

Appendix

A - B

abantu - people or a person

aka - bwana for sun

aka-yosi - sunbird

anda - egg

ata - drinkable freshwater

aza-enji-umthi - tree that transforms from green to orange, the bark valued as a softener for animal hides

bali - to tell a story

benzi-kusela - males who choose to stay with the females

bubinzwana - bwana word for terrible beast that walks on two legs (unknown hominid)

bwana - people or a person (same meaning as abantu or mantel)

C - H

elanisa - to memorize; repetition; training; repeat the same set of words or task(s) again and again

embi-kulunge - getting good from something bad, or the opposite, depending on inflection

gongthwana - grub(s)

gozi - dangerous; formidable

guka-ombe - stringed bow for shooting tiny spears (primitive bow and arrow)

gwe-lanzi - swift swimming fish with big teeth, good to eat

hagu - pig; any member of the pig family

hagu-gozi - giant forest pig

hagu-okwe - warthogs

hagu-unda - bushpigs

I

ibe-bonakalio - becoming invisible; unseen or unnoticed; undetectable; transparent

ichi - lake or large body of water

ichi-bwana - the lake of the people; the salt lake from which the Bwana people arose (today's Makgadikgadi Pan)

ichi-sikalo-ata - the endless lake of freshwater (today's Lake Malawi)

ikanabe - males companions, typically matched at birth

iliwi-kelele - a place next to big rocks for serious talking
ipiso - the words of an ancestor; stories with strong or hidden meanings
ipiso-bali - the mantel way of telling stories from their ancestors
ipyane - a boat from the old times, like a canoe or kayak
ipyane-umthi - dugout canoe
ir-hamka - monster, or any unknown, scary beast
isiga-ubhak-wila - raft for harvesting shellfish, typically built with wood logs
isiga-wila - raft for calm waters, typically built with papyrus
isipo-bomi - bringer of life: a title of tribute for mothers
isipo-gazi - rock uniquely dense and strong, knappable to a razor edge (silcrete or flint)
isipo-kee! - ancestor, spirit, ghost or a reference to a previous generation; the afterlife
izi - the body of a living being, generally meaning a human, but sometimes a beast
izi-nesisa - something very good, such as delicious food, sexual pleasure, moments of pure happiness
izi-ondo-kalelo - being human; meant to convey both body and mind; the substance of an Abantu, filled with the emotions of life
izik-ikiz - master of masters; a person of great wisdom
izik-kosa - master of sinew, bone, wood and rock

J - L

kafila-yosi - bee-eater (African hummingbird)
kazi - lizard
kazi-wenya-anda - a lizard that eats crocodile eggs
kalelo - relating to thoughts and feelings of being human; a powerful word meant to convey emotion(s)
keri stick - all purpose tool, equal part boomerang and digger
keso - learning; training; perfecting the skills taught by a master
keso-elanisa - making the mind and body work as one; the elusive pursuit of becoming a master
laba-ini - females born during the same cycle, raised together
layit-umlilo - fuel for fire; all dried material good for burning: wood, dung, palm leaves, dried grass, etc.
laza - blue or blue coloring
linwelewana - hairless climbers (hominid, based on *Homo Naledi*)
lobo-yaka - the rainy and warm part of the yearly cycle

M - N

Mantel - person, or people in the Mantel language

mantel - Abantu word for forest

ma-bomi - twins

nandi - Bwana for something tasty

nesibindi - warrior; one sworn to defend the tribe

O - T

ondo - the mind, generally the mind of a human, or beast or even a spirit

sek-unda - edible fruit (used to identify multiple edible sources)

sek-igambu - edible roots (used to identify multiple edible sources)

shatsheli-lambo - the mother of rivers; the greatest of rivers (today's Zambezi River)

sika-yaka - the dry and cool part of the yearly cycle

sikalo - something infinite or endless (or just an easier way to say *waka-waka-waka*)

soseji-umthi - trees that grow enormous, gourd-like fruits much loved by elephants (*Kigelia africana*)

U

ubhak-unda - harvesting shellfish, including mussels, snails, crabs, clams, etc.

ula-konto - spear designed for throwing, carved by an izik-kosa

ulala-vuka - sleep to awake

ulala-umthi-vuka - trees budding (generally at the start of lobo-yaka)

ulala-yalo-vuka - plants budding (plants that are not trees)

Ulanga - sun (male child of Umawa)

Ulayo - wind (female child of Uwama)

Umawa - land and rock

umthi - tree

unda - something good to eat; delicious; something valuable or desired

Uleza - the salted lake; lost daughter of Uwama; an Abantu legend (today's Makgadikgadi Pan)

unwe - bwana word for finger

unwe-umthi - trees similar to a palm, with delicious fruit shaped like fingers

usek-umthi - trees with poisonous dates

Uwama - the ocean; mother of all living things

V - W

vubu - hippo

vulu-ula-alu - singing in the rain

vuka-ulala - awake to sleep

vuka-umthi-ulala - trees losing their leaves (generally at fall)

vuka-yalo-ulala - plants that are losing their flowers

waka - used to indicate 10 or fingers or both hands

waka-waka - many or lots (more than 10 and less than 100)

waka-waka-waka - hundreds or thousands or too numerous to count

wenya - crocodile

wila - dive into or float on water, depending on usage

X - Z

yaka-yaka - the full seasonal cycle (one year)

yalo - any type of plant (but not a tree)

yana - child

Yanga - moon (male child of Ulanga)

yenkomo-gomane - water buffalo testicles

yolumkono - mantel word for half human, half beast (same hominid as a bubinzwana)

zi-iz-kusela - a female who becomes a hunter and scout

zoba-upay - to draw, paint, sketch shapes on wood or rock or in the sand