

A DICTIONARY OF ECHIE, AN IGBOID LANGUAGE OF SOUTHERN NIGERIA

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1. Introduction

The present document is a composite put together from various unpublished or locally published source on the Echie language, an Igboid language spoken in Southern Nigeria.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

2. Phonology and orthography

2.1 Vowels

Echie has eight phonemic vowels (Table 1);

Table 1. Echie vowels

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

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

+ATR	-ATR
u	ɹ
i	ɨ
o	ɔ
e	
	a

2.2 Consonants

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

Table 2. Echie consonant inventory

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

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

2.3 Tone

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

High	Unmarked
Low	˘
Downstep	-
Rising	ˆ
Falling	ˋ

2.4 Echie orthography

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

c	tʃ
j	dʒ
ng	ŋ
ny	ɲ
sh	ʃ
zh	ʒ

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

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

Post-consonantal nasalisation is represented as Cn. Thus;

h ⁿ	hn
h ^{nw}	hnw
r ⁿ	rn

Aspiration is represented as Ch. Thus;

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

and similarly.

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

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

Table 3. The Echie alphabet

Letter	Echie	English
a	aka	hand
b	ɪbà	to dig
bh	ɪbhà	to grapple with
ch	ɪchà	to slice
chh	ɪchhà	to dodge
d	idē	to write
dh	idhē	to rumble
e	eke	python
f	efè	tapping knife
g	igā	to go, court
gb	igbā	to sew, fence, shoot, burst
gh	ighā	to become disorganised, lie
ghh	ighhā	to put in strings, mature, wean
gn	ignā	to singe off fur
gw	igwà	to lure
gwh	igwhà	to tie wrapper
h	ihà	to let go, shell
hn	ihnà	to arrange
i	ishī	to cook
ɪ	ishì	to gossip, say
j	ijī	to use
jh	ijhī	common fly
k	ikē	to trim wood
kh	ikhē	to tie
kp	ikpē	to ask for love, say, judge
kw	ikwē	to assent
kwh	ikwhē	to lose pregnancy, weave
l	ilē	to look, inspect
m	imē	to do, quarrel
n	inē	to warp, twist
nw	inwē	to barter, disentangle
ny	inyē	to try to remember

Table 3. The Echie alphabet

Letter	Echie	English
o	òrò	search for affection
o	òrò	sacred chalk
p	ìpì	to blind
ph	ìphì	to sharpen
r	irē	to sell, decay
rn	irnē	to burn
s	ishè	to whine, whimper
sh	ishè	to pull, draw (image)
t	ìtà	to bite
th	ìthà	to gauge
u	ùsu	disaster
u	ùsù	stammer
v	ùvòm	lost chance in a game
w	iwē	to poke
whn	iwhnē	to peel
y	iyē	to peel
z	izhē	to show briefly
zh	izhiē	to raise a prolonged din

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Echie-English Dictionary

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

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

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

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

Echie	PoS	English
àkpara òcheē mirni	n.	umbrella rod, type of cassava
àkpàràkpà	n.	embroidery
àkpàràkpara	n.	farmer's rod
akpàtà	n.	measles
akpì	n.	caudal depression
akpì	n.	scorpion, ? tick
akpì	n.	whitish specks affecting yam tubers
àkpìrì	n.	thrift
àkpìrì	n.	sandfly
àkpìrì	n.	larynx, gullet, throat
àkpìrì	n.	gluttony
akpìrì ònàm	n.	bedbug
Àkpòhjà	n.	Èkpèye
àkpò	n.	alchemy, strong medicine, charm
àkpòrì	n.	convalescence effect
akpùkpò	n.	hide, leather, skin
akpū obì	n.	chest
akpū ùkwū	n.	ankle
akpū/akpūrùkpū	n.	benign swelling
akpūka	n.	stunted fowl ugly for poor feather arrangement
àkpūrù	n.	benign enlargement of the clitoris
àkpūtù	n.	deafness
àkū	n.	spike, arrow
akūbò	n.	Egyptian mongoose, <i>Herpestes ichneumon</i> and Two-spotted palm civet, <i>Nandina binotata</i>
akūkò	n.	narrative, tale, story
akūm̄ òrnù	n.	yellow fever
akūbò	n.	pangolin cf. akwìrìkwa
akūm̄	n.	malaria
akwà	n.	coarse cloth
akwā mirni	n.	towel
akwaha	n.	lamentation, cry
àkwaha	n.	egg
àkwaha amù/mkpàrù	n.	testis
amù		
àkwaha mkpìrì	n.	advanced larval stage of the raphia palm beetle
akwhakwaha	n.	tree with soft timber
àkwaharà	n.	twine, artery, vein
àkwahùkwahù	n.	termite cf. àkìkà
àkwahùkwahà	n.	curse
akwhùkwahà/akwhàmì	n.	urge to act in spite of self
àkwahà		
akwhùkwahù	n.	second yield tuber
akwhùrù/ùkwahùrù	n.	trail
akwìrìkwa	n.	pangolin cf. akūbò
àkwū	n.	nest
akwùkwò/akhù	n.	leaf, letter, book
akwùkwò irnī	n.	pumpkin
àkwùkwù	n.	epilepsy
àlà	n.	earth, home, ground, soil, land
Àlà	p.n.	Earth Goddess
àlà ezè	n.	paradise

Echie	PoS	English
àlà ipà	n.	submarine terrain, clay soil
àlà iwurū ajhā	n.	alluvial soil
àlà ùlò	n.	floor
àlàlandhū nk;airi/araṅdè nkiri	n.	lime
àlàlàndhū/araṅdè	n.	orange
àlibashà	n.	onion < Hausa cf. ayō
àlibò	n.	tortoise
alìkiri jà	n.	predecessor of jazz music
àlilà/àlilà esù	n.	small brown millipede
àlìlò/àlùlò/lòrì lòrì	n.	soft, fluffy
alìlì	n.	wrinkles
alò	n.	afterbirth, umbilical cord
alùlò ùwà	n.	predestination
àlùm dì nà nwanyī		
ama	n.	settlement, hamlet, thuftless lawn
Àmadìòhnà	p.n.	the Mighty One whose celestial robe sweeps the Earth as Major Oracle of the Region at Òzùzù
àmadìgòlò	n.	monitor lizard
àmàm ihne	n.	knowledge
àmàma	n.	footprint
àmàmà	n.	paddle
àmàrnà	n.	indulgence
amì	n.	lobe
àmìni gòngò	n.	skink
amù	n.	testicles, penis
amùbèe nwā	n.	last child
amùma	n.	prophecy
àmùma	n.	dirt, filth
amùmà	n.	plot, stratagem, intrigue
àmùmà	n.	lightning
amùsù	n.	witchcraft
anù òhīa	n.	wild animal
anù(kpò) àhù	n.	skin
anù ¹	n.	meat, animal
anù ²	n.	weight
ànù̀ngidhēre	n.	cobweb, spider
anùnù àhù	n.	flesh
ànùnù	n.	archaism for bird
ànùnù ebēe ebe	n.	unapproachable spirit tree of dangerous sap
anwùrnù	n.	tobacco
anya	n.	eye, hole
anya ajù	n.	vertigo, dizziness
ànya àsù	n.	night, evening
anya mirni akwhā	n.	tears
anya mirni asù/mirni	n.	saliva, spittle
asù/asù		
anya òkhū/anyakala òkhù	n.	fireplace
anya ụshà/ùthāra anyà	n.	yellowish paste that collects around the eyelashes
anyanwū	n.	sun
ànyimì	n.	tortoise cf. ̀nabi
ànno, 'nnò	num.	four

Echie	PoS	English
àpàrì	n.	climber, cord from climber
àphja	n.	long tapering unbarbed fishing basket
àphiphĩa	n.	pelican, hornbill?
apìtì, apìtìrì	n.	slime, mud
ara m̄be	n.p.	craziness
àràràà	n.	flower
arì àgbà nam̄	n.	medium-size fishing hook (size 12-18)
arì agwhā	n.	fishing in wooded water
arì ofufe	n.	angling
arì sàlàrì	n.	multiple hook fishing gear
àrikpà	n.	worm
àrìra	n.	edge, brim chapped skin
àrìra m̄rni	n.	coast
àrìra/àrìra ntì/ntì ārìra	n.	small mud dwelling cat fish with two lateral spikes
Arìshòchhaa	n.	Adjuvant
arì	n.	hook, fishing tackle
arì	n.	guinea worm
Arìshì ~ Arūshì	n.	Gold, guiding spirit
arna	n.	breast, udder
àrnà	n.	crest, comb
Àrn̄umarn̄ù	p.n.	Goddess of possession as part of the Òlamirnochhè Pantheon (in Umoyo)
Arūshì	p.n.	deity
asāà	num.	seventh
àsaà, 'saà	num.	seven
àsatō, 'satō	num.	eight
ashà	n.	weaver bird
àshì	n.	iron filing
àshì hne/àshì olù	n.	necklace
àshì nkūlò	n.	vocal cords
àshì/àshì nkūlò	n.	gills
asù/anyù mirni asù/mirni	n.	saliva, spittle
asù		
àtàalà/tàatà	n.	baby
àtàatā ishi ụgbò/àtàatā m̄gbè èwheè	n.	perpetual baby, childish person
àtàgàlà	n.	mobile rafter for sleeping or husking palmfruits
àthànì	n.	bushbaby, galago. Allen's galago, <i>Galago alleni</i> and dwarf galago, <i>Galagoides demidovii</i>
athù	n.	buffalo
athurū	n.	sheep
athù/athùthù/ishishi	n.	clitoris
ngèlèngè		
àthùmà/athuma ntì/ntì	n.	large brown catfish with two lateral spikes
athuma		
àtò, 'tò	num.	three
atù	n.	chewing stick
atù/atù m̄rni	n.	eel
atù	n.	measure
àtùkpokposhì	n.	woodpecker
awa/ibe	n.	piece, slice
àwhnù ọnū	n.	beard

Echie	PoS	English
awhnūshì	n.	tree with offensive odour
awhnụwhnụ	n.	suffering
awirikọtọ	n.	pernicious centipede
awọ	n.	grey hair
awọ	n.	toad
àwọmì	n.	abandoned farmstead
àwọrọ	n.	body hair excluding hair of the head
àya/ya	pron.	he/she/it
àyaghiri	n.	stunted ugly fowl
ayō	n.	onion < Port. cf. àlibashà
azhì	n.	youth
àzhì	n.	bad day (in business)
àzịzà/̀̀nịzà	n.	broom for in-door use
àzịzāra	n.	sweat
àzụ	n.	back of body
àzụ akà	n.	back of hand
azù	n.	fish

B.

baā/baānwa/baānwahni/b eè/biyà beè/èbeà/èbeè/èbelā	dem.	this place
baragidi	n.	robe, overall
be	loc.	place
be	int.	where?
be ole	int.	where?
beem/hnim/̀̀nkithi	n.	silence, paying of deaf ear
bekē/èbeekè	prep.	to or at the house of
bèkèè	n.	white man, European, foreigner
bembe arọ	n.	club, boomerang
bharabhara/alafinji/lafinji	n.	large flat tapering fish
bìdhàà	n.	calm, lull, truce
bikhō		please
bọọshi/nkom/nwankom	n.	cat
bọrọ bọrọ	n.	oval

Ch.

chakirichā/shakirishā	n.	long pod with several blades used as delicacy for pepper soup
chekūchekū ulọ	n.	wall gecko
chị	n.	destiny
Chị	p.n.	Fate, Destiny
chịchọ chịchọ/nchịchọ	p.n.	talkativeness
Chinukè	p.n.	Almighty God

D.

