn	érhwa	í:hwa	amá-wa	liwâ	omurámu
HH	b	479	dámú	damu	sister-in-law	omúlámu				okulyô
HH	a	555	díó	dio	right hand	omáli				omugási
HH	a	986	kádí	kádí	woman	omúkají				likere
HH	a	1032	kedé	kedé	frog	ekíkere				
HH	a	1095	kóbà	kóbà	hide	ekíkoba	ekikôba	ekikôba		orukôba
HH	a	1126	kókò	kókó	chicken	éngoko	enkôko	enkôko	i:nkôko	ing'ôko
HH	a	1274	kúpi	kúpi	shortness	ekíkují			fú:i	obufúí
HH	a	1412	páda		baldfness	oluhala	oruhára	oluára		echipara
HH	a	1476	pémbé	pémbé	horn	eríhembé	i:hé:mbe	eiyémbe	liyé:mbe	oruyémbe
HH	a	1603	púngu	púngu	eagle	ekíhungu	empú:ngu	ekiungu		ipungu
HH	a	1640	táda	táda	granary	ekítara	ekítára		ecitára	echitára
HH	a	1761	índí	índí	heel	akásinziro	ekisínsi:no			risisinyo
HH	a	1982	yénjé		cockroach	ényenze	ekiyé:nje	eñênje	liyé:nje	riyénje
HH	a	2091	yǐpúa	ǐpua	niece, nephew	ómuhwa				omwíwa
HH	a	2180	yúdí	júdí	hair	olúywiri			i:mfwí:ri	orufwíri
HH	a	340	cíndí		squirrel	ekísindi				
HH	a	1481	péné	péné	goat	émbene				
HH	a	1562	pítí	pítí	hyena	émbijí				
HH	a	1882	túútú		bump	ekísusú				
HH	a	ps2	cánjǔ		branch	ekísanza				

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LH	b	157	bògó	bogó	buffalo	embógo embógo	embogo	embógo	i:imbogò	imbogo
LH	a	260	càkà		bush	ekísàka	ekishaka	ekishàka	lisakâ	risaka
LH	a	349	çècà		vein	omúšisa	omúsi	omúsi		omusiya
LH	b	361	nòní	(j)uní	bird	enyönyu	ekinyonyi	ekinoñi	i:ñoñi	inyonyi
LH	a	667	dòngó	dongó	mud for building	obudongo	obudò:ngo	obudongo		
LH	a	744	dùmbí		long rain	omujúmbi	omuju:mbi			
LH	b	839	gòdí		bride	omugóle	omugóre	omugóle		ing'wäre
LH	a	865	gùadí	kuadé	partridge	engwáli			i:nkwarê	bakaaka
LH	b	992	kàákà	kaka	grand-parent	mùkaka			kaka	
LH	a	1017	kaìcè		bread	omukáti	omuga:ti	omukâ:te	omuká:te	omukáate
LH	b	1415	pádí		ant	embáji			i:mpaji	
LH	a	1450	pápá	papá	wing	ekípápa	iipapa	eipápa	liBabâ	orubaba
LH	a	1596	pùkà	puka	insect	ekihúka	ekihúka	ekitúka		
LH	b	1749	ùkí		stump	ekísíki	ekisî:nsi	ekisîbu	ecisikî	
LH	a	1749	ùkí		stump	ekíšiki	ekisî:ku			
LH	a	1948	nyàtí		grass	obúnyátsi	orunya:nsi	akana:si	linási	rinyási
LH	b	1977	yèndá	kenda	nine	omwènda	omwenda			
LH	a	2013	yíná	jíná	hole in ground	ekyúna	eki:na	ekí:na		
LH	a	2133	yòngó	jongó	brain	obóngo	obwongko	obwóngo	omwo:ngò	obwonggo
LH	b	2140	yòyá	jojá	body hair	olwéya	orwo:ya	omwó:ya		
LH	a	2167	yùmá		room	ekyumba			ecú:mba	
LH	a	2168	yùmá	(j)umbá	house	enyumba			i:ñú:mba	inyumba
LH	a	2173a	nyùngú		pot	enyúngu	enyu:ngu	enúngu	i:ñu:ngú	inyúngu
LH	b	788	gàngá		root	erihanga				
LH	a	1436	pandé		piece	ekihände				echipande

