The igbo language is very rich in proverbs, though some of them don’t have their full meaning when expressed in English language. AMAKVITAA have tried to write down 1000 proverbs in English and Igbo language.

1. Nwanyọ nwanyọ k’eji ari ugwu.
   – By slow and steady pace you climb a hill.
2. ọnwọ nâ egbu nwankọta anaghọ ekweya anọ isi nsọ.
   – The calamity that ultimately kills a young dog would prevent it from perceiving the smell of faeces.
3. Ugwu mọta mgbaji ukwu, Agadi nwanyọ amọta agakata ezue ike.
   – When the hill learns to cause waist pain the old lady learns to rest intermittently.
4. Anọ gbaa ajọ #s#, agba ya aj# egbe.
   – When an animal runs badly, it gets a bad gun shot as well.
5. Beta an#, beta an# b# kwa n# n’ar# efi.
   – More meat, more meat, All comes from the cow.
6. #kpana okpoko buru, nti chirи ya.
   – The grasshopper scooped away by a hornbill deaf.
7. A gbakata Eze nk#t#, ekpudo nkata n’isi gwa ya okwu.
   – When You forebear a king for so long you put on a basket on your face before you speak out.
8. Mmiri riri enyi ka mbe h#r# na-awa #g#d#; # ga-efe mmiri efe ka # ga-aw# ya aw#?
   – The tortoise that gears up besides a river that drowned an elephant, is it going to fly over this river or just jump over it?
9. A na-ekwu na #r#a ezugh# oke, nd# dara ibi ana etokwu af#.
   – Where as not every one has an equal share of sickness those with scrotal hernia are also getting bloated.
10. Ebe onye #s# ruru ka onye ije ga-eru.
    – The runner and the walker will end the same point.
11. #k#r# si na ya na-ach# #nw#, mana # b#gh# nke katap##t.
    – Orkiri the bird says it seeks death (not bothered by death) but not from a sling shot (catapult shot).
12. Ka ah# na anya ka mgb# ji a# enwe n’isi
    – For a closer look; the monkey got bullet shot in its head.
13. Ebube ag# nà echе agu.
    – The Lion’s glory serves as a shield.
14. Mbaji na akari #h# na #k#.
    – A big yam tuber is beyond roasting in fire.
15. #w.naC™m adara ndi amaghọ asa.
   – Bread fruit falls for those that do not know how to process it.
   – The travellers have more knowledge than the gray haired.
17. Onye n# be ya, # na-aba
   – When one is at home, he/she hollers.
18. Akwa #k# tie ak#, ihere eemkpmume.
   – If an egg cracks a kernel, the stone is put to shame.
19. Ebe nwatak=re na-ohuta ## mman# ka # na ap# r#r#.
   – Where a child gets his mouth oily, that’s where he hangs out.
20. Agw# emegh# ihe o ji b#r# agw# m# aka ewere ya gwurie egwu.
   – If a snake fails to live up to its attributes, children will play with it.
21. Were iri gi g## eze gi n#.
   – Use your tongue to count your teeth.
22. b# ke l# gosiri ke kye ebe ngiga di.
   – It is the domestic rat that showed the wild rat where to find the hamper.
23. Nn# n# si nala bee ni kwube ka n# kwa n’ana.
   – The bird that flies from the ground and perches on an ant hill is still on the ground.
24. Ak# fecha dара aw#.
   – After flying the termite will fall to be eaten by the toad.
25. A ny# k# mamiri n#, gba #f#f#.
   – When people urinate on the same spot it forms.
26. okirikiri ka a na gba ukwu ose. Ad#gh# ar# ya elu.
   – Round and round you go the pepper plant you don’t climb it.
27. Ejighi ntufu af# ike.