Echie	PoS	English
daā	sal.	title of respect for a woman
daàda	n.	granny
dhèndhèpja	n.	rashes
dhèndhèpja	n.	enteritis
di	n.	caretaker, lord, husband
di ntā	n.	hunter
di nwanētā	n.	kinsman who watches the conduct of a female relation
dī		indeed, really, what of
diàlà	n.	first settler
dibià	n.	traditional doctor, herbalist, diviner, healer, one knowledgeable in traditional practices
dikìridìkìrì	id.	short and stout
dìkà	conj.	as, like
dimgbū	n.	family sacrarium
dimkpà	n.	great achiever
dọlì dọlì/ndọlì	n.	struggle
dọlì/òrì	n.	embrocation
dùbèdùbè	id.	fat and clumsy
dùbèm̀ dùbèm̀/ndubē	n.	listlessness, dullness
dum̀	quant.	all
durù	n.	griot, wazir, counsellor
E.		
ebè	n.	double-headed rattle used as accompaniment to divination chant
ebē	n.	yam beetle
èbè	n.	tree cut to half the size
èbè ngwhōro	n.	central roofing beam
ebe nkwū nà èbe ngwò	n.	fern
Èbèdè/Ebede Nwọkù	p.n.	Fadama (in Ụmāthuru)
èbeka	n.	bee
èbèlè	n.	gourd, calabash
ebele awhūsha	n.	pumpkin
èbèndù	n.	stout corm weed
èberè	n.	mercy
èbherè/orū/inwèrnè	n.	magnanimity, philanthropy
èbhòm̀	n.	catamaran
ebì	n.	brush-tailed porcupine, <i>Atherurus africanus</i>
ebī-oru	n.	crested porcupine, <i>Hystrix cristata</i>
ebì/ebī akà/edu/edu ùmà	n.	mace of the perceptive
èbie	n.	female cricket
ebiri	n.	time, period, age, size, grade, class
èbùbè	n.	charisma
ebube aghhụ	n.	evergreen shrub of striped laminate foliage mashed for the treatment of infantile convulsion
èbùlù	n.	ram
èchìchè	n.	thought
èchiile	adv.	tomorrow
echo	n.	bellows
echū mirni	n.	black cobra, <i>Naja melanoleuca</i>

Echie	PoS	English
edè	n.	cocoyam
edē àlà	n.	yellowish bulb crushed to make cosmetics
edē mbhòni/edē ukwu	n.	cocoyam corm
edè/nwaṅgo	n.	cocoyam
èdèedè	n.	milky substance thrown up by babies
èdègèlè	n.	jingle
edegele òkònkò	n.	yellowish small spherical fruit roasted for its juice that is effective against itches and blisters
edi	n.	leopard, <i>Panthera pardus</i> . cf. nwekpèkèlè
ediàbàlì	n.	civet cat, <i>Viverra civetta</i>
edu/edu ùmà/ebì/ebī	n.	faculty of locating the occult
akà/ìtù akà		
eduhie	n.	Sclater's guenon, <i>Cercopithecus sclateri</i>
efè	n.	tapping knife
èferè	n.	light
èfèrè/gnàrì gnàrnì	n.	flirtation
egbe	n.	hawk
egbe ñkwọ	n.	hawk
egbedegbe ihní	n.	forehead
egbè	n.	gun
egbè el'igwè	n.	thunder
ègbèrimùthàrà egbel;egbe	n.	swallow
tọọ ọghhù		
Egbūlem	p.n.	Fadama (in Ègwii)
ègè	n.	deuced
ègèlègele	n.	sacred name for dog
ègèlègele	n.	praying mantis
eghhanya/egghenya	n.	tiny tapering roundish surface fish with eyes on the head
eghhè	n.	grating flexible shrub with broad foliage
eghhèrè	n.	crack, mark
eghhèrè	n.	crack, mark, graduation
eghho àkhù	n.	brideprice
eghu	n.	goat
eghu àlà	n.	nanny goat
ègu	n.	caterpillar
egwu	n.	festival
egwùrùgwù	n.	rainbow
èhnèrne	n.	high sea
ehni	n.	cow
èhni enam	n.	afternoon
èhniè	n.	pool, puddle, flood, pond, lake
èjhe èhu	n.p.	So soon! Secret name for the pelican
èjìjì/ejù/ejùjù	n.	snail
èjima	n.	twins
eke	n.	python, <i>Python sebae</i>
eke òkètè	n.	small non-poisonous water snake
eke nwaìkpù`tù	n.	royal python, <i>Python regius</i> . also salò
èkèlè	n.	greeting
èkètè	n.	short basket
èkhe	n.	traditional sabbath
ekhò	n.	bellows
ekho igwè/ekwhu igwè	n.	tripod stand

Echie	PoS	English
ekhò/ebelebe	n.	great fun
èkpèchì	n.	itch
ekpèrè, ekpètè	n.	membrane drum
èkpete	n.	open ground, fallow, plain
èkpete àlà	n.	ground
èkpete alá ụlọ	n.	floor
èkpète ekwhū	n.	fireplace, hearth
ekpete ezhī	n.	surrounding of a building
èkpete ọgbà	n.	central grounds of a compound
èkpete ụzọ	n.	lane
ekpiri	n.	climber with brownish red rood for flavouring pepper soup
èkpò	n.	tilapia
eku	n.	ladle
ekwè	n.	stool
èkwèke mīrni	n.	torrent
ekweñsụ	n.	devil
ekwhu	n.	cooking lot
ekwhu	n.	termite stool
ekwhu igwè/ekho igwè	n.	tripod stand
ekwhu ọkā	n.	termite pillar (used to support pot)
èkwhurù	n.	apple stork [?]
ekwùkwù	n.	excitement
èkwurèkwu	n.	talkativeness
ele	n.	bushbuck, <i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
ele mīrni	n.	sitatunga, <i>Tragelaphus spekei sclater</i>
elekere	n.	timepiece
elìlì	n.	melon
èlò	n.	venom, chemical
elū	n.	top, up, exterior
elu igwè	n.	heaven, sky
emerneme	n.	play, drama, entertainment
emerneme m̀kpàjàrà	n.	dress rehearsal
ènwè	n.	general for monkey spp. and white-nosed guenon, <i>Cercopithecus nictitans</i>
ènwè nchanaokpo	n.	Mona monkey, <i>Cercopithecus mona</i>
ènwè-nkpanala	n.	Tantalus monkey, <i>Cercopithecus tantalus</i>
enyī	n.	friend
enyi-(ohj̄a)	n.	elephant
enyi mīrni	n.	manatee
epekele	n.	shard
erè	n.	thrift
erè	n.	prudence, thrift, financial management
eri	n.	dance music
èri	n.	thread
eri ij̄ā/nwa emēne ọgò	n.	female puberty dance
eri ụbọ	n.	thumb piano music
eriri afọ	n.	intestine
eriri nwā	n.	umbilical cord
ernù	n.	spitting cobra, <i>Naja nigricollis</i> . also èrnùmeèrnù
ero	n.	glue, gum
ero	n.	mushroom
ero akhù ọchhaa	n.	yellowish mushroom of the deciduous forest

Echie	PoS	English
ero fo òto	n.	sparsely seeded or toothed
ero gbòghìrigbò/ero chàm chàm	n.	darkish flat mushroom
ero ijhī	n.	tiny mushroom of the farm during the rains
ero ñtukwhu/ero nwatākala m	n.	milk coloured mushroom of the forest
ero nkpū	n.	large milk coloured mushroom of damp decaying wood waste
ero nkwū	n.	small dead palm mushroom
ero ñtākweē eze/ero nwokpòrokō	n.	tough whitish dead wood mushroom
ero òtùtù òtùlè	n.	large carnation coloured mushroom of the forest
ero tītī kpòrō	n.	flat smallish tough mushroom found on wood in freshly burnt farms
ero usụ	n.	ball of white matter which grows on decaying timber and is used in cookies and couscous
eruru	n.	brooding, meditation, contemplation
èrùrù	n.	electric fish
èshè	n.	cult drumming for the departed elder
èshè	n.	music for ancestral worship
èshì	n.	day, date
eshishi	n.	omen
eso	n.	sticky sap
esu	n.	millipede
esu gbakìrigbā	n.	dancing millipede
esu mīkpūkṽ agnā	n.	giant millipede sighting of which is ominous
esu nwaṁkpi	n.	dwarf millipede
etēre/utēre/utūre	n.	mat, wattle from which rope or mat is made
etere gbèkèè	n.	well designed grass mat
etere ñkìrìṅkì	n.	well designed wattle mat
etere ukpō	n.	screw pine mat
èfì	n.	fingerling
etuto	n.	boil, abscess
etuto àgbà nta	n.	visitation of boils
etuto arna esù	n.	painful tiny boil
etuto egbē arnù	n.	painful boil
ewī	n.	Gambian Giant-rat, <i>Cricetomys gambianus</i> . ‘rabbit’
ezē	n.	tooth
ezè	n.	deep place in a river
ezè	n.	king, chief, ruler
ezhì	n.	pig
ezhì m̀gbom̀	n.	domestic pig
ezhī-ohĩa	n.	Red River hog, <i>Potamochoerus porcus</i>
ezhìzhì	n.	root with greenish yellow interior crushed for cosmetics
èzùmèzù	n.	ingredients for a charm
F.		
fereferè	id.	very light in weight
fihnàm/fihnjàm	excl.	May It Be So, Amen

Echie	PoS	English
G.		
galagwūgwu	n.	whitlow
gbaàra/zòq	excl.	sorry, it's a pity
gbamgbam	n.	plate, corrugated iron roofing sheet cf. àgbùgbà
gbara gbara	a.	slim, slender
gbèdhè gbèdhè chi/hìrì	n.	dusk
hìrì chì		
gbelehem	a.	insignificant, unimportant
gbòri	n.	fishing expedition lasting for more than a day
Gbùdugbù	p.n.	Generalismo (in Òdùfò)
gbugbugāla	n.	somersault
gbùrùgbùrù	id.	roundish
ghhùghhùrùmì	a.	bulky
gì	pron.	you, your (singular)
gnaa/gnaanwa/ gnaanwahnì/gnìna/gnìna/ naa/naà/ naanwa/naanwahnì/naàn wahnì		as, here
gnadhàgnadhà	id.	feverish and restless
gnàrnàgnàrnà	id.	tepid, lukewarm
gòrì gòrì	id.	gentle breeze
gwògòròmì	n.	bridge
H.		
hàà	excl.	response of audience to the narrator's animation call of àhì
hankàrì/kpòndà/òga	n.	game of beating the stampede by maidens
hne	n.	home, thing
hne	n.	thing, something
hne ahjā	n.	gift, rite of making the first present to a bride
hne kwèrè m di	n.	rite of asking for the bride's hand (formally)
hne mkpàlùlò èbèlè	n.	rite of first nuptial visit
hne njhjaru àlà	n.	rite of bride's first night
hne shij/hne ògbèdè	n.	small quantity
hne ukwu	n.	large quantity
hnenīta	n.	the unknown, the forgotten
hneshij	n.	smallness
hoho	n.	taste of poorly preserved victuals
hoò hoò	id.	barking of a dog
hùhùdā	id.	cringing
hùhùdā/hùrùhùdā		
hùrùhùdā		
I.		
ì	pron.	you (singular)
ìba/ìpa	n.	parts

Echie	PoS	English
ibe	n.	piece, sheet
ibè	v.	end, cut off
ibē	v.	crow, cry, mourn
ibē	n.	mortgage, pawn, mortgaged labour
ibe akwukwọ	n.	piece of paper
ibhē	v.	peel, slice
ibì	n.	hernia
ibi ukwu	n.	elephantiasis
ibìdhà	n.	relentlessness
ibidha mirni	n.	heavy downpour, rainstorm
ibīe	v.	slice, gnaw
ìbìnituto/ibìni	n.	snouted brown fish abundant in full water
ìbìribè	n.	flakes, sparks
ibiribe ochu	n.	cascade of soot and sparks in bush burning
ibiribe/ìpiribe	n.	bits
ìbìshara ọkhū	n.	partly burnt firewood
ibu	n.	load
ibù	v.	grow fat, swell
ibū	v.	bear
ibùsù/àkwèrè/ọkwā	n.	wooden dish
ìchakìricha nthì	n.	itch producing sore around the ear
iche	n.	parrot
ichè	v.	think
ichē	v.	wait for, preserve, dry
ichekiriche	n.	dark large offensive smelling ant
ichhī	v.	close
ìchhì	v.	moor, rub harshly, grate, abrade
ichì	n.	beast, fool
ìchòmì/èrùrù	n.	early larva stage of the raphia palm beetle
ichū	v.	fetch, elude, grow dull in colour
ichū egwhò/ìgbā òntìkò	v.	to play hide and seek
idē	v.	write, touch gently
idhè	v.	soften, stalk
idhē	v.	rumble, be outsized
idhìdhè	n.	earthworm especially to be used as bait by a fisherman
idhò	v.	become clear
idhō	v.	pack, arrange
idì	v.	endure
idù	n.	slimy medium insulating the foetus, clone, freak
idū	v.	direct, push
ifè	v.	cross, surpass, chant
ifè	v.	lessen, fly
ifì	v.	release air, tell a lie
ifìrìfè/àchakìkpō	n.	small flat fish tapering to the tail
ifō	v.	uproot
ifù	v.	get lost
ìgbà	v.	joint
ìgbàrà/ìgbàrì	n.	row, queue
ìgbè	v.	dusk, pilfer
ìgbē	v.	crawl
ìgbe	n.	box
ìgbe ozù	n.	coffin
ìgbō/mgbō	n.	door

Echie	PoS	English
igbōgo	n.	trough
ìgborògodo	n.	fresh water tree with prominent stilt roots
igbū	v.	catch, cut, kill, dub, flower, bail
igbū òchà	v.	make a rough path in a bush
ìgbugbo	n.	giant metal gong
igè	v.	touch slightly
igē	v.	drip
ighà	v.	relent, die
ighè	v.	play pranks, retrieve
ighē	v.	be done, fry
ighhè	v.	listen, lacerate
ighhō	v.	become darkened
ighō	v.	open
ighù	v.	bloat or blister from heat, deaden
ighū	v.	boil
ìgìrì	n.	crowd
igirigi	n.	dew
ignā	v.	expose to heat, singe
ignē	v.	sidetrack, walk over
ignō	v.	stiffen, warp
ìgnòrnignò	n.	raven
igòdò/ìkpòtò/ùkpòtò	n.	bed
igōlo	n.	meteor, mythical beast
igōlo/kpòtù ukē kpòtù ùkè	n.	shooting star
igu	n.	gun cap
igù	n.	frond
ìgugo	n.	pernicious anaemia
igwè	v.	march
igwē	v.	beat, pound, grind
ìgwhì	n.	snout
ìgwhò	v.	keep in check, pacify, dam
ìgwhù	v.	wrap
ìgwhùgwhù	n.	shady area
ìgwhùgwhù/ùgwhù	n.	prestige, honour, respect
ìgwù	v.	swim, brave, dupe
ìgwū	v.	dig, poke
ihē	v.	lift, heave, come off, derroof
ihē òghhà	v.	threaten with raised object
ìhe/ìhie	n.	confiscation
ìhere	n.	flower
ìhere ọkhū	n.	glowing splinter
ìhiè	n.	serious misdeed, sacrilege
ìhìè/ìjò	v.	miss, misfire
ìhìègwè/àjìàjìà	n.	lack of artistry
ìhnè	v.	steal away
ìhni	v.	face, front
ìhni	n.	generation, good luck, pleasing countenance, friends
ìhni	n.	face, blessing, acquaintances, generation
ìhnī	v.	plant, erect, wipe, elude
ìhni akwùkwọ	n.	(book) page
ìhni ọkpu	n.	sacred grove
Ìhni Òlā Ubi	n.	Point beyond which no villager settles
ìhnìè	v.	dodge, stalk, be lousy

