

This is a list of the 1,000 most commonly spoken Chichewa words.

Number	Chichewa	in English
1	monga	as
2	ine	I
3	wake	his
4	kuti	that
5	iyе	he
6	anali	was
7	chifukwa	for
8	pa	on
9	ali	are
10	ndi	with
11	iwo	they
12	kukhala	be
13	pa	at
14	mmodzi	one
15	ndi	have
16	izi	this
17	kuchokera	from
18	ndi	by
19	wotentha	hot
20	mawu	word
21	koma	but
22	chani	what
23	ena	some
24	ndi	is
25	izo	it
26	inu	you
27	kapena	or
28	anali	had
29	ndi	the
30	a	of
31	kuti	to
32	ndipo	and
33	ndi	a
34	mu	in
35	ife	we
36	ndingathere	can
37	kuchokera	out

38	ena	other
39	anali	were
40	umene	which
41	kuchita	do
42	awo	their
43	nthawi	time
44	ngati	if
45	adzatero	will
46	bwanji	how
47	anati	said
48	ndi	an
49	aliyense	each
50	ndikuuzeni	tell
51	amachita	does
52	anasiyira	set
53	zitatu	three
54	tikufuna	want
55	mpweya	air
56	bwino	well
57	komanso	also
58	kusewera	play
59	waung'ono	small
60	tsiriza	end
61	kuika	put
62	kunyumba	home
63	kuwerenga	read
64	dzanja	hand
65	doko	port
66	yaikulu	large
67	kuziwerenga	spell
68	wonjezerani	add
69	ngakhale	even
70	dziko	land
71	pano	here
72	ayenela	must
73	yaikulu	big
74	mkulu	high
75	oterowo	such
76	kutsatira	follow
77	mchitidwe	act

78	chifukwa	why
79	kufunsa	ask
80	anthu	men
81	kusinthu	change
82	anapita	went
83	kuunika	light
84	mtundu	kind
85	kuchokera	off
86	amafunika	need
87	m'nyumba	house
88	chithunzi	picture
89	kuyesa	try
90	ife	us
91	kachiwiri	again
92	nyama	animal
93	mfundo	point
94	mayi	mother
95	dziko	world
96	pafupi	near
97	kumanga	build
98	kudziona	self
99	lapansi	earth
100	bambo	father
101	aliyense	any
102	watsopano	new
103	ntchito	work
104	gawo	part
105	kutenga	take
106	kupeza	get
107	malo	place
108	anapanga	made
109	moyo	live
110	pamene	where
111	pambuyo	after
112	mmbuyo	back
113	wamng'ono	little
114	yokha	only
115	wozungulira	round
116	munthu	man
117	chaka	year

118	anabwera	came
119	bwanji	show
120	lirilonse	every
121	uthenga	good
122	ine	me
123	kupereka	give
124	yathu	our
125	pansi	under
126	dzina	name
127	kwambiri	very
128	kudzera	through
129	basi	just
130	mawonekedwe	form
131	chiganizo	sentence
132	kwakukulu	great
133	ndikuganiza	think
134	mukuti	say
135	thandizeni	help
136	otsika	low
137	mzere	line
138	amasiyana	differ
139	Ndiyeno	turn
140	chifukwa	cause
141	mochuluka	much
142	ndikutanthauza	mean
143	pamaso	before
144	kusuntha	move
145	pomwe	right
146	mnyamata	boy
147	wakale	old
148	Ifenso	too
149	yemweyo	same
150	iyе	she
151	onse	all
152	apo	there
153	liti	when
154	pamwamba	up
155	ntchito	use
156	anu	your
157	njira	way

158	za	about
159	ambiri	many
160	Ndiyeno	then
161	iwo	them
162	kulemba	write
163	akanatero	would
164	monga	like
165	kotero	so
166	awa	these
167	iye	her
168	yaitali	long
169	kupanga	make
170	chinthu	thing
171	onani	see
172	iye	him
173	awiri	two
174	ali	has
175	kuyang'ana	look
176	zambiri	more
177	tsiku	day
178	akanatha	could
179	kupita	go
180	anabwera	come
181	anachitira	did
182	chiwerengero	number
183	kumveka	sound
184	palibe	no
185	kwambiri	most
186	anthu	people
187	wanga	my
188	zoposa	over
189	ndikudziwa	know
190	madzi	water
191	kuposa	than
192	kuitana	call
193	yoyamba	first
194	amene	who
195	mulole	may
196	pansi	down
197	mbali	side