   – There is no strength in being wasteful.
28. Okwu a na-as# anya amagh# ebi ghoo.
   – A subject that can not be freely discussed will not have q quick closure.
29. Akanri kw# aka ekpe , aka ekpe akw# aka nri.
   – If the right hand scrubs the left, the left hand will in turn scrub the right
30. Ndi na-eje mposi abal# na-ah# #kpana nd# mm#.
43. Onye si na ya anaghị ata an# nkita, ya a hara kwana mmiri #fe ya.
   – He who abhors dog meat should not elect to drink the soup.
44. Nwany# na ete ofe ogiri mara ijiji anya mb#a.
   – A woman that prepares soup with ogiri (fowl smelling spice) is familiar with house fly.
45. Anu# gbala taa, echị b# nta.
   – If an animal escapes the hunter today, tomorrow is yet another day to hunt.
46. #ch# #k#k# nwe ada. Nwa #k#k# nwe nwanwa #s#.
   – Chicken chasers will fall but the chicken always gets away.
47. Agadi nwany# anagh# akaru nka na egwu # mara agba.
   – An old woman is never too old to perform her favorite dance step.
48. Mbe si na ibu bọ nke ya, ya mere o ji kwọrọ ya na-azọ
   – The tortoise says that the luggage belongs to him that is why he carries it on his back.
49. E nenie nwa ite, # gb#ny## #k#.
   – If you overlook a tiny pot, it will boil over and douse the fire.
50. Nje d# na az# b# az#.
   – The weevil in the fish is fish
51. Nwatak#r# a t#r# ilu, ma k#wakwara ya, ego e ji wee l#o nne ya lara n’liy
   – If someone has to explain a proverb to you, the dowry paid on your mother was a waste.
52. Achu# aja, odele ab#agh#, ịmpara na ịhọ mere bee ndị mmu#
   – If the vulture fails to show up at the place of sacrifice, you know that something is wrong in the land of the spirits.
53. Onye otu anya na ab# eze n’ala ndi isi.
   – One eyed man is king in the land of the blind.
54. Nwata na-ata akara na ata ego ya.
   – A child that is consuming akara (Bean cake) is consuming his money.
55. #k#k# n’agha wara wara, anya n’agha wara n’ah# ya.
   – The chicken that walks crooked is seen by a crooked eye.
56. At#r# na-ach# ipu mpi jee j#a ebune ka ekwo d# ya.
   – A sheep that is eager to grow horn should ask the ran how its neck feels.
57. A t#r#r# # mara, # mara. Ma a t##r# #feke, # fenye isi nà #fia.
   – If you hint the wise they make use of it, but the fool will use it foolishly.
58. Mmcha ede ab#gh# #k#k# ya
   – Preparing cocoyam for planting does not mean that they are already planted.
59. Ka anyi kele onye nti chiri, ma elu anoghị, ala ga an#.
   – Acknowledge the deaf; if the heavens don’t hear, the earth will hear.
60. Ihe na ata ańara d# nà ime ańara.
   – The pest that consumes the egg plant is within.
61. Ilu bu mman# igbo ji eri okwu.
   – Idioms are like the source with which Igbo people eat expressions.
62. Ihe okenye n# n’ala were h#, nwata rigoro nà elu, # gagh# ah# ya.
   – What the elderly sees while seating may not be seen by a child though he climbs to heights.
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63. Ka anyi na-ach# aja ka ikpe na-ama ndi m##.
   – Let us keep offering sacrifice thereby passing the blame to the gods (spirits).
64. A na-ech# anya ama #ka chara acha.
   – You know a fully ripe corn by the looks.
65. Agb#gh#bia tochaa # chere ibe ya.
– After growing to puberty the damsel waits for her peers.

