

Elementary Sumerian Glossary

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A glossary suitable for the first several years of instruction, with emphasis on the vocabulary of easy literary texts, early royal inscriptions, and uncomplicated economic and administrative documents.

A

a, `à water, fluid; semen, seed; offspring, child; father; watercourse (cf. **e**)

a Ah! (an interjection) (Attinger, Eléments p. 414)

a-a father

a-a-ugu₍₄₎ father who has begotten, one's own true father, progenitor

a-ab-ba, a-aba (water of the) sea (cf. **ab**)

a-ab-ba igi-nim Upper Sea, the Mediterranean

a-ab-ba sig Lower Sea, the Persian Gulf

a-ah (or ^a**ah**) (Gudea) → **uh**

a-ba(-a) who, whoever, whom, whose (interrogative and relative)

a - bal to pour out water, libate, irrigate

a-bul₅-la → **abul**

a-da rivalry, contention, contest, fight (Civil, AuOr 5 (1987) 18 + n. 6; Klein, AV Cagni 568 n. 29))

a-da-ab (an OB hymn rubric, a hymn of praise consisting minimally of **sagida**, **sagara** and **urubi** sections)

a-da-al, a-da-lam now; current, present

a-da-man/mìn contest between two parties, (verbal) duel, disputation

a-da-man - a₅/du₁₁ to hold a contest; to dispute, debate (Attinger, Eléments 417-422)

a - dé to pour out water; to libate; to freshen (with water); to flood, be flooded (Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 68f., 99)

a-du₁₀ fresh water, sweet water

a - du₁₁ to water, irrigate, flood (Attinger, Eléments 477-484)

a-è-a sudden onrush of water, damburst, flood wave

^{kus}**A.EDIN.LÁ** → ^{kus}**ummu₃**

a-EN-da → **a-ru₁₂-da**

a-ěstub^{ku6} "carp flood," early(?) flood (Civil, AuOr 15, 52)

a-ga back, rear (of a building), hind quarters; after

a-ga-am, a-ga-àm (etc.) artificial pond or lake for controlling flood waters (Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 130f.); (an occupation)

a-ga(-aš)-gi₄, (OS **àga-gi₄**) later, (the one) after (Civil, JNES 43, 286 n. 12; Selz, FAOS 15/1 No. 21 vii 1); **àga-gi₄-a-bé** later, afterwards

a-gù → **A.KA**

a-gàr, a-gar agricultural tract, area of field parcels, irrigation district

a-gar₅, a-gàr, a-bár lead (the metal) (Reiter, AOAT 249, 119ff.)

a-gin₇ how

a-gúb-ba lustration water, holy water

^{ku\$}**a-ğá-lá** leather sack

a - ğar to flood with water; to soak, rinse

a-ğí₆(-a) flood, flood wave

A.KA → **ugu, úgu**

A.KA-a - ğar → **úgu-a - ğar**

a-la(-la) ululation, expression of joy

a-la → **la-la**

a-lá (a demon)

a-lù-a roiled, disturbed, cloudy, muddy water

A.LUM → **udu-aslum_x**

a-ma-ru(-k), a-má/mar-ru₁₀/uru₅(-k) devastating flood; the mythical Deluge (see **mar-uru₅**)

a-ma-ru-kam It is urgent! Without fail! (lit. It is (like) water of the tempest !)

a-mah high water, flood, inundation

a-na(-àm) what, whatever (interrogative and relative)

a-na-aš(-àm), a-na-šè(-àm) why

a-na-gin₇ how, why; thus, so

a-naĝ libation; drinking water

a-ne he, she, this one (OS for e-ne)

a-nígin pond, puddle, standing water

a-nir lament; grief (Emesal a-še-er)

^d**a-nun-na(-k)** (a grouping of high gods)

a-pa₄ gutter, pipe; (as beer and water libation pipe, see Civil, AuOr 5, 33)

a-ra-li (poetic term for the netherworld; the desert between Bad-Tibira and Uruk where Dumuzi pastured his flocks and was killed, see Jacobsen, JAOS 103, 194)

a-ra-zu, a-rá-zu, rá-zu prayer, supplication (for writings see Bauer, AV Klein 24-25)

a-rá way, path, course; state, condition; multiplied by, "times" (math.) ; **a-rá N-kam** for the nth time

a - ri, a - ru to inseminate, engender, beget

a-ri-a, `à-ri-a wasteland, desert (Civil, AuOr 5, 33)

a - ru to dedicate, donate to a deity

a-ru-a temple donation, votive gift

a-ru₁₂(EN)-da (Pre-Sarg. and Sarg.) copper

a-sig, a-si(-ig)-ga, a-sa-ga clear, clean water (*mû zakûtu*) (syllabic for **sig₅** and **sa_{6(g)}**, see Bauer, AfO 40/41, 95)

a-sis salty, brackish water

a-šà(g), aša₅(g)(GĀNA) field, parcel (for OS **aša₅** see Civil, JCS 25, 171f.; Powell, JCS 25, 178-184)

a šà-ga šu - du₁₁ to inseminate, engender (later elliptically just **šu - du₁₁**)

a-še-er → a-nir

A.TIR → eša

a - tu₅, (OS) a - tu₁₇(A.TU₅) to bathe, wash

a-tu₅-a bath, bathing ritual

a-zu, a-su physician

á, a_x(DA) arm, wing; branch; side (cf. **da**); (knife) edge; strength, force; work-force; work-period (measured in days); wage(s), hire, fee, payment, expenditure; point in time; horns, antlers (for **a_x** see Attinger, ZA 87, 112)

á - áğ to command, give orders or instructions to someone (-da-) regarding (-ši-)

á-áğ-ğá instruction, order; news (Attinger, ZA 87, 15)

á-an handle(?) (Attinger, ZA 87, 115f.)

á-an(-zú-lum) date palm spadix; broom

á-an-kára, an-kára, en-kára (a divine or royal weapon or staff) (Attinger, ZA 87, 182, reads ^á**an-kára**)

á-áš → áš

á - bad to open, spread the arms, wings

á-bad opened, outstretched arms, wings

á - dah to help (PSD and ePSD now read **tah**)

á-dah help, aid; helper

á-dam settlement, habitation

á - dar to seize illegally, confiscate

á-dàrà horns of wild goats, deer antlers (Steinkeller, BSA 63 n. 24) (see **dàrà**)

á - dúb to flap the wings; periphrastic: **á-dúb - a₅**

á - è to rear, bring up, take care of

á-gú-zí-ga early morning, dawn

á-gùb-bu left arm, side; to the left, on the left

á-ğál mighty, powerful, strong (cf. **á-nun-ğál**)

á - ğar to apply force, overpower

á-ği₆-ba(-a) at midnight

á-ki-ti (a festival and the temple where it takes place)

á - kúš to tire (the arms) (Attinger, ZA 87, 112)

á-kúš(-ù) adj. tired; n. tiredness; work, labor, toil; ppl.
á-nu-kúš untiring

á - lá to tie the hands, fetter

^{kuš}**á-lá** (a kind of drum)

á-mè(-k) arm of battle (describing a weapon, poetic)

á-nun(-ğál) having great power, (most) powerful (cf. **á-ğál**)

á-nam-ur-sağ heroic arm/strength/weapon (poetic)

á-sàg (a demon); (a source of sickness or death) (>
asakku)

(kuš)**á-si** (leather) strap; ^{urudu}**á-si** copper hinge (Van de
Mieroop, Crafts 134; Civil, Iraq 23, 162)

á-sig slingstone

á - sù(dr) to extend the arm(s), spread the wings; to
proceed, march on; to sail

á-še now (*anumma*)

á-ŞE^{mušen} swan(?) (Landsberger, MSL 8/2 130)

á-şita₄(U.KID)(-a) paraphanelia, implements (Civil,
JAOS 88 (1968) 7)

á-şu-ğir limbs (lit. "arms, hands, and feet")

á - tuku to have strength, power

á-tuku powerful, strong, able-bodied

á-u₄-te-na (at) twilight, (in the) evening (coolness)

á-u₄-zal-le daybreak, morning

á-zi-da right arm, side

á-zi(g) high-handed action, violence

á-zi-şè by a violent act, by force

a₅(k), ak to do, perform, exercise, act (often as an auxiliary verb); to make, construct; to make like, make into. Certain contexts require rdg. **aka** or **kè**. It can be combined with a pronoun in forms such as **hé-na**, **i-na**, see AV Wilcke 226. For rdg. **şa₅** perhaps = **şa₄** = the aux. verb *za see Cavigneaux, ASJ 9, 49ff.; Urnamma Hymn B 52 has an Ur III (?) var. **şa-şa** for OB **AK-AK**. For a comprehensive treatment see Attinger, ZA 95, 46-64, 208-275; Powell, AV Diakonoff 314-319.

ab hole, opening, window

ab, ab-ba, a-ab-ba, a-aba sea

ab-ba, ábba(ABxÁŠ) old man, elder, wise man;
father; witness

ab-ba-ab-ba grandfather

ab-làl window, opening, pigeon hole

áb cow

áb-za-za (an exotic animal: water buffalo(?), zebu(?))

abgal (apkål) (a cultic profession); (mythical) sage

abrig(NUN.ME.DU) (a cultic profession) (*abriqqu*)

àbsin, ab-sín furrow

abul(la), a-bul₅-la city gate, main gate/entrance

abzu (mythological underground fresh water ocean,
home of the god Enki); (a water-basin shrine in many
Mesopotamian temples)

(giš) **ad** beam, plank; raft (so PDS A/3 6, though Bauer, AfO 40/41, 94 disagrees; see discussion of Attinger, ZA 95, 260)

ad, ad-da father; forefather, great great-grandfather (so PSD)

ad sound; voice, cry

ad - gi₄ to advise, take counsel with (-da-), consult; to discuss; to echo, respond

ad-gi₄(-gi₄) advice, counsel; advisor, counselor

ad-KID reed craftsman, basket and mat weaver (The reading **ad-kub₄** cannot be justified. Steinkeller, Sale Documents 171, therefore suggests that only **adgub_x** (^{ad}**KID**) may be possible, based on Akk. *atkuppu*.)

ad - ša₄ to sob, groan, wail

ad-ša₄ wailing, lamenting (*nissatu*); sound (of an instrument or song)

kuš **ad-tab** reins

(giš) **ád(GÍR-guni)**, **àddu** boxthorn; thorn (*edettu*) (some now read **kíšig**) (see Attinger, ZA 95, 263f. for detailed discussion of readings)

ad₄(ZA-tenū) crippled, lame (*kubbulu*)

adda/ad₆(LÚxÚŠ) (also written LÚ.ÚŠ or **ad₈(LÚ-šešigxÚŠ)** and **ad_x(LÚ.GAM)**) (human) corpse (Veldhuis, AV Sigrist 224-6)

ádda/àd(UDUxÚŠ) (also written **UDU.ÚŠ** or **GUDxÚŠ**) (animal) carcass (Veldhuis, AV Sigrist 224-6)

addir river-crossing, ford; toll, fare, rent, hire (RLA 8, 157 Miete) (cf. **má-addir** ferry boat)

giš **áddu(Ú.GÍR)** (reading uncertain, compare giš **ád**)

ag → **a₅**

aga (a kind of crown, "tiara, diadem"); (an axe)

àga-gi₄-a-bé later, afterwards (see **a-ga(-aš)-gi₄**)

àga-kár/ŠÈ - sì to conquer, defeat (cf. **àga - kár** to defeat) (Klein, AV Tadmor 310f.; Steinkeller, WZKM 77, 188f. + n. 17)

àga-ús, aga-ús constable, guard, bodyguard, soldier

agargara(NUN)^(ku6) (a fish or fish spawn)

agrun(É.NUN) (a sacred building or room); (an epithet of the abzu) (Attinger, ZA 95, 268)

âg to measure out, mete out; to pay (esp. in grain)

ág - gi₄ to kill (Jacobsen & Kramer, JNES 12, 185 n. 68)

âgarin(AMA.^dINANNA), àga-rí(-n) mother (creatress); (fertile) soil; mold, crucible

âgrig steward (PSD A/3 translates "housekeeper")

ah, ^aah (in Gudea) → **uh**

ak → **a₅**

àka(ŠID) fleece; tuft of wool

akan(UBUR) udder, teat, nipple

akkil cry, clamor; acclaim

^{túg} **aktum(A.SU)** (a garment)

giš **al** mattock, hoe, "pickaxe"

al - a₅ to hoe, work with the hoe

al - du₁₁ to desire, want; to request, ask for, demand (Attinger, Eléments 429-438)

giš **al-ğar** (a musical instrument) (PSD A/3 147 translates: (a lyre)) (Attinger, ZA 95, 270)

giš **al-ğar-sur/sur₉(-ra)** (a musical instrument, probably drumstick) (Veldhuis, AfO 44/45, 119f.; Attinger, ZA 95, 270)

al-la-nu-um oak; acorn

al-lub^{ku6}, al-lu₅(b) (older rdg. **al-lul**) (crayfish or crab)

^(d)**alad(LAMMAxBAD)** male guardian angel, male counterpart of → ^dlamma

alal(ŠIDxA), alal_x(ABxA) conduit, pipe

alam, alan figure; statue. PSD A/3 170a calls **alam** the preferred phonetic form. A reading **alağ** based on the important reference PEa 845 (Jx) **a-la-áğ**, is doubted by Krecher [privately circulated correction sheet to his AV Matouš II article] and by J. Bauer, Orns 43, 129. See also Yoshikawa, ASJ 12, 344-347.

alim bison (*kusarikku*)

alim-ma honored one (*kabtu*)

am wild bull

am-si elephant

ama mother

ama-a-tu → **ama-tu**

ama-ab, ama-ad parents

ama(-ar) - gi₄ to free, manumit

ama(-ar)-gi₄ manumission, freedom

ama-ér(-ra) wailing woman, female mourner

ama-érin(-na) elite troops

AMA.GAN(.ŠA) → **šagan_x**

AMA.^dINANNA → **ağarin, amalu**

ama-tu(d), ama-a-tu house-born slave (cf. **ama₅**)

ama-ugu₍₄₎ mother who has born, one's own true mother

ama₅, (ama) private quarters of women and young children (Michałowski, Lamentation p. 76-78) (cf. **é-mi**)

ama₅-kalam-ma storehouse/dwelling-quarters of the land (Michałowski, Lamentation p. 78)

amalu(AMA.^dINANNA) (personal) goddess

amar calf; young of other animals

^d**amar-utu(-k)** Marduk, patron-deity of Babylon

amaš sheepfold

ambar marsh, swamp

an sky, heaven; the sky god An

an, an-na high, tall (cf. **ùn** and **gi₆-ù/un-na**)

an-bar, an, KÙ.AN iron (Reiter, AOAT 249, 244ff.)

an-bar₇ noon, noontime heat

an-dùl shade, cover; protection

an-eden-na high plain, steppe

an-ğá and still, even so

an-kára → **á-an-kára**

an-na (or **AN.NA**, perhaps to be read **niggi** or **nagga**) tin; iron(?) (Reiter, AOAT 249, 259ff.)

an-pa heaven's top, zenith

an-şà heaven's middle, middle of the sky

an-şár heavenly sphere, whole sky

an-ta above, from above, down; in front; prefix (grammatical term)

an-ta-sur-ra (a Lagash geographical area); (obsidian?)

an-ub-da-límmu-ba the four world quarters

an-úr base of heaven, horizon

an-usan, an-ú-sa₁₁-an evening

an-za-gär tower, (fortified) outpost

anše donkey; (equid in general)

anše-bará-lá pack ass

ANŠE.KUR.RA → **sisi**

anše-kúnga (ANŠE.BARxAN) mule (offspring of a donkey and an onager) (Heimpel, BSA 8, 89-91; RIA Maultier)

anše-zi-qùm equids kept at royal road stations (Ur III) (Heimpel, RA 88, 5-31)

anzu(d)^{mušen}, ánzu(d)^{mušen} (a mythological lion-headed eagle, symbol of Ningîrsu & Ninurta) (also with phonetic indicator ^{an}**anzu^{mušen}**, older reading ^d**anzu^{mušen}**)

giš apin plow

apin-lá tenancy, rent; tenant, lessee; cultivator (Steinkeller, JESHO 24, 114 n. 5)

apkal → abgal

ar-ga-núm (a resin)

ár, ar, a-a-ar praise

ár - a₅/du₁₁ to praise (Attinger, Eléments 439f.)

àr to mill, grind flour

na⁴ara mill, millstone

àr-dú → HAR-tud, ìr

arad, árad → ìr

arhuš compassion, mercy; womb (*rēmu*) (Civil, AV Hallo 78 + n 21)

giš ásal(A.TU.GAB.LIŠ) Euphrates poplar(?) (*şarbatu*)

asil(a)(EZENxLÁL), asil-lá acclaim, paean, jubilation

aš(a) v. and adj. (to be) one, alone, unique (cf. **dili**) (Edzard, AV Klein 99f.)

áš, á-áš, aš curse

áš - a₅/bal/du₁₁ to swear at, insult, curse (Civil, JNES 43, 294; Attinger, Eléments 445-450)

munus aš-gär female goat (reading **zeh** is obsolete; Heimpel, BSA 7, 116ff. reads **ašgar**)

àš six (Edzard, AV Klein 102)

aša₅ → a-šà

ašgab leatherworker

ášnan (a goddess figure personifying emmer wheat) (see also ^d**ezinu**)

az bear

azlag_x(LÚ.TÚG), azlag₃₋₆ fuller, washerman (also conventionally read **àšlag**, etc.; see Yuhong, AV Klein 394f. for writings and etymology) (*ašlāku*)

B

ba to allot, distribute, assign, divide up, give a gift or share; to reduce, diminish, deteriorate

ba allotment, share

ba^{ku6} snail(?)

ba-al to dig up/out, excavate, mine, quarry (*herû*); to unload (a boat)

ba-al-gi₍₄₎, ba-al-gu₇ (also with fish determinative) turtle

ba-an → bán

ba-an-du₈(-du₈), ba-an-du₅ (reed, wood or copper determinative) bucket, pail; sowing basket (cf. Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 74 + n. 26, contra PSD B which considers the two variants to be two different words.)

ba-an-gi₄ response, answer

ba-ba(-da/za) porridge

ba-da-ra dagger, a ceremonial kind of knife (Akk. *patru* > Sum. **ba-da-ra** back-loaned > Akk. *patarru*) (PSD B 18 'rod, prod' is not correct; see Civil, Oriental Institute website corrections to PSD) (Civil, AV Biggs 18)

ba-ri/rí-ga (a large measuring vessel = 60 **sila** in Ur III)

^d**ba-ú** chief goddess of Šarrum, consort of Ningirsu (also read ^d**ba-ba₆**) (see Marchesi, Or 71 (2002) 161-172)

ba-za cripple, dwarf

bà(EŠ) v. to halve; n. half

babbar, bar₆-bar₆ (PSD **bábbár**) v. and adj. (to be) white, shining

bad(r) to open up, spread wide, be wide apart, separate; to untie, unravel, reveal; to be distant, remote, removed; to thresh (see recently Krecher, AV Kutscher 111-116)

bad, bad-rá, bad-da open(ed), spread wide; remote

bàd (city) wall, fortification

bàd(-da) high (cf. **ùn**)

bàd-si parapet

báhar potter (Sallaberger Töpfer *passim*)

bal to cross (over), pass by or through; to turn over, around, aside, upside down, against; to change, exchange; to pour out (liquid)

bal-a-ri opposite side, shore

bal-bal-e (an OB hymn type)

^{giš}**bala** spindle; rod, pin

bala (rotating) term of office or service, turn of duty; reign; cf. **bala-gub-ba** term of duty

bala(-šè) - a₅ transport (for trade)

balağ harp (some translate 'lyre'); (a large drum?); (an OB and later eme-sal lamentation, part of the temple liturgy) (Civil, AV Biggs 18; Veldhuis, AfO 44/45, 120) (*balangu*)

balağ-di harp player, lamentation singer

^{giš}**ban** → ^{giš}**pan**

bán, ba-an (later with wood determinative) (a container and capacity measure = 6 **síla** in Pre-

Sargonic texts, 10 **síla** thereafter) (Steinkeller, Or 51, 359f.)

bànda, bàn-da (or **bànda^{da}**) small(er), young(er), minor, junior; short (time); impetuous, wild (note that Borger, AbZ reads **banda₃**, rather than Deimel's **banda₁**, a practice now current)

bànda young one, child, infant; offspring, progeny; attendant

^{giš}**banšur** table; offering table, altar

bappir, bàppir beer bread (a baked loaf of brewing ingredients)

bar to (make) lie/be outside, go away, send out, set aside, release, split open; to delimit, allot (fields)

bar outside, exterior; outer appearance; body; back, edge; fleece

bar alien, strange; cf. **lú-bar-ra** foreigner, stranger

bar "liver" (as a seat of emotions), mood, spirits

bar NOUN-ak-a or **bar-PRONOUN-a** because of, instead of, with regard to, e.g. **bar-bi-a** because of this

bar - a₅ to examine, test, put to trial

bar-da, bar-dù-a crosspiece, crossbar

^{túg}**bar-dul₅** (a common garment); (describing a goat or a goat hide)

bar-ğál unshorn, with unplucked fleece

bar-lá (a canal basin?)

bar-rim₄ arid, dry land

^{túg}**bar-si** sash, shawl

bar-su(-ga), bar-sù(-a) with plucked fleece, with fleece removed

bar-sù(d) (a rubric marking a sub-section of a **tigi** or **adab** hymn of praise)

bar-şè out, away, toward the outside

bar-šèg(-gá) fog, mist, drizzle

bar-ta away, aside, outside

bar-ta - gub, bar-šè - gub to stand aside, keep away, stay aloof

bar - tam to examine, choose, select (periphrastic:
bar-tam - ak)

bar-udu sheep's fleece

bar-ús^(urudu) (pointed) goading stick (Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 72)

bar₇(NE) to blaze, flame, burn

bára(g) (barag) conventional translations: dais, throne; sovereign, ruler, king; (pack-)sack. Civil, AV Biggs 21 now reads /parak/ and translates: (1) 'curtain of separation' (around the area reserved to the king and royal family or to a deity in a temple); fig. 'royal person, royal abode' (*parakku*); (2) 'a package made with sackcloth' (*bašamu, saqqu*)

bára-mah high dais

bára-si-ga socle

bára(g), ba-ra(-g), (pàr) to spread out (upon), strew

bi-iz → **biz**

bí-za-za frog

bi₇(d), bìd n. excrement, dung; anus(?); v. to defecate

bibra(HÚL)^{mušen} (a bird); (a bird-shaped cup) (Veldhuis, Education 224)

bíl to heat, burn, scorch

bíl-ga (fresh) fruit; (male) ancestor, cf. **pa-bíl-ga**

bíl-lá → **pe-el-lá**

bíl-lá, bíl-la hot

bíl-lá-bé, bíl-la-bé heatedly, feverishly, ardently

biluda, bi-lu-da, pì-lu₅-da, be₆-lu₅-da rites, rituals, customs, usages (<*bēlūtu*, Steinkeller, JNES 46 (1987) 58. Cf. Steible, AOAT 253, 380f.)

bir (reduplicated: **bir-bir-re, bi-ib-r(e), bi-bi-r(e)**) to scatter, disperse

bír v. to shrivel, wrinkle; adj. flacid, shriveled

***bír** → **sur_x, érin** (rdg. **bír** is now obsolete; see Steinkeller, WZKM 77, 192, JNES 46, 58f.; Selz, UGASL 43 n. 178)

bir₄ to bake (bricks, pottery) (pronunciation is uncertain)

bir₅(NAM)^{mušen} locust (Veldhuis, Education 224)

bir₆, bir₇, bir to rip/break to pieces, shred, tear

biz, bi-iz to drip, drop

-braš (wr. -ib-ra-aš, ba(r)-ra-aš) to fly (loan from the Akk. root *prš*)

bu(r), bù(r), bur, búr, bu_x(PAD) (variant **bu-ús**, Emesal **zé(r), zé-zé**) to pull, rip, tear, pluck out, uproot, extract, extirpate; to drain (water)

bu → **bú**

bu-lu-úh, bu-luh, bu-úh, bu-bu-luh to quiver, shudder, be frightened

bu-lu-úh/buluh - si-il to belch, burp

bu-ud-ba-ad - za to thud (an onomatopoetic construction, see Civil, JCS 20, 117ff.; Black, AV Wilcke 35ff.)