198	akhala	been
199	tsopano	now
200	kupeza	find
201	mutu	head
202	kuyima	stand
203	mwini	own
204	tsamba	page
205	tiyenera	should
206	dziko	country
207	anapeza	found
208	yankho	answer
209	sukulu	school
210	kukula	grow
211	kuphunzira	study
212	adakali	still
213	kuphunzira	learn
214	chomera	plant
215	chivundikiro	cover
216	chakudya	food
217	dzuwa	sun
218	zinayi	four
219	pakati	between
220	mkhalidwe	state
221	kusunga	keep
222	diso	eye
223	konse	never
224	otsiriza	last
225	tiyeni	let
226	ndinaganiza	thought
227	mzinda	city
228	mtengo	tree
229	kuwoloka	cross
230	famu	farm
231	zolimba	hard
232	chiyambi	start
233	akhoza	might
234	nkhani	story
235	macheka	saw
236	mpaka	far
237	panyanja	sea

238	kudzatunga	draw
239	anasiya	left
240	mochedwa	late
241	amathamanga	run
242	osa	don't
243	pamene	while
244	osindikizira	press
245	pafupi	close
246	usiku	night
247	kwenikweni	real
248	moyo	life
249	zochepa	few
250	kumpoto	north
251	buku	book
252	kunyamula	carry
253	anatenga	took
254	sayansi	science
255	kudya	eat
256	chipinda	room
257	bwenzi	friend
258	anayamba	began
259	lingaliro	idea
260	nsomba	fish
261	phiri	mountain
262	imani	stop
263	kamodzi	once
264	m'munsi	base
265	akumva	hear
266	kavalo	horse
267	wosemedwa	cut
268	wotsimikiza	sure
269	penyani	watch
270	mtundu	color
271	nkhope	face
272	mitengo	wood
273	chachikulu	main
274	lotseguka	open
275	amaoneka	seem
276	pamodzi	together
277	ena	next

278	yoyera	white
279	ana	children
280	yamba	begin
281	tiri	got
282	kuyenda	walk
283	Mwachitsanzo	example
284	kuchepetsa	ease
285	pepala	paper
286	gulu	group
287	nthawizonse	always
288	nyimbo	music
289	anthu	those
290	onse	both
291	chilemba	mark
292	Nthawi zambiri	often
293	kalata	letter
294	kufikira	until
295	mtunda	mile
296	mtsinjewo	river
297	galimoto	car
298	mapazi	feet
299	kusamalira	care
300	yachiwiri	second
301	zokwanira	enough
302	momveka	plain
303	mtsikana	girl
304	mwachizolowezi	usual
305	mnyamata	young
306	wokonzeka	ready
307	pamwamba	above
308	munayamba	ever
309	wofiira	red
310	mndandanda	list
311	Komabe	though
312	ndikumverera	feel
313	nkhani	talk
314	mbalame	bird
315	posachedwapa	soon
316	thupi	body
317	galu	dog

318	banja	family
319	mwachindunji	direct
320	angabweretse	pose
321	kusiya	leave
322	nyimbo	song
323	kuyeza	measure
324	chitseko	door
325	chotuluka	product
326	chakuda	black
327	yochepa	short
328	numeral	numeral
329	m'kalasi	class
330	mphepo	wind
331	funso	question
332	kuchitika	happen
333	amphumphu	complete
334	sitima	ship
335	dera	area
336	hafu	half
337	thanthwe	rock
338	pofuna	order
339	moto	fire
340	kum'mwera	south
341	vuto	problem
342	chidutswa	piece
343	anauza	told
344	ankadziwa	knew
345	pochitika	pass
346	popeza	since
347	pamwamba	top
348	lonse	whole
349	mfumu	king
350	msewu	street
351	inchi	inch
352	kuchulukitsa	multiply
353	kanthu	nothing
354	Inde	course
355	khalani	stay
356	gudumu	wheel
357	zonse	full