Echie	PoS	English
ihoyì	excl.	audience response to the battle call kiri
ihù	v.	plead, pay homage with
ihū	v.	bend, pour out of
ijè/ijē	v.	mimic, imitate
ijhāā/ijhìà	v.	bad
ijhē	v.	go, court, bed
ijhī	n.	fly
ijhi anyū àkà	n.	blowfly
ijhi òlùlò	n.	green bottlefly
iji	v.	possess, hold, baby-sit, do (auxiliary)
ijū	v.	become plentiful, be satisfying
ikè	v.	will, create, fix date, lacerate, divide, share
ikē	v.	harvest selectively, watch, spy, lop off, make soup, glisten, spark
ikè mkpe	v.	make final wishes
ikè ùlì	v.	make a will
ikhē	v.	tie fence, make law
ikhere	n.	tsetse fly
ikho	n.	concubine
ikhò	v.	putrefy, pay last respect, quarrel
ikhō	v.	be in love, do up yam in a barn
ikhò hnè	v.	contribute to a burial fund
ìkìrì	n.	potto, <i>Perodicticus potto</i> and angwantibo, <i>Arctocebus calabarensis</i>
ikò	n.	calabash cup
ikōro	n.	steel eel
ìkòshì	n.	militarised guard, police
ikpè	v.	bark, dress down
ikpē	v.	pacify, arbitrate, seek the love of, disclose
ìkpe	v.	judgement, settlement, reconciliation
ìkpèrè	n.	knee
ìkpù	v.	cap, cover, uncover
ìkpù	n.	lower abdomen, store for offspring
ìkpū	v.	enter or pass through a respectable place, shift band
ìkù	v.	hire
ìkù	v.	carry in the bosom
ìkù	v.	radiate current
ìkū	v.	ladle, wear
ìkwè	v.	knock
ìkwē	v.	assent, nod, rock the waist
ìkwhè	v.	mock
ìkwhè	v.	wander
ìkwhè	n.	tobacco mortar, giant mortar for processing palm produce
ìkwhē	v.	lose pregnancy, do up tendrils, weave
ìkwhē mirni/uju àlà	n.	deepest part of a river
ìkwhò	v.	take into account, scrub, snore
ìkwhō	v.	fade, collapse, pack
ìkwhù	v.	provide shelter, uncover
ìkwhū	v.	catch up with, make porridge or poultice
ìkwhū àgbà	v.	apply poultice to an ulcerous inflammation
ìkwhū edè	v.	throw a feast of cocoyam porridge as is the annual custom of Àmadìohnā Òzùzù Priests
ìkwù	v.	stalk

Echie	PoS	English
ikwū	v.	talk, discuss
ilē	v.	look, inspect
ile	int.	how many?
ilì	v.	bury
ilī	v.	connect with lines, leave, abandon a cause
ilù	v.	submit to, throw
ilū	v.	buy wine
ìlulu	n.	proverb
imē	v.	do, quarrel
imi	v.	nose
imì	v.	draw liquid, dip, push in
imò	v.	give deep cut
inè	v.	warp
ìnìnè	n.	amaranth
inū	v.	push
inwè	v.	barter, buy fish, disentangle, slip off
inwē	v.	own, quarrel
inwō	v.	winnow
inwū	v.	give flame
inyè	v.	try to remember
inyē	v.	give
inyì	v.	befriend
inyì	n.	coal, charcoal
inyi	n.	rheumatism
inyī/inyū/inyì	v.	climb
inyò	v.	peep, hail
inyō	v.	cut open, hail
ipē	v.	crack off
ipì	v.	poke, fuck
ipīe	v.	search, escape
ìpio	n.	noisy bird with yellow long beak and blue plumage
ipò	v.	chop into
ipō	v.	step on slime
ipū	v.	develop leakage, sprout, cut (tooth)
ire	n.	tongue, foot of a mollusc
irè	v.	be in vogue, be vain, be effective, calculate
irē	v.	sell, decay
irēnyì	n.	flatfish with slender snout
irī	num.	tenth
irī	v.	eat
ìri	num.	ten
ìri nà àbùò	num.	twelve
ìri nà ànnọ	num.	fourteen
ìri nà àtọ	num.	thirteen
ìri nà ìse	num.	fifteen
ìri nā otù	num.	eleven
irnē	v.	burn, scald, be hot
irni	n.	food
irni òmà bhà	n.	feast to calm down mourning
irno	n.	hatred, enmity
irnō	v.	show aversion to
irnù	v.	belt, be encumbered with
irò	v.	draw, pull, lure

Echie	PoS	English
irò ọtha	n.	mock warfare staged to honour a departed elder
irò/ọrò	n.	white telluric matter as sacred cosmetics
irù	v.	soften, wade
irū	v.	reach, grow, yield, brood
isè	v.	whine, whimper
isē	num.	fifth
isē	v.	float, bail
ise, 'se	num.	five
ishè	v.	draw, ask for, loose stitches
ishi	n.	head
ishi	n.	oath
ishì	v.	smell, lose lustre
ishī	v.	come from, leak, cook, set (trap)
ishi kpurukpudà	n.	stopper that rests on a trap catch
ishi kpùrùkpùda	v.	none caring after
ishi m̀p̀ù	n.	faculty of perception
ishi ọkùkù	n.	headache
ishīò	num.	sixth
ishù, 'shii	num.	six
isò	v.	follow, trail, investigate
isō	v.	arrange in symmetry
isū	v.	hit, burst, be in confusion
itè	v.	crack, knock
itē	v.	dub, make soup
itè	n.	pot
ite m̀gb̀ur̀ù	n.	plain clay pot for concoctions
ite mirni	n.	pitcher
ite òjà	n.	clay pot for cooking food
ithē	v.	dangle, wake
ithū	v.	pin on, hail, search for
itì	v.	crack, spank, catch the air in a membrane
itī	v.	hit, shout, catch the air in a membrane
it̀t̀ta miarni/òt̀t̀ta mirni	n.	low water level period
itò	v.	praise
itō	v.	increase, grow, lengthen
itōlu	num.	ninth
ìtolū, 'tolū	num.	nine
ituto mirni/otuto mirni	n.	high water level period
iwè	v.	take, slough
iwè	v.	poke, vex
iwèrè/iwìrìwè/uwèrè	v.	slough
iwhnē	v.	wander, search, peel
iwhnò	v.	brandish
iwhnō	v.	be expansive, admit light, brighten, clear
ìwhnò	v.	light
iwhnuwhnōrno/òwhnuwh	n.	tiny fly with oily limbs that pester the farmer in the dry
nōrno		season
iwìrìwè/uwèrè	v.	slough
iwù	v.	be in vogue
iwū	v.	wound, build
iyè	v.	play pranks
iyē	v.	poke
iyì	v.	remove fur or feather

Echie	PoS	English
iyī	v.	resemble, lay egg
izè	v.	avoid, dodge, abstain from
izē	v.	show briefly
ize	n.	eyesore
izhē/izhīe	v.	rumble, quarrel, put down load
izhèlizhiè	v.	sneeze
izhì	v.	clear the nostrils, bark, message
izhī	v.	show, teach
izhìè	excl.	be careful! watch out! Heavens forbid!
izò	n.	rain
izù	v.	arrange in heaps, suffice, knock against
izù	n.	week
izū	v.	steal
izù	n.	sense of good judgement

I

ìbà	v.	dig
ìbā	v.	grow or burn profusely
ìbā ma mịrni	v.	wet bed
ìbhà	v.	enter, join, grapple with
ìbhā	v.	bark (a tree or) in anger
ìbhā	v.	peel
ìbhià	v.	stamp, press
ìbhù	v.	uproot, hatch
ìbhū	v.	scramble for, plunder
ìbhū ọnụ	v.	lay curse on s.o.
ìbò	num.	second
ìbò	v.	open, break (day), cut up
ìbọ	v.	wax, come to light, exhume, weed
ìbù	v.	be excessive, be disgraced
ìbū	v.	be
ìchà	v.	slice, cut, sever, give verdict
ìchhà	v.	dodge
ìchhā	v.	emit heat, dazzle, wear the colour of, ripen
ìchhì	v.	be smear, rub off
ìchhū àjà	v.	sacrifice
ìchī	v.	govern, rule
ìchì	v.	laugh
ìchì ijhè	v.	guide pilgrims or tourists
ìchì ògwhà	v.	engage in love play
ìchīkọta	v.	gather
ìchọ	v.	search for, provoke, find, want, need
ìchū	v.	hunt, sack, prevent
ìdā	v.	scald, withhold correction
ìdhà	v.	fall, win, understudy, sound
ìdhà	n.	nightmare
ìdhù	v.	advise, set against, mature
ìdhū	v.	sew, prick
ìdhūwa	v.	pierce
ìdì	v.	be
ìdì ndhù	v.	be alive

Echie	PoS	English
idō	v.	draw, be dumped, provoke
idōpù	v.	tear off
idù	v.	set against
idū	v.	reach, poke, pluck with a pole, suffice, swear
idū agbàrà	v.	swear
ifà	v.	unshelf
ifā	v.	overstuff
ifò	v.	compress, squeeze, cut (the neck), wash
ifō	v.	pack, cram, remain
ifōdhà	v.	take pot off fire
ifù	v.	release air, tell a lie
ifù	v.	swell (like an abscess) also izā
ifū	v.	pain, be peppery
ifū	v.	fold
igā	v.	go, woo, bed
igbā	v.	sew, shoot, burst, sprout, fence, raise, ride, run take legal action, be available for sale, sting, shine (moon)
igbā àja	v.	divine
igbā alūkwaam	v.	divorce
igbā anyà kpim	v.	wink
igbā egwù	v.	play
igbā igbùdù	v.	to perform the rite of effigy procession at the burial of a lineage head
igbā mgbè	v.	to perform the rite of erecting statues
igbā ñgwògòrò ji	v.	to take mock yam title for a departed lineage head
igbā ufufù	v.	foam
igbā ūka	v.	go sour
igbāghàrà	v.	forgive
igbākọ	v.	dry up
igbāra	v.	recover from
igbāshà	v.	spread, relay (news)
igbāthì	v.	straighten s.t.
igbāzè	v.	melt
igbà	v.	join, be adjoining to, copulate, fruit
igbà	n.	virgin forest
igbàjì	v.	break (as stick)
igbàkùrù n'akpìrì	v.	get caught in the throat
igbàkwù	n.	boxing
igbàwà	v.	break (like biscuit)
igbò	v.	soften, relent
igbō	v.	howl, vomit, boil, bark
igbō hnè	v.	vomit
igbō n'òkhù	v.	become boiled
igbōnyù òkhù	v.	overflow (soup)
igbōye	v.	become well-cooked
igbù	v.	lose appeal, wait on
igbū	v.	lose skin or leaves slip off, disentangle
igbū anya mirni asù	v.	spit out
ighā	v.	become disorganised, lie
ighhà	v.	scratch
ighhā	v.	be weaned, be grown, be big
ighhù	v.	embrace, constrict
ighhū	v.	count, retail, read, recite, sing

Echie	PoS	English
ighhū abhù	v.	sing
ighhū aghhūū	v.	become hungry
ighò	v.	change, dissemble, trick, become
ighò	v.	pluck, catch in the air
ighù	v.	overcook (oil)
ighū	v.	extract, preen
ighū ọnu	v.	to interrogate, extract confession
ignà	v.	turn tepid, vain or commonplace, be excited
ignā	n.	flat oily delicious fish with scales which while swimming often assumes a curved posture
ignā	v.	simmer
ignù	v.	mock, rejoice, borrow
ignū	v.	drink, dupe
ignūgbu	v.	get drowned
igō	v.	deny
igōzhi	v.	bless
igù	v.	refuse, name
igù àhnà	v.	name
igū	v.	life out of liquid
igwà	v.	lure, coerce, drag
igwā	v.	mix, tell, avenge
igwhà	v.	tie (wrapper)
igwò	v.	dredge
igwò	v.	become refractory, cripple, concoct, heal, turn with ladle
igwū	v.	finish, exhaust
ihà	v.	shell, let go, set at large
ihà/àkpi	n.	tiny insects spread to humans by domestic animals especially birds
ihì	v.	wring, twist, dance
ihnà	v.	arrange, settle, equal
ihnā	v.	bestow, chop off, extract
ihni, ihnià	v.	restitute, atone
ihnià		bark, skin
ihnù	v.v.	state (price), make distinguishing mark
ihnū	v.	roast
ihò	v.	sample, select, reject
ihō	n.	couscous
ihù	v.	shake, rattle, shock
ihū	v.	fell
ijà	v.	open carelessly, become commonplace
ijā	v.	praise
ijò	v.	miss the mark, deny, refuse
ijò	n.	odd
ijò/ihìè	n.	error, mistake, wrong throw
ijù	v.	rub, whisk, masticate noisily
ijū	v.	question, reject
ijūkwà ọnu	v.	belie
ikà	v.	refer to, look into, rule (a line)
ikā	v.	be above, be greater than, age
ikhà	v.	sharpen
ikhā	v.	be strained, stiffen
ikhù	v.	be engaged in, pluck (leaves)
ikhū	v.	gnaw, sow, tap

