

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	tága	to believe
/b/	b			/v/	v	b	bee	there
/t/	t			/s/	s	c	caa	to look for
/d/	d, r			/z/	z	d	dáli	chimpanzee
/tʃ/	c			/l/	l, n	e	fe	kind of grain
/tʃʒ/	j			/w/	w, ŋ	e	seʔe	to examine
/k/	k			/y/	y, ny	f	fála	to sow
/g/	g					g	gòlo	chicken
/kp/	kp					gb	gbaa	to drink
/gb/	gb					gm	nigmoon	healer
/kpm/	km					i	sí	and, but
/gbm/	gm					j	jaa	to break
/ʔ/	ʔ					k	kaarà	meat
						km	kmóon	to hit
						kp	kpóo	to kill
						l	lála	weather
						m	máni	rice
						n	nòo	cow
						ny	nyoo	to be good
/i/	i			/u/	u	ŋ	ŋono	knife
/e/	e			/o/	o	o	kòlo	chair
/ɛ/	ɛ	/a/	a	/ɔ/	ɔ	ɔ	kólò	hand
						p	pára	to sell
						r	tàra	to slip
						s	sòo	antelope
						t	too	to fall
						u	súgo	mortar
						v	vògo	cabin
						w	wii	to whistle
						y	yaamà	illness
						z	zàʔa	rain
						ʔ	kàʔa	village

Labialization: Cw

Palatalization: Cy

Tones:

/ŋ̄:/	ŋ̄V	/C̄VC̄V/	C̄VC̄V
/N̄:/	VV	/C̄VC̄V/	CVCV
/N̄:/	ŋ̄V	/C̄VC̄V/	C̄VC̄V
/N̄:/	V̄V̄	/C̄VC̄V/	C̄VC̄V
/N̄:β/	V̄V̄	/C̄VC̄V/	CVCV

ALPHABET

a b c d e ε f g gb gm i j k km kp l m n ny ŋ o ɔ p
r s t u v w y z ʔ

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