

TABLE 2-1
Basic Consonants*

	voiceless stop	voiced stop	nasal	voiceless fricative	voiced fricative	voiceless sibilant	voiced sibilant	lateral	rhotic	aspiration	semivowel
labial	b	p	m	f							
plain alveolar	t	d	n	s	z	l	r				
pharyngealized alveolar	t̥	d̥		s̥	z̥		ɾ				
palatoalveolar				ʃ	ʒ						y
velar	k	g									w
uvular	q			x	ʁ						
pharyngeal				ħ	c						
laryngeal										h	

* Other, minor Cs are described in following sections.

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TABLE 2-3

Full Vowel Allophones

<u>vowel</u>	<u>pharyngealized</u>	<u>plain (unpharyngealized)</u>	
		<u>nonfinal</u>	<u>final</u>
/i/	e	i	
/a/	ɑ̣	ɑ̆	ɑ̇
/u/	o	u	

2.G /e ɑ̣ o ʊ ʉ/

2.4 SHORT VOWELS /ə ũ/

In the most straightforward analysis, there are two vocalic phonemes that are appreciably briefer than the full Vs, display much variation in quality, and are vulnerable to Syncope and Absorption: unrounded /ə/ (schwa) and rounded short /ũ/. Schwa ranges from [ɪ] (like i in English bit) in plain environments, as in /k̄təb/ 'he wrote', to [ʌ̃] in the neighborhood of pharyngealized /H^c/, as in /d̄Hək/ 'he laughed'. Next to a pharyngealized C such as /ɕ/, with no /H^c/ present, the usual pronunciation in this dialect is a more centralized schwa, as in /qbəɕ/ 'he took'.

Short /ũ/ in plain environments is pronounced [ũ] (like u in English put), as in /skũt/ 'he became quiet'. When adjacent to pharyngealized C, it is lowered to [ɔ̃], as in /ʂxũɕ/ 'he snored'.

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