bu-ús → **bu(r)**

bú, bu, pú to flit, rush about

bugin, bunin (multiple spellings exist, middle/last consonant may be /g/) bucket, trough

bul (bu₅), to blow, blow up, fill with air

bulug chisel; needle, pin; seal-pin (Civil Oriental Institute website corrections to PSD B); latch-pin(?) ; border-marker(?) ; axis

bulug-KIN-gur₄ (surgical) lancet

bùluğ to grow up, rear children or young, make grow, ripen; to be great, to elevate

bùluğ, bulùğ-ğá foster-child

bunga(NITA₍₂₎,GA) child

bur (stone) bowl, vessel (Yuhong, AV Klein 391)

bur-gi₄-a (a kind of offering)

bur-gul stonecutter, engraver

bur-sağ (a servant); (a building used for storage of offerings, see Heimpel, JCS 33, 106)

bur-šu-ma old woman, matron, matriarch

bur-zí (a kind of bowl)

übür (a kind of grass)

búr to free, loosen, release; to reveal, explain, interpret (dreams); to undo, nullify (curse, sin, anger); to spread widely, spread out over, cover (cf. á - **búr**, ki-búr, múš - **búr**)

búr, bu, bu₇ to glow, shine

búr-ra(-ah) (an architectural term)

búr-ra-bé openly, publicly

¹⁷**buranun(-na)** Euphrates

bùru (bùr) (area measure = 18 **iku** = 1800 **sar** = ca. 63,510 sq. meters) (Yuhong, AV Klein 391)

bùru(d) (bùr) n. hole, pit, depths; depth; v. to make a hole, pierce, break into, burgle; to be deep, deepen; to penetrate, understand; adj. deep

buru₄^{mušen} (a bird of prey or a vulture, OS); raven (Ur III onward) (Veldhuis, Education 226-228)

buru₅^{mušen} (**bur₅**) (a small bird that lives in flocks, possibly a sparrow); locust (OB and later) (Veldhuis, Education 229-231)

buru₅-habrud(-da)^{mušen} partridge(?) (*işsur hurri*) (Veldhuis, Education 231-233)

buru₁₄ harvest, crop; harvest time

D

da, da(g) side; near (cf. Krecher, ASJ 9, 88 n. 39)

DA → á

da-ga-an, da-ga-na, daggan(KI.GIŠGAL) bedroom, private room (Krecher, ASJ 9, 88 n. 39; Civil, AV Biggs 18) (*dakkannu*)

da-gi₄-a, dag-gi₄-a district, ward, city quarter (*bābtu*); cf. **ūsar da-gi₄-a** neighbor (Steinkeller, Sales Documents 242f.)

da-ri, da-rí lasting, eternal (cf. Akk. *dārū*)

da-ri/rí-še forever

da - ri to lead at one's side (so Selz, ASJ 17, 251ff., who reads the verbal root as /dri/; cf. **maš-da-ri-a**)

dab₅, dab, dab₆/da₅(b) to fasten onto (-a), hold onto, detain; to seize, take (with -e/a); to be attached to, employed at (-da) (often elliptical for **šu - dab₅**)

dabin(ZI.ŠE) barley meal or flour

dadag v. and adj. (to be) (cultically) pure, (legally) exonerated

dag to move, run about, roam

dag-gi₄-a → da-gi₄-a

dağal v. & adj. (to be) wide, broad, vast, far-reaching, widespread; n. breadth

dağal-bé broadly

dağal - tag to spread wide

dah to add (to); to do, say, give in addition; to help (ePSD now reads **tah**)

gisdal, dal_x(HU) crosspiece, traverse beam (*tallu*)

dal to fly

dal, dal-a, dal-dal flying, in flight

dal-ba-an(-na) in between (area)

dalla - è to be visible, apparent, manifest; (to shine forth in radiance, be/make resplendent, splendid, i.e. near synonym of **pa - è**?) (*šupū*)

dam spouse, wife, husband

dam-bàn-da secondary or junior wife, concubine

dam-gàr merchant (*tamkāru*)

dam-ha-ra battle (< Akk. *tamhāru*)

dam-ha-ra - a₅ to do battle with (-da-)

danna(KASKAL.GÍD), da-na double hour (a distance measure, ca. 6.6 miles)

dan₆(UŠxTAG₄) to clean, wash (Steinkeller, OrAnt 19, 83-84) (cf. **gáb-dan₆** cleaner)

dar^{mušen} francolin (*ittidū*)

dar to split

dar-ra split, fileted (fish)

dàra, darah, dara₄ Persian wild goat, bezoar (Steinkeller, SEL 6, 3-7; BSA 8, 50; SEL 6, 3-7) (PSD A/2 109 reads **tarah**, ePSD reads **durah**)

dàra-maš wild goat stag

dé to pour

dè-dal ashes

de₅(g) → na - de₅(g)

de₅(g) to pick up, gather up, collect; to remove, plunder (Sallaberger, AV Klein 250) Many still read **ri(g)**; Selz, ASJ 17, 260 reads /dri/. See also Steinkeller, JCS 35, 249f.

de₅-de₅-ga collected (dead animals or people) (technical term in Girsu and Umma, Heimpel, BSA 8 138 n. 80; Sallaberger, AV Klein 250)

de₆ → túm

di → du and **du₁₁**

di(d) court case, lawsuit, claim; verdict, judgment

di - dab₅ to render a verdict

di - du₁₁ to sue, go to court, trial, litigate with (-da-) (Attinger, Eléments 459-464)

di - ku_{5(dr)} to judge, render a verdict

di-ku₅ judge; judging (cf. **ki di-ku₅**)

di_{4(l)} smaller (Civil, OrAnt 21 (1982) 12)

di₄-di₄(-lá) little ones, youngsters, children (reduplicated form of **tur**) W. Farber, Mesopotamian Civilizations 2 (1989) 9 reads **du₁₃-du₁₃-lá**.

dib to pass, go, move (by, along, or beyond); to walk (along), tread; to pass in review (at an inspection, see Heimpel, BSA 8, 120)

dida sweet-wort

didli individual; individually, singly; several, various, many; miscellaneous (Lagaš I) (< **dili-dili**)

digir (conventionally **dingir**) god, goddess

dili one, single, individual, lone, unique (Edzard, AV Klein 99)

dili-bé, dili-bi-šè alone, by oneself

díli(m), dílim spoon; shallow dish, balance-pan (of a scale) (Civil, AV Biggs 23)

giš dim post, mast

giš dim-gal, giš dimgul mooring-pole (*tarkullu*)

dím to fashion, form, create, build; to make like, make into (-šè)

dím-ma judgment, discernment (< *tēmu*)

giš dimgul → giš dim-gal

diri(g) to be more than (-a, see FAOS 5/2, 289), greater than, exceed, surpass; to be excessive, extra, surplus, additional; (also used as adj. and noun)

diri(g) to float, drift, glide; to sail (downstream)

diri-bé, diri-šé overwhelmingly, even more

diš one (the counting word?); a single, certain one (Edzard, AV Klein 99f.)

du to come, go, move (about) Forms include: **du** imperf. sg.; **gen** perf. sg.; **su_{8(b)}** imperf. pl.; **(e)re₇** (OS **er_{x(DU.DU)}**) perf. pl.; **di** present participle; **ge_{26(n)}** in imperatives (Thomsen, Sumerian Language p. 134f.; Sallaberger, AV Schretter 557ff.)

DU → ku_{4(r)}

du-lum misery, suffering, hardship

dù to build, erect, make; to plant; to apply, affix make fast, build onto; to detain, hold back; to drive in, insert. Some now read **drù** (cf. **rú**).

DU₃ → rú

dù-a(-bi) all (of it/them)

du_{5-mu} → dumu

du_{6(dr)} hill, hillock, mound, "tell" (often confused with **habrud**, see Yuhong, AV Klein 374-381, who states that the Auslaut is /l/; ePSD assumes a /d/; Steinkeller, AV Biggs 219 n. 2 provides references for /dr/ (*tillu*)

du_{6-kù} The Holy Hill (a primeval residence of the great gods, cf. the Greek Mount Olympus)

du_{6-ul} (or dul₆) to gather (Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 92)

du_{6-úr, du_{6-ùr}} (the name of the ziggurat in Ur) (Waetzoldt, AV Klein 334-338)

du_{7(dr)} to be complete, perfect, unblemished (*šuklulu*); to be fitting, proper, suited for, becoming to (*wasāmu*, see Attinger, ZA 88, 182 n. 64)

du_{7(dr?)} to batter, gore, attack

du₈ opening (*petû*) (Yuhong, AV Klein 378)

du_{8(h/r)} to release, free, let fall away, hang down, fall free; to wean; to redeem, ransom; open, untie, take off; to bake; to caulk (the last two may be separate or different verbs)

du_{8(b)} to equip richly, adorn; to heap up, fill up (possibly a variant of **dub**)

du_{8-du_{8-a}} richly laden, equipped

^(na⁴)**du_{8-ši-a}** topaz(?)

du₉ to churn

du_{9(n)}, dun₅, (sun₅) to be humble; to be subordinate to, under the authority of (cf. the OS adj. **dun-a** subordinate to, in the charge of)

du_{9-na} (sun_{5-na}) humble

du_{9-na-bé, du_{9-né-eš}} humbly (*ašriš*)

du_{10(b)}, du_{10-ub} knees, lap

du_{10(b) - bad} to stride, run

du_{10(b) - gurum} to lie down, rest (said of animals)

du_{10(b)-tuku} having strong legs (for running)

du_{10(g) (dùg)} to be good, pleasing, enjoyable, sweet (fig.); to enjoy, relish

du_{10(g), du_{10-ga}} good, pleasant, fine, sweet

du_{10-du_{10-ga}} best, finest

du_{10-ge-eš} finely, sweetly (said of the voice)

du_{10-sa} companion, comrade

du_{11(g) (dug₄)} to do, use (aux. verb); to act or serve as. Forms include: **du₁₁** perf. sg.; **e** perf. pl. & imperf.; **di** present participle & infinitive (later, rarely, finite imperf.)

du_{11(g)} to say, speak (elliptical for **inim - du₁₁**)

du₁₂ (short form of → **tuku**, seen especially when reduplicated)

du₁₄ quarrel (with /d/ or /dr/ Auslaut, see Attinger, Eléments p. 466f.)

du₁₄ - mū to incite a quarrel

dub tablet, document

dub to heap up, pour in piles

dub-ba-an, gi-dub-ba-an(-na) reed fence-post, fence of bundled reeds (Alster, Dumuzi's Dream p. 95-96)

dub-dab₅ - za to thud, batter (an onomatopoetic construction, see Civil, JCS 20, 117ff.; Black, AV Wilcke 35ff.)

dub-lá gatehouse, gateway(?); foundation platform, terrace; canal locks(?)

dub-sağ first (*mahrū*)

dub-sar scribe

dub-šen (treasure) chest (as part of temple furnishings); foundation box

dúb to tremble, shake, quake; to flutter, flail, flap (hands or wings)

dubsig(ÍL) (or **dupsik**) work basket, corvée basket (often with a wood or reed determinative; previously read **dusu**) (*tupšikku*)

dug pot, jar, vessel

^{kus}**dùg-gan** bag (*tukkannu*)

dugud v. & adj. (to be) heavy, huge, weighty, important

duh, dudda(?) bran, chaff

dul, dùl, dul₅(TÚG) to cover; to envelop, wrap

dum-dam - za to complain (*nazāmu*); to howl, roar, cry out; to rejoice (Sjöberg, AV Limet 126f.)

dumu child, son, daughter; citizen (of a particular city); (member of a class, group, craft) Emesal **du₅-mu**

dumu-gi(-ra) free or "conditionally free" person (cf. ASJ 11, 217), freeborn citizen; noble, princely child; aristocrat (Cooper, Curse of Agade p. 240)

dumu-KA (descendent or the like) (Sjöberg, AV Falkenstein 209-212)

dumu-munus daughter (some read **dumu-mí**; reading **dumu-sal** is obsolete) (logogram is an Akkadian innovation, not attested before Ur III; see Steinkeller, Or ns 51, 358)

dumu-nita(h) male child (see also **ibila(DUMU-NITA)** (male) heir)

dun to dig

dun to weave

dun(-a) v. and adj. (to be) under the authority of, subordinate to (see **du₉(n)**)

dun₅ → du₉(n)

dungu(IM.DIRI) cloud

dur cable, cord (Waetzoldt, BSA 6, 132); umbilicus; bond, link

dur-an-ki(-k) Bond of Heaven and Earth (poetic term for Enlil's temple complex in Nippur)

dúr, dúr-ru(n), durun_x → tuš

dúr base; bottom (the body part, cf. MSL 9, 65:92 Ugu-mu Susa); seat, residence (*išdu, šaplu*)

^{gis}**dúr** seat (of a chair); bottom board, wooden bottom

dúr-bi-šè, dúr-ra-ni-šè at the bottom or back, in last place (physically or in a scale of values) (Civil, JNES 43, 285f.; AuOr 7, 147)

dúr - ġar to take a seat, settle, establish residence (for reading cf. Shulgi F 24 **dúr-ra-ni bí-i-ġar**)

^{gis}**dúr-ġar** ornate chair, throne (*durgar(r)ū*)

dùr, dur₉, du₂₄-ùr (or **dur₉ūr**) donkey stallion

^{urudu}**dur₁₀(ŠEN)** (an ax)

^{urudu}**dur₁₀-al-lub** (a war ax with curved handle or semicircular blade) (Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 149-151)

^{urudu}**dur₁₀-tab-ba** double-ax (Civil, AuOr 5, 22f.)

duru₅, dur₅(-ru) wet, moist, damp; irrigated; fresh

^{im}**durun-na**, ^{im}**tu-ru-na** oven (Civil, JCS 25, 172-175)

^{gi}**dusu(ÍL)** (read now → **dubsig**)

E

e Hey! (an interjection) (Attinger, Eléments p. 178)

e → **du₁₁**

e, ég, e₄(A) (raised) irrigation ditch, embankment, levee, "a broad earthen wall which accommodated a ditch or small canal running along its top" (Steinkeller, JAOS 115 [1995] 543) (*iku*) (conventionally read **e**, but see Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 109-113, 136 n. 2)

e-el-lu, e-li-lu, e-lil-la (a shout of joy, a work cry)

^{kuš}**E.ÍB** (read ^{kuš}**guru₂₁/kuru₁₄?**) belt, girdle

^{kuš}**E.ÍB-ùr** (siege-)shield (Attinger, ZA 88, 182 reads ^e**egur_x ùr** = /egbur/? < Civil, AuOr 5, 22 n. 12)

e-ki-sur-ra boundary ditch

e-ne (older **a-ne**) he, she

e-ne - du₁₁(g) to play, dance (Attinger, Eléments 468-474) (cf. **éšemen**)

e-ne - sù(-ud) to copulate (Attinger, Eléments 474-477)

e-ne-šè/éš → **i-ne-éš**

e-pa₅ (raised) irrigation ditch

e-sír street

^{kuš}**e-sír, (e)sír(LAK 173)** sandals (see Civil, Or 56, 237, also Steinkeller, AfO 28, 140f. for the OS writing)

é house, household, estate; temple (Read now `à or à', pronounced [ah] or [hah]? Some Auslaut must be posited to account for the common writing **é-a-ni** rather than **é-ni**.)

É (read `à or à` as an older variant of **a** "water")

é-ba-an, é-pa-na pair

é-babbar (the temple of the sun-god Utu in Larsa and Sippar)

é-bappir (possibly **é-lunga** in certain contexts) brewery

é-dù-a built-up house lot, improved real estate

é-dub-ba(-a) school; storehouse (in some contexts read **é-kišib-ba?**)

é-duru₅ village, hamlet

é-éš(-k) jail (Civil, AV Hallo 75)

é-éš-dam → **éš-dam**

é-gal palace

é-gar₈ wall

é-gi₄-a (prospective) daughter-in-law, bride

é-itima dark room, cella (divine or royal inner chamber, bedchamber)

é-kur (the temple of Enlil in Nippur)

é-lunga(n) brewery (see LSUr 306; perhaps read **é-bappir** in certain contexts)

é-mar-URU₅, mar-URU/rú₁₀ quiver (Eichler, AV Hallo 90-94; Civil, JCS 55, 52)

é-me-eš summer

é-muhaldim cookhouse, kitchen

é-nì-gur₁₁(GA)-ra treasury (but see disc. under **gar** for rdg. **-ga-ra**)

é-ri-a → **a-ri-a**

é-su-lum-ma rope-box

é-šutum(GL.NA.AB.TUM/DU₇) storehouse (*šutummu*)
(Pettinato AV Römer 278f.)

è(d) to come, go forth; to withdraw, remove, bring out

e₁₁(d) to go up, down; to bring down, raze

ébih(ÉŠ.MAH) heavy rope (*ebīhu*)

eden (edin) plain, steppe, desert

eden-lil haunted steppe

eger (egir) back, rear (side); behind, after; inheritance

eger-u₄-da(-k) future days

égi(MUNUS+GI₇), egi(GI₇) (or **ègir, égir**) princess, mistress (Steinkeller, AV Klein 305-310)

égi-zi faithful princess (an OB cultic office, also **égi-zi-an-na**) (*egiṣītu*) (Steinkeller, AV Klein 301ff. and in Priests and Officials in the Ancient Near East (Heidelberg, 1996) 122)

ellag block, ball

eme tongue; language, speech; blade

eme-gi_{7(r)} (eme-gir₁₅) native(?) speech (the main dialect of Sumerian)

eme-sal fine speech (the women's dialect of Sumerian, used in laments and temple liturgies and for direct speech of goddesses)

eme-sig base speech, slander, calumny

eme-sig - gu₇ to slander, denounce

éme-da or emeda(UMxME.DA) nursemaid
(Steinkeller, Third-Millennium Texts 62; ASJ 88-90)

éme-ga wet nurse (Steinkeller, Third-Millennium Texts 62; ASJ 88-90)

ème, eme₆ female donkey, donkey mare

en lord; high priest, high priestess (Steinkeller, in Priests and Officials in the Ancient Near East (Heidelberg, 1996) 103ff.) Emesal **ù-mu-un**

d-en-ki(g/k) god of water, wisdom and magic, patron of the city Eridu

d-en-lil the chief earthly god, city-god of Nippur

en-na until, as long as; up to, as far as (spatial); as much as (in extent or amount)

en-na-me-šè how long?

en-nu-ùg, en-nu-ug₅, en-NUN watch; watchman, guard (cf. MSL XII 101:107, 116:14 contra Krecher, AV Matouš II 37)

en-nu(-ùg) - a₅ to guard, watch

en-te-en winter

én-du song (*zamāru*) (J. G. Westenholz, AV Klein 348-350)

èn - tar to ask, question, investigate; to take care of, attend to, tend

engar plowman, farmer

engiz(EN.ME.GI), éngiz (OS) temple cook

engur depths (synonym of **abzu**.)

enkara, en/an-kará → á-an-kára

enku(dr) fishery inspector

enkum temple treasurer, tax collector; (a mythical servitor of Enki; the female equivalent is **ninkum**)

enmen, énmen thirst (ePSD reads now **immen**)

ensi(EN.ME.LI), énsi (OS) dream interpreter

énsi(k) ruler, governor; farmer (*iššiakku*) (Jacobsen, AV Civil 113-121; Sjöberg, AV Limet 125; Frayne, RIM Early Periods 1, 15f.) (Emesal **ù-mu-un-si**)

ér, ír tear(s); lament, wail

ér-du ₁₀ -ga tears of joy	éśir-a-ba-al (a kind of bitumen)
ér - du ₁₁ to perform a lament (Attinger, Eléments 501-507)	éśir-é-a refined(?) bitumen
ér - pà(d) to produce tears, (begin to) cry	éśir-HÁD dry(?) bitumen (see HÁD)
ér - še ₈ (š) (šéš) to cry, weep	eš, eš ₅ three (Edzard, AV Klein 100f.)
ér-gig - še ₈ -še ₈ (ši-ši) to weep bitter tears	eš-bar, eš-bar oracle, divine decision, revelation
ér-šà-hun-ĝá (a type of 1st person Emesal penitential prayer)	eš-bar - kíg to provoke an oracle, seek a divine decision (paraphastic: eš-bar-kíg - du ₁₁ , see Attinger, Eléments 507f.)
ér-šèm-ma (a short Emesal lament or penitential hymn, later a part of the temple liturgy)	eš-da (a cultic vessel, variant of šita)
ereš(NIN), eriš lady, queen (see Marchesi, Or 73 [2004] 186-189 on reading nin vs. ereš)	éš rope, measuring-line; a length measure = 10 nindan = 20 gi = 120 kúš = ca. 59.4 meters
ereš-dígir the human consort of a god (= the female en); the attendant or companion of a goddess (dependent upon the date of the text) (The reading nin-dígir is conventional, but the dictionaries now read ereš-dígir. See Flückiger-Hawker, Urnamma p. 171 and the exhaustive discussion by Steinkeller in Priests and Officials in the Ancient Near East (Heidelberg, 1996) 120ff.)	eš-dam, é-eš-dam inn, tavern; brothel(?)
érim evil; enemy (some read ne-ru)	éš-gána field surveyor's measuring-line
érim-du evildoer; inimical one	éš-gár assignment; song series, collection
érim-ĝál evil, hostile	ÉŠ.MAH → ébih
érim, èrin, erim/n ₅ storehouse, treasury	èš shrine, sanctuary (a smaller establishment than an é temple, see Allred, AV Sigrist 12)
gišeren (gišerin) cedar (tree, wood)	èš-èš (a regular offering held 2-4 times monthly at the lunar phases) (eššešu)
érin workers, work-gang; troop (Ur III and later; for OS read → sur _x) (Selz, UGASL 43 n. 178; Steinkeller, NABU 1990/12)	eša(A.TIR) (a kind or quality of flour, <i>sasqu</i>)
gišérin → ġiš-rín	éšemen(KI.E.NE.DI. ^d INANA) jump-rope (<i>keppu</i>)
gišéš-ad trap, snare	eškiri(U.ENxKÁR), eš-kiri nose-rope, lead-rope (cf. Veldhuis Education 175f.)
gišesi(g) ebony	eštub ^{ku6} (a kind of carp or barb)
na ⁴ esi(g) diorite	ezem, ezen, (ezeğ?) festival
esir, éśir bitumen	^d ézinu (grain goddess, divine personification of emmer wheat, grain) (also read ^d ašnan)

G

ga milk; suckling (as attribute of animals)

ga-àr(a), gára, ga'ara(LAK 490) cream; cheese made without rennet (modern *kišk*) (see Civil, Or 56 (1987) 234f.; Stol, BSA 7, 104ff. with proposed etymology of E.R. Ellison: "milled (grated) cheese"; Teuber, BSA 8, 26ff. for origin of **ga'ara** sign)

ga-ba-ra, gáb-ra (OS) herder, herding-boy

ga-ba-ra-hum rebellion (Michałowski, Lamentation p. 78)

ga-eš₈(KASKAL) or **ga-raš** traveling merchant, import-export merchant; collector of tax or customs dues (also wr. **gáeš(KASKAL.GA)** in OS) (Sjöberg, AV Limet 129)

ga-eš₈ a-ab-ba seafaring merchant

ga-eš₈ - bar → ka-aš - bar

ga-i-ti-ir-da buttermilk

ga-ki-si(-im)-ma clabber (cf. the yoghurt-like modern Iraqi *lebn*)

ga-na Up! Come on! (interjection)

ga-raš^{xnisi} leek

gišga-rig comb

ga-ša-an (Emesal for → **nin**)

ga₆(ğ) in ga₆(ÍL)-ğá (var. **ga-an-ğá, gan-ğá**) to transport (Waetzoldt NABU 1992/16) Relation to **il-la** is unclear; they can cooccur. Cf. the phonetic spelling **iti-ga₆-ga₆-è** for standard **iti-gan-gan-è**, Steinkeller, Sales Documents 225.