66. E mee ngwa ngwa, emeghara #dachi.
– When you are fast to act, you are more likely to avoid problem.

67. Bere mmawan# na-akpa ike maka na ijere an#ghi nso.
– A small masquerade is powerful because a big masquerade is not around.

68. Nk#ta # ngwa o ihe o ji eso onye af# ukwu b# na ny#gh# any#, # gb# agh#.

The dog said â€œThe reason why I trail the fat bellied is because they are sure to either pass some faeces or vomit.

69. Onye kpata nk# ar#r# ngwere ap#kw# te ya #r#r#.
– Who ever fetches ant infused fire wood will have the lizard as a guest (hanging out).

70. Ogbu opi na eficha #n#.
– The trumpeter occasionally wipes his mouth.

71. Otu nk#r# aka r#ta mman# o zue #ha #n#.
– When one finger touches palm oil it contacts the mouth of every one.

72. Onye ne-erijugh# af# a nag# enye al#s#.
– He who is hungry does not feed a deity.

73. E jighi akpata atufuo aba #ba
– No one gets wealthy by throwing away what which they have acquired.

74. Enwe ma ka eji amaghar# n’#h#a b# na osisi d# ya nso.
– The monkey’s dexterity in jumping from tree to tree is because the tree is close by.

75. #mara as# s## n’edo. # magh# as# s## n’ala.
– If know how to pound, do it in the mortar, if you don’t know then pound on the floor.

76. #kwa ruo #ge ya # daa.
– When the breadfruits gets to its ripe season it will fall.

77. Ihe ana ach# na uko elu ka ah#r# na uko ala.
– What was being looked for in the upper shelf was found in the lower shelve.

78. Aka aja aja n’ebube # mman# mman#.
– Soiled hands bring forth, oily mouth.

79. Nne ewu na-ata agbara, #m# ya a na-ele ya anya nâ
– When a goat is foraging on poison ivy, the kids watch her mouth.

80. #dara si na # b# s##s## ya m#tara nwa ana apiwa #n#
– Udara friut said is she the only one whose children get there lips squeezed.

81. Ebe onye bi ka # na awachi.
– Everyone blocks the breach in his own fence.

82. Nwata kwuwa #n# # si na ya agwagb# okenye na okwu.
– When a child utters abomination, he thinks he has outspoken the elderly.

83. Oke oshimmiri an#katagh# rie onye #b#na nke # na-ah#gh# ah# #kw# ya anya..
– The ocean never drowns a person with whose leg it does not come in contact.

84. Onye ji ihe nwata wégoro aka elu, ike gw# ya, # wetue aka ah#.
– Whoever take a child’s belonging and lifts his arm high will eventually lower his arm out of tiredness.

85. Agadi nwany# nwere onye na-electe ya anya s# na agb#r# ya adgh# aka nka.
– An old woman who has a permanent live-in helper says her lineage does not grow old.

86. Mbe si na agha daa # z#gbu# nwanyi di ime. Agha daa ndi nwere #kw# az#gbuo nwanyi d# ime, ma kp#r# mbe.
– The Tortoise said â€œIf war breaks out I will trample the pregnant woman to death. When war broke out, the people with legs crushed the pregnant woman but the Tortoise was arrested.

87. A n’agwa nt# ma nt# an’gh# egburu isi nt# esoro
– If the ear refuses to heed warning, when the head is cut off the ear goes with it.

88. Nkita rachasia nsi, eze ere ewu.
– The dog licks faeces, but the teeth of the goat gets rotten.

89. Mberede ny#r# dike, mberede ka eji ama dike
– Surprise make and break the brave.
90. A drunken fowl has not met a mad fox.
   Ojì ọfọ ga-ala
   – He that is armed with good conscience will arrive home.
91. Ebi enweghọ #d# chi ya na ach#r# ya iji.
   – For the cattle that has no tail, her god (guardian angel) wards off the flies.
92. Ebenebe ga-egbu
   – The unimaginable will happen.
93. nwu gburu dike nweta #feke, # d#gbue ya ad#gbu.
   – A calamity that brings down a great man will annihilate a pauper.
94. Ahap# otele ny#r# ah#, av## isi #kp#
   – The anus that farted is left alone but the head receives the knock (beating).
95. Ogwuna gwuru mmiri ukwu, gwukwa mmiri nta, ma lagbuo n’ite ofe.
   – The catfish swam the ocean and swam the sea, but drowned in a soup pot.
96. Nwata etogh# eto wara #g#d#, ikuku eburu ya buru #g#d#.
   – If a child tries to tie wrapper before maturity the wind will blow him away along with the wrapper.
97. Ijiji enweghọ onye ndọmọdọ na eso ozu aba ná ili.
   – The fly that has no counsellor would end up in the grave with the corps.
98. Iji enwegh# onye nd#m#d# na eso ozu aba ná ili.
   – The fly that has no counsellor would end up in the grave with the corps.
99. Ch# ewu ojii ka chi d#.
   – Make hay while the sun shines.
100. E lewe ukwu Egbue ewu.
   A buxom waist that makes her man (husband) kill a goat for her when he looks at it.
101. Ihe di woro ogori azuala na ahia.
   – What was secret is revealed in the market place.
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   – What was secret is revealed in the market place.
103. Otu onye tuo izu, o gbue ochu
   – Knowledge is never complete: two heads are better than one.
104. Ihe ehi h#r# gbalaba oso ka okuku huru na-at# onu
   – Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.
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   – Time and tide wait for nobody.
when she got married, she carried her husband
permanently on the back.