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LL	a	35	bòkà	boga	vegetable	embòka	emboga		i:mboga	
LL	a	44	bàmbò		peg for hide	olumàmbo	orubambo	emambo	oluma:mbò	
LL	a	65	bèbà	beba	rat	embèba	embèba	embèba	i:imbeBa	imbeba
LL	a	112	bìdì	bidi	body	omubiri	omubiri	omubili		omubiri
LL	a	176	bùè		stone	erjwè			libui	ribuyi
LL	b	289	càngà		island	ekisanga			lisr:ngâ	ris'nga
LL	a	351	nàmà	(n)ama	muscle, meat	enyàma	enyama	eñama	i:ñama	inyama
LL	a	460	dàdò	dado	bridge	ekilälo			oludara	
LL	a	470	dàgò	dago	mat	ekirago				echirago
LL	b	519	dèdù	dedu	beard	oljlerj			ecirefu	echirefu
LL	b	544	dèngè	denge	leg	omulenge				echirenge
LL	a	565	dìdò	dido	fire	omuliro	omuriro	omulilo	omuliro	omuriro
LL	a	567	dìdò		mourning	ekitiro				omuriro
LL	a	631	đitò	dito	heaviness	obulito			sito	obus'ito
LL	a	664	dòngò	dongo	line of objects	omulondo				amaroongo
LL	a	756	gàbò	gabo	shield	engäbo		ekigabo	i:ngaBo	inguba
LL	a	774	gànà	gana	hundred	erjgäna			eligana	egana
LL	a	776	gànò	gan-o	tale	olugäno				
LL	a	784	gànjà	ganja	palm of hand	ekigänza	ekiga:nja	ekiganja	eci:gá:nja	echiganja
LL	b	786	gàngà	ganga	medicine man	omúganga		omugánja		
LL	a	802	gègò	gego	molar	ekiyigo	ekigigo	ekigino	amagigo	rigigo
LL	b	803	gèmbè	gembe	hoe	ekigémbe				
LL	a	805	gènjì		stranger	omugènjì				omugenyi
LL	b	827	gìgè	gige	locust	engike	enzigye	enzigye	i:njige	isige
LL	a	842	gòdò	godoci	evening	erjgölo				kegoro
LL	a	844	gòmà	goma	drum	engöma			i:ngoma	ing'oma
LL	b	854	gònò	gono	fish-trap	engäna			omugono	omugono
LL	b	858	gòngò	gongo	back	omugóngo	omugô:ngo	omugongo	omugo:ngo	omugongo
LL	a	866	gùè	goj	leopard	engwè				ingo

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LL	a	884	gùdù	gudu	leg	okugùlu	okuguru	okuguru	okuguu	okuguru
LL	a	888	gùdùbè	gudube	pig	engulùbe			i:ngurúBe	ingurúbe
LL	a	894	gùmbà		barren	omugùmba			omugu:-	omugu-
LL	b	894	gùmbà		woman	omugùmbà			mba	mba
LL	a	905	gùbà	gùba	bellows	omugùbà				
LL	a	917	jàdà	jada	hunger	enzàla	enjara	enjala	i:njara	
LL	b	951	jògù	jogù	elephant	enzògù	enjojo	enjoju	i:njofu	injofu
LL	b	1103	kòcùè		rat	engòtsj				
LL	a	1295	médò	mido	gullet	omuméro	omumiro	omumiro	limiro	echimiro
LL	a	1308	mìdà	mida	mucus	ebimùira	ebImIra			
LL	b	1369	nòkù		flesh	omunyo:kù				
LL	a	1395	nyòkò	no:ko	mother	nyòko				
LL	a	1415	pàdǎ	pa:di	ant	embàlǎ	empazi	obwa:zi	i:mpaji	
LL	a	1649	tàkà		soil	ekitàka	i:taka	etaka	litaka	
LL	b	1900	yàdò		land	ekihàro				
LL	a	1920	yàmbò	gambo	bait	ekyàmbo			eca:mbo	obwambo
LL	b	1938	yàngù		quickness	obwàngu				
LL	b	2039	yǎgi	jigi	door	oliyi	orwi:gi	olw:igi	olwi:gi	orwigi
LL	b	2126	nyòndò	(j)undo	hammer	enyòndo	enyo:ndo	eñondo	i:no:ndo	inundo
LL	a	1379	nùà		lip	omunywà	omunwa	omunwa		omunwa