Echie	PoS	English
ìkò	v.	dredge, marsh
ìkò	v.	dry, be scarce, scratch, come off, guess, tell
ìkpà	v.	weave, handle, seize
ìkpā	v.	scratch, scrape, rear, be in circulation
ìkpì	v.	stitch, pinch, pilfer
ìkpò	v.	warp, become blunt, commune
ìkpō	v.	run into, call, invite, bed, dry
ìkpō isùsù ji	v.	make a feast of mashed yam
ìkpò òrikò	v.	commune
(òrikò,òrikòrò)/ìkpù òrikò		
(òrikò,òrikòrò)		
ìkpù	v.	mouth, commune, roll up
ìkpū	v.	mould, lick, feast
ìkù	v.	cripple, be refractory
ìkū	v.	hit, strike cadence
ìkwà	v.	make up, be elusive, deny
ìkwā	v.	build up, take over, look after sanctuary
ìkwhà	v.	stop, end
ìkwhà	v.	do up cross-bars
ìkwhà	v.	bestow
ìkwhà	v.	abuse
ìkwhā	v.	rub against
ìkwhā	v.	mourn
ìkwhà ọràrà/ìkwhà ọrọrà	v.	build barn
ìkwhù	v.	blaze trail, thicken
ìkwhū	v.	perch or hang in a colony, drag, perform the rite of incest
ìkwò	v.	carry one on the other, carry on the back
ìkwō	v.	drive
ìkwō	v.	ferry
ìkwō	v.	splash
ìkwō	v.	grind
ìkwù	v.	be in the company of
ìkwū	v.	pay, grow luxuriant foliage, be heard mud of
ìkwū ọmì	v.	extract by suction
ìlā	v.	shave
ìlā	v.	depart
ìlì	v.	look down upon
ìlìà	v.	pull apart
ìlìè	v.	pull at, scratch unabashed
ìlò	v.	drag out
ìlò	v.	return, throw
ìlù	v.	fight, rescue
ìlū	v.	marry
ìmà	v.	purchase grain
ìmā	v.	know, dope, bed, spear, knot, unknot
ìmā ijò	v.	be odd
ìmāwa idù	v.	discharge uterine matter before delivery
ìmì	v.	pain, suck, fruit
ìmì	v.	stick out, poke, be greedy, slip
ìmù	v.	learn, take light, jump
ìmū	v.	sharpen, foster, increase
ìnā	v.	take from, raise fund, levy, snatch
ìnè	v.	demand attention, bend, warp

Echie	PoS	English
inì	v.	oversatisfy, force on
inō	v.	swallow
inò	v.	be available, stay
inò	num.	fourth
inù	v.	heat without liquid, flame pottery
inū	v.	hear
inwà	v.	tempt, clear the throat, throw up, become commonplace, fade
inwū	v.	take up gently, rub, die
inyà	v.	sling on
inyā	v.	glue, cloister, place near fire
inyā/eso	v.	sticky sap, glue, gum
inyì	v.	press forth, surpass
inyū	v.	excrete, die down, grow blunt, rub, increase
ipā	v.	life, weigh in the palm
iphì	v.	squeeze
iphū	v.	sharpen, carve, shape
ipì	v.	squeeze, press
ipì	v.	blind
ipō	v.	rub lavishly
ipù	v.	leave, show up, amount to, perceive
irā	v.	breathe, scrub, lick, prove difficult
irì	v.	demand restitution
irì	v.	climb
irnà	v.	lead on, entice
irnā	v.	bed, sleep, thicken
irnū	v.	work
irò	v.	fashion
irō	v.	rub, squeeze, joke, disclose
irù	v.	poke, spike, demarcate, limp
irū	v.	deform, roast, be unclean, sin
isà	v.	prattle
isā	v.	wash, imbecilize, initiate, purify
isā àjà	v.	social imbecilization of the individual
isātò	num.	eighth
ishà	v.	thumb through, understudy, reply, drip
ishā	v.	widen, spread out
ishàrà	v.	successful completion of one's games
ishì	v.	say, gossip
isò	v.	stop, end
isō	v.	push against, jam, flow, respect, abstain from
isù	v.	grab, grapple with, check, fence, fall in demand, speak with the tongue in the cheek
isū	v.	pound, clear, stammer
ità	v.	bite
ità	v.	chew, shrink, dry
ìthà	v.	stake, gauge
ìthā	v.	drip, blame
ìthì	v.	lose water, shrivel
ìthì	v.	stretch
ìthū	v.	ask to buy, fail to match, squeeze onto
ìthū anyà		dithyrambic imbecilization of an Age Grade
itò	v.	drop, mark stands

Echie	PoS	English
it̄ō	num.	third
it̄ō	v.	be older than, precede, loose stitches
it̄ù	v.	measure, overrule
it̄ū	v.	contribute, carve, cast, hit, let stray
iwà	v.	get out of control, penetrate, cut open
iwà	v.	break, be wedged between
iwhnà	v.	prattle
iwhnū	v.	peel, see, foresee, prophesy
iwò	v.	deny someone something
iwò	v.	barricade, dam, fence
iwù	v.	skip, deny someone something
iwū	v.	pour, purchase, draw, make music
iyà	v.	sift, court, raise hirelings, chatter
iyàgbà	n.	chain
iyì	v.	be in love with
iyòrò	n.	sparrow
izā	v.	respond, swell, bloat cf. ifù
izà	v.	dissolve, sweep, be excited
izò	v.	plant, march, stride
izò	v.	absent from, save
izù	v.	cater for, train
izū	v.	purchase

J.

ji	n.	yam
ji àbàlà	n.	water yam
ji ābala nwagwọrọ	n.	curved water yam
ji àghhà	n.	long yam
ji òyìbàrà	n.	giant yam
ji òdòghhàrà	n.	stout yam
jiakwhū	n.	cassava, manioc
jigidhe	v.	control, brake
jiì jiì	n.	feebleness

K.

kà	conj.	that, so that
kaa	dem.	this (follows noun)
kāa wè	dem.	these
kaa/kìya/nya/ya/ke nya/ke	dem.	this
ya		
kamā hne	conj.	instead of
kañka	n.	tough leaf
kañka òkashì	n.	The not too tender foliage of a vegetable plant
kara		more than, unlike
ke òle	int.	which?
kelu kelu	n.	fit
kelu kelu akwhā	n.	sulkiness
kem	dem.	that, those

Echie	PoS	English
kemì wè	dem.	those
khee/hu	adv.	again
khèrekhère ukwū	n.	back of foot
Kolokōchhè	p.n.	Adjuvant
komkom	n.	tin can
komkom	id.	sound of tin can
kpaà/kwulā/kwunnià/kwū nyā/kwūnyānwa/kwūnyān wahnj/kwuyà/kwuyā	dem.	like this, this way
kpaàhnū/kpahñū/kwuhñū /kwunñūm/kwunì	dem.	like that, that way
kpam kpam	excl.	completely!
Kpamkpamì	p.n.	Generalismo (in Àbharà)
kpanikpañdhò/kpòmikpòn dhò	n.	star
kpapù	n.	penknife
kpàtamkpā	n.	palm beetle
kpèmbòm kpèmbòmì	n.	drupe from a shrub of ovate foliage
kpìribòm/mkpìribò	n.	bamboo bars for suspending thatches in roofing
kpìrikpìrì shì	n.	small intestine
kpìtìmkpì	n.	jigger, pin for holding raphia thatching in place
kpokirikpō	n.	batrep pod of a greenish brush wood of ovate foliage
kpòkìrìkpò	n.	brush wood good for making broom for out-door cleaning
kpòkwu	n.	compact arrangement
kpòkwu/kpòkwuru		
kpòkwuru		
kpònkwhùkwhù	n.	padlock
kpòtù ukè kpòtù ùkè/igōlo	n.	shooting star, meteor
kpukirikpū	n.	fingerlike fruits of a deciduous shrub
kpùtùkpùtù	id.	sound of boiling water
kùrjà	excl.	playful opening formula for weaving a name into a charm
kwa/kwhe	v.	take!
kwaà	v.	imagine!
kwe	v.	be calm!
kwèèmì	quant.	plenty, a lot
kwhòbe	conj.	because (of)
kwū	int.	how, the way
kwū òle	int.	how, how many?
L.		
lòrìlòrì	id.	very soft (as yam paste)
M.		
m(ụ)	pron.	I, my
m̄/wā	det.	the
mì	dem.	that
mà	conj.	whether, if, or, in order that
mà...kwà	conj.	and also

Echie	PoS	English
mà...mà	conj.	neither...nor
màkà	conj.	because
màna	conj.	but
manụ	n.	oil
manụ agnū	n.	honey
manụ	n.	person
manụ	n.	corpse of an important person
mbadamba	id.	extremely wide
m̄bakām	excl.	serves you right!
m̄bàlàma/m̄bàlààm		that is the only condition, otherwise
M̄bàzùmà	p.n.	Lord of the sea, credited with pomp, splendour and majesty
mbè	n.	calabash ladle
mbèkwù (m̄rni)	n.	West African black forest turtle, <i>Pelusios nigre</i>
m̄bèrède	n.	suddenness
mbhà agbàrà	n.	hypertension occasioning delirium or hallucination erectness
m̄bhe	n.	leaf for fish doping
mbhò	n.	priestly mace
M̄bhòni	p.n.	Eleme people
m̄bhurù	n.	snake sp.
m̄bhurù m̄kpụ	n.	Calabar ground python, <i>Charina reinhardtii</i>
mbì	n.	the great beyond
m̄bì ikpèrè	n.	erectness of the knee, standing at attention
m̄bìbì	n.	tattoo
m̄bìbiè/m̄bìribiri	n.	slab on which vegetable is sliced
m̄bìmbì	n.	settler, non-native
m̄bọ	num.	first
m̄bọ akà/m̄kpòkoro akà	n.	finger nail
m̄bọ ụkwū/m̄kpòkoro	n.	toe nail
ụkwū		
m̄bọ/m̄bubọ	n.	comb
m̄bọ̀ògwè	n.	replantable farmstead
m̄bubari	n.	flat choice twine for fish trap making
m̄bùbè	n.	morsel
mbube anụ	n.	crumb of meat
mbùọ, otù	num.	one
m̄bùò, àbùò, laàbù, lamì, namì	num.	two
m̄bùrù	n.	wren
m̄bùzò	n.	tool for digging up tubers
M̄eem̄èkwuru	p.n.	Goddess of Retributive Justice (in N̄nihni)
m̄gba	n.	wrestling
m̄gba	n.	copulation, farmer's staff
m̄gba àmà	n.	presage
m̄gba ama ọnwụ	n.	signs of inevitable death like bodily swelling
m̄gbà/m̄gbè	n.	oyster
m̄gbà/m̄gbè/m̄bù/ndì	v.a.	should have
m̄gbàà	n.	bleating of a goat
m̄gbabọ		breach, branching off

Echie	PoS	English
mìgbàdamgbā/mgbàrụ	n.	recuperated forest
ọkwù		
mìgbàdhà	n.	deer
mìgbaduzò/nwurūrù	n.	hare
mgbàji m̀kpìshì	n.	apportioning liabilities to persons responsible for burial rituals
mìgbakà/susumē	n.	tapering cylindrical fish used for sauce for pregnant women
M̀gbakhe Nsò	p.n.	Quarantine
mgbàkọ	n.	addition
mìgbàkpù/ọnụ òtù	n.	low window leading to the resting place of domestic animals
Mgbakwo Àlà	p.n.	elf, fairy
mìgbàlà	n.	kitchen
mìgbàm ozu	n.	ill condition that leaves newly born baby with little flesh
mìgbàpè	n.	well savoured white chalk relished by pregnant women, sherd of oil container used as torch
mìgbara	n.	unattached extracted, extract, fender
mìgbara àgìdhà	n.	chief's supporters, henchmen
mìgbara ọkashì	n.	handful of hard leaf (vegetable)
mìgbara ọnyà	n.	stick for restraining flying foliage around traps
mìgbarì igwè	n.	mosquito larvae
mìgbarịra	n.	perimeter, circumference
mìgbarìta/mìgbarìtara		taking sides with
Mgbarụ	n.	first fruit ritual
Mgbè	p.n.	God World, Pantheon Temple, Traditional Art Gallery
mìgbè/mìgbà	int.	when? while
mìgbè òle	int.	when?
mìgbè/ọmụgwò	n.	fattening period of a maiden, especially after her first child
M̀gbekhe Mkpà	p.n.	Lady of the Evil Forest, Hecate
M̀gbèdhè Ùbhà	p.n.	Anelation of a Nursing Mother
mìgbele	a.	plain, naked, single, unattached
mìgbele mmà/mmā m̀gbele	n.	knife without handle
mgbìdi	n.	thick, imposing wall
mgbō/igbō	n.	door
mìgbòkòrò/mìgbòkòshì/mìk	n.	uninitiated
p̀òkòrò		
mgbù	n.	flood plain
mìgbu/ògbà	n.	compound, ward
mìgbubē uhnìè	n.	principal cross lane
mìgbùrumìgbù	n.	giant eel
mìgbùmìgbù	n.	natural wale on lower abdomen
mirnī	n.	water, rain, liquid, juice
Mirni Ọjọ	p.n.	<i>Fadama</i> (in Ìgbo)
m̀kpà	n.	lurch, difficulty
Mkpà	p.n.	Evil Forest
m̀kpà	n.	column
m̀kpà jì	n.	column of yams (in a barn)
m̀kpabhù	n.	armpit
m̀kpàgbu nwā	n.	still birth
m̀kpàjàrà	n.	mock, rehearsal