358	mphamvu	force
359	buluu	blue
360	chinthu	object
361	wosankha	decide
362	pamwamba	surface
363	zozama	deep
364	mwezi	moon
365	chilumba	island
366	phazi	foot
367	dongosolo	system
368	tanganidwa	busy
369	chiyeso	test
370	mbiri	record
371	ngalawa	boat
372	wamba	common
373	golide	gold
374	n'kotheke	possible
375	ndege	plane
376	mmalo	stead
377	youma	dry
378	ndikudabwa	wonder
379	kuseka	laugh
380	zikwi	thousand
381	zapitazo	ago
382	anathamangira	ran
383	fufuzani	check
384	masewera	game
385	mawonekedwe	shape
386	amaganiza kuti kukhala	equate
387	wotentha	hot
388	Abiti	miss
389	anabweretsa	brought
390	kutentha	heat
391	chisanu	snow
392	tayala	tire
393	kubweretsa	bring
394	inde	yes
395	lakutali	distant
396	mudzaze	fill
397	kum'mawa	east

398	kujambula	paint
399	chinenero	language
400	pakati	among
401	unit	unit
402	mphamvu	power
403	m'tauni	town
404	zabwino	fine
405	ena	certain
406	kuuluka	fly
407	kugwera	fall
408	atsogolere	lead
409	kulira	cry
410	mdima	dark
411	makina	machine
412	zindikirani	note
413	dikirani	wait
414	ndondomeko	plan
415	chithunzi	figure
416	nyenyezi	star
417	bokosi	box
418	omwe	noun
419	kumunda	field
420	mpumulo	rest
421	zolondola	correct
422	wokhoza	able
423	mapaundi	pound
424	chinachitidwa	done
425	kukongola	beauty
426	pagalimoto	drive
427	anayima	stood
428	ali	contain
429	kutsogolo	front
430	kuphunzitsa	teach
431	mlungu	week
432	chomaliza	final
433	anapatsa	gave
434	wobiriwira	green
435	o	oh
436	mwamsanga	quick
437	kukulitsa	develop

438	nyanja	ocean
439	ofunda	warm
440	mfulu	free
441	miniti	minute
442	wamphamvu	strong
443	wapadera	special
444	maganizo	mind
445	kuseri	behind
446	momveka	clear
447	mchira	tail
448	panga	produce
449	Ndipotu	fact
450	danga	space
451	anamva	heard
452	yabwino	best
453	ora	hour
454	bwino	better
455	oona	true
456	pamene	during
457	mazana	hundred
458	zisanu	five
459	kumbukirani	remember
460	sitepe	step
461	oyambirira	early
462	gwirani	hold
463	kumadzulo	west
464	nthaka	ground
465	chidwi	interest
466	kufikira	reach
467	zolimba	fast
468	mneni	verb
469	kuimba	sing
470	kumvetsera	listen
471	sikisi	six
472	gome	table
473	ulendo	travel
474	zochepa	less
475	m'mawa	morning
476	khumi	ten
477	yosavuta	simple

478	angapo	several
479	zilembo za mawu	vowel
480	kwa	toward
481	nkhondo	war
482	anagona	lay
483	motsutsa	against
484	chitsanzo	pattern
485	wosakwiya	slow
486	likulu	center
487	kukonda	love
488	munthu	person
489	ndalama	money
490	kutumikira	serve
491	kuoneka	appear
492	msewu	road
493	mapu	map
494	mvula	rain
495	ulamuliro	rule
496	kudzilamulira	govern
497	kokani	pull
498	ozizira	cold
499	zindikirani	notice
500	mawu	voice
501	mphamvu	energy
502	kukasaka	hunt
503	Nkosatheka	probable
504	bedi	bed
505	m'bale	brother
506	dzira	egg
507	kukwera	ride
508	selo	cell
509	ndikukhulupirira	believe
510	mwina	perhaps
511	kukatenga	pick
512	mwadzidzidzi	sudden
513	kulengeseka	count
514	lalikulu	square
515	chifukwa	reason
516	Patapita	length
517	akuimira	represent