gáb → gùb

gáb-, gan- (in frozen cohortative verbal forms used as nouns such as **gáb-ra** or **ga-an-tuš** (Selz, RA 87 (1993) 29-45)

gab₂-dan₆(UŠxTAG₄) cleaner (Steinkeller, OrAnt 19 (1980) 83f.)

gáb-gi(-in) guarantor

gáb-ra → ga-ba-ra

gaba breast, chest; front, edge, facing side; coast (of the sea); frontier; surface

gaba - ğál to be proud, plume oneself (cf. German "sich brüsten")

gaba-gi₄ counterpart, adversary

gaba nu-ru-gú unopposable, irresistible

gaba - ri to advance against

gaba-ri rival; equal, equivalent; copy, duplicate; response, answer

gaba-şè - du to go before; to confront

gaba šu - ğar to hold back, detain; to resist, oppose

gaba-şu-ğar rival, opponent

gada linen garment, cloth

(giš)gag (or **kak**) peg, nail, cone, plug (For description of the inscribed pierced cones which recorded property sales see Steinkeller, Sales Documents 238-241.)

gakkul (brewing) vat

gal cup

gal, gu-ul v. and adj. (to be) big, large, great; older, elder, eldest

gal-la great, greater (see also **gu-la**); adv. well, greatly

gal-bé greatly, well, to a great degree, generously, in a grand manner

gal-le-eš, gal-bi-şè (synonym of **gal-bé**)

gal-di (ppl. of **gal - du₁₁**) greatly accomplished, pre-eminent, excellent, excelling (*ra'bū, tizqāru*); cf. **gal-gal-di** boaster, boasting(?) (*mukabbiru*) (Attinger, Eléments 510ff.)

gal - zu to be very wise, all-knowing, able

gal₄-la vulva

gal₅-lá (or galla) constable (Ur III) (cf. Civil "prosecutor," AV Hallo 74, rare after Ur III); a demonic bailiff of the netherworld (post-Ur III)

gal₅-lá-gal chief constable (Ur III)

gala (cultic) hymn/lamentation singer, temple liturgist

GALAM → sukud

(^{gis})**galam, ga-lam** ladder, staircase, stair, step (Steinkeller, AV Biggs 227 n. 20) (*simmiltu*)

galam to (make) rise in stages, steps

galam(-ma), ga-lam(-ma) artfully wrought/fashioned, artful, clever, skillful (*naklu*); stepped, storied (mountains) (Steinkeller, AV Biggs 227 n. 20)

galam-kad_{3/5} artfully wrought, well formed

galla → gal₅-lá

gam → gurum

gàm handle (of a knife), hilt

gan-tuš resident, tenant (*waššābu*)

gána field area, agricultural tract, (cultivated) ground or land (Powell, JCS 25, 178-184)

GANA₂ → a-šà(g), iku, kár

ganam₄ ewe, sheep (cf. **u₈**) (Civil, AV Biggs 18)

ganzir(IGI.KUR.ZA) (netherworld entrance) (Katz, AV Klein 191-193)

gàr - dar to subdue, overcome

garadin (karadin) sheaf (*kurullu*) (MSL 14, 50; MSL 9, 117)

gáraš(KI.KAL.BAD) disaster, catastrophe in **ka-**
gáraš-a mouth/opening of catastrophe (poetic) (Civil, AV Biggs 19) (*pí karašim*)

gášam expert, master craftsman, artisan, wise person; master, mistress

gaz to crush; to smite, slaughter, kill (Read **nàgā** in some meanings; see also **gum**.)

gis-gaz (read ^{gis}**nàgā** at least for OS) mortar

gazi cassia(?) (*kasū*)

ge(n) → gi(n)

géme (OS var. **gan**) (dependent) woman; female slave, servant, worker (Gelb, AV Diakonoff 91-93)

géme-àr-àr female miller (some read **géme-kíkken**)

géspu, gešba strength; fight, wrestling match (Sallaberger, Der kultische Kalender I 178 n. 838)

gi reed; measuring-reed, "rod" (a length measure = 6 **kùš** = ca. 2.5 meters) (Waetzoldt, BSA 6, 125-146)

gi(n), ge(n) to be firm, stable, secure, true; to make firm, confirm, prove, verify, certify, guarantee; to standardize (weights or measures)

gi(n), gi-na right, true, truthful; firm, secure; n. **gi-na** regular dues (Sjöberg, AV Limet 127)

gi-di(-da) reed flute (player); cf. **lú-gi-di-da** flutist

gi-diš-ninda(n) measuring-reed of one **nindan** length (one **gi** is normally 1/2 **nindan** in length)

gi-dù-a reed fence (surrounding fields, Ur III)

gi (ér-ra) - du₁₁ to play the flute/oboe (of lamentation) (Attinger, Eléments 514-516)

gi-dub-ba (reed) stylus

gi-dur umbilical cord

gi-èn-bar, NE.GI-bar (a kind of reed); cf. **še-NE.GI-bar** (a kind of millet?) (read perhaps **gi-li-bar**)

gi-gíd flute or double-oboe (like the Gk. *aulos*)

gi-gun₄(-na), gi-gù-na cella, chapel (on top of the temple tower or upper terrace), divine audience chamber and living quarters (Waetzoldt, AV Klein 323-329; Steinkeller, AV Biggs 229 + n. 27)

gi-gur reed basket

gi-henbur(GAG), young reed

gi-izi-lá torch

gi-kaskal traveling basket

gi-kid → ^{gi}**kid**

^{gis}**gi-muš** steering-oar, punting-pole(?) (Powell, BSA 6, 117f.)

gi-na → **gi(n)**

GI.NA.AB.DU₇/TUM → **é-šutum_(x)**

gi-nindan → **gi-diš-ninda, nindan**

gi-rin (or ^{gi}**girin_x**) n. flower; adj. flowered, blooming (Civil, AV Biggs 24f.) (cf. **gurun** fruit)

gi-sal (reed fence or screen on the roof of a building)

gi-sun mature, old reed

gi-šukur-ra → **šukur**

gi-zi reed shoots, fodder reed (Waetzoldt, BSA 6, 129f.)

gi₄ to return; to remit; to send after, back, over; to send as a messenger; to turn away, aside, back; to bar, close up, lock away, withhold; to be sated; elliptical for **inim** - **gi₄** to answer, respond (A rare /r/ Auslaut is seen in Pohl, TMHnf 1 4:9.)

gi₄-me-a-aš colleague

GI₆ → **gíg, gi₆**

gi_{7(r)} (gi₁₅), **gi(r) (gi_x)** native, local, indigenous, domestic, domesticated (Steinkeller, AV Klein 305-310; BSA 8, 64 n. 30) Steinkeller proposes an underlying pronunciation [⁹gir] or [⁹gid']. ePSD reads **gi₁₅**. Cf. **ur-gi_{7(r)}** and **eme-gi_{7(r)}**.

gi_{16(l/b)}, gil/b, gilim/b to lie across, bar, block, obstruct (Civil, AV Biggs 24 reads **gili^mb**)

gi_{16-sa} adj. lasting, enduring, permanent; n. treasure (*šukuttu*)

gi_{16-sa(-aš/še)} - a₅ to make (into a) lasting (thing)

gi₁₆-gi_{16-sa} jewels(?) (Ludingira 26)

gibil v. and adj. (to be) new, fresh

gíd to be long, lengthen; to pull, draw, drag, tow (a boat); to stretch, tighten (strings); to measure, survey; to milk (for the first meaning compare **sù(d)**)

gíd(-da) long

gidim (i.e. **g/kid/tim**) ghost (Civil, AV Biggs 24) (*eṭemmu*)

gig wheat

gig to be sore, painful, sick, weak; to be bad, evil, bitter, hateful; to be interdicted, "taboo"

gig-bé bitterly

gíg(GI₆), gi_{6(g)} black ePSD reads **giggi** like **babbar** when simplex, but **gi₆-gi₆** when reduplicated. See **ku₁₀** and cf. **gi₆** night (Civil, EBLA 1975-1985, 155 n. 32.)

^{gis}**gigir** chariot, wagon

gil/b, gilim/b → **gi_{16(l/b)}**

^{gi}**gilim** entwined reed cords, cables (used as construction material) (Waetzoldt, BSA 6, 132-134)

gín (gi₄) shekel (a weight = 1/60 **ma-na** = 8 gr.); (an axe? Cf. **aga, tún/agà**) Proto Ea 718 supports a pronunciation /gi^g/, though /gin/ seems correct for OS; see Krecher, ZA 63, 199.

gir young cow, heifer

gir₄ oven

gir_{4-bil} oven-heater, stoker

giri_{17-zal} joy, delight; luxury

^{gis}**gisal** oar

gissu(n) (gizzu(n)) → **gissu**

GIŠGAL-di → **ùlu-di**

gizzal - a₅ to heed, pay attention to

gu flax; linen(?); thread, string; snare

gu-du buttocks

gu-la large; larger, greater (see Krecher, Or 47, 384 "groß gegenüber einem anderen") (variant of **gal-(l)a**; both **ma-sá-gal-gal** and **ma-sá-gu-la** occur in DP 51 i 1, iv 5)

gu-kilib → **gu-nígin**

gu-nígin bale (Heimpel, CDLI: CDLN 2003:003 argues against conventional reading **gu-kilib**)

gu-ul (variant of both **gal** and **gul**)

gu-šúm cuneiform sign, script, wedge impression

giš
gu-za chair, throne

giš
gu-za-bára dais-seat, throne

gú(n), gú-un (or **gún^{un}**) load, burden; tax, tribute; talent (a weight = 60 **ma-na** = 28.8 kg.)

gú neck, shoulders; edge, bank, shore (of a canal, river, sea); totality; cf. **gú-gú** region (Pre-Sarg.)

gú - a₅ to submit

gú-(a-)ab-ba seashore

gú-an-šè grand total, all together

gú - dù to hate; to refuse or neglect

gú - è to wear, be wrapped, enveloped, clothed, clad in

túg
gú-è coat (*nahlaptu*) (also with wood or leather determinatives, see Ferwada, Isin 19f.)

gú-en(-na) throne room, audience hall (lit. "totality of lords")

gú-gal (**kù-ğál** in Ur III) (chief) water regulator, canal inspector (*gugallu*) (Steinkeller, Sales Documents 233)

gú - ğar to gather, assemble

gú (ki-šè) - ğar to lower the head, prostrate oneself, submit

gú ğiš - ğar/ğál to put a neckstock on, make wear a yoke, subjugate

gú - gid₂ to spy

gú - gur to gather together, assemble, pile up, stock up, pack full

gú-gur₅(-ru(-uš)) - a₅/du₁₁ to trim, strip, cut off (Attinger, Eléments 519-523)

gú-haš back of the head, nape, mane (older reading
gú-tar possibly correct in some contexts; cf. the loanword *kutallu*)

gú-haš - lá to dress the hair

gú - lá to lean over; to hang the head, submit; cf. **gú ki-šè - lá** to fall prostrate

gú - lá (with **-da-**), **gú-da - lá** to embrace

gú - si to gather, assemble

gú-si-a all, all together, assembled

gú - sè to devote oneself to

gú - šub to neglect

gú-TAR → **gú-haš**

gú - zi to busy, occupy oneself with

gù voice, sound

gù - dé to speak, say, address; to summon, designate, call

gù - du₁₁ to make noise, give voice, cry out; to chant (Attinger, Eléments 526-536)

gù - dúb to shout, cry, scream

gù - è to emit a cry, sound; to roar

gù-nun - du₁₁ to make a loud noise, to cry out loudly

gù-nun-di (that which is) making a loud noise

gù - ra(h) to roar, yell, cry out (*śasū*)

gù - šúm to repeat, echo

gu₄^{ku6} marsh-carp (*arsuppu*) (better **eštub^{ku6?}**)

gu_{4(dr)}, gud(r) bull, ox; cattle

gu_{4-alim} bison bull

gu_{4-ğis} yoked ox, work-ox (OB and later: ox older than 3 years)

gu_{4-si-dili} battering-ram (Sjöberg, AV Klein 296)

gu₇ (conventionally read **kú**) to eat; to have the use of; to consume (by some means)

gu_{4-ud} to jump, dance

gub to stand, stand open, make stand, station; to erect, plant; to serve, be on duty, assist; in phrases **igi PN+ak+a - gub, igi-PRO+a - gub** to be at someone's disposal, service. Plural forms: **su_{8(g)}, šu_{4(g)}** (Thomsen, Sumerian Language p. 134)

gúb(LI)-ba pure (*ellu*) (Yuhong, NABU 1990/3, 86); cf. **a-gúb-ba** lustration water, holy water

gùb(-bu), gùbu, gáb, ga-ba left, left side (cf. **á-gùb-bu**)

gud(r) → gu_{4(dr)}

gùd nest

gùd - ús to build a nest

gudu_{4(g)} (an ordinary kind of priest) (the older rdg. **gúda** is still seen) (*paššu*)

na⁴ gug carnelian

gúg sweet cake

gukkal fat-tailed sheep (<***kun-gal**) (Steinkeller, BSA 8, 51)

gul, gu-ul to destroy

gul, gu-ul to add, augment, make great(er) (verbal by-form of **gal**)

GUL.BU (a tree and its wood; some connect with Akk. **dulbu** plane tree) (Powell, BSA 6, 112f.)

gum, kum (read **nağ_x/nağā₄** in some meanings) to crush, pulverize, smash, beat to pieces (cf. **gaz**)

gùn, gùnu to be dappled, spotted, mottled, (multi)colored, colorful, decorated with colorful materials (cf. **še-gu-nu**) Sign is REC 34. See Steinkeller, BSA 8, 68 n. 103 for the **gùn/dar** vs. **si₄** sign contrast.)

gùn, gùn-na, gùn-gùn (multi)colored, dappled variegated, speckled

gur, gur₄ to turn, go around; to turn away; to return; to roll

gur → gur₄

gur "kor" (a capacity measure = 30 **bán** = 300 **silà** = ca. 250 liters in Ur III and OB)

gur-sağ-ğál (a Lagash I capacity measure = 4 **ul** = 144 **silà** = ca. 121 liters)

gúr → gam

gùr to bear, carry; to be clad with

gur₄, kur₄, gur to be thick, enlarged, swollen; to be proud, (self-)important; to fatten (animals)

gur_{4(-ra)} fat, fattened; proud

gur₄ → gur

gur_{4-gur₄}, gur_{8-gur₈ amphora (for beer) (Steinkeller, Third-Millennium Texts p. 53f.; Powell, RLA 7, 506f.; Selz, FAOS 15/2, 405)}

gur_{5-ru(-uš)}, gùruš, gú-guru₅ - du₁₁ to strip away, cut off (*kasāmu*), tear to pieces; to despoil; adj. **gur_{5-a}** stripped away (Attinger, Eléments 519-525)

gur_{5-ru-uš/gùruš - búr} to bear the teeth/fangs, gnash the teeth (Civil, AV Biggs 28) (*qarāšu*)

gur_{7, guru₇} grain store, granary; grain-heap (as a measure); heap, pile (now read **kara₆** in this meaning by Marchesi, LUMMA 111 + n. 569)

^{urudu}**gur₁₀** sickle (cf. še - **gur₁₀** to harvest grain)

gurud(NUN-tenū.KI) to throw

gurum (gúr), **gur** to bend, bow down, crouch; to lay low, kill (older reading **gam**)

gurúm → **kur₇**

gurun fruit; fruitfulness, ripeness, lusciousness, abundance (cf. **gi-rin** flower) (Civil, AV Biggs 25)

***guškin** (obsolete rdg. of → **kù-sig₁₇**)

gušur_x(GIŠ.RAB.GAL) great clamp (for immobilizing enemies/miscreants, poetic; see Civil, AV Hallo 43 and cf. **giš-rab**)

Ĝ

ĝá shed, barn, enclosure (or the like)

ĝá → **ĝar**

ĜÁ-dub-ba (a high-ranking official in civil and temple administrations) (*šandabakku*) (Sjöberg, AV Limet 133)

ĝá-e I (Krecher, AV Matouš II 39 suggests reading **ge_x(GÁ.E)**, likewise **ze_x(ZA.E)**; alternatively perhaps **ge₂₆ e**) (Emesal **mà-e** or **me-e**)

ĝá-la - dag/tag₄ to stop, leave off work, cease; cf. **ĝá-la nu-dag-ge** (that which) is unceasing, incessant

ĝá-nu (i.e. **ge₂₆-nu**) → **du/ ĝen** (ventive imperative)

ĝá-ra → **ĝar**

ĝál to exist, be present; to cause to be, produce, provide; to be in the care or possession of (-da-)

ĝál - tag₄ to open (often elliptically just **ĝál** in imperatives)

ĝalga thought, mind, understanding; counsel

ĝanba market price, value

ĝanun, ĝá-nun storehouse, warehouse

ĝar to put, place, set, situate; to set up, establish; to put down, restrain, oppress, stop; to set aside; to plate, inlay. Imperf. form: **ĝá-ĝá**. Based on Proto-Ea, Civil now distinguishes two roots, **ĝar** "put" and **gar** "pile up(?)". The Ur III writings or glosses **ĝá-ar** or **ĝá-ra** make the choice of the former explicit; the latter can be seen in such phrases as **ní-ga-ra** "property" or **saĝ-ní-ga-ra** "capital," where **ga** is currently read **gur₁₁**.

ĜAR.DU → **nindan**

ĝarza (divine) rite, ordinance (cf. **biluda**)

ĝen, ĝe₂₆(n) → **du**

ĝéš(d) sixty (Steinkeller, ZA 69, 176-187; Edzard, AV Klein 106) (cf. **ugula-ĝešta/ĝéš-da**)

ĝéš-u seventy; six hundred (Edzard, AV Klein 106)

ĝešpa(GIŠ.ŠUB) javelin (conventionally "throw-stick") (reading uncertain, cf. **giš-ilar**)

ĝeštin grape; wine(?) (Badler, BaM 27 (1996) 42 notes: "appears on plant and fruit lists, not in contexts that can definitely be translated as a grape liquid")

ĝeštin-bil-lá vinegar (lit. spoiled wine, see **pe-el-lá**)

ĝeštin-HÁD raisin (read probably -ah)

ĝeštu(g)₁₋₃ ear; intelligence, mind, understanding, reason

ĝeštu(g) - a₅ to listen to, pay attention to

ĝeštu-bad wide wisdom

ĝeštu - ĝar to pay attention to, pay heed to, listen to

ĝeštu - gub to decide to do, plan

gi₆ night (see also **gíg** and **ku₁₀**)

gi₆-MAŠ → **gi₆-sa₉**

gi₆-pàr, gi₆-par₄, OS **gi₆par_x(KISAL)** residence of the high priest(ess) (Krebernik & Steinkeller, ZA 75, 46; Steinkeller, Priests and Officials (1996) 109f.)

gi₆-sa₉(MAŠ) midnight

gi₆-ù-na, gi₆-un-na midnight, night

gi^š**gidri, gidru** scepter

gin → **du**

gír to flash (cf. **nim - gír**)

gír, gíri knife, dagger

gír-(tab) scorpion

gír-lá butcher

gír, gíri (also **gír** in Gudea) foot; path, way; conveying/ routing official, "via" (in Ur III administrative texts, cf. Steinkeller, JESHO 24, 117 n. 20; Owen, JNES 33, 174 ad 91:7)

gír - dab₅ to take the road, follow the path

gír - du₁₁ to use the foot (hapax in Gilgameš and Enkidu 165f.) (Attinger, Eléments 537)

gír - gar to step, tread upon; to prepare the way, make possible

gír - gub to step in/into, set foot on/in; to stand there

gír-KIN - du₁₁ → **gíri-sag₁₁ - du₁₁**

gír-kúr - dab₅ to take a wrong path, an unfamiliar path; to leave, abandon

gír-lam (a small basket or container for fruits, eggs, fish) (Landsberger, Date Palm 37; Attinger, AV Schretter 70)

gír-pad-rá bone

gír-saga₁₁(KIN) - du₁₁ to trample under foot, crush (reading secured by syllabic **-sa-ga** in Shulgi X 88; see Attinger, Eléments 538-540)

gír-sè-ga domestic servant, menial

gíri - ús to step on, tread on

gíri - zé-er to slip

gískim sign, mark; signal (Ur III) (Civil, AuOr 8, 110 and AV W. Lambert 109)

gískim-ti trust, trusted

gíssu(n) (gízzu(n)) shade, shadow; protection (reading with /g/ is not completely secure, see Krecher AV Matouš II 46f.)

gíš tree; wood, timber, piece of wood, log; yoke (some read **gés**)

gíš - bar → **ka-aš - bar**

gíš-búr snare, trap

gíš - dù to bring an offering (Sjöberg, AV Limet 139)

gíš-gana, gíš-gan-na wooden pestle; (door) bolt, bar

gíš-gi canebrake, reed thicket

gíš-gi-na, gíš-gin₇(-na) warp-beam of a loom; (a writing for **gíš-gana**)

gíš-gi₄-gál antiphon(?) (an OB hymn rubric)

gíš-gíd-da spear, lance (Römer, AfO 40/41, 24-28)

gíš-gú neckstock

gíš-gù-di (or ^{gi^š}**gù-di** ?) lute(?); musical instrument in general(?)

gíš-hé firmament, vault of heaven

gíš - hur to incise, draw, make a plan or drawing

gíš-hur drawing, plan; divine design

gíš-ká-na(-k) door-frame (*giškanakku*)

gíš - kéš to dam, block a watercourse

gíš-kéš-da wier, dam

gíš-kíg-ti handiwork; craftsman

gíš-nú → ^{gi^š}**nú**

gíš-nu₁₁ → **gíšnu_x(NU₁₁)**, ^{gi^š}**gíšnu_x**

^{na⁴}**gíš-nu₁₁-gal**, ^{na⁴}**nu₁₁-gal** alabaster (alternative rdgs. include **gíšnu_x(NU₁₁)**, ^{gi^š}**gíšnu_x**, ^{gi^š}**gíšnu_x gal**) (see

Veldhuis, Education 20f. ; Marchesi, SEL 16, 10 + n. 29)

giš - ra to strike, hit, beat upon; to thresh

giš-rín balance, scales (*gišrinnu*)

GIŠ.RU → **gešpa, gišilar**

giš-šu manacles, handcuffs

GIŠ.ŠUB → **gišilar**

giš - šub to cast lots

giš-šub(-ba) lot; share

giš - tag to sacrifice

giš - tuku to listen to, hear; to heed, obey

giš-ùr (read **gušur_x**?) roof beam

giš-zi(-da) (side) wall (Powell, BSA 6, 112, argues against standard reading **iz-zi**, q.v.; perhaps two different words?)

giš, giš penis

giš - dù to "insert the penis," copulate, mate

giš - du₁₁ to "do the penis," copulate

gišbun, gišbun_x(KI.KAŠ) banquet, feast, party

gišgal (astral) station(?) (*manzāzu*) (cf. Lugale I 24)

gišgišimmar → **gišnimbar**

gišnu_x(NU₁₁), gišgišnu_x (or **giš-nu₁₁**) light (*nīru*); alabaster (Marchesi, SEL 16, 10)

gitlam, nitadam(MI₂.US₂.DAM) husband; spouse (PSD reads **munus-nita-dam**; ePSD prefers **gitlam**) (ES: **mu-ud-na**)

gizzal attention

gizzal - a₅ to pay attention to, attend, heed

guruš (young) man; able man, adult male worker, laborer (Civil, AV Biggs) (*eṭlu*)