114. Onyeubiam adi(ghi) aza “Omeokachie.”
– An indigent does not take the title of
“Omeokachie” (i.e. one who completes whatever he
puts his hand to).

115. Eze mbe si na olu oha di mma, mana
oriri oha na-aka ahu.
– The tortoise said that many hands at work is
enjoyable, but many mouths to feed can be
embarrassing.

116. Eze mbe si na ihe ya ji-achiri ihe egwu
ya aga njem bu maka ya ezu ndiegwu.
– The tortoise said that it always travels with its
musical instrument in case it meets other musicians.

117. Nwaanyi muta ite ofe mmiri mmiri, di ya
amutaipi utara aka were suru ofe.
– If a woman decides to make the soup watery, the
husband will learn to dent the Garri before dipping it
into the soup.

118. O na-abu a si nwata wuba ahu, o saba
afo ya.
– Tell a child to wash his body, he washes his stomach.

119. Akwukwo juru n’ohia, ma a baa a choba
okazi.
– There are various leaves in the bush, but people go in
to look for okazi leaves.

120. Ukpala gbabara n’ikpo okuko na-ala alla
mmuo.
– The grasshopper that runs into the mist of fowls ends
up in the land of spirits.

121. Nwata bunie nna ya enu, akpaamu ya
ayochie ya anya.
– If a child lifts his father, his scrotum will blindfold
him.

122. Onye hapu onu ya, uguru arachaa ya.
– If one fails to lick his lips, the harmattan will do it.

123. Okuko si na ihe ya ji-ele anya n’enu ma
ya na añu mmiri bu na ihe na-egbu si
n’igwe abia.
– The chicken says it looks up when drinking water
because what kills it comes from the sky.

124. “Nwunye anyi, nwunye anyi”: ka ndeli
bia ka anyi mara onye o bu nwunye ya.
– “Our wife, our wife”: come midnight and we will
know whose wife she really is.

125. Ula towa uto, ekwowe ya ekwowe.
– When sleep becomes enjoyable, we snore.

126. O bialu be onye abiagbuna ya, mgbe o
ga-ala mkpumkpu apukwana ya n’azu.
– May one’s visitor not constitute a problem, so that on
his departure he will not leave with a hunchback.

127. Nwa ovu na-eto, o di ka o ga-aka nne
ya.
– When the baby wren is growing, it looks like it would
be bigger than its mother.

128. Okuko na-arogoro ite onu, chetekwe
mma gburu ya.
– The chicken frowns at the cooking pot, ignoring the
knife that killed it.

129. Ihe ka-nte bata n’onu nte, nte etefu.
– When something greater than the pigmy cricket enters its hole, it takes off.

130. Uzu na-amaghi akpu ogene lee egbe anya n’odu.
– The blacksmith who does know how to forge a metal gong should look at the tail of a kite.

131. Onye buru chi ya uzo, o gbagbue onwe ya n’oso.
– He who walks before his godly guardian does the race of his life

132. Okuko nyuo ahu, ana achuwa ya oso.
– When the fowl farts, the ground becomes a nuisance.

133. Okwulu anaghi amiri ote ofe.
– A master chef is not blessed with a good harvest of okra.

134. Ohia woro gi nku, sere gi onu
– The forest that denies you firewood has massaged your neck.

135. O bia mgbe Alio Ene gburu atu, ya biakwa ma atu zogbuo Alio Ene.
– He who calls whenever Elder Ene kills a deer, let him call if the deer kicks the living daylight out of Elder Ene.

