

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	ba	father
/b/	b	/n/	n	/v/	v	b	baa	dog
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/s/	s	ch	chappi	to walk
/d/	d, r	/ŋ/	ŋ	/z/	z	d	daba	man
/tʃ/	ch	/ŋm/	ŋm	/l/	l	e	yeli	to say
/dʒ/	j			/h/	h	f	fe	to think
/k/	k			/h/	h	g	gaari	to go
/g/	g			/w/	w	gb	gbisi	to sleep
/kp/	kp			/j/	y	h	halibee	selfishness
/gb/	gb					i	zinni	today
						j	jilli	egg
						k	koba	hairs
						kp	kpabi	to want something
/i/	i			/ɔ/	u	l	la	to laugh
/e/	e	/a/	a	/ɔ/	o	m	mogiri	river
						n	naagi	cows
						ny	nye	to see
						ŋ	ŋa	this
						ŋm	ŋmama	calabashes
						o	noori	mouth
						p	puusi	to greet
						r	soori	road
						s	sulimi	to tell a story
						t	ta	to come
						u	ŋu	to drink
						v	vaa	leaf
						w	waafu	snake
						y	yam	wisdom
						z	zuuri	tail

Voiceless vowels

h

ALPHABET

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

number of graphemes 29

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