H

ha-la share, portion (see **hal**)

ha-lam to be lost, forgotten; to destroy, annihilate (Emesal **gel-le-ēğ**) (Civil, AV Biggs 19) (*halāqu*)

ha(z), ha-za, ha-ha(-za) to hold fast to, retain; to grasp, understand

gišha-lu-úb oak(?) (cf. PSD B 88)

ha-luh → **hu-luh**

gišha-šu-úr (a type of cypress)

ha-za-núm mayor

urudu ha-zi(-in) axe

habrud(a) (wr. **LAGARxU, DU₆xU, KIxU**) hole, burrow (*hurrū*) (Yuhong, AV Klein 374-384).

hád (cultically) pure (Foxvog, JCS 46, 12-14)

HÁD dry, dried (reading probably **àh**) (see Foxvog, JCS 46, 13 n. 7)

hal, ha(l), hal-ha, ha-la to divide, apportion, allot

hal-hal fast-flowing

har, har-har ring, bracelet; coil, spiral

HAR-gud → **mur-gu₄**

gišhar-har (a stringed instrument)

HAR-ra → **ur₅(-ra)**

har-ra-an road, highway (Civil, AV Biggs 19) (*harrānu*)

HAR-tud (OS) (a kind of domestic servant) (read probably **àr-dú**; see also **ir**)

harub(DAG+KISIM₅xU₂.GIR₂) carob

haš, ha-aš to cut, split open (Civil, AV Sigrist 42)

haš(-a) (OS haš-ša₄) broken, crippled (limb)

haš₄, háš thigh

^{giš}**hašhur** apple (tree, wood, fruit) (Steinkeller, Third-Millennium Texts p. 57)

hé-àm, hé-a Let it be (so)! (interjection, verbal form, and substantive; cf. hé-àm - du₁₁ to accede to, approve)

hé-du₇ distinguished (in appearance), ornament

HE₂-du₇ (read perhaps gan-du₇) architrave

hé-ğál abundance, prosperity

hé-nun, hi-nun abundant, luxuriant; abundance

hi to mix

hi-li (female) sexual charm, allure, appeal; ripeness, physical prime; luxuriance; wig

^{giš}**HU** (In Gudea Statue E: a container, or an Akk. loan **is-hu** "string" of fruits?); (Bauer, AV Klein 27 suggests a "rack" or "frame")

hu-luh, huluh, ha-luh to tremble, be afraid; to be fearsome; to scare, frighten (Sjöberg, AV Klein 300 + n. 14; Civil, AV Biggs 28)

HU-ri₍₂₎-in → u₁₁-ri-in

hu-ru(-um) dolt, bungler, idiot, inferior

húb, hub to heap up; to smite, destroy (in this meaning better reading is tu₁₁, tu₁₀)

húb - sar to run

huğ (still regularly written hun) to hire; to install in office; to be calm, soothed, quieted; to be well-disposed toward

hul to ruin, damage, destroy

hul(-a) evil, bad; adv. evilly

hul-bé, hul-bi-še evilly, miserably

hul-ğál evil, evildoer

hul - gig to hate, dislike

hul-gig hatred, hostility

hul - ti to dwell in wretchedness; to be spoiled

HÚL^{mušen} → **bibra**^{mušen}

húl to rejoice, delight in, be happy

húl(-la) happy, joyous; joy

húl-bi-še, húl-la-bé, húl-la-e happily, joyfully

hun → **huğ**

hur to scratch; to incise, draw

hur, hur-ru-um hole

HUR → **är, har, kikken, mur, ur₅**

hur-sağ mountain range, highlands, foothills, mountains (Steinkeller, AV Biggs 223-232)

hur-sağ-galam-ma stepped, storied mountain (the ziggurat in Ur or Nippur) (Waetzoldt, AV Klein 331-332)

huš fierce, furious, terrifying, terrible; fiery, red-yellow

I

i, i-i (by-form of è) to sprout, come forth; to praise

i-bí, ì-bí smoke (*qutru*)

ì-li-nu-uš (a plant)

i-lu cry; wail, lament; song

i-lu - du₁₁ to perform, intone an **i-lu** (cf. **ulù-di** lament singer) (Attinger, Eléments 555-563)

i-lu-lam-ma (herder's) work-song

i-lu-šà-ga heart-felt song

i-ne-eš → i-ne-éš

giši-ri-na root

i-si-iš laughter, delight; derisive laughter, derision; wailing, grief (J.G. Westenholz, AV Klein 361)

i-si-iš - ̄gar to afflict with grief, deride(?)

i-si-iš - lá to be full of laughter, delight; to suffer derision; to be afflicted with worries (Krecher, Sumerische Kultlyrik 89ff.)

i-ti → iti₆

i-^dutu cry or appeal for justice (Steiner, AOAT 253, 407-410)

i-zi (flood-)wave, swells (Heimpel, RIA 9, 153f.; Alster, AV Klein 6)

i-zi, iz-zi wall; fence (cf. **giš-zi**)

i, ia oil; fat, tallow; butter

i-áb-a butterfat

i-bí-za financial loss

i-du₁₀(-ga) fine, sweet-smelling oil

i-gi₄-in-zu, igi-zu as if, as though (but cf. Alster ASJ 9, 34)

i-̄giš vegetable oil; sesame oil

i-hi-nun-na precious oil

i-ir-a perfumed, scented oil

i-li fine(st) oil

i-ne-éš/eš, i-ne-éš, ne-éš (ne-šè), e-ne-éš now, finally (Sjöberg, JCS 25, 131)

i-nun(-na) (clarified) butter, ghee (Stol, BSA 7, 101-103)

⁽¹⁶⁾**i-rá-rá** perfumer, ointment mixer (*muraqqû*)

i-šáh pork-fat, lard

i-šim aromatic oil, perfumed oil

i-šub → gišù-šub

i-ti → iti₆

i-udu sheep-fat, tallow

i₇(d) (id) river, canal, channel

i₇-ki-sur-ra(-k) boundary canal

i₇-lú-ru-gú ordeal-river (often divinized)

ia, i five (Edzard, AV Klein 101)

ib waist, hips, loins

ib anger, rage, fury

ib-lá belt

-ib/ib-ra-aš → -braš

ibila, i-bí-la heir

¹⁷**idigna** the Tigris

idim spring, underground waters

idim fierce, wild

gišig door

igi eye; sight, vision, view; face, countenance; front

igi-a - gub → gub

igi-a - sa₆ to be favored, pleasing in the eyes of someone.

igi - bar to look at, gaze at, regard (Krecher, AV Kutscher 108-111)

igi(-šè) - du to go at the fore, precede

igi-du harbinger, vanguard, one who goes at the fore
(cf. **palil**)

igi - du₈ to see, look at; to experience

igi-ésir (a kind of bitumen, perhaps "surface crude bitumen") (*pan itti*) (Civil, NABU 1989/62)

igi - gál to see, look upon, look into; to comprehend

igi-ğál outlook, view; comprehension, intelligence, wisdom; wise person

igi - ğar to regard, gaze at; to confront, face

IGI.GAR → **kur**₇

igi - gid₂ to look angrily at (*nekelmû*)

igi - il to raise the eyes toward, look towards, regard

igi - kár to inspect, examine (Steinkeller, ASJ 4 (1982) 149-151)

igi - lib/lib₄(IGI) to be sleepless

igi-niğin-na-ka in the twinkle of an eye

igi-nim upper (land); above

igi-nu-du₈ (in Pre-Sarg. Lagash, a class of menial workers who could be bought and sold)

igi-NUM-ğál (a fraction, e.g. **igi-3-ğál** one third)

igi - ri to set eyes upon, gaze at

igi - sağ₅(LAK 159)/zàğ(ŞID) to examine, check; to select (*nasāqu, bêru*) (Proto Ea 557)

igi - sè(g) to look at, inspect

igi-şè before, in(to) the presence of; often in the phrases **igi PN-ak-şè** or **igi-PRONOUN-şè**

igi-te-en meshes of a net

igi-tur - gíd to sneer at, disdain

igi-zu → **i-gi₄-in-zu**

iku (an area measure = 1/18 **bùr** = 100 **sar** = ca. 3,528 sq. meters)

il to lift, raise, bear, carry; to bear (fig.), endure

ÍL(-ğá) → **ga₆(ğ)**

gísıldag poplar

ıldu(m) clan

gísilar(ŞUB), illar, illuru throw-stick, spear, or javelin (?) (see Römer, AfO 40/41, 32-38) (cf. **gísgešpa**)

ıldag, ıldag₄ poplar(?) (*ıldakku, adaru*)

ilimmu nine (Edzard, AV Klein 103)

im clay, earth; tablet

im wind (can also be read → **tum**₉, **tumu**, **tu**_{15(m)})

im rain (probably to be read **šeg**₇)

im(-ma) previous year (in OS; later writing is **mu-im-ma**, cf. *śaddagda*)

IM.A rainstorm(?) (see Flückiger-Hawker, Urnamma p. 222)

im-babbar gypsum

im-dub → **in-dub**

im-dù-a, im-du₈**-a** mud-brick wall (*pitiqtu*) (cf. Sallaberger, Töpfer p. 12)

im-du₈ dew

IM.DUGUD → **muru**₉

IM.DUGUD^{mušen} → **anzu**^{mušen}

im-gíd-da long tablet, one-column tablet

IM.MI^{mušen} → **ánu**^{mušen}

im-mir/mer (or better **tum**₉-**mir**) north wind

im-ri-a, im-ru-a clan, family, kin (Selz, AV Schretter 584, suggests reading **ní-ri/ru-a**)

im-šu(-k) "hand-tablet" (a type of tablet or writing exercise, a paragraph or extract?) (Civil, AV Birot 75)

im-šu-rin(-na) oven; brazier(?)

im-tuku₄ buffeting wind

im-u₁₈-lu, im-ulù south wind

ím strange, alien, other

im̄gagā₁₋₃ → ZÍZ.AN

imin seven; "many, all" (poetic) (Edzard, AV Klein 102f., now reads **umin**)

in straw, chaff (cf. **in-nu**)

in insult, taunt, invective (*pištu*)

in - a₅ to insult, abuse

in-dī(TI), in-di road, course, way

in-dub(-ba), im-dub (heap of earth serving as a boundary marker) (substantivized verbal form) (Sjöberg, Or 39 [1970] 81) (*pilku*)

in - dub to define a district (probably a back-formation from **in-dub**) (*palāku*)

in(-šē) - dūb to hurl (as) an insult, insult

in-nin₍₉₎ lady, mistress

in-nu straw (cf. **in**)

in-nu-ha (a kind of barley)

dinanna(-k) goddess of passion, love and war, city-goddess of Uruk (reading **dinana** has become common, but Attinger, NABU 2007/37 favors the traditional reading with double /n/)

inim (or **enim**) word; matter, affair

inim - bal to exchange words, converse, have a dialogue; to interpret

inim - du₁₁ to say, speak, tell (Attinger, Eléments 490-501) Old syntax: to do words about (-a) something. The verb also commonly occurs elliptically as **du₁₁**

while retaining the older dimensional marking in the verbal chain.

inim-ğál-la legal claim (OB)

inim - ğar to put a matter (to someone, for judgment), raise a legal claim, sue, litigate

inim-ğar legal claim, complaint; oracular utterance (in this meaning perhaps read **i₅-ğar** > Akk. *egirru*)

inim - gi(n) to confirm, make firm, guarantee

inim - gi₄ to answer, respond; to revoke

inim-inim-ma incantation; counsel(?) (cf. Cooper *ad Curse of Agade* 30 & 70)

inim - kúr to (try to) alter the words; to vindicate, go back to court concerning

inim-ma - sè(g) to inspire, encourage(?); to put into words or concepts, plan out (Jacobsen, JCS 41, 85 n. 26); to imagine (Civil, AV Birot 75)

ir smell, scent, fragrance

ir-nun princely fragrance; perfume (cf. Ukg 4 x 11-13)

ir - si-im to smell, sniff

ír → **ér**

ír, ir₁₁, arad, árad male slave, servant. (a) Pre-Sarg. **ér/ir(NÍTA)** or **ir₁₁(NÍTAXKUR)** and **àr-dú**. (b) Sarg. **àr-dú** abandoned in favor of **arad(NÍTA)** or **árad(NÍTAXKUR)**. (c) Sarg. and Ur III **arad/árad** and **ir/ir₁₁** are all possible. See Gelb, AV Diakonoff 82ff. (*ardu*)

ir₇(KASKAL)^{mušen} uršānu-dove (Sollberger, AfO 40/41 52f., Ur III Drehem); compare **ir₇-sağ^{mušen}** wild pidgeon(?) (PSD A/2 195a)

iri(URU) → **uru**

irigal (or **urugal**) netherworld; grave (poetic)

giş ísimu, isimu sprout, shoot

iş(i) sand dune (*bāsu*); (previously: mountain, mountainous country) (Steinkeller, AV Biggs 219-222)

išib incantation priest (< Akk. *āšipu*)

īškur god of rain, patron of Karkara

iti₆(UD.^dNANNA), i-ti, i-ti moonlight

itima(-k), itim-ma (or **itima^{ma}**) dark chamber, bedchamber, cella

itu(d) month; **itu-da** monthly

iz-zi → **i-zi**

izi fire

izi - bar₇ to blaze

izi-bar₇-bar₇-ra blazing fire

izi-ğar torch

izi - lá to light a fire; to refine, purify with fire (?)
(Bauer, AfO 40/41, 95) (cf. **gi-izi-lá** torch)

izi - mū to light a fire

izi - ri to set fire to

izi - sè(g) to set fire to

izi - te(n) to extinguish a fire

K

ka(k), ka(g) mouth; opening; origin, beginning, inception (see Attinger, ZA 95, 47f. for k/g refs.)

ka-al(-ak) excavation, brickmaking pit (> *kalakku*)
(Heimpel, JNES 46, 208)

ka-aš(-bar) (divine) decision

ka-aš(-bar) - bar, ga-eš₈ - bar, giš - bar to decide, render a (divine) verdict

ka - ba to open the mouth; to talk, speak (cf. Krecher, AV Kutscher II 117f.)

ka - du₈ to open wide the mouth, roar

ka-guru₇(-k) granary superintendant, head grain stores keeper (Steinkeller, Sale Documents 199f.)

ka-gáraš-a catastrophe, annihilation (*pī karašim*)

KA - kěš to put together, collect, muster, organize, form

KA-kešda contingent, group, collection

ka-mě opening, beginning of battle

ka - si-il to graze

ka-tab lid, cover

KA-tar - si-il to extol, sing the praises of, proclaim the glory of (for the meaning of the verb compare perhaps **ka-ta-ar-zu he-si-li-im** CT 44, 14:33')

ka-téš unity; unified, of one mind

ka-téš-a - sè(g) to unify

ka-téš-a sè-ga unanimous, harmonious

ká(n) gate (read perhaps *ákan/kan₄*; see Attinger ZA 88, 182) (cf. *giš-ká-na*)

KÁ.GAL → **abul**

ka₅-a (some now read **ka₅³**) fox

káb - du₁₁ to measure (with a container); to verify, test, check (Attinger, Eléments 572-576; Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 153-163; cf. *latāku*)

káb-du₁₁-ga (a kind of jar) (Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 160-162); "geeichtes Gefäß"
(Sallaberger, Töpfer p. 102)

kadra(NIŠĀ.A), kádra(NIŠĀ) present (to a superior), offering (cf. Attinger, ZA 87, 115, reading **kádra^a**)

kak → **gag**

KAL → , **sig₁₅, sun₇**

kal to be precious, dear, valuable

kal(-la) precious; **kal-kal(-la)** very precious

kala(g) (kalag), kal-la(-g) to be strong, mighty; to strengthen, mend

kal-ga (or **kalag-ga**) strong, mighty; hard (/kalag+a/ > /kalga/ like /uzud+a/ > /uzda/)

kalam country, nation (normally referring to Sumer, see Jacobsen, AfO 26, 9)

kankal(KI.KAL) bare, fallow ground

kar quay, wharf; market

kar to flee, escape; to take away, remove, strip off; to steal

kar-KID, (OS **kar-kid₃**) conventionally "prostitute," but now understood as a class of women not living under male authority, an independent woman (*harimtu*) (Assante, UF 30, 5-97; cf. Glassner, RAI 47, 151ff.)

kár to be bright, shining; to light up, flare up; to provoke, incite (cf. **nu-kár-kár-dé** without provocation) Wr. **GANA₂** (*non-tenū*) in OS.

kara₆(GURU₇) granary, grain store, grain heap (for reading see Marchesi, LUMMA 111 + n. 569)

karadin → **garadin**

kaskal road, highway; caravan, expedition

KASKAL^{mušen} → **ir₇**^{mušen}

kaš, kas beer

kaš-dé-a feast, banquet

kaš₄/kas₄ - du₁₁ to run; to hasten (Attinger, Eléments 578-586)

kéš(d/r) to be bound, tied, joined; to be locked, closed, blocked, stopped, sealed. The root has a /d/ or /r/ Auslaut, and the full finite root may be **kešdr**; cf. OGBT 12, 5: **sağ kéš-še-ra-ab** = *kişsar* and see Steinkeller, JNES 46, 57. The past participle is written **kéš-da** (**kešda^{da}**) or **kešda(KÉŠ)**. Cf. **giškirid(KEŠDA)**

ki place; ground, earth; (a term for the netherworld); place where (as relative pronoun); used before a GN to designate a state, e.g. **ki Lagaš^{ki}** "the state of Lagaš";

used to express spatial ideas with PN's or pronouns, e.g. **ki PN-ak-še** "to PN's location > to PN," **ki-bi-ta** "from there," **ki-ba** "here"

KI.A → **ki-duru₅**, **peš₁₀**

ki-a-naĝ place of (funerary) libations

ki(g) - áĝ to love

ki-ba - ġar to replace, substitute, exchange

ki-bala, ki-bal-a rebellious, rebel land

ki-bé - gi₄, ki-bi-še - gi₄ to return to its original state, restore

ki-bíl-lá hot, scorched place; **ki-bíl-bíl-lá** hottest place

ki-búr solution (to a riddle)

ki - dar to break through the ground, emerge from the earth (cf. **ki-in-dar** crevice)

ki-DÚR → **ki-tuš**

ki-duru₅ wet place (in a field) (Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 69)

ki-e-ne-di, ki-a-ne-di game, play, dance

KI.E.NE.DI.^dINANNA → **éšemen**

ki-en-gi(r), ki-in-gi(r) Sumer (Steinkeller, AV Klein 308-309, analyzes as **ki-^{en}gi(r)** with pronunciation [ki-^{"en}gi(r)] (cf. **gi₇(r)**))

ki-en-gi ki-uri Sumer and Akkad

ki-gal the netherworld; (a term for foundation)

ki-gub(-ba) station, position, standing; constellation

ki - ġar to (firmly) found (buildings), to settle (people)

ki-ġar grounds, settled place

ki-hul funeral (rites)

ki - hur to scratch, paw at the ground

ki-in-dar crevice (*nigisšu*)

KI.KAL → **kankal**

ki-lá weight

ki-lul-la treacherous, dangerous place

ki-mah grave, cemetery

ki-nú sleeping quarters, resting place, camp; bed

ki-sá platform (so Suter, ZA 87, 6 in a discussion of **sá** "square" in Gudea. She finds no direct lexical proof for conventional translation "supporting wall.") (*kisû*)

ki-sa₆-ga happy place; happiness

ki-sè-ga funeral offerings, rites

ki-si-ga quiet, silent place

ki-sikil pure place; young woman, maiden

ki - su-ub to kiss the ground, make obeisance
(periphrastic: **ki-su-ub - a₅**)

ki-su_{7(r)}, ki-sura₁₂ threshing-floor (Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 94)

ki-sur-ra boundary, border, place of demarcation; demarcated area, territory

ki-šár(-ra) horizon; everywhere

ki-še-er - tuku to know moderation, have a limit or barrier; to be off-limits (Civil, RAI 41 = BBVO 18, 260)

ki-šú finale, coda, end (of a song)

ki - tag to lay, put, leave on the ground; to plant; to found (cf. **tag₄**)

ki - túm to bury

ki-túm grave

ki - tuš to establish, take up residence

ki-tuš seat, residence, dwelling place, habitation

ki-u₄-ba formerly, once when, "once upon a time"

KI.UD → **kislah**

ki-ul primeval place

ki-ulutin (a mythical place of original creation)

ki-ùr terrace (in a temple complex, especially that of Nippur - a site of divine assemblies)

ki-uri^(ki) the state Akkad

ki(-a/e) - ús to (make) lie on the ground, touch, press the ground; to found, ground, make fast; to compact (earth), pack densely, pile up/accumulate (by wind) (Steinkeller, AV Biggs 226 n. 19)

ki-ús dais(?), cultic seat(?)

ki-ús-sa firmly grounded, founded

ki - za to prostrate oneself, make obeisance

ki-za obeisance, homage

ki-za - túm to refuse obeisance

KIB (dedicatory) clay nail

gi**kid** reed mat

kíd, kír to pinch off, cut off

kíd-kíd-da ritual

kíg (kin) to seek, search out

kíg (kin) work, job; duties (Civil, AV Hallo 76) (**kíg** is now the preferred writing, but the word is still seen written with a final /n/ like **hun**)

kíg - a₅ to perform work, labor

kíg - du₁₁ to perform work, labor

kíg-gó skilled

kíg - gi₄ to send a message

^(lú)**kí̄g-gi₄-a** messenger, envoy; omen, as in Ur III **sila₄**
kí̄g-gi₄-a omen-lamb (Heimpel, BSA 7, 132f.)

kí̄g-nim (cultic) morning meal, service

kí̄g-sig (cultic) afternoon meal, service

kikkin(HAR), kikkin(HAR.HAR) millstone, grinding slab Cf. **géme-kikkin** grinder, miller (some read **kín-kín** or **kinkin_x**, others read **àr-àr** (OB); vars. **kikken**, ^{na⁴}**kikkin-na** (see Civil, AuOr Suppl. 22, p. 131f.)

kilib(-ba) all; **kilib-ba-bi** every one of them, all of them

kin → **kí̄g**

kin-gal leader, expert; dining hall

kinda, kindagal, (kí̄nda in OS) barber; slave marker (*gallābu*)

kí̄r → **kíd**

kí̄ri, kir₄ hyena (*būsu*)

kí̄ri, kir₄ nose, muzzle

kí̄ri-dab₅/dab groom

kí̄ri šu - gál to show reverence, make the gesture of reverence (the hand held up to the nose), make obeisance; periphrastic: **kí̄ri-šu-gál - a₅**

kí̄ri-zal → **giri₁₇-zal**

^{gis}**kirid(KEŠDA)** hair clasp (Farber, AV Reiner (1987) 96-99) (*kirissu*)

kí̄sal courtyard

kí̄sal-luh courtyard sweeper

kislah(KI.ZALAG) empty, uncultivated land, vacant lot

^(na⁴)**kišib** seal, seal impression; sealed document

kišib - ra to impress a seal

kiši₈ ant

^(giš)**kišig(Ú.GIR₂-gunû)**, ^(giš)**kiši₁₆** (a kind of acacia) (*asāgu*) (Veldhuis, Education 170; Biggs, OIP 99, 69-70)

^(gis>)**kišig₂(GÍR-gunû)**, ^(giš)**kiši₁₇** → (giš)ád

ku-li friend (ePSD now reads **gu₅-li**)

ku-mul cumin(?)

ku-nu to come (a literary word)

kú → **gu₇**

kù(g) (kug) to be sacred, holy; to sanctify

kù(g) holy, sacred; shining, bright, clean, pure (cf. Vanstiphout, AV Jacobsen II (2002) 259f.)