Echie	PoS	English
mìkpàkà	n.	large tapering cylindrical delicious fish
mìkpàka ùgbòrò	n.	dull and not quite smart type of mìkpàkà that lives in muddy water
mìkpanishi	n.	seed yam
mìkpàmìkpà	n.	piece of wrapper
mìkpe	n.	mourning
mìkpe ùkà	n.	consultation
mìkpèkèrè	n.	calabash dish
mìkpèkèrè	n.	gourd from which dishes are made
mìkpèkèrè	n.	container
mìkpèkere ùtù	n.	safe
mìkpèlè	n.	tamper, tamp pad, tampon
mìkpì	n.	scissors
mìkpìribò	n.	roofing rafter
mìkpìshìrì aka	n.	finger
mìkpìshìrì aka ìkpoto	n.	thumb
(ìkputu)		
mìkpìshìrì aka ùsò	n.	little finger
mìkpìshìrì ùkwù ìkpoto	n.	big toe
(ìkputu)		
mìkpìshìrì ùkwù ùsò	n.	little toe
mìkpìshìrì ùkwù	n.	toe
mìkpìshì	n.	stick
mìkpìshì osè	n.	rib
mìkpìshì ùbùbè	n.	rung
mìkpò	n.	pod, epidermis, exoskeleton, scale, nail
mìkpo	n.	fisherman's container
mìkpo	n.	walling, age grade
mìkpò òmà	n.	mind, memory, seat of wisdom
mìkpòbèrè	n.	slicing off, breathing, the last
mìkpòkwhube/ntùkwhube	n.	asphyxiation
mìkpòmìkpò	n.	town crier's gong
mìkpòmìkpò	n.	refuse dump
mìkpòmìkpò	n.	unimpressive in status
mìkpòmìkpò	n.	child's play
mìkporo mīrni/mgbù	n.	wooded water area, flood plain
mìkpòrò/ùkelu	n.	prison
mìkpòrò	n.	leakage, eyelet
mìkpòrò	n.	hanger
mìkpòrò/mìkpòròmìkporo	n.	pivot
mìkpù	n.	space between two yam stands
mìkpù	n.	spiky outgrowth
mìkpù	n.	gristle
mìkpù òmà	n.	mind, memory
mìkpù ònùmà	n.	pernicious limb tumour
mìkpukà	n.	consultation room, chamber
mìkpùkpa	n.	out-door broom
mìkpùkpo	n.	small inedible cricket

Echie	PoS	English
m̀kp̀ùkp̀ù	n.	hiding, hibernation, incubation
mkp̀ùm̀kp̀ù		short
m̀kp̀ù	n.	satiety
m̀kp̀ùkp̀ò	n.	shout
m̀kp̀ùkp̀ò	n.	loud cry, wailing
m̀kp̀ùm̀kp̀ù	n.	sapling, tender crop
mm̀à	n.	knife
mm̀ā	n.	beauty
mm̀ā ekwhu	n.	kitchen knife
mm̀ā ekwhu awa jī	n.	farmer's yam knife
mm̀ā èlèkè	n.	portable pointed matchet that is fashionable to wear sheathed
mm̀ā m̀kp̀irì ìse	n.	panga, triangular shaped matchet
mm̀ā òghhè	n.	matchet
mm̀ā ònù òghhò	n.	curved tip matchet
mm̀ā òsa agbāa n'akpì	n.	large pointed matchet
m̀m̀āàà/m̀m̀èèè	id.	baa, sheep, ram, fool
mm̀asha àhù	n.	ablution
m̀m̀èèè/m̀m̀èèè	n.	ritual, ceremony
mm̀ùba	n.	multiplication
mm̀ùba/ndheba	n.	spreading, flowing free, wetting, soaking
m̀m̀ùma	n.	trowel
m̀m̀ù òkhù	n.	lamp
m̀m̀ùm̀m̀ù/ùlò	n.	outcome
m̀m̀ùm̀m̀ù ònù	n.	logic
m̀pekala/m̀pekele/epekele/ipekele/ibe	n.	piece, mouthful
m̀p̀èèè	n.	ray (fish)
m̀p̀èèè mirni	n.	flying fish
m̀p̀èèè/m̀p̀èèèkupèèè	n.	butterfly
m̀p̀it̀à	n.	mud
m̀wep̀ù	n.	subtraction
m̀weyi/uwèèè/uweyi	n.	clothes
m̀wùù asù	n.	spitting cobra
mye/myerìèèè/myo/myorì	dem.	yonder
myow	excl.	yes indeed!

N.

na/n'/nà	prep.	in, on, from, of, beside, in front of, behind, under, above, beyond, a popular preposition and an auxiliary verb. The three different forms represent those preceding a consonant, vowel and syllabic nasal.
nà	conj.	and, that
naānì	quant.	only
nchhà	n.	soap
̀nch̀àkìrìèèè/chakirim	n.	face mark, birth or tribal mark
̀nche	n.	guide, watch, flavouring for palm wine
̀ncheèèè m̀irnièèè/nze mirni	n.	umbrella

Echie	PoS	English
̀nchhì	n.	dodge (wrestling tactics), grass cutter
̀nchhì	n.	greater cane rat, <i>Thryonomys swinderianus</i>
nchìchì	n.	small climbing rodent
̀nchọ	n.	scarce
nchọkpu	n.	stooping position
̀nchọrọ mirnì	n.	striped smallish long tailed river snail
̀nchọrọ	n.	smallish long tailed snail
̀nchụchụ	n.	whisk
nchụụ anwụ	n.	mint
̀ndàà	excl.	response to animation call at scramble game
̀nde	sal.	my dear
̀ndè	num.	one million
nde	n.	persons
̀ndebọrọ	quant.	some
̀ndhà	n.	obscure corner
̀ndhidhà	n.	slope
ndhù	n.	high flying milky coloured forest bird
ndhù	n.	life
̀ndhùdhò	n.	makeshift farmhouse, shack
ndjda	n.	touch, caress, massage
̀ndjì	int.	where, which, how?
ndikà/̀njikà		which is why
ndindi/ndundu	n.	stout
̀ndọ n'ekwhò	n.	preinclesia, cerebro-spinal meningitis
̀ndọrọ ọkpụ	n.	wrapper style that exaggerates the size of the hips
̀ndù	n.	stupor, torpidity
̀ndùdù	n.	music pot
̀Ndùm	p.n.	Fadama (in ̀Abharà)
̀ndùnù, ̀ndùrù	n.	seat in a canoe or boat
ndùrì	n.	dove
̀ndùrù mirnì	n.	rainy season
nène	n.	granny
nène ashà	n.	old skinny all belly weaver bird, potbelly
̀nfe	n.	light
̀nfụ	n.	dark tiny tree ant that gives painful bite
nfù	n.	perdition
̀nga	n.	skip
ngaā ozhi/nwandū	n.	rot that guides fishing line to a shoal
̀ngbàdụzọ bibi	n.	Geoffroy's squirrel, <i>Xerus erythropus</i> . also nwaūrurù
ngalaba ̀òtùlè/ọwara ̀òtùlè	n.	anal groove
̀ngàrì	n.	bribe
̀ngàrì	n.	garri, cassava flour
̀ngèlè	n.	Emin's Giant-rat, <i>Cricetomys emini</i> . 'rabbit'
̀ngèrèdè/̀nghhìghha	n.	dryer for storing victuals
ngghasha	n.	stamina
̀nghhìghha/̀ngèrèdè	n.	dryer for storing condiments
̀nghhù	n.	rib basket
̀nghhù	n.	bust
ngghụbọ	n.	segregation, excommunication
ngghụghhùba	n.	consolation
ngghụkọba/ngghụkọlọ/ng hhụkọlụlọ	n.	final judgement

Echie	PoS	English
nkwabùbe	n.	laudation, eulogy
nkwalìta	n.	elevation, prop
nkwee akà	n.	cactus
̀̀kwèkè/uzhe	n.	batch
nkwhà	n.	promise
̀̀kwhe	n.	enclosure, fence
̀̀kwhe/ibùsù/̀̀kwā	n.	wooden dish
̀̀kwhe	adv.	with effort
̀̀kwù	n.	large basket for garnering fingerlings
̀̀le	n.	action dictated by the influence of others
̀̀lu	n.	bile
̀̀lulu abhù	n.	panegyric
nnà	n.	father
nnàa		my young man
̀̀nabì	n.	tortoise cf. ̀̀nyimì
nnē	n.	mother
̀̀ne	n.	grandmother, female
̀̀ne kwele ekwele m̄	n.	girl's first love affair believed to be sanctioned by the mother
̀̀Nnè̀chètàrà/̀̀Ǹ̀nekolochhè /̀̀Ǹ̀nekolochhē Nwanyì	p.n.	Adjuvant (in Èbèrì)
̀̀netà	n.	little black bird that nests around houses
nnī	int.	what?
nnù	num.	four hundred
nnù nā oghhù	num.	four hundred and twenty
nnù nā oghhù ìse	num.	five hundred
nnù namì	num.	eight hundred
nnwanyì	n.	female person
nnwokhò	n.	male person
̀̀nyinyò	n.	mirror
̀̀raā ajha	n.	little striped fish that pecks constantly at the river bed
nrakhō	n.	roping in, entanglement
̀̀rī azù	n.	Smyth's water snake, a brightly coloured non-poisonous water snake, <i>Grayia smythii</i>
̀̀rī̀̀rì	n.	exigency, obligation, after effect, boomerang
nshi	n.	poison, bad medicine, concoction
nshi egbè	n.	gun powder
nshì mīrni	n.	bean plant tiny foliage of which is mashed for fish dope
nshi nnwanyì	n.	venereal disease
nshi ̀̀kpọ̀̀rọ̀ ihnī	n.	migraine
̀̀shī mirni	n.	fish dope especially shrub with tiny leaves mashed for the purpose
̀̀shìkō	n.	crab
̀̀sọ̀̀ghwà	n.	crutch
̀̀tagbà	n.	West African house snake, <i>Lamprophis spp.</i>
̀̀tākpaṃù	n.	strong biting brown ant that lives in colonies on trees
̀̀tọ̀̀khūm	n.	good riddance, serves you right
̀̀tu	n.	obscure corner
̀̀tụ	n.	lot, plot
̀̀tụ àlà	n.	foundation
̀̀tụ jiakwhū/̀̀tụ mirni	n.	cassava fermentation lot
nthụ	n.	ash

Echie	PoS	English
ntukwhū	n.	stooling position
ntụ ùwà	n.	foundation of the world
nturì	n.	strolling
ntù	n.	outlet
ntùrùhìkì	n.	tiny fly that dubs a provoker's hair with sticky mess
ntùtù	n.	(calabash) kettle
nụ	pron.	you, your (plural)
nwa	n.	child, epithet of modesty
nwaekpekē	n.	Bates's dwarf antelope, <i>Neotragus batesi</i>
nwañbhe	n.	mouse
nwanmì	n.	egg-eating snake, a non-poisonous snake that sucks eggs around the home. <i>Dasyeltis scabra</i>
nwanātà	n.	co-villager, townsman
Nwanyōmụgwò	p.n.	Anelation of the nursing mother as part of the Àmadiòhnà pantheon (in Òzùzù)
Nwañgèlè	p.n.	River God credited with the erratic quality of finding first person in sight guilty of not checking his neighbours' misconduct (in Òzùzù)
Nwañkwò na Nne e	p.n.	bisexuality and incest (at Ñdashì)
nwashì	n.	young person, under-aged person
nwaūrurù	n.	Geoffroy's squirrel, <i>Xerus erythropus</i> . Also ñgbàdụzò bibi
Nwebeghharà	p.n.	hubris as part of the Òtamirnochhè Pantheon (in Umōyo)
nwekpèkèlè	n.	leopard, <i>Panthera pardus</i> . cf. edi
nwenètà	n.	close or blood relation
nwīdi	n.	major
nwīhà	n.	minor
nwikō/nwikiligbā	n.	little darling
nwikō/òkòlòkpashì	n.	cup
nyị	pron.	we, us, our
nzère	n.	dignity, aloofness from stain
ñzù	n.	wing of farmstead, usually about fifty metres square
nzu ụzò	n.	foreign body cramming the eyes of an unbespectacled rider
O.		
o/ọ		he/she/it
obeē àkwaha àghìgbà	n.	cactus
obha mīrni	n.	dwarf crocodile, <i>Osteolaemus tetraspis</i>
obì	n.	heart, thought, spirit
obì	n.	settlement, habitation
obī	n.	spear for opening the ground
òbì n'ew	n.	mistletoe
obī ochhiè	n.	abandoned homestead
obī ohnụ	n.	fresh homestead
òbibì	n.	habitation, loaning
Òbìchhirì Ụzò/Uzhi	p.n.	longevity cult in Afara , Àkpòkhù , Ñnihni and Umēchem)
Obìmarnalà	p.n.	patriotism as Part of the Àmadiòhnà Pantheon (in Òzùzù)
òbirì/òbòkoro	n.	palaver hut
òbò	n.	oil container
obo nshìkò/okpò nshìkò	n.	crab shell
òbò/okpò	n.	shell

