

Consonant Dissimilation in Kikuyu

1. Determine the base form of the infinitive prefix in Kikuyu, and state the rule that accounts for its pattern of alternation.

1. $\gamma o\tau e\eta e\tau a$ 'to run'	12. $kohetoka$ 'to pass'
2. $\gamma okuua$ 'to carry'	13. $koyamba$ 'to make a sound'
3. $\gamma okoora$ 'to root out'	14. $koniina$ 'to finish'
4. $koruya$ 'to cook'	15. $\gamma oita$ 'to strangle'
5. $kooria$ 'to ask'	16. $\gamma oku\eta a$ 'to pinch'
6. $kome\eta a$ 'to know'	17. $koyuuta$ 'to comb'
7. $koh\textcircled{a}ta$ 'to be able'	18. $kohe$ 'to give'
8. $\gamma ocina$ 'to burn'	19. $koina$ 'to dance'
9. $koyeera$ 'to fetch'	20. $\gamma o\textcircled{\delta}eka$ 'to laugh'
10. $\gamma o\textcircled{\delta}aaka$ 'to play'	21. $koyaya$ 'to divide out'
11. $\gamma ocuuka$ 'to slander'	22. $\gamma okaya$ 'to cut into strips'

2. Determine the underlying form of the prefixes illustrated in the examples below, and explain their pattern of alternation.

23. $ker\textcircled{a}rire$ 'it (crab) looked at moanake the boy'	28. $yeyakar\textcircled{a}ra$ 'it will look at it' (baby)
24. $kemor\textcircled{a}rire$ 'it looked at him'	29. $yeyayekar\textcircled{a}ra$ 'and so it will look at it'
25. $yekamor\textcircled{a}ra$ 'it will look at him'	30. $yeyayeyaku\eta a$ 'and so it will pinch it'
26. $yeyakemor\textcircled{a}ra$ 'and so it will look at him'	31. $yeyakemoku\eta a$ 'and so it will pinch him'
27. $yekar\textcircled{a}ra$ 'it will look at the baby' kaana	

3. State the rules by which velar stops are adapted into Kikuyu from English. (Do not be concerned with other correspondences.)

32. $\eta ga:\beta ana$ 'governor'	40. $kaarati$ 'carrot'
33. $\eta jayi$ 'jug'	41. $kwinini$ 'quinine'
34. $kanjo$ 'council'	42. $mbureki$ 'brake'
35. $\eta gaamu$ 'gum'	43. $mbayiti$ 'packet'
36. $\eta gaati$ 'guard'	44. $\gamma aaki$ 'khaki'
37. $ndiyiri$ 'degree'	45. $i\gamma\textcircled{a}ti$ 'coat'
38. $kambe$ 'camp'	46. $\textcircled{\delta}i\gamma w\textcircled{a}ta$ 'squatter'
39. $\eta giya$ 'gear'	47. $\textcircled{\delta}unay\textcircled{a}yi$ 'synagogue'