518	zozambulajambula	art
519	phunziro	subject
520	m'chigawo	region
521	kukula	size
522	zosiyanasiyana	vary
523	kuthetsa	settle
524	kulankhula	speak
525	kulemera	weight
526	ambiri	general
527	ayezi	ice
528	nkhaniyi	matter
529	bwalo	circle
530	peyala	pair
531	monga	include
532	kugawaniza	divide
533	syllable	syllable
534	anamva	felt
535	chachikulu	grand
536	mpira	ball
537	komabe	yet
538	yoweyula	wave
539	akuponya	drop
540	mtima	heart
541	ndine	am
542	panopa	present
543	lolemera	heavy
544	kuvina	dance
545	injini	engine
546	udindo	position
547	mkono	arm
548	lonse	wide
549	matanga	sail
550	zakuthupi	material
551	kachigawo	fraction
552	m'nkhalango	forest
553	akhale	sit
554	mtundu	race
555	zenera	window
556	sitolo	store
557	chilimwe	summer

558	sitima	train
559	tulo	sleep
560	kutsimikizira	prove
561	Bakuman	lone
562	mwendo	leg
563	olimbitsa	exercise
564	khoma	wall
565	kusodza	catch
566	phiri	mount
567	ndikukhumba	wish
568	mlengalenga	sky
569	bolodi	board
570	chimwemwe	joy
571	Zima	winter
572	Anakhala	sat
573	olembedwa	written
574	zakutchire	wild
575	chida	instrument
576	anapitiriza	kept
577	galasi	glass
578	udzu	grass
579	ng'ombe	cow
580	ntchito	job
581	m'mphepete	edge
582	chizindikiro	sign
583	ulendo	visit
584	m'mbuyomu	past
585	zofewa	soft
586	osangalatsa	fun
587	yowala	bright
588	gasi	gas
589	pogoda	weather
590	mwezi	month
591	miliyoni	million
592	kudzachitira	bear
593	mapeto	finish
594	okondwa	happy
595	ndikuyembekeza	hope
596	duwa	flower
597	kuveka	clothe

598	zachilendo	strange
599	atapita	gone
600	malonda	trade
601	Nyimbo	melody
602	ulendo	trip
603	ofesi	office
604	alandire	receive
605	mzere	row
606	mkamwa	mouth
607	yeniyeni	exact
608	chizindikiro	symbol
609	afe	die
610	osachepera	least
611	vuto	trouble
612	mfuu	shout
613	kupatula	except
614	analemba	wrote
615	mbewu	seed
616	kamvekedwe	tone
617	kujowina	join
618	akusonyeza	suggest
619	oyera	clean
620	yopuma	break
621	dona	lady
622	bwalo	yard
623	adzauka	rise
624	zoipa	bad
625	nkhonya	blow
626	mafuta	oil
627	magazi	blood
628	kukhudza	touch
629	anakulira	grew
630	senti	cent
631	kusakaniza	mix
632	timu	team
633	waya	wire
634	mtengo	cost
635	anataya	lost
636	Brown	brown
637	azivala	wear

638	m'munda	garden
639	ofanana	equal
640	anatumiza	sent
641	amasankha	choose
642	anagwa	fell
643	agwirizane	fit
644	ikuyenda	flow
645	mosakondera	fair
646	banki	bank
647	kusonkhanitsa	collect
648	kupulumutsa	save
649	kulamulira	control
650	decimal	decimal
651	khutu	ear
652	china	else
653	ndithu	quite
654	anaswa	broke
655	zinalili	case
656	pakati	middle
657	kupha	kill
658	mwana	son
659	nyanza	lake
660	mphindi	moment
661	sikelo	scale
662	mokweza	loud
663	masika	spring
664	kusunga	observe
665	mwana	child
666	molunjika	straight
667	consonant	consonant
668	mtundu	nation
669	dikishonale	dictionary
670	mkaka	milk
671	liwiro	speed
672	njira	method
673	limba	organ
674	kulipira	pay
675	m'badwo	age
676	gawo	section
677	kavalidwe	dress