kù(g) (kug) silver

KU₃.AN iron; (a tin-antimony alloy?) (*amūtu*) (Reiter, AOAT 249, 353-357; 384-388)

kù-babbar, also **kù-bar₆-bar₆** (or **-bábbár**) (Ur III and earlier esp. in Lagaš texts) silver

kù-dím silversmith, goldsmith

kù-ğál → **gú-gal**

kù-luh-ha refined, purified silver (Reiter, AOAT 89)

ku₃-NE(-a) (a type of precious metal) (Reiter, AOAT 249, 85)

kù-sig₁₇(GI) (kù-si₂₂(GI)), kù-sí(g)(ZI) gold (the reading **guškin** is obsolete) (Civil, JCS 28, 183f.)

kù-sig₁₇-huš red gold

kù-zu clever, experienced, expert

ku₄(r) (kur₉) to enter; to make enter, bring in; to become, turn into, be declared to be; to be made liable for (For a reading **ku₄(dr)** of the **DU** sign in OS and Ur III see Krecher, ZA 77, 7-21. Wr. **LIL** and **ŠE+ŠU** in Ur III) (Veldhuis, AV Sigrist 226-8)

ku₅(dr), kud(r) to cut, cut off; to decide (verdicts)

ku₅-da (kud-da) turtle, tortoise

ku₆ (kua) fish (Englund, BBVO 10, 227-230)

ku₆-a-dé fresh fish

ku₆-izi smoked fish

ku₇(d), ku₇-ku₇ sweet

ku₁₀(g), kukku₅ black, dark; darkness (often reduplicated: **ku₁₀-ku₁₀** or **kúkku**; see also **gíg**) (Civil, EBLA 1975-1985, 155 n. 32)

ku_x(dr) → ku₄, túm

kul handle (of a tool)

kum → gum

kúm v. to heat; adj. hot

kun tail; mouth of a river, canal

kun-zi-da canal storage basin, reservoir

giškun₄₋₅ stairs, ladder

kúnga → anše-kúnga

kur mountain; foreign land; netherworld

kur-gal Great Mountain (standard epithet of Enlil)

kur-gi₁₆^{mušen}, kur-gi₍₄₎^{mušen} (domesticated) goose(?) (> Akk. *kurkū*) (Veldhuis, Education, 263f.)

kur-ku/ku₄ torrent, waves (*agū*); triumph

kúr v. and adj. (to be) different, strange, foreign; (to be) hostile, inimical; to change, alter

kur₄ → gur₄

kur₆ → šuku

kur₇ inspection (also read **kurum₇** or **gúrum**, written both **IGI.ERÍN** and **IGI.GAR**) (Civil, AV Biggs 28)

kur₇/kurum₇ - a₅ to inspect

kurun, kúrun (a beer or wine) (*karānu, kurunnu*)

kurušda small-cattle breeder, animal fattener (some read **gurušda** or **g/kurušta**) (Civil, AV Biggs 29)

kuš skin, hide; leather

KUŠ.A.EDIN.LÁ → ^{kuš}ùmmu

kúš to be(come) tired, weary, exhausted; to be troubled; to sigh; to ponder, deliberate; to rest, relax, be calm, calmed, soothed

kùš cubit (a length measure = 1/6 **gi** = ca. 0.5 meter)

kùš mould

kuš₇(SAHAR) (newest reading is **šùš**, possibly to be distinguished from a different occupational term **sahar**) equerry, groom, page, personal attendant (Beal, NABU 1992/2; Steinkeller, Sale Documents 180)

kúšu^{ku6} shark (PSD B); turtle, tortise (Cohen, JCS 25, 203-210); crab or snapping turtle (ePSD)

L

la-ha-ma (a class of long-haired servants of the god Enki, residing in the Apsu)

la-la, a-la (male) prime, vigor, fullness, appeal, handsomeness

lá(l) (lal) to hang, suspend; to spread, stretch out, extend; to weigh; to pay (in silver or other metals); to tie, bind, attach, gird, wrap; to harness, yoke; to wear, carry; to load (a pack animal); to diminish, decrease, reduce, refine

lá minus (in counting, accounting)

lá-NI remainder, arrears, surplus, difference (accounting and math.). Several readings have been suggested, **lá-ia** or **lá-u_x**; cf. Steinkeller, AuOr 2, 137-139; Snell, YNER 8, 228 . In OS Lagaš economic texts the term is written **lá-a**.

lag clod (of dirt)

lagab (massive) block, lump (*upqu*)

LAGAB → **gur₄, kur₄, lúgud, nígiñ**

lagar, lagal, lagar_x(SAL.HÚB) "vizier," a high-ranking priest(ess) or official (Wiggermann, ZA 78, 225ff.; Civil, AV Biggs 20)

lagas^{ki}, lagaš^{ki} the city and state of Lagash (see Attinger, NABU 2007/37 for final sibilant)

lah₄₋₅ → **túm**

lahar ewe (Civil, AV Biggs 20) (*lahru*)

lál date syrup, sweet syrup, honey; adj. sweet (as honey) (cf. Zgoll, AOAT 246, 376)

lál-hur wax; model(?)

lamma(r) (some still read **lama**) female protective deity, good genie, "angel" (Heimpel, NABU 1994 p. 73)

lam → **lum**

gišlam almond

gišlam-gal pistachio (*buqtuttu*)

gišle-um writing board(s)

gišli juniper(?) (*burāšu*)

li(b) to be happy, glad

li-li-ìs kettledrum

libir v. & adj. (to be) old, lasting

lil foolish (> *lillu* fool, idiot)

lil air; nothingness; phantom (cf. **eden-lil** haunted steppe, **lú-lil** incubus > *lilū*)

limmu, limmu_{2/5} four (Edzard, AV Klein 101)

lipiš (libiš) heart; strong emotion, anger, courage

lipiš - bal to become angry

lipiš-tuku in anger, angrily

lirum physical strength, athletics; cf. **lú-lirum** athlete, wrestler

lu to be or make numerous or abundant, multiply (Akk. *mádu, duššu, kamāru*) (Steinkeller, SEL 1, 5ff.)

lu(g) (lug), lu₅(g) or lu₅(k) before Ur III to live (referring to animals); to herd, pasture, tend (animals) (Akk. *uzuzu, rabāšu*) The plural root is **sig₇** or **se₁₂** (see Steinkeller, SEL 1, 5ff., Third Millennium Texts 35, reading **luk_x** or **lug_x**) (see Attinger, ZA 95, 47f. for distribution of g/k)

lu(g), lu-gú to be twisted, crooked (*zāru*) (Michałowski, Lamentation p. 100; Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 175)

lu(-úb)^{nisi} turnip(?); bean(?) (Akk. *luppu*)

lu-lim → **lulim**

lú person, man; someone; person in charge (Jacobsen, AV Kutscher 69ff. "boss"); the one who (relative pronoun) (Emesal **mu-lu**) Cf. **lú-ùlu**

lú-bappir, lú-bàppir (OS) brewer (cf. **lunga**)

lú-bar-ra outsider, foreigner, stranger

lú-érim(-du/gál) enemy

lú-gi-di-da flutist (Sjöberg, AV Limet 137)

lú-huğ-gá hired man, hired worker; the constellation Aries

lú-igi-nígiñ (an elite class of citizens in Lagaš I administrative texts)

lú-kar one (in charge) of a harbor district (Sjöberg, AV Limet 127 + n. 6)

lú-kar-ra fugitive, refugee

lú-kaš₄-e runner

lú-ki-inim-ma, lú-inim-ma witness

lú-kin-gi₄-a messenger

lú-kúr(-ra) stranger, foreigner, enemy

lú-la-ga (an outlaw, perhaps a livestock rustler)
(Heimpel, BSA 8. 106f.)

lú-lirum athlete, wrestler

lú-lul treacherous person, traitor

lú-mah (a high-ranking priest, the male counterpart to the **ereš-diğir** priestess); (an ecstatic priest?) (see *lumahhu, mahhū*)

lú-na-me (or just **na-me**) no one, someone

lú-nì-zuh (or ^{lú}**nì-zuh** ?) thief

lú-nisi-ga vegetable gardener (cf. YOS 18, 115 iii 24)
(**lú-nisi** in Lagaš I texts)

lú-túg-du₈ → **túg-du₈**

lú-u₅ mounted courier

^{kuš}**lu-úb** leather bag (*luppu*)

lú-ùlu, **lú-u₁₈-lu** men, people; human beings, humanity, mankind (< ***lú-lú**)

lú-ur₅-ra lender, creditor; debt-collector (Oppenheim, Eames TT 6)

lú-uzug₅-ga a sexually impure or unclean person

lú-zu-a, OS **lú-su-a** someone well known, acquaintance (also written elliptically just **zu-a**)

lù to be(come) disturbed, stirred up, blurred, confused

lu₅(g) → **lu(g)**

lub(-bi) (with wood or copper determinative) (a kind of axe) (Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 149)

lugal king, master; owner

lúgud(-da) short, small (Civil, AV Biggs 29)

luh to be clean; to clean, wash; to purify, refine

lukur (a kind of priestess); (a cloistered woman, *nadītu*)

LUL → **lu(g), nar**

lul v. & adj. (to be) false, lying, deceitful, misleading, treacherous (opposite **zi(d)**)

lul lie, falsehood; treachery, danger

lul-ba furtively, treacherously

lul(-da) - du₁₁ to speak falsely, tell a lie (Attinger, Eléments 597f.)

lul-da, lul-du falsely (**lul-da** < ***lul-du-a** like **niga** < ***nì-gu₇-a**)

lul-da - pà(d) to swear falsely

lulim, lu-lim stag

lum to be fecund, prolific, grow luxuriantly (by-form **lam**)

^(lú)**lunga (lumgi)** (wr. **LÚ.ŠIM**, **ŠIMxNINDA**, or **ŠIMxA**) brewer The reading remains unclear (usually read **lú-bappir**, or **lú-bàppir** in Pre-Sarg. Lagaš texts), probably a genitive construction. (Steinkeller, Sales Documents 291)

M

^{giš}**MA** → ^{giš}**pès**

^(giš)**ma-(an)-si-um/ú** grain sieve (*nappītu*); (a symbol of royalty, see CAD *maššu* B and Cooper, Curse of Agade p. 242)

ma-az, ma-ra-az (to be) abundant(?), joyful(?). (*elēšu*) (ePSD now translates "to swell") (often occurs together with **hi-li**)

ma-da country, land, district, territory (Limet, RA 72 (1978) 1-12)

ma-la(g) boy-friend, (girl-friend)

ma-mu(d), ma-mú(d) dream

ma-na "mina" (weight measure = 60 **gín** = 0.48 kg.)

^{gis}**ma-nu** (a kind of tree/wood used for cabinetry and fuel, perhaps cornal or willow(?) (*e'ru*) (Powell, BSA 6, 102f.)

^{gi}**ma-sá(-ab)** (a kind of basket) (Zgoll, AOAT 246, 372f.)

(^{giš})**má** boat

má-addir ferry boat, hired boat

má-dù boat builder

má-gíd boat tow-man

má-GÍN, má-DÙN boat caulked, asphalter, ship-builder (Steinkeller, Sales documents 255)

má-gur₈ deep-going boat, procession-boat; a boat-shaped pot stand

má-lah₄ boat owner, skipper, boatman

^{túg}**ma₆** (conventional reading, perhaps better ^{túg}**ba₁₃**) (a fine divine or royal garment) (*nalbašu*)

MAH → šutur

mah (to be) high, lofty, exalted, great, august

mah-di one acting in an exalted, magnificent manner (*tizqāru*)

mar wagon (abbreviation for **mar-gíd-da**, Civil, NABU 1989/62)

^{gis}**mar** spade, shovel

mar-tu (or **mar-dú**) Amorite; West(ern)

^(im)**mar-uru₅/ru₁₀**(GUR₈/TE) mighty storm, hurricane, tempest, west wind, storm wind (Eichler, AV Hallo 90-94). Attinger, ZA 88, 182: ^{mar}**maru_x**. Cf. **a-ma-ru(-k)**

mar-uru₅/ru₁₀ → **é-mar-uru₅/ru₁₀**

mas-su, mas-sù leader, chief; councillor (*massū*)

maš one-half

maš → **máš**

maš-da-ri-a (OS, an obligatory offering or tax) (Selz, ASJ 17, 251-274 reads the root as /dri/)

maš-dà (mašda) gazelle (Steinkeller, BSA 8, 50)

maš-gaba(-k) offering(?) kid; (semi-weaned(?) kid, Steinkeller, BSA 8, 55) (for the genitive see **sila₄-gaba**)

maš-gán tent; tent-ground, camp, settlement (*maškanu*)

máš, maš kid; (male) goat

máš, maš increase of a herd, yield; tax (Sarg.); interest (Ur III) (Steinkeller, JESHO 24, 139f.)

máš-anše herd, (wild) animals

máš-ŷi₆(-k), maš-ŷi₆ ominous dream (lit. "kid of the night")

máš-ság bellwether, leader

máš-šu-gíd(-gíd) haruspex, diviner

maškim commissioner, deputy, inspector, bailiff

me divine power, attribute, office

me silence, dumbness, daze

me, -m to be (copula)

me- where, in the phrases **me-a** where(in), **me-ta/da** wherefrom, whence, **me-šè** whereto, whither

me-dím bodily members, features

me-lám divine radiance, brilliance, splendor, aura, halo (now read **me-lem₄**, see Krecher, ZA 63 [1974] 199)

me-li-e-a Alas! Woe!

me-te (var. **ní-te**) fitting, proper thing; ornament(?) (*simtu*) (Cunningham, Analysing Literary Sumerian 76f.)

me-te - gál to be fitting

me-te-na → **ní-te-na**

me-téš/te-eš - i-i to praise, extol

mè battle, war

men, OS **men₄** (a kind of crown or turban)

mes (strong, vigorous) youth, young man

^{gis}**mes** (a native tree/wood used to make furniture) (Van de Mieroop, BSA 6, 159f.) (*mēsu*)

mi-ri → **mir**

^{gis}**mi-rí-tum** (a stringed instrument)

mi-tum → ^{gis}**mitum**

mí → **munus**

mí - du₁₁, mí-zí(-dè-eš) - du₁₁ to treat carefully, gently; to take care of, provide for, cherish, nurture; to adorn, decorate; to flatter, praise, extol rightly (also with special verbal prefix **i-ri-**) (Attinger, Eléments 603-618)

MÍ.ÚS.DAM → **ĝitlam**

MÍ.ÚS.SÁ son-in-law, brother-in-law (Steinkeller, Third-Millennium Texts 37-38; Sjöberg, AV Falkenstein 221-225.) Now often read **mussa^{sá}**. Cf. **ní-MÍ.ÚS.SÁ**

MÍ.ÚS.SÁ-tur son-in-law (Sjöberg, AV Falkenstein 225f.)

MÍ.ÚS.SÁ^{mußen} pelican or crane(?) (read **gambi** ?) (Veldhuis, Education 242-243)

mìn, min two (Edzard, AV Klein 100)

mìn-na-ne-ne, mìn-a-bi the two of them, both of them

mir, mi-ri, me-ri v. to be enraged; n. rage; adj. raging

^{im}**mir, im** **mer** → **im-mir, tum₉-mir**

^{gis}**mitum(TUKUL.AN), mi-tum** divine weapon, mace (also read **mitta** or **midda**; cf. **mítum(TUKUL. BAD)** and other similar writings) (*mittu*)

mu name, fame; year; line (of writing)

mu NOUN-ak-šè, mu-PRONOUN-šè because of, in place of, someone or something

mu-gub(-ba) assigned lines, writing exercise, model tablet

mu-im-ma (in the) previous year (wr. **im-ma** in OS)

mu-lu (Emesal form of **lú**)

mu - pà(d) to reveal, call the name, invoke, name someone (cf. **mu lugal(-la) - pà(d)** to swear by the king's name) (Sallaberger, AV Sigrist 159ff.)

mu(-šè) - sa₄ to name, call as a name

mu(-šè) - sar to write by name, inscribe

mu-sar-ra inscription

mu-tuku famous, renowned

mu-ud-na → **ĝitlam**

mú to grow; to ignite; to incite (Auslaut may be /r/ or /dr/; cf. OS **munu₈-mú(d)** maltster)

mu₄(r) to clothe oneself, dress, wear; to use, take, give as clothing or as cloth covering

mu₇, mu₇-mu₇ incantation

mud blood

mud to create, engender, sire

mud₅-me-ĝar joy, rejoicing (*rīšātu*)

muhaldim (muhaltim) cook, kitchen chief (*nuhatimmu*) (See Sjöberg, AV Limet 131f. for extended discussion.)

mul star, constellation

mul to shine, sparkle, glitter; to be radiant, radiate; to spread (branches, Urnamma EF 34), flower(?)

mun n. salt; adj. salty

munu₈, munu_{3/4} malt

munu₈-mú(d) maltster

munus woman, female (some read mí in certain contexts, but its relationship to **munus** is unclear)

mur lung(s); breast

mur-gu₄ fodder (*imrû*)

murgu back, backbone; shoulder

muru₉(IM.DUGUD) cloud

murub₄ middle (part), midsection; midst

muš snake, serpent

muš-ĝir "dagger-snake" or "scorpion-snake" (a mythical or literary serpent)

muš-huš fierce snake (a mythical or literary serpent, later a symbol of Marduk) (*mušhuššu*)

múš - búr to loosen the hairdo, let free the hair

múš, muš countenance, appearance, aspect; halo, aura; (a kind of crown)

muš₁₋₃ - túm to cease, have an end, stop (work) (Wilcke, Lugalbandaepos p. 130f.)

mušen bird

mušen-dù birdcatcher, fowler

N

na stone, boulder (cf. **na₄**)

-na → **a₅**

na-an-na besides

na-dè(IZI), na-de₅ incense (*qutrīnu*) (Veldhuis, CDLI: CDLN 2003:003)

na - de_{5(g)} a) to clarify, explain, instruct, advise; b) to purify (*elēlu*); c) to clear away/out, separate (animals from herds, especially dead animals); d) to clear out,

cut (timber) See most recently Sallaberger, AV Klein 229-253; also Klein, AV Kutscher XVff.; Civil, AV Hallo 74. Many still read the verb conventionally as **ri(g)**; Selz, ASJ 17, 260-262, reads /dri/. See also **de_{5(g)}**.

na-gada herdsman, shepherd

na-ma-su → **nu-mu-su**

na-me someone, anyone; no one, nothing, none (usually ellipsis for **lú-na-me** or **ní-na-me**); cf. **ki-na-me-šè** to no other place, **u₄-na-me** never

na - rú(DÙ) to erect a stele (read perhaps **drú**)

na-rú-a stele (some now read **na-dù-a** despite the Akk. loanword *narû*)

ná, giš ná → **nú, giš nū**

na₄ precious stone (cf. **na**)

na₄-är grinding slab (Ur III) (some read **na₄-kikkin**) (but cf. Civil, AuOr Suppl. 22, 132)

na₄-šu(-k) stone hammer, pounder (Civil, AuOr Suppl. 22, 132f.)

na₈ → **naĝ**

naĝ to drink, give to drink (reduplicated **na₈-na₈**)

naĝ-ku₅ a side pond or water reservoir for flood control (Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 133f.)

naĝa alkali-plant, soda; soap

naĝa-si-è sprouted alkali-plant

nàĝa, naĝa₄ to grind, mill (cf. **gaz, gum**)

giš nàĝa mortar, hand-mill (OS, cf. Selz, FAOS 15/2 557)

nagar carpenter (Civil, AV Biggs 20) (*naggāru*)

nam being, state, "that which is" (Krecher, ASJ 9, 86); fate (Zgoll, AOAT 246, 378f.) Cf. also **nam-bi-šè** because of this; **nam NOUN-ak-šè** because of something; **nam-ĝu₁₀** "what is it to me?" (ironic)

nam-, nám- (abstract noun formative)

nam-árad slavery

nam-dag → **nam-tag**

nam-du₁₀-sa companionship, friendship

nam-dumu children (collective), childhood (abstract)

nam-érim (assertory) oath; evil

nam-érim - ku₅ to swear a (declamatory, assertory) oath (perhaps strengthened with a curse) (Sallaberger, AV Sigrist 159ff.)

nam-ga-eš₈ (foreign) trade

nam-gal greatness

nam-ĝuruš young men (collective); young manhood (abstract)

nam-kal-ga strength, might

nam - ku₅ to curse

nam-lú-u₁₈-lu, nam-lú-ùlu humanity, human beings, people, population

nam-lugal kingship

nam-mah greatness, majesty

nam-nar musician's craft, musicianship; music

nam-nin queenship

nam-nir-ĝál authority, sovereignty, royalty

nam-ra(-ak) booty, plunder

nam-šeš brotherhood, fraternity

nam-šita (a prayer or rite)

nam-šub incantation

nam-šul valorous youth(fulness)

nam-tag, nam-dag evil deed, sin, guilt

nam - tar to decide fate, determine destiny Cf. older syntax **nam-še - tar** to decide as a fate

nam-tar fate, destiny

nam-ti(l), nam-ti-il life

nam-úš death

nam-zu knowledge, wisdom

^d**nanna(r)** the moon god, patron of Ur

nar musician

ne → **nè**

NE → **bar₇, kúm, šeğ₆** Cf. also **me-lám(NE)** and **zú - gir₁₀(NE)**

NE-NE → **nígin**

ne, ne-en, ne-e this (one) (cf. **ne-e = níg-e = an-[nu-ú]** Emesal Vocabulary III 157)

ne-éš → **i-ne-éš**

ne-me, ne-meš these (*annūtu*) (Steinkeller, Sale Documents 221)

ne-mur ashes, hot embers (*tumru*)

ne - su-ub to kiss

nè, ne, nì strength, might, (military) force(s)

nesağ, ne-sağ, nì-sağ first fruits (offering); prime, foremost. The **nesağ** sign is LAK 159, distinguished from **murub₄** only through Ur III.

ni-is-ku finest, select (said of equids)

ní fear, fearsomeness (see major study by Cunningham in Analysing Lit. Sum. 70ff.)

ní self (especially with possessive pronouns, e.g. **ní-bi-še** or **ní-ba** by itself); one's own (with pronouns, e.g. **é** **ní-za** your own house); character, nature(?) (cf. Shulgi B 10, 77) (Cunningham, Analysing Literary Sumerian 70ff.)

ní - búr to show off, make oneself important

ní - dúb to relax, rest

ní-gal great fearsomeness, awesomeness

ní(-gal) - gùr to be clad in (great) fearsomeness, awesomeness

ní gùr-ru clad in fearsomeness

ní me-lám fearsome brilliance (two divine attributes which often appear together as a hendiadys)

ní - ri to impose fear upon, oppress by fear, terrify, cloak in fearsomeness

ní silim-eš - du₁₁ to boast

ní-su-ub crazy person; (an ecstatic?)

ní - te(ğ) to grow afraid, be afraid of (-da-)

ní-te(ğ) fear

ní - te(n), te-en to refresh oneself, cool oneself under (-si-); to calm down, relax

ní-te self; cf. **ní-te-né** by himself, herself

ní-te-na(-k), me-te-na, mete(TE.ME)-na his or her own

ní - tuku to revere, respect, have fear of

ní-tuku reverent, respectful

ní(ğ) (níğ) thing; that which (impersonal relative pronoun); (abstract noun formative)

ní-á-zı(-ga) violent act (*sēnu*)

ní-ak-a accomplishment

ní-är-ra groats

ní-ba allotment, portion; gift

ní-bún(KAxIM) turtle

ní-buru₁₄ harvest yield

ní-dab₅ appropriation

ní-dù-a string of (dried) fruit (Pre-Sargonic; replaced by **še-er-gu** in Late Sargonic. See Civil, Or ns 56, 233ff.)

ní-du₇ a (theologically) fitting thing (The reading is conventional, but many now read **ní-ul** "primeval thing." Cf. **ní-ul-lí-a** in Ean 1 vi 6 and Urnamma 26 ii 1 and see J. Bauer, AV Klein 26f. and AfO 40/41, 94 with J. Cooper, followed by C. Suter, contra Falkenstein GSGL I 60 and Edzard, RIME 3/1. Compare the Lagaš I male PN **ní-du₇-pa-è**, where **du₇** seems to make more sense than **ul**.)

