

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	saw	to dance
/b/	b	/n/	n	/s/	s	b	bu	to break
/t/	t	/nw/	nw	/r/	r	d	da	day
/d/	d	/ŋ/	ŋ	/l/	l	e	gye	to receive
/k/	k			/h/	h	ɛ	sew	to spread out
/g/	g			/hw/	hw	f	fi	to go out
/kw/	kw			/y/	y	g	gow	to be soft
						h	hu	to see
/i/	i			/u/	u	i	sie	to hide
/ɪ/	ɛ			/o/	o	k	kɔ	to go
/e/	e			/ɔ/	ɔ	l*	lɔrɛ	lorry
/ɛ/	ɛ	/a/	a			m	mba	children
						n	nim	to know
						o	ngo	palm oil
						ɔ	sow	to catch
						p	petu	to pretend
						r	fre	to visit
						s	nsuo	water
						t	tɔ	to buy
						u	gua	market
						w	ɛwɔ	honey
						y	yi	to remove

Palatalization: ky, gy, ny, hy
 Labial-palatalization: tw, dw, nw, hw

* Asante only

ALPHABET

a b d e ɛ f g h i k l m n o ɔ p r s t u w y

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