

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	ka	to come
/b/	b	/n/	n	/v/	v	b	baa	dog
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/s/	s, ʃ	d	duni	knee
/d/	d	/ŋ/	ŋ	/z/	z, ʒ	dʒ	dzahi	twins
/tʃ/	tʃ	/ŋm/	ŋm	/h/	h	e	yeli	to say
/dʒ/	dʒ			/l/	l	f	-fu	[suffix]
/k/	k			/w/	w	g	galli	egg
/g/	g, ɣ			/y/	y	gb	gbəŋ	skin
/kp/	kp					i	di	to eat
/gb/	gb					k	ka	to come
						kp	kpi	to die
						l	ligri	money
						m	mi	to know
						n	nini	cyc
						ny	nyee	nose
/i/	i	/ɛ/	i, e	/u/	u	ŋ	tiga	ground
/e/	e	/a/	a	/o/	o	ŋm	ŋma	to break
						o	doo	man
						ɽ	paga	woman
						s	soli	path
						t	ti	to give
						tʃ	tʃi	wheat
						u	du	house
						v	vieli	beautiful
						w	wum	to hear
						y	yug	night
						z	zuga	head

Tones:

high	ˊ
low	ˋ
downstep	!

However, tone is not written.

ALPHABET

a b d dʒ e f g gb i k kp l m n ny ŋ ŋm o p s t tʃ u
v w y z

number of graphemes 27