ní-érim (or **ní-ne-ru**) evil (thing), fraudulent action

ní-GA(-r) possessions, goods, property (Until recently read **ní-gur₁₁**, but see disc. s.v. **ğar**. Michalowski, RAI 47, 418, takes as a loan from *makkūru*.)

ní-galam artfully wrought thing; artfulness

ní-gi-na truth, right; law, justice

ní-gig(-ga) interdicted thing, taboo; abomination, evil act; bane, curse; a bitter thing

ní-gur₁₁(GA) → ní-GA(-r)

ní-kas₇ - a₅ to make an accounting

ní-kas₇-a₅ (ní-ka₉-a₅) (balanced) account, accounting

ní-ku₅ tax, revenue

ní-ku₅ - a₅ to tax, bring in revenue

ní-kúr hostile, hateful thing

túg ní-lám (a kind of garment)

ní-me-ğar awed silence (*qūlu*); cheer (*rišātu*)

ní-MÍ.ÚS.SÁ betrothal gift (Englund, Fischerei 111 n. 357; Steinkeller, Third-Millennium Texts 37f.)

ní-na-me something; nothing (with negated verb)

ní-na(m)-ma everything, all sorts of things

ní-nam - zu to know all, everything

ní-sa-ha fruit

nì-ság → nesaág

nì-sám/šám price (*šīmu*) (Steinkeller, Sale Documents 161)

nì-sám-ma(-k) merchandise, purchasing capital; purchases (*šiāmātu*) (Steinkeller, Sale Documents 162)

nì-si-sá justice

nì-ŠID → nì-kas₇

nì-šu goods, production

nì-tuku wealthy, rich (person); wealth

nì - tuku to be a creditor, lit. "to have something with (-da-) someone"

nì-ul → nì-du₇

nì-zi-ğál living thing, creature (*śiknat napištím*); wild animals (*nammaššū*) (Tinney, Nippur Lament p. 167f.)

nì-zú-gub lunch, snack

(lú) **nì-zuh** thief

nì-zuh-a stolen thing, theft

ni₉-ğar (niğar) cella (older reading is **niğin-ğar**; recently Zgoll, ZA 87, 190 reads **niğar_x ğar**) (Civil, AV Biggs 26: /ğ/ is uncertain)

niga grain-fed, grain-fattened (< *nì-gu₇-a like **lul-da** < *lul-du-a or **bar-da** < *bar-dù-a)

niğdaba(PAD.^dINANNA) (or **nindaba**, **nidba**) (food) offering (see CAD *nindabû* LL for writings)

nígin to circle (about), go around, wander about; to encircle, enclose, surround; to be surrounded with (OB). Reduplicated imperfective form is probably to be read **ni₁₀-ni₁₀**, byform **ni₅-ni₅(NE)**.

niğin(-na) total, totality, all together

niğin-ğar → ni₉-ğar

niğir (conventionally written **nimgir**) herald, town crier; bailiff

nim, num fly

nim - ğır to flash lightning

nim-ğır(-ğır) (flashing) lightning

giş **nimbar** (old giş **gişimmar**) date palm The current reading is in flux. Older sources show /nimbar/, /ninbar/, /nimmar/. Civil, AuOr 5, 28f. + n. 25, reads giş **nimbar**.

nimgir → niğir

nimin, nin₅ forty (Edzard, AV Klein 105)

nin lady, queen, mistress; sister (Pre-Sarg. for later **nin₉**) For meaning in male divine names see Heimpel, AV Jacobsen II (2002) 155-160. Marchesi, Or 73 (2004) 186-9, distinguishes **ereš** "lady, queen" vs. **nin** "mistress, proprietess." (ES **ga-şa-an**, also **ù-mu-un** in male gods' names, e.g. Nanše B iv 20)

nin-diğir → ereš-diğir

^d**nin-ğır-su(-k)** chief god of the Lagaš state

^d**nin-hur-sağ-ğá** the creative mother goddess, goddess of birth-giving, patron goddess of Kęš

^d**nin-ka₅(LUL), nin-ka₆(PÉŠ)** mongoose, rodent(?) (> *śikkû*) (Veldhuis, JCS 54 [2002] 67-9)

^d**nin-kilim(PÉŠ)** (a goddess) (Veldhuis, JCS 54 [2002] 67-9)

^d**nin-lil** consort of Enlil the patron god of Nippur

^d**nin-nínna**^{mušen} (a kind of harrier) (see Veldhuis, Education 272-275 for writing variants)

^d**nin-tu(d)** the creative mother goddess, goddess of birth-giving

^d**nin-urta(-k)** weather and farmer god, son of Enlil

nin₉ sister (this sign is distinguished from the sign **nin** only after OS)

NINA^{ki} (now being read **niğin_x**^{ki} based on Proto-Ea 288)

ninda bread, food

nínda breed bull; seed funnel of the seeder plow

nindaba → **niĝdaba**

nindan(NINDA), **nindan_x(NINDA.DU)** (a length measure = 2 **gi** = 12 **kūš** = ca. 5.94 meters) (cf. **gi-diš**)
ninda(n) measuring-rod 1 **n.** long)

ninkum → **enkum**

ninnu fifty (Edzard, AV Klein 106, reads final vowel as long: /ninnū/)

nir trust; sovereignty, authority, nobility (?) ; (vault, arch?)

nir(-ra) clean (grain) (Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 95)

NIR-da → **šer₇-da**

nir - ĝál to trust, have confidence in (-a), rely upon

nir-ĝál sovereign, noble, princely one; trust(worthy)

nir-ĝál-bé (ES še-er-ma-al-bé) proudly (*etelliš*)

^{na⁴}**nir₇(ZA.MIR)** chalcedony

^d**nisaba** (or **nidaba**) goddess of reed and writing

nisi(g)(SAR) vegetable; greenery, vegetation; (post-determinative for garden vegetables). Cf. **lú-nisi-ga** "vegetable gardener" YOS 18, 115 iii 24; **lú-nisi** in Presargonic Lagaš texts

niš twenty (Edzard, AV Klein 104f.)

nita(h), nítah male, man (Gelb, AV Diakonoff 82-84)

NITA.GA → **bunga**

nitadam → **ĝitlam**

nu not to be (in limited use as a finite verb)

nu- (old by-form of **lú** which begins a handful of compound nouns)

nu-bànda inspector, overseer; lieutenant

nu-bar (a kind of priestess) (*kulmašītum*)

^d**nu-dím-mud** (a by-name of Enki)

nu-ēš(-k) (a priest in the cult of Nippur) (> *nēšaku*) (Steinkeller, Sales Documents 226)

nu(-u₈)-gig (a kind of consecrated woman, often associated in some way with birthing) (*qadištum*, *ištarītum*); (conventionally "hierodule" as an epithet of Inanna) (Emesal **mu-gib(GIG)**, **mu-gi₁₇(GIG)-ib**)

nu-(giš)kiri₆(-k) orchardman, gardener (also with phonetic indicator in Ur III: **nu-^{ki}kiri₆**, **nu-kiri₆^{ki}**) (Steinkeller, Sale Documents 168f.; Powell, ZA 62, 190ff.) Sjöberg, AV Limet 128, argues this is not a genitive compound, but rather a form */**nukarig/**; cf. the **g/b** alternation in the loan *nukaribbu*.

nu-mu(-un)-su, **nu-ma(-nu)-su**, **na-ma-su** widow
Rdg. is conventional; newest reading is **nu-mu(-un)-kūš** for which see Cavigneaux, RA 87, 111.

nu-siki, **nu-síg** fatherless or homeless child, orphan, waif

^{giš}**nu-úr-ma** pomegranate (*nurmū*)

nú(d), **nu_x(SA₄)** to lie (down), go to bed; to lay down (e.g. traps, snares; see Sjöberg, AV Klein 297); to creep, slither Conventionally read **ná**. For the value **nu_x** see **še₂₁**; see also Veldhuis, Education 284, who calls **še₂₁** "the inanimate complement of **nú**."

^{giš}**nú** bed Some read **giš-nú**, but see BiOr 42, 20 for forms without a determinative, contra Steinkeller, OrAnt 19 (1980) 79 n. 1. The word occurs with and without determinative in Presargonic Lagaš texts, e.g. DP 490 i 1-2, ii 1, iv 5; DP 427 i 1-3.

^{na⁴}**nu₁₁-gal** → ^{na⁴}**giš-nu₁₁-gal**,

numun (i.e. **nuĝun**) seed; descendant (Civil, AV Biggs 30)

NUN^{ku⁶} → **agargara^{ku⁶}**

nun noble, prince; princess (cf. Temple Hymns line 82)

nun(-na) princely, noble, preeminent, grand; loud

nun-bé loudly

nundum lip; lip or rim of a vessel

nunuz egg

nunuz - ̄gar to lay eggs

P

pa branch, branches; stick

pa-á̄g, pa-an → **zi - pa-á̄g, za-pa-á̄g**

pa - è to come forth radiantly; to be/make resplendent, splendid; to make famous; periphrastic: **pa-è - a₅** to make resplendent

pa-mušen(-na) feathers

pa-pah cella; bedroom (Alster, AV Hallo 15 + n. 2)

pa-sa-lá-a tied bundle of sticks

pà(d) to come into view or consideration, be revealed; to reveal, show; to call (up), choose; to find, discover

pa₄, pa₅ irrigation ditch (*palgu*)

pa₄, pap older brother, eldest son; forebear, "father"

pa₄/pa-bil-ga grandfather; paternal uncle; ancestor

gi^gpad (a kind of basket)

pad(r) to break off a piece, chip off; to crumble, crush, destroy (PSD B now connects at least in some meanings with **bu(r)**, q.v.)

pad(r) portion, piece (see also **šuku**)

túg pala₁₋₃ (a divine or royal garment)

palil(IGI.DU) foremost one (cf. **igi-du**)

gi^gpan (rarely **gi^gba-na**) bow (reading **ban** is obsolete, see Civil, JCS 55, 50f.)

pàr-rim₄ → **bar-rim₄**

pe-el to defile, spoil, dirty (*lu"ū*)

pe-el-lá, p/bíl-lá spoiled, sour, bad; defiled, desecrated (cf. **šu pe-el-lá - du₁₁** to defile)

peš heart of palm

peš, peš₄ to swell, expand, become fat, thick, enlarged; to be(come) pregnant; to grow (said of a child, cf. Ur-Namma A 152)

peš - ̄gal to be powerful

péš mouse (*humṣīru*)

gi^gpéš(MA) fig

peš₅ to card wool

peš₁₀(KI.A) riverbank, seashore

pi-lu₅-da → **biluda**

pirīg lion

pisāg (conventionally read **pisan**) (**bisāg, bešēg**) box, container (often with reed or wood determinative)

pisāg-dub(-ba) tablet (storage) box or basket

pu-úh-ru-um assembly (< Akk. *puhrum*)

pú well (see also **túl**)

pú gi^gkiri₆ irrigated orchard

puzur₅, buzur₅ secret

R

ra, ra-ah to hit, beat upon; to strike down; to drive (animals); to impress (a seal). Verb has dual syntax: to make something beat upon (-a/e) (older), to beat with something (-e) (newer)

-(b)-ra-aš → **-braš**

ra-gaba, rá-gaba mounted messenger, courier, rider

rá-zu → **a-rá-zu**

giš-rab clamp, stock (cf. **gušur_x**)

re₇ → **du**

ri to lie (heavily) upon, press upon, put (firmly) onto, into; to oppress; to affix, cover with; to found, erect; to equip with

ri to blow; to drift; to convey

ri(g) → **de₅**

ri-ri-ga → **de₅-de₅-ga**

rib, ri(b) great, surpassing, huge

ru-gú to face, stand opposite, counter, confront, oppose

rú(DU₃) to erect, in **na-rú-a** (read **drù** ?)

S

sa sinew; string, cord; net; bundle, bunch

sa-al-kad₅ net sack

sa-ga → **sa₆-ga, sig₅-ga**

sa-ğar-ra (an OB hymn rubric, the second main section of **tigi** and **adab** hymn types)

sa-gaz migrant laborer(?); highway robber, murderer(?)

sa-gaz - a₅ to perform migrant labor (?); to commit murder (?) (cf. A. Westenholz, ECTJ No. 8)

sa-gi bundle of reeds

sa-gíd-da (an OB hymn rubric, the first main section of **tigi** and **adab** hymn types)

sa-pàr (sa-bàr), sa-bar (hunting) net

sa-šuš throwing net (also as weapon)

sa-tu mountain (< Akk. *šadū*)

sá square (in Gudea and math., see Suter, ZA 87, 5)

sá to be equal to (-da-), match; to rival, vie with (-da-); to make (accounts) balance

sá - du₁₁ to reach, arrive at, attain, obtain, overtake (Attinger, Eléments 632-652)

sá-du₁₁(-ga) regular offering

sá - sè to plot, plan strategy

sa₄ → **mu - sa₄, še₂₁**

sa₆(g), ša₆(g) to slaughter (sheep, goats) (reading uncertain, cf. perhaps **sig/ság** to strike, also **šár** to slaughter sheep)

sa₆(g), ša₆(g) to be good, beautiful; to be pleasing to; to be pleased with (-da-); cf. **igi-a - sa₆** to be a favorite of (**sa₆** is now the preferred reading, at least for OB and earlier)

sa₆(-ga), ša₆(-ga) good, beautiful, pleasing

sa₇(g) to be well-formed, perfectly formed, beautifully created (probably connect with **sa₆**)

sa₇-ga well-formed

sa₁₀ to buy (with -ši-); to sell (with -ta/ra-, secondary development). Originally and in math. the meaning was "to measure out grains as equivalents for other goods" (cf. **sá**). See Steinkeller, Sale Documents 153-162. Older reading **šám** is often still seen. Cf. **sám**.

sa₁₂-du₅ (or sağ-du₅) field or land registrar (*šassukku*) (Falkenstein, NSGU III 153)

ság - du₁₁ to scatter, disturb, dislodge, disrupt, dissipate, diminish (Attinger, Eléments, 655-664) Linked with **ság(SIG)** "to beat" by ePSD.

ság → sig

sag₈(KAL), sag₁₀ → **sig₅**

sagi cupbearer

saĝ head; front, fore, beginning; surface; man, person, human being; slave, servant (G. Farber, AV Klein 108-115)

saĝ first, foremost, principal; prime, first rate; first-born;

saĝ-bar head hair

saĝ-bi-šè - è to go to the fore, be foremost, most excellent

saĝ-du head

saĝ-du₅ → **sa₁₂-du₅**

saĝ - du₁₁ to achieve, complete, create with great care (Attinger, Eléments 653-655)

saĝ - ȸar (ȸá-ȸá) to proceed, venture against, attack, (dare to) oppose

saĝ-gaz - a₅ to commit murder

saĝ-gíg(-ga) Black Headed Ones (native designation for the Sumerians)

saĝ ȸiš - ra to commit murder, kill

saĝ-ȸiš-ra-a murder

saĝ - il to lift, raise, hold the head high, be proud

saĝ-il-la proudly, with head held high

saĝ - kal to give preference, prefer

saĝ-kal first rank, preeminent, foremost (some read **saĝ-rib**, others cautiously prefer **saĝ-KAL**)

saĝ - kéš to organize

saĝ-kéš - a₅ to pay attention to (-šè/-e), heed

saĝ-ki forehead

saĝ-ki - gíd to furrow the brow, frown

saĝ-ki-zalag - bar to look upon with a shining countenance

gíšsaĝ-kul bolt, lock

saĝ-men crown

saĝ-munus (grown) woman, female (Steinkeller, Sale Documents 130f., reads **saĝ-SAL**; others read **saĝ-mi**)

saĝ-nita (grown) man, male (Steinkeller, Sale Documents 130f.)

saĝ-nì-GA-ra financial/business capital; amount available before crediting or debiting. The rdg. **-gur₁₁-ra** is still current; for rdg. **-ga-ra** see disc. s.v. **ȸar**.

saĝ(-e-ȸ) - **rig₇** to give, present, grant

saĝ - sè(g) to entrust; to take care of, tend to, attend

saĝ - sìg to be brought low, down, be in despair

saĝ - šúm to hurry, rush (into combat) against, attack

saĝ-šu₄ → **saĝšu**

saĝ-ur-saĝ (a member of the cultic personnel of Inanna, perhaps a "cult warrior" figure who engages in mock combat in her honor? Cf. Flückiger-Hawker, Urnamma, p. 225)

saĝ-ús regular, constant, reliable; constant supporter

saĝa chief (temple or palace) administrator (some read **saĝga**, conventional reading is still **sanga**) (*śangū*)

saĝšu, saĝ-šu₄ helmet, head covering (usually with wool or copper determinative)

sahar dirt, soil, sand; dust, powder; ore (Civil, AV Biggs 21)

sahar-dul-tag₄ burial mound (Pre-Sarg.)

sakar → **u₄-sakar**

sal v. & adj. (to be) fine, thin, delicate; to be frivolous (cf. **eme-sal**)

sal v. & adj. (to be) wide, broad (cf. **tál**)

SAL → **munus**

sám, šám price (cf. **sa₁₀** and see discussion in Steinkeller, Sale Documents 153-155)

aman lead rope (Civil, AV Biggs 21) (*šummannu*)

sanga → **saĝa**

santag₍₂₋₄₎ (i.e. **saĝtak**) cuneiform wedge

sar garden plot; (an area measure = 1/100 **iku** = 1 sq. **nindan** = ca. 38.28 sq. meters)

sar to write (on), inscribe

sar to run, chase

SAR → **nisi, u₄-sakar**

sè(g), sè(k), si(g) to become, act, make like, make into; to be equal, equalled; to set, put; to cast (in moulds); to provide with

se₁₂ → **sig₇**

ses → **šeš, sis**

si (animal) horn; horn (the musical instrument); horn-shaped thing; tip, point

si to tie (shoes, sandals) (Civil, Or ns 56, 237)

si(g) (sig₉), sù(g) to be(come) full; to fill a space, container, area; to cover, put all over, or to completely occupy an area or surface; to pile up (*šapāku*); to inlay, overlay, coat; to sink (a well, post, peg into the ground); to do fully; to suffice, be enough; to add (interest to) (Steinkeller, JESHO 24, 142 + n. 77) The verb has dual syntax: to fill into (older), to fill with (newer).

si(g) to be(come) silent

si(-ga) silent, silently; adv. **si-ga-bé** quietly

giš si-ğar bolt, bar

si-ig → **sig**

si-il, sil(NUN) to unwind (a cord, rope), unfurl; to split, cleave, divide, breach; to tear or rip up, off, open; to peel off; to disband (a group) (*salātu*)

si-im → **šeim**

si-im to smell (Perhaps connect with **šim?** Cf. **ir - si-im**)

si-im(-si-im) - a₅ to smell, sniff

^(urudu)**si-im-da, sim-da** owner's mark, emblem, brand; branding-iron (< Akk. *šimtu*) (Foxvog, ZA 85, 5-6)

si-mùš radiance

si - sá to do or perform in a regular, right, correct, proper fashion; to maintain properly; to supply, provide regularly; to make regular, regulate; to prepare, ready in a correct way, put in order; to go straightway, directly, guide straight

si-sá just, righteous; just person

si(g) → **sè(g)**

si₄, su₄, sa₅ red, reddish, brown (the sign is REC 48, i.e. **SI-gunû**)

sig, si-ig to be(come) weak, thin, flat, low, level; to bring down, tear down, rip apart, demolish, level, remove

sig(-ga), si-ga weak; thin, narrow; low, lower, lower land; south, southern

sig(-ga), si-ga → **a-sig**

sig → **siki**

sig (ság) to strike, beat upon, beat down, fell; to make tremble, quake. Some now read **ság** with Proto Ea 490. The verb has dual syntax: to make something beat upon (earlier), to beat with something (later) (connected with **ság - du₁₁** to scatter by ePSD)

sig₄ (šege₁₂) brick; brickwork, brick walls (**sig₄** is conventional; the newest reading is **šege₁₂**) (ES **še-eb**)

SIG₄ - gi₄ → **še₂₅ - gi₄**

sig_{4(-al)-ur/ur₅-ra} baked, fired brick

sig_{5, si-ig, sig} to be(come) good, fine, pleasing, beautiful (by-form of **sa_{6(g)}**; see also **a-sig**)

sig₅(-ga), si(-ig)-ga, sig₁₅(KAL) good, high or best quality, pleasing, beautiful. ePSD now prefers to read **sag₁₀, sag₈(KAL)** (cf. **sa₆-ga, sa-ga**)

sig₇ (**se₁₂, si₁₂**) to cut (an agricultural activity) (compare parallels **ú-kul zé-a** UTI 4, 2697:2, **ú-kul se₁₂-a** UTI 4, 2769:2, **ú-kul ku₅-rá** UTI 4, 2398:3) (see Molina & Such-Gutiérrez, JNES 63, 1-16)

sig₇ (**se₁₂, si₁₂**) to be(come) green, yellow, sallow, pale (read **si₁₂-si₁₂** when reduplicated)

sig₇(-ga), sig₁₇, (reduplicated **si₁₂-si₁₂**) green, yellow, tan; verdant (Steinkeller, BSA 8, 56) Cf. **kù-sig₁₇(GI)**

sig₇ (perhaps better **se₁₂** or **si₁₂**) plural of → **ti(l)** and **lu₅(g)**

sig₇-sig₇ - gar to produce sobs (onomatopoetic?) (George, RAI 47, 141-143)

SIG₇-igi → **úgur-igi**

sig₁₅(KAL) → **sig₅**

siki (**síg, sík**) wool, hair (**siki** is now the most common reading)

siki-ba (**síg-ba**) wool ration

siki-mug wool of poor/inferior quality (*mukku*) (Steinkeller, BSA 8, 57 + n. 133, Waetzoldt, Textilindustrie 56-57)

sikil to be pure, clean, pristine, virginal; to purify

sikil(-la) pure, clean

síl(NUN) → **si-il**

sila street

sila (a capacity measure = 0.842 liter or ca. 9/10 quart)

sila₄ male lamb

sila₄-ga(-sub-ba) suckling lamb

sila₄-gaba(-k) offering(?) lamb; semi-weaned(?) lamb (Steinkeller, BSA 8, 55) For the genitive cf. Ukg 1 iv 30 **bar sila₄-gaba-ka-ka**. See also Archi-Pomponio, Drehem No. 40; Selz, FAOS 15/1 p. 379.

sila₁₁(g), silāg(ŠID) to knead

sila₁₁-gá dough

silig → **šilig**

silim to be well, whole, healthy, safe, at peace, in good condition; to fulfill an office or term

silim(-eš) - du₁₁ to greet, salute; to boast (Attinger, Eléments 673-678)

silim-ma adj. whole, well; in good condition (as of plows in Nik I 287); n. well-being

silim-ma Be well! (imperative)

simug smith

sim^{mušen} swallow (*sinuntu*) (Veldhuis, Education 279-280)

sipa(d) shepherd; chief shepherd

sír → **zi(r)**

sir₅, šir₅ to spin wool

sis(ŠEŠ) (ses) v. and adj. (to be) bitter, brackish, saline (for a reading **zah_x** see Steinkeller, NABU 2007 p. 18)

sisi(ANŠE.KUR.RA), ^{anše}**sí-sí** (Ur III) horse

sískur, sízkur (a kind of prayer or rite)

su body; kin, family (e.g. Gilg. & Huwawa A 144); substance (of the country) (cf. **kuš**)

su(b), su-ub, sub, sub₆(TAG) to rub, wipe, scrub, polish; to reap; to smear on (ASJ 11, 213; 8, 12); to suck, suckle

su(g) to replace, repay

su(g) → sù(g)

su-bar the outside of the body

su-din^{mušen}, **šu₄-din**^{mušen} bat (*sutinnu*) (Veldhuis, Education 281)

su-GAN, sù-GAN (a kind of copper?)

su-kalam(-ma) well-being of the nation

su-lim awesome light, brilliance

su - zi(g) to have goose flesh, become frightened

su-zí fear, dread

su-zí - ri to lay fear upon, strike fear into

sù(d) (sud) or **sù** to sprinkle, spatter (*elēhu, zarāqu, zalāhu*); to decorate (*ulluhu*); to overlay, adorn (*zānu*)

sù(dr), sud(r) to be(come) distant, remote (in time or space); to extend, prolong, elongate; to be long-lived or long-lasting

sù(dr), sud-rá distant, remote

sù(g) (sug₄), su(g) to be empty, deserted; to be naked

sù(-ga), su(-ga) empty, deserted, desolate; naked, plucked

sù(g), su(g) to sink (as of boats)

sù(g) to be full, filled with (-a) (var. of **si(g)**); to be (richly) equipped or embellished with; to wear (a beard); to be served food (see **ú - sù(g)**)

sud-rá-ág (yellowish) gleam (said of moonlight); amber; electrum(?)

su₄ → si₄

su₆ (sum₄) beard

su₆ - lá to wear a beard

su_{8(b)} → du

su_{8(g)} → gub

subur, šubur servant, slave (< gentilic 'Subarian'; form with /š/ is late) (Civil, AV Biggs 30; Gelb, AV Diakonoff 89f.)

sud → sù(dr)

^d**suen(EN.ZU)** one of the two names of the moon god (cf. ^d**nanna**), patron of the city Ur

sug (reed) marsh

sug-ge - gu₇ to be obliterated, destroyed (lit. "consumed by the marsh")

suh, suh₅ to tear, rip, pluck out; to select, choose (*nasāqu*)

suh-(h)a, suh₅-ha selected, select, first quality; elite (troops)

suh to be confused, blurred, tangled, in disorder, in disarray; to be dangerous

suh-sah₄ - za to make a crunching sound (an onomatopoetic construction; see M. Civil, JCS 20, 117ff.; Black, AV Wilcke 35ff.)

