

**PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS**

**EXAMPLES**

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f
/ʔp/	ʔb	/mb/	mb	/v/	v
/b/	b	/n/	n	/θ/	th
/β/	bb	/nd/	nd	/ð/	dh
/ts/	ts	/ndz/	nz	/s/	s
/dz/	dz	/ɲ/	ny	/z/	z
/t/	t	/ɲɔŋ/	nj	/ʃ/	sh
/ʔt/	dʔ	/ŋg/	ng	/ʒ/	j
/d/	d	/ŋmgb/	ngb	/l/	l
/d/	dd			/r/	r
/tʃ/	ch			/h/	h
/ʔc/	dʔy			/hw/	hw
/dʒ/	dj			/w/	w
/ʔʒ/	dy			/ʔw/	ʔw
/k/	k			/y/	y*
/g/	g				
/kp/	kp				
/gb/	gb				
/ʔ/	ʔ				

\*rare phoneme

/i/	ɨ	/u/	u
/j/	i	/ø/	ø
/ɛ/	e	/ɔ/	o
		/a/	a

**Tones:**

high	ˊ	
mid	ˋ	unmarked
low	ˋˋ	
rising	ˊˋ	

a	rà	heaven
b	bɛ	moon
bb	ʔb-bbɛ	egg
bʔ	bʔɛ	finger
ch	chu	path
d	le-dà	tongue
dd	ddà	water
dʔ	dʔàdhà	to run
dh	dhè	death
dj	djø	hoe
dy	dyødyø	stars
dʔy	le-dʔyø	horn
dz	dza	house
e	rè	bird
f	fø	that
g	gó	forest
gb	gbà	theft
h	le-hú	wing
hw	hwɛ	maize
i	bí	bamboo
ɨ	bɛ	moon
j	ji	image
k	le-kó	foot
kp	kpà	bone
l	là	war
m	mí	papyrus
mb	mbò	money
n	nó	kind of bird
nd	ndà	kind of banana
ng	ngò	country
ngb	ngba	child
nj	njí	work
ny	le-nyò	eye
nz	nzø	children
o	njò	fishhook
ø	njð	fishing net
p	pe	pygmy
r	rú	clothing
s	sà	machete
sh	shá	white man
t	tí	honey
th	thè	locust
ts	le-tsò	mouth
u	bbù	hole
u	bbà	kind of monkey
v	le-vè	sister
w	wa	alcoholic drink
ʔw	le-ʔwe	aunt
z	zà	meat
ʔ	ʔø	chicken

**ALPHABET**

a b bb ʔb ch d dd dh dj dy dʔy dz e f g gb h hw i ɨ j  
 k kp l m mb n nd ng ngb nj ny nz o ø p r s sh t th ts  
 u ɯ v w ʔw y z ʔ

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