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Appendix B

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	H	a	97		bí	bú	badness	obúbi	búbí	búbí	
	H	b	135		bj	bj	excrement	amábji	mási	túufi	
	H	b	216		bj	(g)jbu	ash	erjbu	lufúfú	bútu	
	H	a	392		cúa	cúa	termite	omúswa	míhwáhwa	nswa	sósó
	H	b	402		cúcu		chick	omusú		cákúkú	butú
	H	a	634		dó	dóo	night	ekirö	lúólóolo	dílo	
	H	b	1023		ké		smallness	obúkè	múke	búkése	
	H	a	1729		í	í	tree	omúti	múci	múci	
	H	a	1801		tú	túi	ear	okútú	kútsú	dícu	litói
	H	a	1808		túe	túe	head	omútwè	étswé	mútu	motió
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	L	a	176		bùè	bue	stone	erjwè		díbwé	
	L	a	1290		mè	me	dew	ekimè		dímé	
	L	b	1610		pj		pit of stomach	ekjhj	cúfú	cífu	
	L	a	1798		ntù	ntu	person	omündu	múndzú	múuntú	moto
	L	b	ps166		di		long, tall	omúli	búre	múlé	
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	HL	a	71		béédé	béede	breast	erjbere	éberé	díbeelé	libéle
	HL	a	174		búa	búa	dog	émbwä	múbwá	múbwá	múbwá
	HL	a	311		cégé	ceke	sand	omúsege	múshcé	lúséngá	
	HL	b	436		cjúkà		hoe	eyjsjúka	fuká	nkasú	
	HL	a	479		dámú	damu	sister-in-law	omúlámmu	múlamú		
	HL	a	512		yídò	(j)údu	nose	énindo		djúulú	zólo
	HL	a	572		dími	dímj	tongue	olúfimi	lúlimí	lúdimí	lolémo
	HL	a	697		dúmè	dúme	man	omúlúme	múlumé	múlumé	
	HL	b	865		gùàdí	kuadé	partridge	engwáli	máfutá	nkwaádi	
	HL	b	914		gútà		oil	amágútà	máfutá	máfutá	máfutá
	HL	a	952		iókà	ióka	snake	énzókà	ízóká	nyóká	nyóká

