

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	Tàd	market day
/b/	b	/n/	n	/v/	v	b	bón	children
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/s/	s	c	còm	fine, good
/d/	d	/ŋ/	ŋ	/z/	z	d	ndàb	thread
/tʃ/	c			/r/	r	e	pè	to arrive
/tʃj/	j			/l/	l	a	bàd	people
/k/	k			/w/	w	f	ʃfè	face
/g/	g			/y/	y	g	ngub	fowl
/ʔ/	ʔ					gh	ìghòb	palm tree
						i	dì	cry
						í	ví	palm nut
						j	jàm	axe
						k	kywí	maize
/i/	i	/í/	í	/u/	u	m	kwèm	a dance
/e/	e	/ə/	ə	/o/	o	n	mban	nail
/a/	a			/ɔ/	ɔ	ny	nyàm	animal
						ŋ	ngòm	plantain
						o	gòb	skin
						ɔ	bón	children
						p	pà'	cloud
						r	wùrì	again
						s	sá'	needle
						t	tó'	palace
						u	bú	dog
						v	ví	palm nut
						w	kwèm	dance
						y	òyí	woman
						z	zon	to buy
						'	ka'	cricket

Labialization: e.g. gw

Palatalization: e.g. gy

Labialization and palatalization: e.g. gyw

Tones:

high	ˊ
mid	ˋ
central	ˋ unmarked
low	ˋ
rising	ˊ
falling	ˋ

ALPHABET

a b c d e ə f g gh i í j k m n ny ŋ o ɔ p r s t u v
w y z ' .

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