^{kuš}**súhub** boot, shoe

suhur (a feature or style of hair)

suhur^{ku⁶} (a kind of carp)

suhuš sole of the foot; base, foundation

sukkal vizier, chancellor; envoy, messenger (Wiggermann, ZA 78 (1988) 225ff.)

sukud(r) to be (piled) high, towering

sukud(r), sukud-rá/da adj. high, towering; n. height

^(túg)**suluhu(SÍG.SÙ)** "long fleece," a kind of sheep and fleece, also a kind of garment made from its wool

sum to give (older reading, now replaced by → **šum**)

sum garlic (ePSD now reads **šum**) (*šūmū*) (Stol, BSA 3, 57-59)

sum-sikil onion, shallot (*šamaškillu*) (Stol, BSA 3, 59-62)

sumun (suğun), sun (to be) old

sún, ú-sún, súmun wild cow

sun₅, sun₅-na humble (probably a by-form of **du_{9(n)}**)

sun₇(KAL) to be harsh(?), vain(?)

sur to press out (liquids), squeeze, extract; to plait, twist together (rope); to wipe away; to oppress, suppress; to draw a boundary, mark off, demarcate, delimit, divide

súr, šúr, sumur furious, fear-inspiring

súr → zi(r)

súr-dù^{mušen} falcon (*surdū*)

súr, sur ditch, trough

sur_x(ÉRIN) team; workers, work-gang, troop (OS) (see Steinkeller, NABU 1990/12; Selz, UGASL 43 n. 178) Cf. érin

Š

-ša (a suffix occurring with the fractions 1/3 and 2/3 in older texts)

šà(g) (šag₄) heart, inside, interior, middle; womb; meaning

šà - bal to breed

šà-bal-bal-a progeny; generation

šà - dab₅ to feel hurt, be worried

šà-du₁₀ young (of humans and animals), infant

šà-gal fodder; food (*ukullū*)

šà-ğar → šağar

šà-ge - du₁₁ to say to oneself, say inwardly

šà-ge-guru₆₋₇ one's heart's desire

šà-ge - pà to envision inwardly (conventionally "choose in/by the heart")

šà-gu₄ plowman's assistant

šà - gur₄ to feel wonderful (see Civil *ad* Ninkasi Hymn 61f.)

šà - huğ (wr. conventionally **hun**) to soothe the heart, appease, calm down

šà-hul-gig hatred

šà - húl to gladden the heart, make happy

šà-húl-la that which gladdens the heart; a glad heart, happiness, joy (also construed with a genitive: **šà-húl-la(-k)**)

šà-ka-tab fast, fasting

šà - kúš to deliberate, take counsel with (-da-)

šà-lá-sù(d) merciful, gracious

šà - sig to be depressed, anxious

šà-sig depression, sorrow

šà-sù-ga emptiness, nakedness

šà-sur diarrhea

šà-súr-ra raging, furious heart

šà - šed₇₋₈ to cool the heart, calm, soothe

šà-túm meadow

šà - túm/tùm to decide

šà-zu midwife (*šabsütu*)

ša₄ → ad - ša₄, še - ša₄

ša₆(g) → sa₆(g)

ša₆-ga → sa₆-ga

šab (a kind of container)

šabra, sabra municipal overseer of fields

šağ'a(LÚxKÁR) prisoner(?); (one to whom an injustice is done, see Krecher, AV Matouš II 57)

šagan_x(AMA.GAN(.ŠA)) bearing mother (human and animal) (see now Attinger, ZA 95, 274f. for rdg. **ama-**šagan_x(GAN) with or without phonetic indicator)

šagar(GU₇), ša-gar, še-ğar starvation, famine, hunger

šagina governor; general

šah, sah pig (cf. zé-eh)

^{dug}**šakir** churn

šám → sám, sa₁₀

šandan(a)(GAL.NI) gardener

šár to be or make numerous, multiply

šár the numeral 3600; adj. numerous, many, innumerable, manifold, all; n. multitude

šár to slaughter (sheep)

šár-ra-ab-du₈ (a field worker)

še barley, grain; (a weight measure = 1/180 gín = ca. 1/20 gram)

ŠE → niga

še(g) v. and adj. (to be) agreeable, willing, obedient

še-ba barley, grain ration

še-du₁₀ (a tree and its wood) (Powell, BSA 6, 115f.)

še-er-gu string of fruit (from late Sarg. on); ring-shaped ornament (OAk) (Civil, Or 56, 235)

še-er-ka-an - du₁₁ (vars. -ha- and -ga-) to decorate, adorn (Attinger, Eléments 683-688; Civil, Or 56, 235 n. 10; Sjöberg, TCS 3, 92)

še-er-ma-al-bé proudly (Emesal for **nir-ğál-bé** = etelliş)

še-er-zí gleam, radiance, brilliance

še-ga willing, obedient

še-ga-bé, še-ga-ne-ne by mutual agreement, with both (or all) of them in agreement

še-ğar → šağar

še-gín glue (also as paint medium)

še-gu-nu, še-gù/gùn-nu speckled barley; second, late crop (cf. gùn)

še - gur₁₀ to harvest grain

še-ğış-ı sesame (see BSA 2 passim)

še-li pine or juniper seeds (*kikkirânu*)

še-LÚ coriander (*kisibirru*)

še-numun seed barley, seed grain

še - ša₄ to moan, groan

še-seg₉ ripe barley

še-ù-suh fir cone (ASJ 9, 349 n. 9) (*terinnu*)

še₈ (šeš) to cry (cf. ér - še₈)

še₂₁(SA₄) (a) (a writing for **sa₄** = *nabû*); (b) (an error for **nú**, i.e. **nu_x(SA₄)**). See Civil, Iraq 23, 168; Wilcke, LE ad 35. Veldhuis, Education 284 calls **še₂₁** an "inanimate complement" of **nú**.

še₂₅ - gi₄ to cry out, scream, screech. The old reading is **šíx(d)**. Read now **še₂₅/seg₁₀** for **KAxSID** or **še₂₆/seg₁₁** for **KAxDÚB**. Gudea texts write **seg₁₂(SIG₄)**. See Zgoll, AOAT 246, 312f.

še₇₋₁₁, še_{4/12/18}, se₁₁(SIG) to cool, be cool, cold; to soothe, calm, appease

šeğ(A.AN), šeğ(IM) to rain; n. rain (also written **IM.A.AN, IM.A., or IM.A.A**)

šeğ₆ to boil, cook, heat, bake (*başālu*) (Steinkeller, AV Sigrist 186)

šeğ₉ ripe (grain)

šeğ₉ wild boar; wild sheep(?)

šeḡ₉-bar (or šeḡbar_x(ŠEĜ₉)^{bar}) Mesopotamian fallow deer (conventionally "wild ram, sheep," but see Stein-keller, BSA 8, 50)

še₁₀₋₁₁ - gi₄ → še₂₅ - gi₄

še₁₂ → sig₄, še₂₅ - gi₄

(urudu) šem, si-im (a kind of drum)

(urudu) šen (a kind of kettle or ewer)

ŠEN → dur₁₀

šen v. & adj. (to be) clean, pure

šen-šen very clean, immaculate

šen-šen battle (cf. the same sign read dur₁₀)

šer₇(NIR)-da capital crime/offense, serious "felony"; a corresponding punishment. Civil, AV Hallo 75ff. reads NIR-da, Emesal šer-da, še-er-da (the šer₇-da read by some cannot be proved directly; perhaps Akk. nērtu "murder" was the original source for a word *ner-da?)

ŠEŠ → sis

šeš brother (probably to be read ses at least through OB; cf. se-ès = ŠEŠ Proto-Ea 623)

šeš-gal elder brother; school monitor

šeš → še₈

šeš₄, šeš to anoint, anoint oneself

ši-pa-ág → zi-pa-ág

šibir(U.ENxKÁR) (shepherd's) staff (šibirru) (Veldhuis, Education 175f. Civil, AV Biggs 27)

šid to count; to recount, recite, read; to count, number among, reckon as; to do an accounting

šid counting; line count (at the end of tablets)

ŠID.ŠID feathers

šika potsherd; shell, carapace; (fish) scales; cf. šika-ku₅-da broken potsherds

šilam(TURxSAL) (domestic) mother cow (Veldhuis, JCS 54 [2002] 69-74)

šilanga → silaḡ(-gá)

šiliq (siliq) to cease (usually in negated participle nu-šiliq-e unceasing); to make cease, annihilate

šim aromatic, a substance having a pleasing odor or fragrance (first element of numerous terms for resins) Cf. perhaps si-im to smell.

šim-zi-da, šim-bi-zi(-da) mascara, kohl (antimony paste)

giššinig tamarisk (*bīnu*) (Powell, BSA 6, 106f.)

šir song (J.G. Westenholz, AV Klein 350f.) (*śēru*, *zamāru*)

šir - ra to strike up a song, sing

šir(-re-eš) - du₁₁ to say (as/in) a song, sing (Attinger, Eléments 690-695)

šir-nam-šub (a mainly Emesal hymn type) (Flückiger-Hawker, Urmamma p. 260-263)

šita (syllabic eš-da) (a kind of priest); (a cultic vessel) Cf. nam-šita

šita-ab-(b)a (a kind of priest)

šita (obsolete, read now utúg mace)

šitim, šidim house builder, mason, bricklayer (*itinnu*) (Sjöberg, AV Limet 128f.; Civil, AV Biggs 27)

šu hand; handwriting; handle (Steinkeller, ASJ 9, 349 n. 11); pounding stone, muller (Civil, AuOr Suppl. 22, 132); responsibility of

šu-a - bal to transfer, transmit, hand over (Civil, JCS 28, 79)

šu-a - gi₄ to hand over, turn in, transmit, hand down; to repeat (with or without -a)

šu-a - si(g) to pay, put full payment into the hand

šu - bad to open the hand; to lay hands on, seize, loot (cf. šu - ba(r))

ŠU.BAD → zapah

šu - bal to overturn, alter, change

šu-bal - a₅ to overturn; to replace, change X into Y (Civil, JCS 28, 79f.)

šu - ba(r), šu - bar to release, set free; to forget (the original root is /badr/; cf. šu - bad and see Krecher, AV Kutscher 111-117)

šu - dab₅ to (make the hand) seize; to take (with) the hand

šu - dag to wander; to abandon (cf. dag)

šu-daḡal - du₁₁ to effect or accomplish much, make great exertions (cf. šu - du₁₁)

šu - dū to slander, denounce

šu - dū to capture (cf. CAD K 129a)

šu - du₇ to do, set, perform, prepare, correctly or perfectly; to complete, perfect; to embellish, adorn

šu-du₇(-a) perfect

šu - du₈ to hold (in the hand); to guarantee, provide surety for

šu-du₈-a guarantor

šu-du₈-a - gub to establish a guarantee or surety, to serve as guarantor for

šu - du₁₁ to use the hand; to do, effect; to exert oneself; to accomplish (Attinger, Eléments 696-703)

šu-du₁₁-ga accomplishment, creation

šu - ġar to set the hand to, do something (good, worthy), do a favor, favor

šu-ġar - gi₄ (also šu - gi₄) to avenge, take vengeance on, repay (lit. "to return, send back what was done")

šu-gi₄ old one (person or animal)

šu - gi₄ → šu-a - gi₄, šu-ġar - gi₄

šu - gíd to reach out the hand, take, accept; (to perform extispicy, cf. máš-šu-gíd-gíd)

šu-HA(d) (or šu-peš(d) or šu-ku₆(dr)) fisherman. The old reading is šu-ha; many now read šu-ku₆. See major discussion in Englund, BBVO 10, 230-236. In view of the variant peš(HA-gunū), the reading might be šu-peš₁₁(HA), assuming that the problem of the Auslaut is the same as that of kěšdr. ePSD reads /šukud/. J. Bauer, ZDMG 146 (1996) 183, hesitantly proposes /šukudr/ in the OS Lagaš texts. Cf. also Bauer, AWL p. 375f. and CAD šukudakku.

šu - hu/ru-uz to burn, roast, set on fire (Civil, AV Biggs 32)

šu-i barber

šu-il-la (an Emesal temple prayer)

šu - kár to insult, denigrate

giššu-kár equipment, tools, implements (*unūtu*); (a musical instrument)

šu-kíḡ service, assignment

šu-kíḡ - dab₅ to do a service; to revere; periphrastic: šu-kíḡ-dab₅ - a₅

šu - lá to defile, desecrate

šu - luh to wash the hands; to wash, cleanse; periphrastic: šu-luh - a₅ to clean (a canal) (Civil, AV Biggs 32 + n. 30)

šu-luh lustration, washing ritual (cf. šuluhhu)

šu - mú to make grow, emerge; to pray

šu - níḡin to circle around/back, make a round trip

šu-níḡin(-na) all encompassing

šu-níḡin, šu+níḡin sub-total

šu+niḡin grand total

šu-nir standard

šu-pe-el-lá - du₁₁ to defile (Attinger, Eléments 710-714)

šu - peš to increase, broaden, expand

šu - ri to lay the hand upon; to wring the hands

šu-ri-a, (OS **šu-ru-a**, **šu-ri**) one-half (Civil, Or 56, 234; Steinkeller, JESHO 24, 142)

šu-si finger

šu si - sá to keep in good order

šu-sùh-a - du₁₁ to produce confusion, disturbance (Attinger, Eléments 716-718)

šu - šúm to give, entrust

šu - tag to touch; to play a musical instrument (e.g. Nanše Hymn 44; see Sjöberg, AV Limet 135); to decorate (Attinger, Eléments 722f.)

šu-tag - du₁₁ to decorate, adorn (Attinger, Eléments 720-725)

šu - tag₄ to dispatch, send out, send over (Civil, AuOr 8, 109-111 reads. **tak₄**)

šu - ti to take from (-si-), accept, receive, get, seize, catch; to reach for (the imperf. root is usually **te(ğ)**)

šu-tur inscription

giš **šu-úr-me/mén, šurmen**(ŠU.ME.EREN) cypress (the tree, its wood, or its resin)

šu - ùr to erase, rub out, annihilate (imperf. often written **uru₁₂(UR)** as well as **ùr-ru/re**)

šu-ur₆(-rá) → šúr

šu - ús to push (open)

šu - zi to raise the hand (destructively) against

šú (šúš), šu₄ (šuš) to (let) fall upon, spread over, cover (especially with nets); to overwhelm, cast down; to become obscure, dark

šub to (let) fall, be felled, fell; to throw down, away; to forsake, abandon, dismiss; to give up, leave off

šub-ba fallen, collapsed, demolished, abandoned

ŠUB-lugal royal subordinate, vassal(?) (a class of workers in Presargonic texts)

šuba(ZA.MÚŠ), šúba(ZA.MÙŠ) bright, shining, pure; multicolored

(na⁴)**šúba(MÙŠxZA), šuba** agate(?) (*šubû*)

šubun → ǵišbun

šubur → subur

šùd, šu₁₂ n. prayer; v. to pray

šùd - du₁₁ to say a prayer, pray (Attinger, Eléments 726-728)

šùd - rá to pray

giš **šudul**₍₄₎ yoke (some read **šudun**)

šuku(dr) food portion, subsistance allotment (**šuku** is the conventional reading, ePSD reads **šúkur**, and some now read **pad(r)**). The value **kur₆** does not exist; see Steinkeller, Third-Millennium Legal Texts 69, also Civil, AV Biggs 29 s.v. **kurum.**) (*kurummattu*)

šukur thorn, needle

giš **šukur** reed fence, corral (Civil, AuOr 5, 22; Römer, AFO 40/41, 30ff.; Michalowski, Lamentation p. 75)

giš **šukur**, uruduš **šukur**, spear, lance

šul noble, valiant, young man (or the like) (some now read **sul**)

šum to slaughter

uruduš **šum** saw

uruduš **šum-gam** curved(?) saw

šúm(SUM) to give; to pay (in commodities or a combination of a metal and commodity) The standard older reading **sum** may also be correct in some contexts; see Zgoll, AOAT 246, 311.

šúr to be furious, enraged

šúr, šu-ur₆(-rá) adj. & adv. furious, angry, haughty; angrily (Civil, AV Biggs 31 s.v. /sumur/)

šúr-bé furiously, angrily

šúr-dù^{mušen} falcon

šurim(LAGABxGUD:GUD), šurim(LAGABx GUD)
dung

šuš, šúš → šú

šuš → kuš₇

šutur(MAH) quality cloth

T

ta(-àm) what?

tab to be parallel, lie parallel to; to double; to twist, entwine; to link, join, unite; to lock; to sweep away, devastate (*sapānu*) (cf. Michalowski, Lamentation p. 71; Civil, NABU 1987/49)

tab-ba companion; pair, twin; together

táb, tab to burn, glow

tag to touch, prod; to touch wrongly, profane, spoil; to weave; to overlay, face, embellish; to apply, treat with; to broadcast (seed-grain, cf. Maekawa, ASJ 15, 112)

TAG → **sub₆**

tag₄, tak₄ to leave, leave over, leave for the benefit or use of; to abandon, divorce; to remove (see Civil, AuOr 8, 111 in disc. of **šu - tak₄**)

tál(PI) to be broad, wide; to widen, expand; to spread out, lay out (cf. **sal**)

tál(-la) wide

tan₄ → **dan₆**

tar to divide, separate, cut Cf. **nam - tar**

gištaskarin boxwood

^(uzu)**te** cheek

te(g) (imperf.), **ti** (perf.) to approach (cf. Thomsen, Sumerian Language p. 114f.)

te(n), te-en (redupl. **te-en-te**) to cool; to soothe, assuage; to extinguish (a fire); to annihilate

te-en cool, cold; **te-te-en** very cool (Sjöberg, AV Jacobsen (2002) 232; root was originally **te-me-en** like **sun/sumun**)

te-eš → **téš**

TE.ME → **ní-te**

temen, te-me(-n) foundation, perimeter (originally the pegs which mark out the foundation plot; see Dunham, RA 80, 31-64) (Civil, AV Biggs 27) (*temennu*)

temen - si(g) to lay a foundation (originally to sink the pegs marking out the foundation)

téš modesty, shame; vigor, pride; (a euphemism for vulva) (cf. **téš nu-zu** shameless (person))

téš, te-eš unity, oneness; each one, one another (connect with **diš** one)

téš-a, téš-ba, téš-ta together, as one

téš-a sè-ga(-bé) put together as one, acting in unity

téš-bé, téš-bi-šè as one, all together

téš-bé - gu₇ → **UR-bé - gu₇**

téš - du₁₁ to shout together, roar(?)

ti(l), ti-il to live, be alive; to dwell (the plural root is **sig_{7/se₁₂}** (Steinkeller, SEL 1, 5ff.; Thomsen, Sumerian Language p. 135)

ti → **te(g)**

^(uzu)**ti(-ti)** rib(s)

^(giš)**ti** arrow

ti-gi₄-lu^{mušen}, ti-gid₂^{mušen}-lú (Gudea) (a bird) (Civil, NABU 1987/48; Veldhuis, Education 187; Bauer, AV

Klein 19-22) For the related musical instrument see **tigidlu**.

ti-la alive, living, while alive

ti - bal turn sideways, onto the side

^{gis}**ti-zú** barbed arrow(?), arrow point(?)

tibir, tibir fist (Civil, AV Biggs 27) (*upnu*)

tibir - ra to slap

tibira (dibira) metal and wood craftsman (also involved in the making of statues). Wr. **DUB.NAGAR** through Ur III, then **URUDU.NAGAR** in OB. (Steinkeller, Sale Documents 176; Sjöberg, AV Limet 127f.) (*gurgurru*)

tigi (a kind of drum); (an OB hymn type, a hymn of praise consisting minimally of **sagida** and **sağara** sections)

^{gis}**tigidlu/a(ŠA₃.TAR or DI.TAR)** (a musical instrument named after a bird) (Civil, NABU 1987/48; Veldhuis, Education 187) (see **ti-gi₄-lu^{mušen}**)

til to be finished, ended, completed; to finish off, bring to an end

tilla crossroads, town square, marketplace

tin wine (Badler, BaM 27 (1996) 42, has determined that a residue in an excavated pot is that of a "grape liquid, most probably wine," suggesting that wine was indeed known in Mesopotamia.)

