

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/v/	v
/b/	b	/n/	n	/s/	s
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/z/	z
/d/	d	/ŋ/	ng	/h/	h
/tʃ/	ch			/r/	r
/dʒ/	j			/w/	w
/k/	k			/y/	y
/g/	g				
/i/	i			/u/	u
/ɪ/	ɪ			/ʊ/	ʊ
/e/	e			/o/	o
/ɛ/	ɛ			/ɔ/	ɔ
		/a/	a		

a	ada	father
b	bo	to be old
ch	chì	to curse
d	idu	lion
e	echi	home
ɛ	ɛduu	hoe
g	ga	to share
h	chẹ	world
i	irihi	price
ɪ	ìta	cloth
j	aje	egg
k	ako	cup
m	amu	hat
n	ná	to sell
ny	anya	blood
ng	ngu	to enter
o	ode	(mud) bed
ɔ	ogede	banana
p	ɛ́ra	root
r	re	to see
s	sí	to pay
t	itu	ceiling
u	udi	hut
u	unòko	clay pot
v	ova	husband
w	ewa	gray hair
y	iya	pounded yam
z	ɛza	bean

Tones:

high	´	
mid	˘	unmarked
low	ˋ	

In the orthography the tone marks are only used in certain cases to remove ambiguity.

ALPHABET

a b ch d e ɛ g h i ɪ j k m n ny ng o ɔ p r s t u ʊ
v w y z

number of graphemes 28

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