136. O bulu na i taa m aru n’ike, ma i zeghi nshi; mu taa gi aru n’isi, agaghi m ezere uvulu.
– If you bite me on the butt, despite the danger of sinking your teeth into fecal matter, then if I bite you on the head, I will disregard the danger of sinking my teeth into cerebral matter.

137. Nwaanyi anaghi-eji na nwunyedi ya kwere ya ekene nke oma kpowa ya ogo.
– A woman does not regard her sister-wife as sister-in-law just because she (her husband’s other wife) accepted her greeting gracefully.

138. Nwene rilu enu oji abulozi nwa
– A lizard that climbs the iroko tree is no longer young.

139. Nwa nne di na mba
– Even in strange land, a brother can be found

140. Ezi ma mma aga ya nga n’abu.
– A good road is to be used frequently.

141. Anagi eji amu eyinye akwuna ujo
– You can’t scare a prostitute with the penile size.

142. Agwo noro ibe ya na-enwe odu abuo.
– The snake that swallows another will have two tails.

143. Anaghi eje akwa onye kwulu udo
– No one attends the funeral of a suicide.

144. Mkpologu kpo nsi, nsi e tisa.
– If s.hit hits the stump, its the s.hit that get scattered.

145. Ogbo na ogbo ra, bu na okwu onu.
– It’s simply a saying of the mouth, to suggest that peers are expected to be equals.
146. Enye nwata ife kaliria oju ba enyelie ya nye onye.
-when a child receives what’s bigger than him, he thinks it is for someone else.

147. Anyi nwelu ji nwe mbu.
- We’ve got both yams and hoes.

148. Onwero ife anya fulu gha obara.
- There’s nothing the eyes have seen and bled

149. ogwu ma diochi nke izizi, ma ya nke abuo, obu so aka diochi ka ogwu na ama?
- if the thorn pricks the hand of the palm wine tapper, the first time, and pricks it again the second time, is it only the finger of the palm wine tapper that the thorn pricks?

150. ‘enweghi ezekwibe na agaghí enwe ekwueme maka na obu ezekwibe mutara ekwueme’.
- no ezekwibe that does not give birth to ekue because ezekwibe’s lineage gave birth to ekwueme.

151. Akpakana mara ozo ma ozo ga ana
- the trap cut the animal ozo but it will escape.

152. ‘nwata ejighi aku ojide ire oma’, ‘ire oma ki ejighi ji aga n’ogwu’.
- if a child don’t have money he should have good conscience, because that’s what a snail use to climb on thorns.

153. ‘ihe agwo muru aghaghí iso ogologó’.
- what a snake gave birth to will surely be long.

154. afu onye ana amara ekwe atunye ekwe n’ofia’.
- if we encounter the dead man whom we hit gong for we will throw the gong in the bush.

155. Onye na agbakwá oso, ya echefula igu miles a dighi ama ama, Onicha gwará Obosi.
- he that run should not forget igu miles, onitsha told obosi.

156. Mkpi mbugobe adighi agba ewu!
- You cannot carry a he-goat on top of the female and expect him to perform.

157. Mgbirimgha amaghi na ezi na atu egwu
- The bell is unaware that the outside is always afraid whenever the bell tolls.

158. ndi uyo
anyi shi, uyo wu uyo mi na gi, ta ugba m, nuo mma m ma jiri ogodu nwanyi m mee m eze.
- we as brothers can and would share everything excluding our spouses.

159. asi mmanya ka ana anuchitere dinachi/dingwo, anaghi adachitere ya elu
- You can represent a palmwine tapper during wine drinking but you can represent/stand for him when it comes to falling off from the palm tree.

160. nwata bido gbawa azi amu, odi ya ka oga emeli ihe nna ya mere
- when a boy starts growing hairs, it seem as if he could do what his father did.

161. okuko na erubeghi na ubu akpo chorochoro, egbe ga ebu ya ufu ebura ya
- when an immature chicken starts croaking, making loud noise, if the kite fails to swoop on it, the woof will surely do so.

162. onye gbu igu ka ewu na eso
- it is the man with palm leaf that goat will follow.

163. ihe ojo gbaa afo oburu omenala.
- when one continues practising a bad behaviour, it becomes a tradition.
163. ana ashu aja, ikpe ana ama ndi mmuo.
– let’s continue offering sacrifices so that the gods will be blamed.