^{gis}**tir** forest, (riverine) grove

^d**tir-an-na** rainbow

titab cooked beer mash

tu^{mušen} dove, pigeon

tu(d), ù-tu(d) to be born, begotten; to give birth, engender, beget; to form, create (statues) (some now read **(ù)-dú**)

tu(r) (tur₅) to be sick; adj. **tu-ra**

tu-di-da, tu-di-tum toggle pin, fibula (see Klein, ZA 73, 255-284; Sjöberg, ZA 86, 224f.)

tu-lu to loosen, slacken, relax

^{gis}**tu-lu-bu-um** plane tree or wood

^{im}**tu-ru-na** → ^{im}**durun-na**

tu₆ incantation

tu₉ → **túg**

tu_{10(b)}, tu_{11(b)} to smite, strike, defeat (this meaning has also been associated with the values **hub**, **húb** but PSD keeps them separate)

tu_{11(b)} (var. of **dub** to heap up ?)

túd to whip

túg, tu_{9(g/b)} (woolen) garment

túg-A.SU → ^{túg}**aktum**

túg-ba clothing ration

^(lú)**túg-du₈** felt maker, fuller (a craftsman making a special type of woven cloth, Sjöberg, AV Limet 128)

túg-du_{8-a} felt (Steinkeller, OrAnt 19, 85-93)

túg-mu-dur_{7(BU)-ra} dirty clothing, rags, mourning garments

túg-nì-bàra blanket

túg-šu-gur turban

tuk, tuku (reduplicated **du₁₂-du₁₂**) to acquire, obtain; to have, possess; to marry; to play a musical instrument

tuk₄, tuku₄ to tremble, quake, shiver (Foster, RA 75, 189); to buffet

^{gis}**tukul** mace, weapon, arms (Civil, AV Biggs 33)

tukum-bi, tukumbi if

túkur(KAxŠE) to chew, gnaw (*kasāsu*)

túl (public) fountain, well

túm, túm to bring in, deliver; to take away (see Thomsen, Sumerian Language p. 133) Forms include: **de₆(DU)** perf. sg.; **túm(DU)**, **túm** imperf. sg.; **lah₄(DU over DU)** or **lah₅(DU.DU)** perf. & imperf. pl. Problems remain, however. In OB there are indications that the sg. forms are **túm** or **túm** perf. and **túm-mu** imperf. There may be a link between this sign and **ku_{4(r)}** in OS and Ur III (see Krecher, ZA 77, 7-21); cf. the Ur III accounting phrase **šà mu-TUM₂-ra-ta** "out of income." The Emesal equivalent of **túm** is **ir**. See Sallaberger, AV Schretter 557-576 for the following new description: a) bring I = mit sich führen, geleiten. Used only with living persons or animals that can move by themselves. Forms are **túm(DU)** perf.sg., **túm** imperf. sg., and plural **lah₄** or **lah₅** both perf. & imperf.; b) bring II = liefern "to deliver." Forms are **de₆** perf. sg., **túm** imperf. sg.

túm (to be) worthy of, fitting for, suited to (-a/šè/ra) (*ana ... šūluku*) (Sallaberger, AV Schretter 573f.; Sjöberg, AV Wilcke 263 + n. 29)

túm-ma (field) produce

tum₉(IM), tumu(IM) wind

tum₉-mar-dú west wind; west

tum₉-mir north wind; north

tum₉-sa₁₂-ti-um east wind; east

tum₉-ulu south wind; south

tùn (pouch or receptacle); (an ax, often with a wood or copper determinative, probably to be read **aga**)

tùn - bar (or read **aga?**) to split with an ax

tur to be small, young; to diminish, reduce, deduct Cf. the reduplicated substantive **di₄-di₄-lá** (or **du₁₃-du₁₃-lá**) youngsters, little ones, children.

tur small, young; brief (cf. **bànda**)

TUR.ŠÈ → kun₅

tùr cattle pen, byre

tuš to sit, take a seat; to settle, establish residence; to dwell, reside, stay, abide The standard grammars state

that forms include: **tuš** perf. sg.; **dúr-ru-u(n)** perf. pl., imperfect. sg. and pl. or **durun_x(DÚR.DÚR)** in Presargonic Lagash texts (Thomsen, Sumerian Language p. 135; Edzard, Sumerian Grammar p. 78; Steinkeller, Or 48 [1979] 55f. n. 6). But it seems more likely that the distinction is actually **tuš** sg. vs. **dúr(un)** pl. irregardless of aspect. The infinitive, for example, is **(tuš-)-tuš-ù-dè**.

tuš - ġar → dúr - ġar

U

u ten (Edzard, AV Klein 103); "many times" (in adverbial expressions like **u-ta**, **u-še₃**, **u-am₃**, see Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 70)

U.KID (read **šita₄** in → **á-šita₄**)

U.UD.KID → ni₉-ġar

ú plant, grass; food; grass-fed, free-range (animal)

ú-a food and drink, sustenance; provider (of a temple or land, a common royal epithet) (*zāninu*)

ú-du(l) supervisor of herds, chief shepherd

ú-du₁₁(g) → udug

ú-gu/gù - dé to become lost, disappear; to flee, escape

ú-ma-am animals

ú-rum property (of someone)

ú-sal (riverine) meadow

ú-sal-la - nú to rest contentedly, live in peace, "lie down in green pastures"

ú-si₄-an(-na) dusk, twilight

ú-sig → uzug₅

ú - sù(g) to be served food, dine

ú-šim sweet-smelling grasses

ù high ground(?), island(?) (Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 132f.)

ù and, also, furthermore, moreover; (as correlative **ù** ... **ù** either...or, neither...nor) (loan from Akkadian *u*)

ù sleep

ù(-a), **ù-u₈-a**, **u₈(-a)** Woe! Alas!; lullaby

ù-di → **u₆-di**, **ù-sá**

ù-gul supplication, plea

ù-gul - ǵar to address a plea, pray

ù - ku₍₄₎ to fall asleep, put to sleep (cf. **ù-nu-ku** sleeplessness)

ù-luh offshoot, (tree) branch; scepter (fig.) (Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 105 n. 90)

ù-luh(-ha) - **sù** to send out offshoots, branches (Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 88f. + p. 105 n. 90)

ù-ma victory, triumph

ù-mu-un → **umun**

ù-na ready for battle

ù-na-(a-)du₁₁ letter

ù-nu-ku sleeplessness (Civil, AV Hallo 74)

ù-sá(g) (deep) sleep

ù-sakar/sar → **u₄-sar**

^{gis}**ù-suh₅** (a species of pine) (*ašūhu*) (Powell, BSA 6, 116f.)

ù-sún → **sún**

^{gis}**ù-šub**, ^{gis}**NI-šub** brickmould (see Steinkeller, AuOr 2, 139 for the reading of the variant)

ù-tu(d) → **tu(d)**

u₄(d) (**ud**) day, daylight; storm; time; time of death (as in the phrase **u₄-da-ni nu-me-a** "before his time"); at

the time of, when (in verbal clauses of the form **u₄ CLAUSE-a-CASE** or in (pronominal) phrases of the form **u₄-(PRONOUN)-CASE**)

u₄-ba then, at this/that time; formerly

u₄-bar₇ midday

u₄-bi-ta since, after that time; as nominalized phrase: earlier days, former time, days gone by

u₄-buru₁₄(-ka) (at) harvest time

u₄-da on the day, when, whenever, if; today; daily

u₄-dè-eš like the daylight

u₄-è sunrise, east (perhaps to be read **utu-è** in contexts with a variant ^d**utu-è**, cf. Sjöberg, AV Wilcke 260)

u₄-kúr-šè at a different time, in the future (OB legal)

u₄-nú(-a) day of the disappearance of the moon

U₄.^dNANNA → **iti₆**

u₄-sakar(SAR) crescent (of the moon); day of the first visibility of the new moon, beginning of the month. Perhaps to be pronounced [uskar]; cf. the Akk. loan *uskāru*.

u₄/ù-sar - a₅ to sharpen, make pointed (previously read **u₄-sakar**, but see Civil, JNES 43 (1984) 284; Cooper, Curse of Agade p. 245f.) (*šēlu*)

u₄-sud-rá/da distant (future) days, long time; cf. **u₄-sud-rá-aš/šè** unto distant days, forever

u₄-šú sunset; **u₄-šú-uš** daily

u₄-tu(-ud)-da day of birth

u₄-ul-lí-a, **u₄-ul-la** in olden times, in days of old (cf. Akk. *ullû*)

u₄-ul-lí-a-aš unto distant (future) days, forever

u₄ - zal to pass, said of time; to spend, pass the time (in some activity); let the time pass, waste time, be late

u₄-zal-le(-da) (at) daybreak, dawn, morning (cf. **á-u₄-zal-le**)

u₅^{mušen} wild goose (the iconic bird of Nanše)
(Veldhuis, Education 294f.)

u₅ to mount, board; to ride on; to transport

u₅ superstructure; cabin (of a boat); high-water (mark)

u₅-bi^{mušen} (a bird)

u₆(g) awe, awesome vision, sight

u₆-ga awesome, awe inspiring

u₆-di, ù-di awe, amazement, astonishment, wonder, marvel; daze, stupor (cf. **ù-sá**)

u₆ - du₁₁ to admire, wonder, marvel at, be in awe of; to provoke, inspire awe (Attinger, Eléments 739-749)

u₆-nir, é-u₆-nir ziggurat (complex) (*ziqqurratu*)
(Waetzoldt, AV Klein 329-331)

u₈ ewe (see also **lahar**)

u₈(-a) → **ù(-a)**

u₁₁-ri₍₂₎-in, ùri(n) eagle

u₁₈-lu → **ùlu**

u₁₈-ru → **uru₁₆**

ub corner (angle); niche; shrine; room

ub-líl-lá open air shrine (in a wall niche)

ub-šu-ukkin-na assembly (esp. poetic)

kuš **ub** (a kind of drum)

ub₄ pit, hole (cf. **ab**)

ubur teat; spout (of a vessel); see also → **akan**

ud₅ → **uzud(ÙZ)**

udu sheep, ram

udu-aslum_x(A.LUM) long-fleeced sheep (*aslū*)
(Steinkeller, BSA 8, 52)

^(d)**udug, ú-du₁₁(g)** male genie, spirit (good or evil); demon

udun oven, kiln

ug lion

ug₅, ug₇ → **úš**

uga^{mušen} raven

ûgnim army (conventionally read **ugnim**; for etymology see Selz, AV Römer 317)

ugu, úgu (A.KA) (or **a-gù**) pate, top (of the head) (*muhhu*); account (Englund, BBVO 10, 72 n. 242; Hilgert, OIP 121, 385)

úgu-a - ûgar to charge to, put to the account of or at the disposal of

úgu-a - tuku to hold against/over someone

ugu₄, ugu progenitor (male or female), begetter, engenderer

^{ugu}**ugu₄-bi** monkey

ugula foreman, overseer, officer

ugula-gešta/ûgeš-da officer (in charge) of sixty (men)
(Steinkeller, ZA 69, 176-187)

úgur(SIG₇) lintel (cf. **úgur-ig** door lintel, Gudea Cyl A 25:10)

úgur-igi eyebrow (*šu'ru*)

ùg̃-da-ga people, population (reading **ukù** is obsolete; some maintain the older reading **un** as with **alam/alan** rather than **alağ̃**)

ùg̃-da-ga nearby folk, neighbors (lit. "people at (one's) side") (Steinkeller, Sale Documents 198)

ùg̃-il bearer, porter

ùg̃-lu-a teeming people, multitude

ùg̃-šár-ra numerous people(s), multitude(s)

uh, úh spittle, slaver, mucus, phlegm; foam (wr. **ah**, ^a**ah** in Gudea) (cf. **uš₁₁**)

uh - du₁₁ to spit Cf. ^a**ah-du₁₁-ga** spittle (of sorcery)
Gudea Cyl B 4:16

úh-luh cough (literally "cleaning out phlegm")

ukkin, ukken, unken assembly (for an etymology see Selz, AV Römer 316f.)

uktin(SIG₇.ALAM) features (*bunnannu*) (cf. **úlutin**)

úku(r) poor (person)

úkuš(HÚL) cucumber

ul, ul-lí-a adj. remote in time (past or future), ancient, primeval; n. ancient time, antiquity (< Akk. *ullum*) (cf. **u₄-ul-lí-a**)

ul a Presargonic capacity measure = 1/4 **gur-sag-ğál** = 36 **sila** = ca. 30 liters

ul n. joy, happiness, pleasure; bud, flower, blossom (see Steinkeller, *Iranica Antiqua* 37 (2002) 361-365; Flückiger-Hawker, *Urnamma* 201f.); beauty; adj. beautiful

ul-a, ul-la with joy, joyfully

ul - a₅ to rejoice

ul₄ to hasten, hurry, be quick; tr. to hurry, harrass, put pressure on (*urruhu*) (Civil, AV Hallo 74)

ul₄-hé base of heaven

ul₄-la-bé quickly

ùlu, u₁₈-lu, ^{im}ùlu south wind; storm, sandstorm

ùlu-di lamentation singer (perhaps derived from **i-lu-di?**)

ulušin(KAŠ.ZÍZ.A.AN) emmer beer

úlutin(SIG₇.ALAM) form (*nabnītu*) (cf. **uktin**)

um-ma old (wise) women, alderwoman

um-me-da, umme(UMxME)-da → **éme-da**

um-mi-a master scribe, craftsman, schoolmaster

umah(LAGABxÚ.A) swamp (*mihṣu, agammu*)

umbin (human) nail, claw, talon, hoof

umbisağ(ŠID) scribe

kuš, ùmmu(d)(A.EDIN.LÁ) (ummud) waterskin (*nādu*)

umun, ù-mu-un lord (Emesal for **en**, also for **nin** in male gods' names, e.g. Nanše B iv 20)

úmun, umum knowledge, cleverness

umuš good counsel, advice; discernment, judgment, sense; mind

UN → **kalam, ùğ**

ùn(BAD₃)(-na) high (cf. **ği₆-ù/un-na** midnight, **si-ùn-na** high point, zenith) (see also **an(-na)**)

unu(g)^{ki} the city Uruk

únu, unu₆, únu-gal deity's private chamber, cella, sanctuary; divine dining room, banquet hall

ùnu(d) (chief) cattle herdsman, cowherd

ur beast of prey, dog, lion; in personal names of the type **x-ur-ğu₁₀** champion(?), (mighty) man/person(?) (connect with **ur₅?**) (some now read **téš**) (Zgoll, AOAT 246, 318; Cavigneaux, CM 19, 48-52)

ur-bar-ra wolf

ur(-bé) - gu₇ to press, clash together, fight in a pack (reading uncertain, cf. **téš-bé & UR.UR**) (M. Green, JCS 30, 153; Michalowki, Lamentation p. 70; A. Cavigneaux, CM 19, 50)

ur-gi₇(r) (domesticated) dog

ur-gi₇-tur (var., **ur-tur**) puppy

ur-mah lion

ur-sağ hero, warrior

ur-ur, URxUR single combat, man to man (i.e. hand-to-hand) combat (Cavigneaux, CM 19, 50)

ḡiš ur-ur-e/šè - lá to engage or compete in combat

úr leg(s), hip(s), loin(s); lap; private parts; bottom, base, foundation, foot (of a tree)

ḡiš úr tree trunk; log

ùr to sweep over/away, wipe off/away, flatten, level, destroy; to slide, slither, drag

ùr roof, ceiling (cf. **ḡiš-ùr**)

ur₄ to gather, assemble

ur₅ spirit(s), mood; liver

ur₅(-ra) (interest-bearing) loan

ur₅ this, this way, thus, so; negated: never

ur₅-gin₇ like this, thus

ur₅ - ša₄ to roar, bellow

ur₅-šè(-àm) because of this, thus, therefore

ur₅-tuku debtor

ur₅ - ug₇ to despair (Tinney, Nippur Lament 138 *ad* 36)

ur₇ father-in-law

uri → ki-uri

urudu**URI** (a large metal container) (Steinkeller, Third-Millennium Texts p. 32)

úri^{ki}(m), uri₅^{ki}(m) the city Ur

úri(n) gate-post, gate-pole (Heimpel, JNES 46, 208f.); standard

úri(n) (urin) blood, bloody (cf. Cooper, Curse of Agade p. 251)

úri(n) → u₁₁-ri-in

uru^(ki), úru city, town; (referring to a specific city?) Most now read **iri** with Edzard, AV Civil 77-79, but see Lambert's strenuous rebuttal, AuOr 10, 256-258.

Attinger, ZA 88, 167 n. 11, states that the OB writing **úru** is "in origin certainly the Emesal form of **iri**."

uru-bar(-ra) outskirts, suburbs

uru₄ to plow, till

uru_{16(n)(EN)}, uru_{17(ULU₃)}, u_{18(ULU₃)}-ru high, lofty, giant; powerful, mighty, strong (Ludwig, Išme-Dagan 107-113; Alster, AV Klein 10f.)

urudu, uruda (also **a-ru_{12(EN)}-da** in Presargonic Lagaš) copper (Reiter, AOAT 249, 149ff.) (Perhaps < IE *roudhous, Foster, Umma in the Sargonic Period 33; but see also suggestion of Yuhong, AV Klein 388f.)

urugal (or **irigal**) netherworld; grave (poetic)

us-ga (a kind of priest?); treasury(?) (conventionally translated as "fattening pen") (see Michalowski, Lamentation p. 104f.)

ús to be adjacent to, border on, come or bring up next to (-e); to lie or lean against, upon ; to follow, go immediately behind, chase

kušusàn, ù-sa-an whip (for construction and parts see Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 72)

ús (uš?) length, long side (in measurements)

usar, ušar, ùsar, ùšur friend, neighbor; cf. **ùsar da-gi₄-a** "neighbor" (Steinkeller, Sales Documents 242f.)

ussu eight (Edzard, AV Klein 103)

usu, ù-su physical strength, power; labor-force

uš building lot, foundation platform

uš-bar weaver

úš death; (blood(?)) perhaps read **uri₄** and connect with **úri?**)

úš(TIL), ug₇(TIL), ug₅(BÀD) to die In OS **úš** is used for imperf. sg., **ug₅/ug₇** elsewhere. In Ur III Drehem, **ug₇** is used for a group of dead animals of the same kind, **ug₇-ug₇** for a variety of dead animals (Sallaberger, AfO 40/41, 53; Heimpel, JAOS 119, 523 contra Steinkeller, ZA 71, 25). The **úš** vs. **ug₇**

distinction may not have been maintained much beyond the Ur III period.

uš₁₁(KAXÚŠ) deadly spittle, venom, poison (cf. **uh** and note that **uš₁₁** also has the value **uh₄**)

ušbar mother-in-law

úšu thirty (Edzard, AV Klein 105)

ušum serpent

ušumgal(GAL+UŠUM), ušum-gal great serpent, "dragon" (poetic)

utu sun(light); the sun god Utu, city-god of Larsa

^(d)**utu-è** sunrise, east (some read **u₄-è** when determinative is lacking)

utu- šú → u₄-šú

útug, údug mace (reading **šíta** is obsolete)

uz^{mušen} (wild) duck (Veldhuis, Education 303) (the determinative is often omitted to avoid a double HU sign)

ÙZ → uzud

uzu flesh, meat; determinative for body parts and meat cuts

uzu-a-bala meat broth (*ummar mē šīri*) (Steinkeller, BSA 8, 49 + n. 5)

uzud(ÙZ) (female) goat Some maintain the old reading **ùz**; others hypothesize a form **ud₅**. Steinkeller, Third-Millennium Texts 47, assumes **uzud** loses the second /u/ when another vowel follows, becoming /uzd/.

uzud-sağ bellwether; foremost one, leader

uzug₅, usug₅ sexually unclean (syllabic writings exist, especially in Gudea texts, e.g. **ú-sig**)

Z

za (precious) stone

za An old auxiliary verb appearing in the **dub-dab₅ - za** onomatopoetic constructions, for which see Civil, JCS 20, 119ff.; Römer, SKIZ 182f.; Black, AV Wilcke 35ff. Cavigneaux, ASJ 9, 50, suggests **za** = **ša₄** = **ša₅(AK)**. Bauer, AoN 19, 7, suggests "tönen" or the like.

za-am-za-am (a musical instrument)

^{giš}**za-ba-lum** (a variety of juniper?)

za-dím, zadim lapidary

^{na4}**za-gìn** lapis lazuli

za-gìn blue; lustrous, bright, shining, pure

za-lam(-gar) tent

za-pa-ág voice, sound; tumult; throat (cf. **zi-pa-ág**)

^{giš}**za-ra** pivot stone or cap, door socket

ZA-tenū → ad₄

zà(g) (zag) (right) side, shoulder; (outer) edge, outskirts; border, frontier; end, limit

zà(g) owner's mark, emblem (cf. **zà - šú**)

zà(-gar-ra) shrine

zà - dib to pass in front, go at the fore

zà-du₈ threshold

zà-gal, zà-gu-la seat of honor

^{giš}**zà-hi-li^{nisi}** conventionally "cress," but Civil, AuOr 5, 30f. translates "(a prickly plant)" and Ferwada, Isin 43 translates "(seed of) Vicia ervilia," i.e. bitter vetch

zà - kéš to bind, fasten, gird on (garments, weapons)

^{giš}**zà-mí** lyre (or perhaps harp; see Lawergren & Gurney, Iraq 49, 40ff.)

zà-mí/me praise; (an OB hymn type, a hymn of praise)

zà-mí - du₁₁ to say/sing the praises of (Attinger, Eléments 755-761)

zà-mu(-k) end of the year, New Year

zà-še strong thighs, running ability

za - šú/šu₄ to apply an owner's mark; to brand (Foxvog, ZA 85, 1-3)

urudu **zà-šú** branding-iron

zà - tag to push away, shove aside, reject; to overwhelm, overthrow

zabar, zàbar (OS) bronze (Reiter, AOAT 249, 288ff.); bronze vessel, bronze-ware, bronzes; mirror (Steinkeller, ASJ 9, 347-49)

zabar-dab₅ (a powerful royal official) (Charpin, Clergé d'Ur 236-240; Sallaberger, Der Kultischer Kalender I 211 n. 997; 231 n. 1103 "etwa oberster Mundschenk")

zabar-šu hand-mirror (Steinkeller, ASJ 9, 347-49)

zadim → **za-dím**

záh, zàh v. to flee, escape; n. fugitive

zal to flow; to melt; to pass (time)

zalag (reduplicated **zazalag**) (to be) pure, shining, bright

zapah(ŠU.BAD) palm of the hand; span (= ½ kùš = ca. 9 3/4 inches) (Civil, AV Biggs 23) (*ūtu*)

zar, zàr (hay)stack, sheaves; heap, mound (Civil, Farmer's Instructions p. 91f.)

zar(-re-eš) - tab to gather up or pile (grain stalks) into stacks

zar-re-eš - tál to lay out (grain stalks) in stacks

zé(-er) → **zi(-ir), bu(r)**

zé-eh, zah, zahda(ŠÁH.ZÉ.DA) piglet (cf. **šáh**) (*šahū*) (Steinkeller, NABU 2007 p. 18)

zèh (read now → ^{munus} **āš-gàr**)

zi life; breath; throat

zi(d) to be faithful, trusty, steadfast, true, righteous, good, fine

zi(-da) adj. right, upright, true, faithful, good; n. right (hand or side)

zi(g) to rise, raise; to get excited; to remove, expend; to be excepted, left out (NABU 1994/ 82)

zi-du just, righteous (person)

zi-ga mobilization, levy; (something) raised

zi - gi₄ to calm down

zi(-ir), zé(-er), sír, súr to slip, slide; to efface, erase; to cancel, annul (JAOS 119, 523); to raze, destroy; (to cut or remove plants)

zi - ir to be troubled, worried

zi - pa-ág/an to draw breaths, breathe

zi-pa-ág nostril, airhole; throat(?) (Emesal **ši-pa-ág**; cf. **za-pa-ág**)

zi - pà to take an oath; to conjure

zi-qùm royal road station (Ur III)

zi-šà breath of life

zi-šà - gál to inspire, encourage

zi-šà-gál n. (divine) encouragement, inspiration; adj. life-giving

zi - túm to betake one's life to, to save one's life, take refuge

zi-u₄-sud-rá life of long duration

anše **ZI-ZI** → **sisi**

zì(d) (zíd) flour

zì - dub to heap up, sprinkle flour (ritually), offer flour

zì-dub-dub offering flour

zì-sig₁₅ coarse flour (*hiślutm*)

ZÌ.ŠE → **dabin**

zíb - gíd to hold the reins (Civil, AuOr 17-18, 184 n. 18)

zikum(ENGUR) heaven

zíz emmer wheat

ZÍZ.AN (read **im̄gāga₃**?) dehulled emmer (?) See Cohen, NABU 1990/ 134, for disc. of **ZÍZ.A.N** = /udra/ = *utrû* (see CAD *kunāšu* LL); for **ZÍZ.A** (OS Nippur) read thus **úd-duru₅**. Cf. **ZÍZ** = **úd** = *tiktum* (a type of flour).

zu, OS also **su** to know; to know how, be able; to acknowledge, make known, proclaim; to learn, discover; to inform, teach

zu-a, OS **su-a** acquaintance (elliptical for **lú-zu-a**)

zú tooth, fang; point, tine (of a tool or weapon)

zú - bir₉(NE) (also read **gir₁₀**) to laugh

zú - gu₇, zú - ku₅ to bite (off)

zú - gub to bite, eat (Civil, JNES 23, 9)

zú-lum date (Civil, AV Biggs 33 understands the underlying form to be /zulu^mb/)

zuh to steal

zuh-a stolen

zukum(NÚMUN) to step (on), tread, trample

zulumhí → suluhu

zur to break, raze (var. of **zi-ir?**)

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