678	mtambo	cloud
679	Ndinadabwa	surprise
680	chete	quiet
681	mwala	stone
682	ting'onoting'ono	tiny
683	kukwera	climb
684	ozizira	cool
685	kamangidwe	design
686	wosauka	poor
687	maere	lot
688	kuyesera	experiment
689	pansi	bottom
690	chinsinsi	key
691	chitsulo	iron
692	wosakwatiwa	single
693	ndodo	stick
694	lathyathyathya	flat
695	twente	twenty
696	khungu	skin
697	kumwetulira	smile
698	crease	crease
699	bowo	hole
700	kudumpha	jump
701	mwana	baby
702	eyiti	eight
703	mudzi	village
704	kudzakhalire	meet
705	muzu	root
706	kugula	buy
707	kwezani	raise
708	kuthetsa	solve
709	chitsulo	metal
710	kaya	whether
711	kankhani	push
712	zisanu ndi ziwiri	seven
713	ndime	paragraph
714	lachitatu	third
715	mudzazichita	shall
716	anzika	held
717	tsitsi	hair

718	pofotokoza	describe
719	wophika	cook
720	pansi	floor
721	kaya	either
722	chifukwa	result
723	kutentha	burn
724	phiri	hill
725	otetezeka	safe
726	mphaka	cat
727	m'ma	century
728	tione	consider
729	choyimira	type
730	lamulo	law
731	pokha	bit
732	gombe	coast
733	buku	copy
734	Mawu	phrase
735	chete	silent
736	wamtali	tall
737	mchenga	sand
738	nthaka	soil
739	mpukutu	roll
740	kutentha	temperature
741	chala	finger
742	makampani	industry
743	phindu	value
744	nkhondo	fight
745	bodza	lie
746	kumenya	beat
747	chimwemwe	excite
748	zachilengedwe	natural
749	amaonera	view
750	m'lingaliro	sense
751	likulu	capital
752	sadzatero	won't
753	mpando	chair
754	ngozi	danger
755	zipatso	fruit
756	wachuma	rich
757	wandiweyani	thick

758	msilikali	soldier
759	ndondomeko	process
760	umagwira	operate
761	mchitidwe	practice
762	osiyana	separate
763	yovuta	difficult
764	dokotala	doctor
765	chonde	please
766	kuteteza	protect
767	masana	noon
768	mbewu	crop
769	amakono	modern
770	amafotokozero	element
771	anagunda	hit
772	wophunzira	student
773	ngodya	corner
774	chipani	party
775	thanidizo	supply
776	amene	whose
777	kupeza	locate
778	mphete	ring
779	khalidwe	character
780	tizilombo	insect
781	anamugwira	caught
782	nyengo	period
783	amasonyeza	indicate
784	wailesi	radio
785	analankhula	spoke
786	atomu	atom
787	anthu	human
788	m'mbiri	history
789	kwenikweni	effect
790	magetsi	electric
791	kuyembekezera	expect
792	fupa	bone
793	njanji	rail
794	yerekezani	imagine
795	kupereka	provide
796	amavomereza	agree
797	Motero	thus

798	wodekha	gentle
799	mkazi	woman
800	woyendetsa	captain
801	ndikulingalira	guess
802	kofunika	necessary
803	lakuthwa	sharp
804	phiko	wing
805	kulenga	create
806	mnansi	neighbor
807	wosambitsa	wash
808	mleme	bat
809	m'malo	rather
810	khamu	crowd
811	chimanga	corn
812	yerekezerani	compare
813	ndakatulo	poem
814	chingwe	string
815	belu	bell
816	zimadalira	depend
817	nyama	meat
818	Pakani	rub
819	chubu	tube
820	wotchuka	famous
921	dola	dollar
822	mtsinje	stream
823	mantha	fear
284	pamaso	sight
825	woonda	thin
826	makona	triangle
827	dzikoli	planet
828	kufulumira	hurry
829	mkulu	chief
830	njuchi	colony
831	wotchi	clock
832	wanga	mine
833	chimango	tie
834	kulowa	enter
835	zikuluzikulu	major
836	mwatsopano	fresh
837	kufufuza	search