Echie	PoS	English
òbòghòlò	n.	oedema
òbòjè/òbòjò	n.	mudskipper, victuals
Òbòmochhè	p.n.	Avatar Cult (around the Mystic Rock at Àbharà)
òbùbù	n.	weak noisy brown bird with ash coloured underpart
òbukwà/mìgbụ/ùgbụ/ùgbụ	excl.	Heavens forbid!
kwà		
obūru bushàa	n.	jetsam and flotsam, rejected
ochu	n.	freshly burnt farmland, planting season
òdhò	n.	yolk, yolk coloured cosmetics
òdògò/ògbakòrò	n.	arena, town square
òdu	n.	game to test presence of mind
òdu/ñchhì	n.	grass cutter
òdùdù	n.	blood sucking carnation coloured weak fly
òfè/òwù	n.	other bank, other side
ofenja/òkpòkò	n.	smoking pipe
Ògbò	p.n.	council of cult heads
Ògbogìdì	p.n.	coven (grove in Òzùzù)
ogboro	n.	bar and current
ogboro amà	n.	main road
Ogborotà	p.n.	fertility cult
ògbuchì	n.	shrub with ovate foliage crush for the treatment of infantile convulsion
ogbùdù	n.	clay statue
ògbunoriè	n.	coccidiosis
ogburugbu	n.	huge
ògèrì	n.	female temple attendant
oghō	n.	synthetic cord
ògìrì	n.	food seasoner
ògo et'ere	n.	sweet fruit at the base of a type of wattle
ògogo	n.	sweet fruit from a tree with rough trunk
ogologo	n.	length cf. akha
ògu/òguru	n.	whole, all
Ogwēle	n.	Coven in which the unguided experiences night in front of him and day at the back (in Ñnihni)
ogwhū	n.	thorn
ògwùgwù	n.	valley
Ògwùgwù	p.n.	Abyss
òhihe	n.	fetish contrivance
ohni	n.	fruit of the fluted pumpkin
ohnirni	n.	wedge
òhnu/òhnurnu	n.	whole tuber
Ojì	p.n.	God of Iron and Masculine Prowess (in Òzùzù)
ojī	a.	black, dark
òjìjì	n.	costume
òjòngò	n.	jug
òjòngò	n.	crown
Òjukwū	p.n.	Goddess of Prophecy (in Ñnihni)
okhe	n.	male
okhe àkpè	n.	magical practices
okhe alikpo	n.	agama lizard
okhe umernē/ okhomokho	n.	arrogant disposition
òkhjìrìmà	n.	plantain
okhòkpà	n.	cock

Echie	PoS	English
òkikè	n.	division, creation
okirì	n.	animation call for mob action
òkiri	n.	wether
okīshi		be
òkòlò	n.	parley trumpet
òkòlò	n.	creek
okòrò	n.	circumference
okòrò	n.	circle
okoshiko	n.	hard wood
òkòso	n.	cone
òkpo	n.	palate
òkpò	n.	caravan, group of travellers
okpòkiri	n.	Western tree-hyrax, <i>Dendrohyrax dorsalis</i>
òkpoko	n.	hammerkop stork, <i>Scopus umbretta</i>
okpokoro	n.	container
okpòkoro/okpòkorò	a.	hollow, pipelike
òkpoòrokò	a.	unripe
okpòrò	n.	cutting for replanting
òkpu	n.	cap, hat
òkpu àchàrà	n.	grass sun hat
Òkpu n'Ebhò	p.n.	Altar
òkpu nwagwọrọ	n.	cap with loop
òkù	n.	chant, call, hailing
oku ọhja	n.	hunting chant
okūzhi	n.	Ogilby's duiker, <i>Cephalophus ogilbyi</i>
okwhu	n.	lid, cover, cap
òkwhùkwhò	n.	rake for cleaning the premises
òkwhùkwhù	n.	box, packet
òkwìrikwirì	n.	owl
òkwò	n.	haunch
okwu	n.	language
olu	n.	neck, voice, dialect, idiolect
olulò	n.	army worm
òlùlò/olori	n.	bottle
olùlù	n.	pit, large hole
òmò	n.	nucleus
òmongò	n.	mug
ònye	int.	who?
opètè	n.	wattle sp.
òpò	n.	wattle sp.
òrie	n.	outward swing
òriuṅdò/òriṅdù	n.	mesmerism
òro	excl.	shout of jubilation
orubambam	n.	lackadaisical conduct
ose	n.	rib cage
osè	n.	pepper
osè àpàri	n.	climbing pepper
oshī	n.	theft, corked state of firearm
osori/ogbàchhi/rakhò	n.	obstacle
rakhò		
Òsu	p.n.	Devotee
osùbè	n.	mortar for pounding
òsumìrni	n.	sea, ocean

Echie	PoS	English
òthù	n.	club, association
òtùlè	n.	bottom
otule ukwu	n.	sweet licking non-stinging brown insect with prominent rear part
òwu	n.	masquerade
òwù	n.	longing, nostalgia, loneliness
ozo	n.	track, lane
ozu	n.	unimportant corpse, carcass

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ọ̀bà/ọ̀bàrà	n.	small or shallow cup
ọ̀bā akà/ọ̀dìdā akà	n.	palm of the hand
ọ̀bà/ọ̀bàrà	n.	cup
Ọ̀bàchì	p.n.	the mighty one whose celestial robe sweeps the earth (in Ọ̀dùfò)
Ọ̀bàshì	p.n.	the mighty one whose celestial robe sweeps the earth (in Umānyaghụ)
ọ̀bhā	n.	barn
ọ̀bhàrà	n.	blood, redness
ọ̀bhàrà ọ̀bhàrà	id.	reddish, russet
ọ̀bhàrà	n.	blood
ọ̀bhụbhụ	n.	worm with powerful sting
ọ̀birìlù	n.	ebony
ọ̀bọ	n.	sheath
Ọ̀bọm	n.	Avatar (in Ọ̀zùzù)
ọ̀bùbù	n.	disgrace, excessive availability
ọ̀bùbù	n.	large flat fish with prominent snout, saury
ọ̀chhaa	a.	white, clean
ọ̀chì	n.	laughter
ọ̀chì wàrà wàrà	n.	waterfall, rapids
ọ̀chhìchhā	n.	cockroach
ọ̀chìchì	n.	difficult stooling
ọ̀chọ	n.	skin blemish, albino mark
ọ̀chọkọrọ	n.	hermit crab
ọ̀chọkọrọ	n.	casting net
ọ̀dha kpùm	n.	poor flying night bird
ọ̀dhù		delay, advice, stall, tail
ọ̀dhù	n.	pestle
ọ̀dìdā aka/ọ̀bā akà	n.	palm of the hand
ọ̀dìdā ukwù/ọ̀bā ukwù	n.	sole
ọ̀dụ	n.	horn, pipe
Ọ̀fọ	n.	mace of full initiation
ọ̀ga/kpòndà	n.	game of beating the stampede by maidens
ọ̀gànelū/hne ọ̀maa	n.	smallpox, chicken-pox
ọ̀garì	n.	secret name for knife
Ọ̀gbà	n.	recluse, cloister
ọ̀gbà	n.	makeshift barn, recluse, cloister
ọ̀gbā àkhaa/arùka akhaa	n.	thatch rod
ọ̀gbā elè	n.	pole for lifting big game like the giant deer
ọ̀gbā ezhi	n.	hunter's pole for lifting pig which when walked across induces farting

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ògba kpam	n.	switch, knob, button
ògba kpim	n.	tack button
ògbà/mìgbu	n.	premises, compound, ward
ògbàgbùrù ùwà n'erè	n.	thrifty person
Ọgbangò		rare pedigree as part of the Ọtamirnochhè Pantheon (in Ụmōgọm Ọphìrì)
ogbanke-ènwè	n.	white-throated guenon, <i>Cercopithecus erythrogaster</i>
ògbàrà/ùgbàrà/mgbakhe nsò	n.	quarantine
ògbatị	n.	dark large stinging insect that lives in dead wood
ògbọ	n.	plantation, orchard
ogbọrọ	n.	group of stands
ògbụlà	n.	bar
ògbụla otù/gòlò golò	n.	more than full size
ogbuzò	n.	standard farm lane
ogbuzò uhniè	n.	cross lane
ogbuzò ùkwuu	n.	principal lane
òghhìghha	n.	saving from trouble, maturity
oghhụ ànnọ nà ìrì nà àbùọ	num.	ninety-two
oghhụghhụ	n.	calculation
oghhụ	n.	hoe
oghhụ	num.	twenty
oghhụ ànnọ	num.	eighty
oghhụ ànnọ nà àbùọ	num.	eighty-two
oghhụ ànnọ nà ìrì	num.	ninety
oghhụ ànnọ nà ìrì nā otù	num.	ninety-one
oghhụ ànnọ nā otù	num.	eighty-one
oghhụ àsàà	num.	one hundred and forty
oghhụ àtọ	num.	sixty
oghhụ àtọ nà àbùọ	num.	sixty-two
oghhụ àtọ nà ìrì	num.	seventy
oghhụ àtọ nà ìrì nà àbùọ	num.	seventy-two
oghhụ àtọ nà ìrì nā otù	num.	seventy-one
oghhụ àtọ nā otù	num.	sixty-one
oghhụ ìrì	num.	two hundred
oghhụ ìrì nà ìsè	num.	two hundred and five or three hundred
oghhụ ìsè	num.	one hundred
oghhụ ìsè nà ìrì	num.	one hundred and ten
oghhụ ìsè nà ìrì nā otù	num.	one hundred and eleven
oghhụ ìsè nā otù	num.	one hundred and one
oghhụ ìshù	num.	one hundred and twenty
oghhụ ìshù nà ìrì	num.	one hundred and thirty
oghhụ nà àbùọ	num.	twenty-two
oghhụ nà ànnọ	num.	twenty-four
oghhụ nà àtọ	num.	twenty-three
oghhụ nà ìrì	num.	thirty
oghhụ nà ìrì nà àbùọ	num.	thirty-two
oghhụ nà ìrì nā otù	num.	thirty-one
oghhụ na otù	num.	twenty-one
oghhụ namì	num.	forty
oghhụ namì nà àbùọ	num.	forty-two
oghhụ namì nà ìrì	num.	fifty

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oghhū namì nà ìrì nà àbùò	num.	fifty-two
oghhū namì nà ìrì nā otù	num.	fifty-one
òghhùghhù	n.	counting, singing, recitation
òghhù	n.	war, fight
òghhùghhù	n.	luggage made up, constriction
òghighà	n.	relenting, death
òghigha	n.	disorganization, disintegration, casting about
oghurù	n.	crevice, niche
ògìgà	n.	trail, rhinoceros beetle
ogò	n.	in-law
ògò/ògòlò	n.	laminated shin believed to be the common bane of Ègwii people
ogwhù	n.	medication, concoction, witchcraft
ogwhùgwhù	n.	root
ogwhùgwhù	n.	stump
òhnà/òhnùhnà	n.	plateful
òhnùhna	n.	extraction, bestowal
òhnùhnà	n.	arrangement
ojòò	a.	bad, ugly
ojhì	n.	iroko tree, <i>Milicia excelsa</i>
ojhì	n.	welcome present, kola nut
ojhì ùghhò	n.	local multi-lobed kola nut
Òkāhija Ùrashi	p.n.	Coven (in Ñdashì)
òkāhija/okhohi&a	n.	virgin forest
òkhà	n.	corn, maize
òkashì	n.	hard leaf
òkhirikhà	n.	stumbling block, sharp obstacle
òkhù	n.	light, fire, wood
òkhù àzizà	n.	tattoo of glowing broom stick
Òkhù Ghàrà Ìtè Gbuo Jì	p.n.	mystery of the aspergillum in which a bunch of tender palm fronds is dipped alternatively in cold and boiling cauldrons; whereas the juice drawn from the cauldron on the bare earth scalds the patient, that from the cauldron steaming on fire has a cooling effect
Òkhù Mmà	p.n.	magical ritual at which matchets roasting in the fire are drawn and lashed into the disciple
òkhù	n.	means of livelihood
òkpà	n.	tiny leg, limb
òkìrì	n.	noisy brown bird that lives in an unimpressive nest
òkpà egbè	n.	wielder of firearms password for male person
òkpasham/ñkwhā òkhù	n.	match for lighting
òkpòbhià	n.	hare
òkpò	n.	crack, knock, game demanding silence
òkpò	n.	three spiked catfish
òkpò ògùrù	n.	yellow coloured three spiked catfish
òkpòbija	n.	giant forest-squirrel, <i>Protoxerus stangeri</i>
òkpòchha ènwè	n.	red colobus, <i>Procolobus bodius affpennanis</i>
òkpòkarara	n.	snake sp. <i>Atheris squamigera</i>
òkpòkòrò	n.	shell, bin, sherd
òkpù/mgbāka	n.	ancient
òkpū	n.	animal sp.
òkpù	n.	hips
òkpùkata	n.	hard lump

