

**-RA** (-era or -ira) according to the second last vowel of the stem p. 78  
This suffix called the "Applied form" adds a particular note to the meaning of the verb; it generally corresponds to a preposition, such as "to, from, for...":

Munditsekulire chitseko! for me. Anambara katundu usiku from him.  
Timaŵalembere kalata. to them. Mukuphikira yani nsima? for whom  
Ndinadzera ku Lilongwe. through Anathaŵira kutchire. to the bush.  
Tikufunirani chaka chabwino. wish you Ananditumizira ndalama.

If we add the suffix -nji? (What? p. 36) to the applied form, the meaning is "Why", "For what reason?": (Negat. -lekeranji ku...?)

Munalemberanji kalata? Mwadzeranji? — Ndadzera ntchito.  
Mwachitiranji zimenezo? Mwana akuliriranji?  
Mwatiitaniranji? Akudandauliranji?

Mulekeranji kulankhula? Why don't you speak?

Some verbs take a reduplicated suffix:

-seka laugh : -sekera be glad : -sekerera rejoice (because of)  
-kondwa be glad : -kondwera : -kondwerera

It is difficult to give a general rule about the suffix -ra:

There are verbs which take preposition, and not the suffix -ra:

Pereka moni kwa alendoŵa! to Mukufuna kucheza ndi yani? with  
Ndakongola ndalama kwa u'eni from Tsikani mu mtengo! from

Other verbs take neither a preposition nor the suffix -ra:

Ndikubwerekani njinga. to Musandiseke. at  
Anamlanda katundu yense. from Chabwino, ndikuthawani. from

Sometimes the suffix -ra changes completely the meaning of the verb:

-nunkha : -nunkhira. -otha moto : -othera dzuŵa.  
-laŵa : -laŵira take leave; -laŵirira leave early in the morning.  
-cheza : -chezera (moŵa, kubvina...) spend the night doing something.  
-landa : -landira. -samba : -sambira swim

In Verbal adjectives, the suffix -ra shows the particular aim or use of an object or a building. However, there are exceptions.

Ndalama zogulira mabuku. Njerwa zomangira tchalitchi.  
Chingwe chomangira katundu. Khasu lolambulira msewu.  
Nkhwangwa yotemera nkuni. Misomali yokhomera nsungwi.  
Madzi otsukira mbale. but Madzi akumwa: Madzi osamba.  
Nyumba yophikira (Mophikira) kitchen. but Nyumba yogona (Mogona). p. 42

Nyumba yochezera (Mochezera; ...yodyera (Modyera); ...yosambira etc. ...  
but Malo ogona (Pogona); Mphasa yogona (Chogona)

HOW (relative): m'mene, momwe, umo: The verb which follows takes the suffix -ra p. 62.

Mundiuze m'mene mumaphikira ndiwozi! Tell me how you cook this relish.  
Tabwera kudzaona umo mukumangira nkhwake.  
Dzulo anali bwino pang'ono. Sindidziŵa m'mene aliri lero.  
Umu ndimo m'mene timachitira. This is how we do it.

monga m'mene: monga momwe "as, like, in the same way as": the verb which follows takes the suffix -ra. p. 65

Lembani monga m'mene ndalembere ine! Chitani monga momwe mufunira!  
Aliyense achite monga m'mene aganzira iye mwini!  
Aliyense apereke monga momwe angathere! ...according to his means.

more and more: a special construction with -mka or -pita; the verb which follows takes the suffix -ra and is duplicated:

Odziŵa chizungu akumka nachulukirachulukira. more and more numerous.  
Mudzi wao unamka nukulirakulira. grew bigger and bigger. p. 88  
Mbiri yake idzamba nimvekeramvekera ponse ponse. will spread everywhere.  
Ngongole zake zikupitabe m'tsogolo zichulukirachulukira.

Chi—re First meaning: "still" p. 75 Ali chigonere (: Adatagonabe)

Second meaning: "since" Chiyambire since the beginning.

Anthu amasonkhana bwino chiyambire. Chikhalire since it is there.  
Sanapite kuchipatala chibadwire. Chibadwire since (one's) birth.

Bwalo lao linali pamenepa chikhalire has always been here.  
Sindinamve nkhani yotere chikhalire. I have never heard such a story.  
Chifikire caake ku Malaŵi kuno, sanapitense kudziko kwao.

Kuchokera pano mpaka ku Salima tinayenda pagalimoto. From... till: p. 41  
Timagwira ntchito kuyambira lolamba kufikira loweruka.

Mpeni wohekera nyama. Tambala logulira moŵa.  
Tsekera lomangira mpanda. Zitsulo zokonzera njinga.  
Anadzafunsira mbeta pompano. Anakusimbirani zotani?  
Anakubisirani mawu. Kanditolereni nkuni!  
Mundiulire dzina lake! Musavutike za mawa!

Kumudzi kumene munabadwira ndi kwa yani? Ntchito zandichulukira.  
Mnzanu akakulakwirani, muyenera kumkhululukira; musamkwiyire!  
Ndadzakubwezerani nkhwangwa ija munandibwereka dzana.  
Mukupseranji mtima? Kodi mawu anga akupitirani?  
Mutaona mnzanu ali kusauka, musamumire mtima, mumchitire chifundo!

Proverb: Posambira mfulu kapolo asambira pomwepo.