164. Agwo niile ra ira mana, enwere eke nwe ohia.
– All snakes are equal but,
there’s a snake that’s owns the forest.

165. Agu tegolu aka n’ohia, ebeobula ono were nyo ahu, a ga-anu isiya.
– A lion that has long been in
the bush, wherever it farts, the odour must be smelt.

166. Isi na isi ra bu n’ono, mana mmadu ka ibe ya.
– All men are equal but some are more equal than others.

167. Nnwa malu nnaya, amarago ndi chere ya n’elu uwa.
– a child that knows his father, knows what awaits him in this world.

168. Chukwu ekwekwala ka ngwere gba aji.
– Literal interpretation = God forbid the lizards to grow hairs.

169. Nchikasia ndi mmadu, adiro eru na-mkpuru obi.
– The laughs of people doesn’t
(or doesn’t always) reach to the heart.

170. Mmuo na mmuo nuba ogu, putara ha n’uzo.
– When you see two masquerades fighting, get out of the way.

171. Nwa enwe joro njo mana mma furu ya na anya
– a baby monkey looks urgly but he is still loved by his mother.

172. Okwu emelu aguokpu onye ikpe, ikpe na a mawu ehu.
– when a leopard is made the judge in a case the goat is always guilty.

173. Ana a gu ofu tupu a gua abuo.
– you must count one before counting two.

174. Agam niru ukwu osisi bu maka odimma nnunu.
– the prosperity of the trees is the well being of the birds.

175. ONU gi wulu mma, o bee ile gi.
– if your mouth turns to knife it will cut your lips.

176. A gihi okpa na abo enene omimi mmiri.
– you don’t use two feets to check the dept of a river.

177. Nwayo, nwayo Ka eji a lasha ofe di oku
– you don’t lick a hot or peppery soup in a hurry.

178. A kpona osisi yere gi ndo, ohia
– don’t call the tree that shelter you a forest.

179. Nwata kwosha aka osoro ogalanya rie nni.
– the child that washes his hands well gets to eat with the elders.

180. onye ya na ekwensu na eriko nni na eji ogonogo ngasi.
– he that eats with the devil uses a long spoon.

181. Ekwe ekwe na ekwe na ute ekwere.
– a stubborn man will agree when he is doomed.

182. Agu na eme mkpotu anagh a gbu anu
– a roaring lion kills no game.

– tomorrow is pregnant, who knows what it will give birth to.

184. Mmeju anu agu abughi ihe nkita chekuwelu ita.
– the liver of a lion is a Vein wish for the dog.

185. Onye tua Chukwu okwute o zewe ishi ya.
– he who throw stone at God , knows it will land on his head.

186. Ebe nwa na ele anya atu aka nne ya anohi ya Nna ya anodu ya.
– where a child points crying if his father is not there, his mother will be.