Echie	PoS	English
ọkpùkata ajhā	n.	clod of earth
ọkpūrùkpù anyà	n.	eyeball
ọkpūrùkpù	n.	ball like
ọkù	n.	dish
ọkù anyà	n.	eye socket
ọkù ọlā	n.	chinaware
ọkwà	n.	partridge
ọkwā elu	n.	elevation, awkward situation
ọkwā ènwè	n.	low flying large black bird with long tail feather
ọkwa mirni	n.	heron
ọkwa njala	n.	shallow
ọkwhùkwhù	n.	funeral
ọkwù/ọkwùrù	n.	cork, screw cork, plug
ọkwùrò	n.	okro
ọlọlọlọ	n.	cramp
ọlùlù	n.	favourite wife
ọlù kpaà kpaà/ọlù kparà kparà	n.	lack of self-control, impatience
ọmà	n.	baldness
ọmaa	a.	good, beautiful
ọmìrìmà	n.	pit of a plant
ọmù mmà	n.	whetstone
ọmù uhiè	n.	slab for crushing camwood
ọmù	n.	stone
ọnù	n.	mouth
ọnù mgbù	n.	fishing port
ọnù mīrni	n.	mouth of a river
ọnù ọtùlè	n.	anus
Ọnùhnjam	p.n.	Logos (in Abhara)
ọnwa	n.	moon, month, oval face (derogatory)
ọnwù	n.	death
ọnyà	n.	trap
ọnyā igwè	n.	metal trap
ọnyā igwe ahàrà/ọnyā igwe eze	n.	metal trap with teeth
ọnyā mirni	n.	fish trap
ọnyā nnùnù	n.	bird snare
ọnyā ọknà	n.	partridge snare
ọnùnù	n.	incense
ọpà	n.	Derby's flying squirrel, <i>Anomalurus derbianus</i>
ọpà	n.	mark, stain, spot, discoloration, patchwork
ọpòlì/nshi egbè	n.	gun powder
ọràrà/ọròrà	n.	crossbars in barn building
ọrìrà	n.	red-lined snake, <i>Bothrophthalmus lineatus</i>
ọrnù	n.	means of livelihood
ọrọ	n.	portion
ọrò/ìrò	n.	telluric matter used on the eyelids by religious heads
ọrù/ọrùrù	n.	deformity, imperfection
ọsa	n.	squirrel spp. orange-headed tree squirrel, <i>Funisciurus leucogenys</i> and firefooted tree squirrel, <i>Funisciurus pyrrhopus</i>
ọshà	n.	filter, maracas
ọsọ	n.	flight, race

Echie	PoS	English
osọ ibù	n.	flight from forced labour in the colonial days
osù	n.	sigh
osù/òsùsù	n.	bunch
òthì	n.	green vegetable worm
òtù kelu kelu	n.	prolonged session of hiccup, asthma
òtù m̀kpishi	n.	bringer of vicissitudes
òtù òkha/mbele ọnyà	n.	gangrene
ọwā	n.	sharp piece (of bamboo)
ọwa m̀m̀m̀	n.	dragon, torch (especially from a bit of beaten climber of the same name)
ọwā/ọwara	n.	part
ọwhnù/ọhnù	n.	vagina
ọwìrìwà	n.	tree with spiky trunk good as firewood
ọyọrọ	n.	prawn, crayfish, fingerling
ọzà	n.	gorilla
ọzhì	n.	haemorrhage
ọzhì imì	n.	nose bleeding
ọzhìà	n.	worm that destroys crops by eating through the shoots especially near the base

P.

p̀òk̀p̀òk̀	id.	smooth and plump
pukū	num.	one thousand
pukū òdè	num.	ten million
pukū pukū òdè	num.	one billion

R.

r̀àb̀ò r̀ab̀ò	id.	broad face (derogatory)
r̀ìk̀ò r̀ìk̀ò òtùlè/nweke òtù	n.	intestine worm
r̀ìr̀ì r̀ìr̀ì	id.	precisely, safely, peacefully

S.

sa		when, as
sà	conj.	or, is it?
sàko	n.	dogfish
salò	n.	royal python, <i>Python regius</i> . also eke nwaìkpù`tu
sambì	n.	key
sere sere	id.	lightly
serè serè/nserè	n.	chatter, idle talk
shakalam	n.	ray
shì	conj.	or, whether
shì	n.	excrement
shì ñgwurù	n.	laziness, loss of pep, lack of fillip
shìshì	n.	chicken
su	excl.	cry for shooing off beasts
sù		indeed, really

Echie	PoS	English
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T.

tàatà	n.	baby
tàatā ishi ugbò/tàatā mgbè	n.	perpetual baby, childish person
èwheè		
tàatā mgbè èwheè	n.	perpetual baby, a childish adult
tìj	a.	small
tòrotòro	n.	peacock
tupu	conj.	before
tùmà	conj.	instead of
tùmà...shì	conj.	although
tùtù	conj.	since

U.

ubè	n.	trap-pole, hoe with very long handle
ùbhe	n.	pear
ubhēne/ubhēle/àgba	n.	wild cherry
èzekē/àdhanagghū		
ùbhene òsa	n.	redless tree squirrel, <i>Funisciurus anerythrus</i>
ubhùbhò	n.	soft wood that spreads out as shelter at low height trunk of which was tabooed as firewood
ùbu/ùbu àgàlà/ùbu òrìmà	n.	excessive desire, loss of self-control
ùbùbè	n.	ladder
ubuubu	n.	unimpressive heap
ùchichì	n.	seal
udhe	n.	heavy breath
ùdù mkpōrọ	n.	insect like wasp that doesn't sting
uduudu	id.	fat and dull
ufè	n.	deceit, lie
ùfe	n.	folk tale, chant
ùfè/ùfèm/òkpò	n.	trail, track
ugirī	n.	wild mango
ugùrù	n.	belch
ugwhùmàgàlà	n.	chameleon
uhe	n.	spermatozoa collection
ùhu	n.	obverse
ùhu/ùlọ	n.	repercussion
ùhù	n.	marsh mongoose, <i>Atilax paludineus</i> and long nosed mongoose, <i>Herpestes naso</i>
ujē/aka	n.	handle
uju	n.	lake
ùke	n.	brightness, sparkling nature
Ùkè	p.n.	Kindred Spirits
uketu	n.	large climber producing delicious fruits
ukhe	n.	sharp spiked climber
ùkho	n.	rafter over fireplace for storing
ukhòmì	n.	fowl
ukpō	n.	screwpine

Echie	PoS	English
ukwe	n.	matching, fitting, befitting
ukwhē	n.	dye
ukwhù	n.	waist
ukwhù	n.	waist pain, lumbago
ukwuu	a.	big, large
ùle	n.	examination
ùle m̀kpàjàrà	n.	mock examination
ùli	n.	web
ùli	n.	manner of burial
ùli/ùlili/àkpòri	n.	resultant effect
ulu	n.	balminess
ùme	n.	severe loss through death
umernē	n.	conduct
ùnè	n.	musical bow
ùre	n.	decay
ùreüre	n.	rottenness
urù	n.	flesh, profit
uruburu	n.	monitor lizard
ùse	n.	profit
ùse	n.	reward
utā	n.	bow, tentacle
ùto	n.	growth
uwe àhù	n.	shirt
uwe ñghhù	n.	blouse
uwe òtùlè	n.	shorts, trousers
uwe ukwhù	n.	shorts
uwè/mweyi	n.	dress
uzè	n.	red-legged sun squirrel, <i>Heliosciurus rufobrachium</i>
uzhi	n.	large forest tree. The leaf and bark are boiled to treat malaria
uzhie/nkwèkè	n.	batch

Ụ

ùba	n.	multitude, prosperity
ùbàkìrìbā	n.	low branching tree that grows in colonies
ùbhani	p.n.	Ịbani, Bonny
ùbhụ		scramble
ùbọ	n.	vengeance
ùbọlọ	n.	ostracism
ùchhakā	n.	bright flat fish broadest near the tail
ùdarà	n.	African apple
ùdụ nthi/ọlā nthi	n.	earring
ùdụ/ùgbu	adv.	now
ùfọ	n.	remainder
ùfọdụ	quant.	some
ùfụ	n.	pain
ùfụfụ/ùfụtuu	n.	foam, bubble
ùgbọ	n.	rumour, hint
ùghà	n.	giant rattan
ùghàlámà	n.	crookishness
ùghàlámà ọnu	n.	hair-splitting drivel
ùghhà	n.	rattan, climbing rope

Echie	PoS	English
ùgòrò (ọmụgwọ)	n.	post-natal flow
ụgwhū	n.	fishing net
ụgwhụ àbasha	n.	small aperture net
ụgwhụ èkpò	n.	medium aperture net
ụgwhụ ezè bụ àkhù	n.	large aperture net
ụgwhụ ñku òtùlè	n.	crescent shaped net with loop
ụgwhụ nku	n.	crescent shaped net
ụgwhụ ùl̀àrì	n.	expansive net
ùhà	n.	major part
ùkà	n.	dispute, disputation
ùkha	n.	length
ùkha ezē	n.	roofing raft
ùkhụkha	n.	parallel line
ùkhùkhurū	n.	shrub that produces fruits that cluster at branch tips
ùkọ	n.	scarcity, bracket, coincidence
ùkpà	n.	climber producing round fruits of hard shell
ùkpa/akhụ/akpọ/ùdị	n.	type, kind, species
ùkpa	n.	association
ùkpō	n.	cowpea
ùkwhụ	n.	public exhibition of persons guilty of incest
ùl̀àrì/ùl̀okō	n.	silken material (especially head-tie)
ùl̀ò	n.	abode
ùl̀ò	n.	ringworm
ùl̀ò	n.	aftermath
ùl̀òshara ọkhū/ibìshara ọkhū	n.	ember
ùl̀ù	n.	second child
ùmarnì akukọ	n.	endless chatter
ùmàrnà	n.	premature ripening
ùmàrnì	n.	endless
Ùmarnù	p.n.	Goddess of Possession (in Ọzùzù)
ùmì	n.	marrow
ùmì/ùmịà/ùmị àlà	n.	well
ùmù	n.	offspring, children
ùmūshìì	n.	boys and girls
ùnụ	n.	sack cloth
ùpụrù	n.	brain
ùpù	n.	exit
Ùrashì	p.n.	River Cult (in Ọzùzù)
Ùrashì Mkpa	p.n.	God of Healing (in Ọzùzù)
ùsọ	n.	(roaring of) water current, terminal
ùsọ mirni	n.	ocean current
ùsọ	n.	extremity
ùsọ	n.	terminal
ùsọ ekwhu	n.	obscure cooking end
ùsọ nwā	n.	last child
ùthàrà	n.	fufu
ùthàrà miirni	n.	paste for thickening soup
ùzọ	n.	scramble

Echie	PoS	English
V.		
vàm	id.	in a flash
vòm	id.	in a swoop
W.		
wā/m̄	det.	the
we	pron.	they, their
wè	dem.	follows kaa , ‘this’, kem , ‘these’ to mark plural
Y.		
ya	dem.	this
ya/àya	pron.	he/she/it
yā/nyā/nā/nà/yà	det.	this
yà	int.	what of
Z.		
zagụ zagụ	id.	elegant poise
zàm	id.	quick rise

Male names

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

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

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

̀Ndimele/̀Nnamèle/Nnòdīm/Nwanlem̄	Hope lies in the future
̀Nghhèkata	I no longer worry when their tongues wag
̀Njikònye	Who have i robbed?
̀Nlemògù	My prayers may yet be answered
̀Nnadì	Power derives from the lineage
̀Nnàmđì	My father liveth
̀Nnanna	Grandpa reincarnates
̀Nnànyìbùnọ̀nụ̀	We can do minus certain kinsmen
̀Nshidìnanya	I read their evil wishes from their gaze
̀Nshìrimobì	My consolation
̀Nwagò	I am absolved
̀Nwagwhù	I have known afflictions
̀Nwakākhù	Wealth cannot be valued above the possessor
̀Nwakòhù	A slave cannot be valued above the master
̀Nwakpākà	Spare him
̀Nwalà/Nwalēzhi	Patriot
̀Nwamkpà	I have known afflictions
̀Nwanyanwụ	Light
̀Nwarìshì	I have known afflictions
̀Nwechèfòm	Great surprise
̀Nweēm̄em	Threatened posterity has been my undoing
̀Nwegbè/Nwankiregbè	Heralded
̀Nw'ejil'efù/Nwekèpùrọ̀nwụ̀	Held in trust for death
̀Nwekè	Destiny
̀Nwèkhe	Born on the Sabbath
̀Nwelem̄mā	Elegant like the deer
̀Nwelèndhù	Where there is life there is hope
̀Nwemēnefù	Will it be another wasted labour?
̀Nwigwè	Of strong mettle
̀Nwigwē	Gift from above
̀Nwirnegbū	It matters little that they hate me
̀Nwobìlọ̀	You have come to sooth my agony
̀Nwodim̄/Nwubhānì	Fair complexioned
̀Nwobò/Nwuzhì	Patriot
̀Nwokhogbàa	May your tribe increase
̀Nwokhòshòle	Great surprise
̀Nwokhụwā	Rare pedigree
̀Nwukè	Child of my puberty
̀Obiājūnwa	It may be in vain but i adore you
̀Obīnà	Precious to the father
̀Ọ̀bùnezhi	Too good to be true!
̀Ọ̀dikà	Rare pedigree
̀Ọ̀diurù	I value nothing above you
̀Ọ̀dụ	God's time is the best
̀Odudu/Òdùm	Pathfinder
̀Ọ̀gazhi/Ọ̀pùrụ̀m̄	He guides me aright
̀Ọ̀gbāji/Ọ̀jìjì	You come from a lineage of great yam farmers
̀Ọ̀gbònnàa	You took after your father
̀Ọ̀gọ̀okhò	Father-in-law
̀Ogùamānam	May the fault not come from me
̀Ogùndhù	We pray for life
̀Ogùzhie	Prayer answered

