

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	salé	hot
/b/	b	/mb/	mb	/v/	v	b	bo	hole
/t/	t	/mv/	mv	/s/	s	c	cèb	melon
/d/	d, r	/n/	n	/l/	l	d	dàb	long
/tʃ/	c	/nd/	nd	/h/	h	e	kè	mat
/dʒ/	j	/ndʒ/	nj	/w/	w	f	fàl	two
/k/	k	/ɲ/	ɲ	/y/	y	g	gi	to finish
/g/	g	/ŋg/	ŋg			h	hin	door
						i	kin	foreigner
						j	jeré	pity, mercy
						k	kè	mat
						l	lèl	medicine
						m	nòmò	water
/i/	i			/u/	u	mb	mbán	breast
/e/	e			/o/	o	mv	mvulu	brain
/a/	a			/ɔ/	ɔ	n	non	bird
						nd	nde	to go
						nj	njaŋ	guitar
/V:/	VV (where there is a tone glide)					ny	nyùm	flour
						ɲ	ɲam	to suck
						ŋg	ŋgàb	calabash
						o	kómó	cooking oil
						ɔ	tɔn	elephant
						p	pe	to cut
						r	furú	to bury
						s	sér	pounded yam
						t	tí	hare
						u	bù	knife
						v	vún	hoe
						w	we	fire
						y	yam	to increase

Labialization: kw or gw

Tones:

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|---|------|----------|
| 1 | high | |
| 2 | | unmarked |
| 3 | | unmarked |
| 4 | low | |

ALPHABET

a b c d e f g h i j k l m mb mv n nd nj ny ŋ ŋg o ɔ
p r s t u v w y

number of graphemes 31

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