

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f
/b/	b	/n/	n	/s/	s
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/r/	r
/d/	d	/ŋ/	ŋ	/l/	l
/k/	k	/ŋm/	ŋm	/h/	h
/g/	g			/w/	w
/tʃ/	ch			/y/	y
/dʒ/	j				
/kp/	kp				
/gb/	gb				
/i/	i			/u/	u
/e/	e			/o/	o
		/a/	a	/ɔ/	ɔ
/V:/	VV				
/V/	Vn				

Tones:

high	ˊ	
mid	ˊ	
low	ˋ	
falling	ˊ	(only written when contrast)

However, tones are usually not written.

a	nan	scorpion
b	bon	donkey
ch	bonchiann	[intensifier]
d	doorik	pig
e	set	to stand
f	fitir	lamp
g	giggann	drum
gb	gbanant	body, skin
j	jena	eggs
h	hali	much
i	fit	to be able
k	kobuk	feather
kp	kpint	soup
l	liatir	shirt
m	mɔb	mouth
n	naab	cow
ny	nyoku	medicine
ŋ	ŋak	to shake
ŋm	ŋanmaani	fear
o	kok	chair
ɔ	motana	now
p	peuk	sheep
s	sapaanbik	girl
t	taal	foot
u	juk	knife
w	waok	snake
y	yelek	music pipe

ALPHABET

a b ch d e f g gb h i j k kp l m n ny ŋ ŋm o ɔ p r
s t u w y

number of graphemes 28

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