

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	kana	one
/b/	b	/mb/	mb	/v/	v	b	Néba	breast
/b̥/	bh	/n/	n, N	/v̥/	vh	bh	Nébha	village
/t/	t	/nd/	nd	/s/	s	dh	Nóðo	sadness
/d/	d	/ndr/	ndr	/z/	z	dj	Nédjó	house
/d̥/	dh	/ng/	ng	/l/	l	dr	Nédru	head
/tr/	tr	/ngb/	ngb	/r/	r	e	Nékele	charcoal
/dr/	dr	/ngy/	ndj	/h/	h	ε	Nápe	earth
/k/	k, K	/nv/	nv	/w/	w	f	Náfedhe	mucus
/g/	g	/nz/	nz	/y/	y	g	Nógi	garment
/ky/	ts	/ŋ/	ŋ			gb	Négbámá	young man
/gy/	dy					h	Náhi	snail
/kp/	kp					i	Nébi	wound
/gb/	gb					ï	Nébi	car
						k	Nókó	elephant
						K	Ka	[negation]
						kp	Nékpó	civet cat
						l	náálé	chicken
						m	Némo	hunger
						mb	nóombi	ax
						n	nááne	sand
						N	Nédru	head
						nd	nóokondó	leopard
						ndj	Nágandjó	rock salt
						ndr	Nándro	woman
						ng	Néngere	fish
						ngb	Néngbángbá	hangar
						nv	Nónvo	to wait for
						nz	Nónzi	death
						ŋ	Néŋo	eye (Meje)
						o	Nógo	illness
						ɔ	Námɔ	nose
						r	Nápú	ash(es)
						s	Nérí	animal
						t	Nési	dog
						tr	Nete	hand
						ts	nóstri	tortoise tail
						u	Nótsa	to limp
						v	Négúgú	chest
						w	Nédhu	thigh
						y	Névanga	arrow
						z	Némeivha	cobra
							nówo	raffia
							éyé	sleep
							Némázábúla	lion

/i/ i
/i̥/ i̥
/e/ e
/ε/ ε

/V:/ VV

Labialization: Cy
Palatalization: Cw

Tones:

Only high tone is written.

ALPHABET

a b bh d dh dj dr e ε f g gb h i ï k K kp l m mb n
N nd ndj ndr ng ngb nv nz ŋ o ɔ p r s t tr ts u u̥ v vh
w y z

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