Ogwele/Ògwuūm	You extricate me from vicissitudes
Òhnagnùnà	You have stopped their mockery
Òhnàle	Behold, all ye!
Òjimmùọ	Weight not your valour against weaklings like me
Òketù	Destiny prevails
Okholù/Olobō/Òlùo	Commanding personality
Òkorobià	Young fellow
Òkpọ̀nnàa	You are my light
Òkpori/Òkpo	You have come to feast with us
Òmèsùrùm	I am neither the first nor would I be the last to suffer thus
Ònū	The mouth talks so much that it contradicts itself
Ònūkwùfọ	The mouth should not disclose all it knows
Ònūkwùrù	You have silenced their detractions
Ònwakàlàgbule/Ònwùtebe	Relent awhile death
Ònwamēgbu	Death is a bad reaper
Ònwamōnyikhe	Death fears no warrior
Ònwanākhù	Death cannot be suborned
Ònwanīkpe	Death brooks no negotiations
Ònwùbàlilì/Ònwùbàliri/Ònwùlì	Decimation breeds contempt
Ònwùchūrùba	We are few on account of death
Ònwùdhèbe	Spare him death
Ònwùkà/Ònwùmē	Death decides it all
Ònwùmēlu	Death is killspout
Ònwùzọ/Ònwùbikhō	Death i implore thee
Ònyagnùnà	Too good to be true
Ònyechè	Great surprise
Ònyeghhām	I pleaded but none came to my aid
Ònyegorom	Who vouchsafes for me
Onyegbule	Spare him
Ònyekonwù	Who is above death?
Ònyemuchè	Who can predict god's will
Ònyenām/Ònyewè	They would wish you for themselves but god wills otherwise
Ònyesò	We are not many
Otēgbè	One gun that is mightier than many
Òzemènè	None desires a repeat of bitter experiences
Ùbabikhè	The multitude prevails over the few
Ùbadìnekè	Prosperity comes from god
Ùbọ	Restitution
Ùbjà	Rare pedigree
Uchēnnà	It is as father wills
Uchēnwa	I solicited for offspring
Ùdhezhi	May peace reign in the land
Ùgwadū	Circumstances are that check malice
Ùgwegbū	In vain they hate me
Ùgwulọ/Ùkūlọ	There is hatred in the neighbourhood
Ùkāchì	Destiny prevails
Ùkōhnà	You came at the time of dispute
Ùkōnwā	We lacked children
Ùme	Bereavement
Ùmenwā	Infantile mortality
Umerne	Morals

Ùmeshì
Ùmezhìrikhē

It has happened several times but jolts each time
May bereavements abate

Female names

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

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

Ògbòròwu	Superb, princess
Ògèrì	Lady
Ògōnnàa	Mother-in-law
Òhnànūmma	Not all that seen so are friends
Òkèdù	They deprive me
Okwubàkọ	Critics advise
Olujie	Your beauty will forever trap their gaze
Òmeni	Let your hands be clean
Ònyeghhè	Spare yourself of listening to their evil tongues
Onyèjihnekānwa	What do they have that excels you?
Ònyejū	We shall always need more of you
Ònyemàzhù	The future is unpredictable
Òarignàrnà	Charming
Òyoyò	What perfection we deny at home we praise abroad
Ụganwā	Transit
Ụgbakhù	Wealth bedecks you
Ụgbodhò	Much will go to keep your state of beauty
Ụgbọmmā/Ụzùmmā	Your beauty advertises itself
Ụghajī	Born in the year of poor yam harvest
Ụgwajamma	None talks good of the enemy
Ukāchì	Destiny prevails

Common praise names for both sexes

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| 1. | Àbàshikolorī Nọ n'Agbàrà Nyuọ Shì Na Manù | From the spirit world the earthworm messes up the world of the human |
| 2. | Àdha Erī Ishi jī Àdha Erī Òtùlè Ya | Neither the head nor the tail of the fat yam is fit for the prime daughter |
| 3. | Àdha Rèbe Urè Ègbuo Eghù | You slaughter rams to appease the frown of a prime daughter |
| 4. | Àgbà Namì Bù Ìshi Mmā | Perfection lies between extremes |
| 5. | Àlà Tụrụ Ime Ji Àmụ Ọzùrù | When the earth takes in she begets the anthill |
| 6. | Àringèlesè/Nwìkō/Nwìkìlìgbā | Little darling |
| 7. | Àwhnùlèlè | Fit to be married to a whiteman |
| 8. | Egbutùo Ọjìhì Àzọchhìhu Ọjìhì | When an iroko tree gives way its place can only be taken by the kind |
| 9. | Àhụ Dī ya | She that never lives the husband's side |
| 10. | Egbe Buru Ûzù Àtụ | The kite throws and draws tumult |
| . | | |
| 11. | Ègèdegè/Egelege Ègèlegè | Hard to handle |
| . | | |
| 12. | Ekpūu Ekpu Egnēe Egne | Hard to handle |
| . | | |
| 13. | Gnòrñì Gnòrni Mmā | Cascade of beauty |
| . | | |
| 14. | Hne Ọmaa Gnārna M Anyà | I drink of your beauty and it intoxicates me |
| . | | |
| 15. | Ìbàrì Mmā | Cascade of beauty |
| . | | |
| 16. | Ìkhere Bē N'Ọwirìwà | The tsetse fly bites and waits between thorns |
| . | | |
| 17. | Mbekwu Òshìmirnì Eji Èkwhe Udhè Kwụ Ọhnā | Deep sea turtle when you heave your breath it speaks of majesty |
| . | | |
| 18. | M̀buzū Nwoche Ọgbà N'Igwē | The cricket is in the earth yet she referees to the heavens |
| . | | |
| 19. | M̀gbàdhà Nọ N'Ọhja Èkwu Ụkà N'Ụlọ | The place of the deer is the forest yet she entertains the world of the human |
| . | | |
| 20. | M̀kpàkelebe Ji Èrì Àwọm̀ Mkpe | Iron wood that survives seasons of bush burning |
| . | | |
| 21. | Mirni Shì | Faecal drain that all dread to face |
| . | | |
| 22. | Mma Dī Ya | The husband's glory |
| . | | |
| 23. | Ndanda Nwenwēe Ụkwụ Eji Àgba Ajhā | Do they not see the mound it raises they that laugh at the ant's limbs? |
| . | | |
| 24. | Nghhangha Èbùlù | Stout rams are most dread |
| . | | |
| 25. | Ǹnyinyò M Èjì Àwhnù Ụzọ | My image maker |
| . | | |
| 26. | Nwa Ihni Emēme Ọdà N'Àhụdà | They avail themselves of your countenance that travel to distant places like ahoada |
| . | | |
| 27. | Nwanyì Mashìla Dī Ya Nde Ụkà Kà Fùọ Ọnū | Needless molesting one endeared to the spouse |
| . | | |
| 28. | Nwokho Dī Mma M̀gbọtọ Èjì Àgbara Ụtū | Ladies struggle at much cost to behold your countenance |
| . | | |
| 29. | Nwokho Nwanyì Jāra Mma | Your maidens confess your attraction inspite of |

.		themselves
30	Òdìdì Nwata Èjì Àkpa Ibhè e Akwhā	Their sighs of envy salute your beauty/they flinch and cringe that you refuse
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31	Ògba Mgba Ùghhù	Tumult sits eagerly on the neck of your wrestling oponent
.		
32	Ògbèdhè Lụọ Ikhōo Obi Àjụy Yā Oyi	One else can vex a youth spoused to the childhood lover!
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33	Ogbèti	Chief wife
.		
34	Ogwhu Dhūru N'Ama Akpā	Thorn that chooses the mark; a colony of soldier ants
.		
35	Ogwhu Dhūru N'Amāa Akpa	Thorn that lodges in a man where it is difficult to reach
.		
36	Olu Obō Adì Ùsà Ọbụ	You speak up although you are not greedy
.		
37	Olu Ubè	Majestic poise
.		
38	Ọlụlụ Dī Ya	Favourite wife
.		
39	Ọrnụ Ji Gbā Ọla	Your yams are crowned in the earth
.		
40	Ọrnụ Jī N'Ọgbọ Ùghhà	Your yams grow where rattans did
.		
41	Ọrnụ Jī N'Ọgbọ Ukhē	Your yams grow in plac oe thorny thickets
.		
42	Ùgharà Àmaa Èzè	Lord of the mighty
.		
43	Ùghhara Anāa Èfèrinarna Amāa Akpa	You don't display your might in a sea of soldier ants/even the mightiest belong to a people
.		
44	Ugri Adij Mma Òkpò Àsaà Àгаа Yā N'Ụkwù	They say the wild mango tastes acrid yet new footpaths lead daily to it
.		
45	Ùgiri Àmaa Èzè	Being so sure of foot belies your spare frame
.		
46	Ùgiri Anāa Èfèrinarna Amāa Akpa	You can't be careful enough to escape a sea of soldier ants
.		
47	Uguru Nkita Anāa Àdì Ọhna Mma	Dog belch that violates all
.		
48	Ùhu Mirni Ekwee Nkwe Ògwùgwù	Counter current too strong for the brave swimmer
.		
49	Ùsọ Nwā Gburu Nwindò N'Ote Ihnī	Rare pedigree with well spaced dentition
.		

Echie settlements

Àbharà	Spirit Cult
Àchàrà	Cult (in Òbibì)
Àfara	Diviners
Àgbalụ	Spirit Cult
Àgbom̄	Spirit Cult (in Òwụ)
Àgwam̄	Spirit Cult (in Òwụ)
Àkagbà	Fertility Cult (in Ñnihni)
Àkashimochhè	Fertility Cult (in Ùlakwō)
Akirīka	Fertility Cult (in Ògìdhà)
Àkpòkhù	Forest Demon Cult
Akwà	Cult
Akwhụkabi	Devotees of the Mighty Spirit
Alabàchi	Mighty Spirit (in Òphìrò)
Amajhi	Spirit Cult (in Ñnihni, Òmumā and Ùlakwō)
Amakù	Forest Demon Cult (in Ìgbodhò and Mbā)
Amòkha	Forest Demon Cult (in Ùlakwō)
Èbèrì	Cult of Traditionalists
Echie	Telluric Fraternity
Edegelem	Cult of the Valorous (in Ìgbo)
Egbekè	Cult of the Valorous
Egbelū	Family Cult (in Òmumā)
Egbelubi	Cult of Mutual Protection (in Ndashi)
Egbū	Cult
Ègwii	Spirit
Ekpeledho	Cult of the Matriarch (in Ùlakwō)
Elelè	Cult of Common Root
Ezèlàkà	Cult of Forest Dwellers (in Ìgbodhò)
Ezhamà	Spirit Cult (in Òzùzù)
Ezhikòhija	Cult of the Matriarch (in Òzùzù)
Èzhikpe	Spirit Cult (in Ìsu)
Ìgbo	Cult
Ìgbodhò	Family Cult
Ihiè	Cult of the Matriarch
Ìkhem	Cult of the Valorous
Ìkpò	Cult (in Òbibì)
Ìkwerengwò	Cult of the Valorous
Ìnèè	Spirit (in Ìgbo)
Ìsu	Evil Spirit
Mbā	Spirit Head
M̀kpehnie	River Cult (in Akwà)
Ǹchokochhè	Forest Demon Cult
Ǹchokotà	Cult of the Matriarch (in Ìgbo)
Ndàshì	Spirit Cult
Ǹgèlehniè	Water Spirit Cult (in Ndashi)
Ǹnamārò	Spirit of Possession Cult
Ǹnihni	Water Spirit Cult
Obhōnà	Cult of the Matriarch (in Òzùzù)
Obì	Cult of the Matriarch (in Ìgbodhò)
Òbibì	Spirit of the Matriarch Cult
Obìohija	Fertility Cult (in Òmumā)
Obitè	Fraternity

Ọ̀bọ̀kwu	Spirit of the Matriarch Cult (in Ọ̀zùzù)
Ọ̀būọ	Cult of the Matriarch
Ọ̀dagwhā	Family Cult
Ọ̀dùfọ	Family Cult
Ọ̀fẹ	Family Cult
Ọ̀feketà	Cult of the Matriarch (in Ọ̀dagwhā)
Ọ̀gbọ Ngwọ	Spirit Cult (in Ụmọ̀bachì Ọ̀dùfọ)
Ọ̀gbo Ogidi	Fertility Cult (in Ọ̀zùzù)
Ọ̀gidhà	Cult of the Matriarch
Ọ̀hnàntà	Cult of the Matriarch
Ọ̀jia	Cult of the Matriarch (in Ọ̀zùzù)
Okhehnī	Fraternity
Ọ̀khomokhò	Forest Demon Cult (also near Àkpọ̀khù)
Ọ̀khoragghū	Forest Demon Cult
Okochhe	Fertility Cult (in Ìgbo)
Okōhja	Fertility Cult (in Elelē)
Okohia Oruashe	Fertility Cult (in Ñdashì)
Ọ̀kpalà	Mighty Spirit Cult (in Ègwii)
Ọ̀kpọ̀dimì	Justice Cult (in Ụ̀lakwọ̀)
Ọ̀kpoko	Fertility Cult (in Ọ̀dùfọ)
Okudù	Fertility Cult (in Mbā)
Ọ̀phirọ	Family Cult
Ọ̀wụ	Guild
Ọ̀zùzù	Spirit of the Matriarch Cult
Ụ̀lakwọ̀	Fertility Cult

NUMERACY

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