

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f
/b/	b	/n/	n	/v/	v
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/s/	s
/d/	d	/ŋ/	ŋ	/z/	z
/tʃ/	ts	/ŋm/	ŋm	/ʃ/	sh
/ɕ/	j			/l/	l, r
/k/	k			/h/	h
/kp/	kp			/w/	w, ŋw,
/g/	g				hw
/gb/	gb			/y/	y

Orthographically the r is used which is a non-initial variant of /l/.

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

/ŋ̃/ ǂ̃ (except /e/ and /o/)

Labialization: tʃw, ɕw, kw, gw, fw, hw, ŋw

Tones:

high	ˊ
low	ˋ
downstep	!

a	màŋ	town
b	bà	to come
d	dàmò	to stand
e	ké	to shout
e	tsè	father
f	fó	to cry
g	gói	to belch
gb	gbó	to die
h	hà	to wear
i	shító	pepper
j	téjǂ	donkey
k	ké	to present
kp	kpé	to chew
l	là	fire
m	màŋ	town
n	nà	to see
ny	nyò	person
ŋ	ŋàa	advice
ŋm	ŋmɛ!né	today
o	oyá	quickly
ɔ	gói	to belch
p	ám!páj	bat
r	jüró	good
s	sèè	back
sh	shíká	money
t	téjǂ	donkey
ts	tsè	father
u	bù	to respect
v	vòò	deep
w	wòlò	book
y	yòò	woman
z	zàŋŋ	aloof

ALPHABET

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

number of graphemes 32