

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f
/b/	b	/mb/	mb	/v/	v
/β/	ʔb	/mv/	mv	/s/	s
/t/	t	/n/	n	/z/	z
/tr/	tr	/nd/	nd	/l/	l
/d/	d	/ndr/	ndr	/r/	r
/d/	ʔd	/ndz/	ndz	/h/	h
/dr/	dr	/ɲ/	ny	/w/	w
/ts/	c	/ŋ/	ŋ	/ʔw/	ʔw
/dz/	j	/ŋg/	ng	/y/	y
/k/	k	/ŋmgb/	ngb	/ʔy/	ʔy
/kp/	kp				
/g/	g				
/gb/	gb				
/ʔ/	ʔ				

/i/	i			/u/	u
/ɨ/	i	/ə/	ə		
/ɛ/	e	/a/	a	/ɔ/	o

/N:/ VV

Tones:

high	ˊ	
mid	ˋ	
low	ˋˋ	
rising	ˊˋ	on VV

a	ārówā	hippopotamus
a	ātúbú	pigeon
b	bā	breast
ʔb	ʔbǐ	feather
c	cófó	lung
d	dálé	to pour
ʔd	ʔdǐdǐ	porridge
dr	drálé	to die
e	ērékówā	squirrel
f	fē	tree
g	gǐpírí	mosquito
gb	gbārākā	bed
h	húwā	open
i	nǐlǐ	to go
i	nǐlǐ	to know
j	jó	house
k	kāmǐ	lion
kp	kpá	also
l	āló	one
m	mányárā	giraffe
mb	ámhá	large
mv	mvá	child
n	nā	three
nd	ndálé	to search
ndr	indrǐ	goat
ng	ngá	thing
ngb	āngbā	frog
nj	njáā	ready
ny	nyálé	to eat
ŋ	ŋólé	to cut
o	ótógówā	hare
p	pá	foot
r	rǐ	two
s	sáramándǐ	peanut
t	tǐ	mouth
tr	trólé	to carry
u	úkúkú	tortoise
v	vǐlǐ	to throw
w	wálé	to jump over
ʔw	áʔwá	meat
y	áyó	yam
ʔy	íʔyá	arrow
z	ózé	rain
ʔ	áʔ	knee

ALPHABET

a a b ʔb c d ʔd dr e f g gb h i i j k kp l m mb mv n
nd ndr ng ngb nj ny ŋ o p r s t tr u v w ʔw y ʔy z ʔ

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