

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	laga	wind
/b/	b	/n/	n	/v/	v	b	bolo	earth
/β/	β	/nw/	nw	/s/	s	β	βooli	goat
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ɲ	/z/	z	d	doo	to light
/d/	d	/nh/	ɲ	/ʒ/	ʒ	e	negi	clay pot
/dy/	j			/ʒ/	ʒ	ε	pele	house
/k/	k			/r/	r	ə	kalo	raphia palm
/g/	g			/l/	l	f	fese-fese	refuse, trash
/kp/	kp			/h/	h	g	galo	sparrowhawk
/gb/	gb			/hw/	hw	g	kogo	calabash
/kw/	kw			/w/	w	gb	gbea	machete
/gw/	gw					gw	gwali	courtyard
						h	hele	welcome
						hw	hweli	to ask
/i/	i			/u/	u	i	negi	clay pot
/e/	e	/ə/	ə	/o/	o	j	jile	put aside
/ε/	ε	/a/	a	/ɔ/	ɔ	k	kuna	mortar
						kp	kpaolo	bamboo
						kw	kwei	firewood
						l	laga	wind
						m	molo	sack
						n	nulu	smoke
						nw	nwon	fire
						ɲ	ɲai	in water
						ɟ	ɟon	fire
						o	tolo	jealousy
						ɔ	nowo	market
						p	palo	game
						r	laran	insult
						s	sinepolo	old
						t	tee	chicken
						u	pulu	famine
						v	Veheli	proper name
						w	wulo	cooking oil
						z	zalo	type of cricket

ALPHABET

a b β d e ε ə f g ʒ gb gw h hw i j k kp kw l m n nw
 ɲ ɟ o ɔ p r s t u v w z

number of graphemes

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