

## PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

## EXAMPLES

/p/	p, pf	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	àka	foot
/b/	b	/n/	n	/s/	s	b	àbu	hand
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/ɣ/	gh	d	dù	go!
/d/	d	/ŋ/	ŋ	/l/	l	dz	adzì	stream
/ts/	ts	/ŋm/	ŋm	/w/	w, v	e	èbet	war
/dz/	dz			/y/	y, z	ə	abə	dog
/k/	k					f	fì	latrine
/g/	g					g	gùb	skin
/kp/	kp					gb	kègbelè	feather
/gb/	gb					gh	gha	go!
/ʔ/	ʔ					i	èti	stone
						i	fìŋ	wound
						k	ke	raffia-palm
						kp	kpèn	back
						ʔ	èliʔ	rope
						l	le	fly!
/i/	i	/ə/	ə	/u/	u	m	mèleb	water
/e/	e	/a/	a	/o/	o	ny	nyi	machete
				/ɔ/	ɔ	ŋ	ŋa	give!
						ŋm	ŋmata	take a handful
						o	fo	air
						ɔ	ndɔŋ	cup
						p	paŋe	keep!
/Ŋ/	Ŋ (except /i/ or /ə/)					pf	àpfə	compound
						s	si	ground
						t	tem	shoot!
						ts	tsu	come down!
						u	nu	drink!
						v	vi	pick it up!
						w	wää	who?
						y	ye	see!
						z	zə	listen!

## Tones:

high	·	unmarked
low	˘	
falling	ˆ	
rising	ˊ	

## ALPHABET

a b d dz e ə f g gb gh i i k kp ' l m n ny ŋ ŋm o ɔ  
p pf s t ts u v w y z

number of graphemes 33

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