838	kutumiza	send
839	chikasu	yellow
840	mfuti	gun
841	kulola	allow
842	kusindikiza	print
843	akufa	dead
844	banga	spot
845	chipululu	desert
846	suti	suit
847	panopa	current
848	Nyamulani	lift
840	ananyamuka	rose
850	akufika	arrive
851	mbuye	master
852	zikuyenda	track
853	kholo	parent
854	gombe	shore
855	kugawanikana	division
856	Chikalata	sheet
857	thunthu	substance
858	mtima	favor
859	kulumikiza	connect
860	positi	post
861	amawononga	spend
862	poyambira	chord
863	mafuta	fat
864	wokondwa	glad
865	choyambirira	original
866	gawo	share
867	siteshoni	station
868	bambo	dad
869	mkate	bread
870	azilipiritsa	charge
871	yoyenera	proper
872	kapamwamba	bar
873	kupereka	offer
874	gawo	segment
875	kapolo	slave
876	bakha	duck
877	n'kamodzi	instant

878	msika	market
879	digiri	degree
880	azikakhala	populate
881	mwana wankhuku	chick
882	wokondedwa	dear
883	mdani	enemy
884	anayankha	reply
885	kumwa	drink
886	zimachitika	occur
887	thandizo	support
888	zolankhula	speech
889	chikhalidwe	nature
890	osiyanasiyana	range
891	nthunzi	steam
892	zoyenda	motion
893	mayendedwe	path
894	zamadzimadzi	liquid
895	fufuzani	log
896	zinatanthauza	meant
897	quotient	quotient
898	mano	teeth
899	chigoba	shell
900	khosi	neck
901	mpweya	oxygen
902	shuga	sugar
903	imfa	death
904	wokongola	pretty
905	luso	skill
906	akazi	women
907	nyengo	season
908	yothetsera	solution
909	maginito	magnet
910	siliva	silver
911	tikukuthokozani	thank
912	nthambi	branch
913	machesi	match
914	suffix	suffix
915	makamaka	especially
916	chith	fig
917	mantha	afraid

918	yaikulu	huge
919	mlongo	sister
920	chitsulo	steel
921	kukambirana	discuss
922	mwachidwi	forward
923	ofanana	similar
924	kutsogolera	guide
925	zinachitikira	experience
926	chogoli	score
927	apulosi	apple
928	anagula	bought
929	led	led
930	phula	pitch
931	odula	coat
932	misa	mass
933	khadi	card
934	gulu	band
935	chingwe	rope
936	Pepala	slip
937	Nkhata	win
938	ndimalota	dream
939	madzulo	evening
940	chikhalidwe	condition
941	chakudya	feed
942	chida	tool
943	okwana	total
944	zoyambirira	basic
945	kununkhiza	smell
946	chigwa	valley
947	kapena	nor
948	pawiri	double
949	mpando	seat
950	kupitiriza	continue
951	chipika	block
952	tchati	chart
953	chipewa	hat
954	kugulitsa	sell
955	kupambana	success
956	kampani	company
957	kuchotsera	subtract

958	chochitika	event
959	makamaka	particular
960	anatani	deal
961	kusambira	swim
962	akuti	term
963	si	opposite
964	mkazi	wife
965	nsapato	shoe
966	phewa	shoulder
967	inafikira	spread
968	kukonza	arrange
969	msasa	camp
970	kuyambitsa	invent
971	thonje	cotton
972	Kubaliwa	born
973	kudziwa	determine
974	Kilogalamu imodzi	quart
975	naini	nine
976	m'galimoto	truck
977	phokoso	noise
978	mlingo	level
979	mwayi	chance
980	kusonkhanitsa	gather
981	shopu	shop
982	Tambasula	stretch
983	kuponyera	throw
984	kwanu	shine
985	katundu	property
986	Danga	column
987	molekyulu	molecule
988	sankhani	select
989	cholakwika	wrong
990	imvi	gray
991	kubwereza	repeat
992	amafunika	require
993	yotakata	broad
994	kukonzekera	prepare
995	mchere	salt
996	mphuno	nose
997	mochulukitsa	plural

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mkwiyo

anger

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funsani

claim

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kontinenti

continent