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HL	b	955	jùbà	jùba	sun	eryùba	ésubá	díbà	
HL	a	980	kádà	káda	charcoal	éríkàla	ékalá	díkalá	
HL	a	1053	kída	káda	tail	omúkíra	múkírá	múkílá	mokíla
HL	a	1181	kùjù	kúnjù	firewood	olúkwè	ngúru	lúkunyí	
HL	b	1260	kúđù	kúđù	tortoise	ekújù		nkudú	
HL	a	1273	kýpà	kýpa	bone	eríkùha	búnéné	máfufwá	mokúwa
HL	a	1350	néné	néne	bigness	obunéne		mú-nené	monéne
HL	b	1407	pácà	páca	twin	omúhasa		dípasá	lipása
HL	b	1412	páda	páca	baldness	olúhala	lualá	díbalá	
HL	a	1615	púđò	púdo	foam	eríhùlo		dítakú	fúlo
HL	a	1650	tákò	tako	buttock	erítàko	étakú	dítakú	lissókó
HL	a	1652	támà	táma	check	erítéma	étamá	dítamá	litáma
HL	a	1738	tímà	tíma	heart	omúíma			motéma
HL	a	1765	ítù	ítú	forest	omúšítù	músítsú	dítú	
HL	a	1864	túkù	tuku	day	obútúkù	lúsakú	dítukú	
HL	b	1867	túmò	túmo	spear	erítúmo		dífuma	
HL	a	1893	yádá	jáda	fingernail	olúyála		lwáalá	
HL	a	1922	yána	jána	child	ómwána	mwaná	mwáaná	moána
HL	a	2010	yímbò	yimba	song	ólwimbo			nzémbo
HL	b	2025	yíbì	jíbi	thief	omwýbí	lihó	mwýíbi	moyíbi
HL	a	2030	yícò	jico	eye	érjiso	ésiná	dísú	liso
HL	a	2068	yínà	jina	name	érina	ésiná	díná	
HL	b	2073	yínò	jino	tooth	erino	linó	dínú	lino
HL	a	2137	yótà	jó(n)ta	thirst	ényóta		nyootá	
HL	b	ps327	kúngù	búda	hoe	ekíkungù	mýulá	mýulá	kóngo
HL	a	ps40	búda	búda	rain	émbugùla			mbúla
HL	b	ps553	yúcj	jji	river	olúsi	lwishí	músulú	

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R	T	G no	PB-G	PB-M	gloss	Kinande	Tembo	Luba	Lingala
HH	a	55	bánjà	bánjà	courtyard	ekíbanza	cíbanja	banza (M)	
HH	b	200	búm̀bà	kindi	clay	ekísindi	lúpecemba	nshindi	
HH	a	340	éindi	kindi	squirrel	omúkajij	múkajij	múkajij	moási
HH	a	986	kádí	kádí	woman	múkasi			
HH	a	1032	kedé	kedé	frog	ékikere	cíkere		
HH	a	1095	kóbà	kóbà	skin	éngoba	cíkoba	dikoba	
HH	a	1126	kókò	kókó	chicken	éngoko	ngoko	ékúkú	kókó (M)
HH	a	1197	kúdu	kúdu	oldness	obúkulu	múkulu	búkuluúmpé	kúlú (M)
HH	a	1274	kúpi	kúpi	shortness	ekíkujij		bwíipi	
HH	a	1547	pída	pída	pus	eríhira	másira	túfina	mayíná
HH	a	1603	púngú	púngú	eagle	ekíhungu	cífumbi		púngú (M)
HH	a	1874	túm̀bí	jáju	chair	ekítumbij		nwáau	
HH	b	1952	yáyù		yawn	ényayya		fumu (M)	
HH	a	ps336	kúm̀jú		witchdoctor	omúkumuj	cíkábá	múkaba	
HH	b				belt	omukábá			
HH	a				beer	óbwabuj	mafu		
LH	a	349	çicá	baba	vein	omúçisa			
LH	b	1450	pàpá	baba	wing	ekípuppa			
LH	a	1450	pàpá	papu	lungs	ekíhaha	ciáa	dípwaápwa	lipapú
LH	b	1630	tá	taa	war	efjta	bitá	mvíta	
LH	b	1686	taata	taata	father	abótatá	bátatá	táatu	
LH	a	1895	jàdí	jadí	young girl	omwáli	mwáliyi		
LH	b	2013	yíná	jíná	hole	ekyúna	mwíná	çíná	
HH	b	2133	yòngó	jongó	brain	obóngo	bóngó	bóonko	
LH	a	2140	jojá	jojá	body hair	olwéya	lóya	bóoya	
LH	a	2168	yúm̀bá	(j)umbá	house	enyúm̀bá	nyúm̀ba		

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