

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f
/b/	b	/n/	n	/ʃ/	sh
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/r/	r
/d/	d	/ŋ/	ng	/l/	l
/tʃ/	ch			/h/	h
/dʒ/	j			/w/	w
/k/	k			/y/	y
/g/	g				
/kp/	kp				
/gb/	gb				
/i/	i			/u/	u
/e/	e			/o/	o
		/a/	a		

/V:/ VV

Labialization: pw, bw, mw, chw, jw, nyw, shw, kw, gw, ngw

Palatalization: py, by, my, ty, dy, ny, ly

Tones:

high	
mid	unmarked
low	

a	faa	to roast
b	àbó	arm
ch	irichì	eye
d	dè	to say
e	bé	to come
f	faà	to teach
g	gógó	well
gb	igben	time
h	hàrà	to answer
i	iriji	food
j	ji	to eat
k	ùkàá	stone
kp	àkpà	box
l	ológo	cassava
m	mù	to fall
n	nè	to see
ng	ngá	[particle]
ny	nyùng	to shake
o	ológo	cassava
p	pia	to go far
r	irishi	door
sh	shì	to make
t	tìbì	to weave
u	ùchù	compound
w	wam	to remove
y	yi	to be

ALPHABET

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

number of graphemes 27

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