

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	bala	husband
/b/	b	/n/	n	/v/	v	b	bul	to speak
/ɓ/	ɓ	/ɲ/	ny	/s/	s	ɓ	ɓú	to kill
/t/	t	/ŋ/	ŋ, ŋm	/z/	z	c	cɔ́	to cook
/d/	d, r			/l/	l	d	duŋ	to sting
/tʃ/	c			/h/	h	e	ké	this
/dʒ/	j			/w/	w	ɛ	pé	to help
/k/	k			/y/	y	f	fuɛla	rest
/g/	g					g	gero	cloth
/gb/	gb					gb	gbaŋa	calabash
						h	háálo	woman
/i/	i			/u/	u	i	dí	to eat
/ɪ/	ɪ			/v/	v	ɪ	tuŋ	to follow
/e/	e			/o/	o	j	jaa	house
/ɛ/	ɛ	/a/	a	/ɔ/	ɔ	k	kéŋ	to catch
						l	la	to get
/V:/	VV					m	mú	to go
/Ñ/	Ñ					n	namɛ	meat
						ny	nyóó	grass
						ŋ	tuŋ	to crunch
						ŋm	ŋmaŋ	okra
						o	có	to like
						ɔ	cɔ́	to cook
						p	pié	yams
						r	piro	bat
						s	saa	baton
						t	tuu	tree
						u	bul	to burst
						v	bul	to talk
						v	váá	dog
						w	wɛ	to be painful
						y	ywoɔ	market
						z	zu	to enter

Tones:

high
low

unmarked

ALPHABET

a b ɓ c d e ɛ f g gb h i ɪ j k l m n ny ŋ ŋm o ɔ p
r s t u v w y z

number of graphemes 33

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