

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/ p
 /b/ b
 /t/ t
 /d/ d
 /ɖ/ ɖ
 /tʃ/ c
 /ɖʒ/ j
 /k/ k
 /g/ g
 /kp/ kp
 /gb/ gb

/m/ m
 /n/ n
 /ɲ/ ny
 /ŋ/ ŋ
 /ŋm/ ŋm

/f/ f
 /v/ v
 /s/ s
 /z/ z
 /l/ l
 /r/ r
 /h/ h
 /w/ w
 /j/ y

a aláa women
 b abaaláa men
 c cáawéle tortoise
 d adálá fonio (grain)
 ɖ deére horse
 e téére warthog
 ε ceεcé bicycle
 f féde hoe
 g gáɖó bed
 gb gbégidi bucket
 h háma hammer
 i nimíni fire
 t títim trees
 j jenté 25 francs
 k kéké peanut
 kp kpákpafú duck
 l lééma umbrella
 m mlá millet
 n niiká finger
 ny nyumére arrow
 ŋ laŋá gourd
 ŋm ŋmené okra
 o ɖom snake
 ɔ fɔɔ dog
 p páya avocado
 r rééza razor blade
 s sɔɔ knife
 t táka frog
 u túu elephant
 v tóv bee
 v núvóre foot
 w wolú mouse
 y yéle egg
 z úzire eye

/i/ i
 /ɪ/ ɪ
 /e/ e
 /ɛ/ ε

/u/ u
 /ʊ/ ʊ
 /o/ o
 /ɔ/ ɔ

/a/ a

Tones:

high
 low

unmarked

ALPHABET

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

number of graphemes 34

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