

PHONEMES* AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/*	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	Agali	man's name
/b/	b	/n/	n	/s/	s	b	baba	father
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/ʃ/	š	c	ciiri	salt
/d/	d	/ŋ/	ŋ	/z/	z	d	deene	tongue
/tʃ/	c			/l/	l	e	ize	son
/dʒ/	j			/r/	r	f	faari	ricefield
/k/	k			/h/	h	g	gaasu	calabash
/g/	g			/ɸ/	ɸ	h	hari	water
				/w/	w	i	ize	son
				/y/	y	j	jiiri	year
						k	koyra	village
						l	lati	flute
						m	moo	ricefield
						n	nongu	part, place
						ny	nya	mother
						ɲ	ɲa	to eat
						o	hommo	sorghum
						p	pakupaku	moped
						r	ramata	woman's name
						s	senni	word
						š	šanbu	weaving trade
						t	tuuri	tree
						u	turyan	braiding
						w	waaru	fissure
						y	yoo	camel
						z	zuru	to run

* borrowed words only

/i/	i			/u/	u
/e/	e			/o/	o
		/a/	a		

/V:/	VV
/Ṽ/	Vn

Prenasalization: mb, nd, nt, ng, nj

ALPHABET

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n ny ŋ o p r s š t u w y
z

number of graphemes 2