

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	amẹ	water
/b/	b	/w/	mw	/v/	v	b	bọ	to build
/t/	t	/n/	n	/v/	vb	d	dẹ	to buy
/d/	d			/s/	s	e	ẹgúí	tortoise
/k/	k			/z/	z	e	viẹ	to cry
/g/	g			/x/	kh	f	fi	to throw
/kp/	kp			/y/	gh	g	gúí	to quarrel
/gb/	gb			/l/	l	gb	gbé	to dance
				/r/	r	gh	gha	who?
				/r/	rh	h	họọ	to wash clothes
				/r/	rr	i	èní	elephant
				/h/	h	k	èkó	abdomen
				/w/	w	kh	khọọn	to fight
				/y/	y	kp	kpee	to beat (drum)
/i/	i					l	lùé	to grind, chew
/e/	e			/u/	u	m	mòsé	beautiful
/e/	ẹ	/a/	a	/o/	o	n	nọọ	to ask
				/o/	ọ	o	òwá	house
						ọ	ọmọ	child
						p	ọpià	machete
						r	rùé	your (sg)
						rh	rháá	to steal
						rr	rré	to come
						s	àsón	night
						t	ton	to roast
						u	ùnú	mouth
						v	viẹ	to cry
						vb	vbaa	to measure
						w	àwá	dog
						y	òyí	thief
						z	ozo	man's name

ALPHABET

a b d e ẹ f g gb gh h i k kh kp l m mw n o ọ p r rh
rr s t u v vb w y z

number of graphemes 32

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