

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

(still in the testing stages)

/p/	p	/n/	n	/f/	f
/b/	b	/m/	m	/s/	s
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/l/	l, r
/d/	d	/ɣm ^s /	ngm	/h/	h
/tʃ/	ch			/w/	w
/dʒ/	h				
/k/	k				
/kw/	kw				
/kp ^s /	kp				
/gb ^s /	gb				
/i/	i			/u/	u
/ɛ/*	e			/o/*	o
/ɛ + RTR/*	e			/o + RTR/*	o
/ɛ/	eh			/ɔ/	or

/a/ a

(Retracted Tongue Root)

/Ṽ/ Vn (V is the whole grapheme)

Tones

/top/	·
/high/*	unmarked
/mid/*	unmarked
/low/	:

*These phonemes are in grammatical and/or contextual complementary distribution. Therefore they can be represented with the same symbol without any misreading.

a	a	you all
b	sobae	month
ch	:chneh	day
d	do	one
e	:ē	and
eh	eh	it
f	fano	fear
gb	gbe'i	father
h	:behn	four
i	i	they
j	'jor	seed
k	konkwa	work
kp	kpa	to carry
kw	kwa	hand
l	'le	there
m	ma'mu	brother
n	na	fire
ngm	:ngmesakai	rib
ny	nyemor	blood
o	po	to put
or	or	he
p	pe'pe	light
r	'dro	head
s	sobae	month
t	tba	to hit
u	u	they
w	wala	crushed

Tones

·	pa	to mend
high	pa	to go in
mid	pa	sound of
:	:pa	seed exploding
		to sharpen

ALPHABET

a b ch d e eh f gb h i j k kp kw l m n ngm ny o or p
r s t u w

number of graphemes 2

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