– a boy can’t have a male child before his father.
188. Ana agwa onye isi Ka mmanu di na ofe mana anaghi agwa ya Ka nnu si tu ofe
– you can tell the blind how much oil is in the soup but you don’t need to tell him the quantity of salt in it
199. Onye otu anya na abu eze na ala ndi ishi.
– a one eyed man is king in the land of the blind.
200. Uboshi eke-nda abuji ahia, anye Aman Zu nke mmuo.
– they don’t trade during the eke-nda market day, or else you trade with the spirit.
201. Isi bulu abu anahu ezewu okpor.
– when a head I’d too big it cannot avoid punches.
202. Nkpulu osisi a kukotalu onu ahahi shikota onwe ha
– trees planted together can’t avoid brushing themselves.
203. Onye uno ya na a gba oku anaghi achu oke.
– a man whose house is on fire don’t go searching for rats.
204. Woke shili ihe na oku ma gawa ite nkwu, osihi na alu nkwu da, nni oshiyelu ele oku.
– when a man put food on the fire and goes to tap palm wine, if the food don’t get burnt, he will fall from the palm tree.
205. Owuhu ofu Uzo balu ahia
– a market is not attended by one road.
206. Ana ano ofu ebe a Kili mmowu.
207. You can’t watch masquerade dance from one place.
208. AWO anaghi agbahari na ahixe na afu.
– a toad does not run around in the daylight for nothing.
209. Ebuni na abo anaghi a nwuko mmiri na ofu efele, Ha ya akukota nkpi.
– two rams can’t drink from the same bowl; they will surely knock horns.
210. Nwa si na nne ya agaghi alahu ula, ula agaghi Adi ya na anya.
– a child that say his mother will not sleep, him too will not sleep.
211. Nwata di ume ani na ano na oche Nna ya.
– a quite son seats at his fathers throne.
212. Oshimili shefulu ebe osili bia na ako ako.
– a river that forgets it source will run dry.
213. Onye bi na akuku mmiri e gihi aso mmiri a kwo aka.
He that leaves beside a river don’t use his saliva to wash his hand.
214. Ewi gbalalu onumu shelu oku dinta.
– a rabbit that ran into a hole should wait for the hunters fire.
215. Onye amaghi Uzo anaghi a gasi ike.
– he that is lost don’t walk fast.
216. Ka nshiko si aga Ka umu ya si eso ya.
– as a crab walks, so does his children.
217. Tupu gi na nwayi ajado ayikota, jua ihe gburu di ya.
– before you go out with a widow, ask what killed his husband.
218. Afo ekwelu okpa na Oga ezu ike.
– the stomach will not allow the feet to rest.
219. Mma di nko anaghi ewe esigbo isi.
– a sharp knife does not have a good head.
220. Mmiri malu aguokpu anaghi asachapu ya akara di ya na ahu.
– the rain that beat a leopard does not wash away its skin marks.
221. Anu Nile ba oku amalu nke gbalu abuba.
– when all meat enters the fire we will know the one with fat.
222. Nshiko anaghi ata alu, obu ekwem aka ya bu ihe na afu ufu.
– a crab does not bite, it is its handshake that hurts.
223. Kedu ihe egi osisi eme ebe enogolu ogene.
– what is the use of stick when the gong have been swallowed.
224. Ugbo na adaba mmiri ashohu onye ndu.
– a sinking vessel needs no navigation.
225. Okpa jide agu mgbada ana awuni anu.
– when the lion is crippled, the hare goes for debt.
226. Udele si na owehu ihe jikolu ya na onye okpu isi.
   – the vulture has no business with the barbers.

227. Anaghi agwa oshi nti na mkpotu di na ahia.
   – you don’t tell the deaf that their is commotion in the market.

228. Aka na ikpere abo na ana Ka nwa agu ji enye nwaya ala.
   – two hands and knees on the ground, before a baby lion can suck his mothers breast.

229. Alusi a huili ugo na ebe na ogbo ogu.
   – a respected gods will display during the time of war.

230. Akpata na abo di mma ntukota.
   It is good to join two brooms together when sweeping.

231. Mmiri anaghi ato na ahu ngwele.
   – Water does not always remain on a lizards skin.

232. Agu gulu na ututu anaghi ese okwu.
   – the hungry that came in the morning don’t cause problem.

233. Nwata vulu mmowu Uzo ya na oso, mmowu bulu Uzo mfe mfe efezuo ya ahu
   – if a child run faster than the masquerade, he is safe, but if the masquerade catches him, he will dance to his cane.

234. Isi waba nkita ala, Oma gigigi amawa ujo.
   -when a mad dog feel headache, the fearful will start shaking.

235. Nne udele mua nwa umu nnunu ebegbue onwe ha na akwa.
   – when the mother vulture gives birth, smaller birds will start crying.

236. Ede anaghi agbo jii.
   – a cultivated coco Yam does not produce Yam

237. Eliwe atuo onye oya, onye oya liwe ota onye anyawu

238. Oku aguili wata na aka anaghi elegbu ya.
   The fire an elder gives to a child does not burn him.

239. Agadi nwayi kaba nka odika agihi aku nu ya
   – when a woman gets old it seems as if she was not married with money.

240. Enebe okeye anya na ONU odika ojih ya welu nwu ala.
   – when you look at the mouth of man it looks as if he did not use it suck breast

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