

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	ka	house
/b/	b	/n/	n	/s/	s	b	binne	black
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/l/	l	c	cakka	necklace
/d/	d	/ŋ/	ŋ	/r/	r	d	dunbe	red
/tʃ/	c			/h/	h	e	mexe	iron
/tʃ/	j			/h/	h	f	fare	donkey
/k/	k			/x/	x	g	gode	5 franc coin
/g/	g			/w/	w	h	hoore	noble
/ʔ/	q			/y/	y	i	si	horse
						j	gjinme	chest
						k	kocce	pebble
						l	labo	knife
						m	muusine	cat
/i/	i			/u/	u	n	na	cow
/e/	e	/a/	a	/o/	o	ny	nyexe	fish
						ŋ	ŋaali	to shine
						o	toro	ear
						p	konpe	hut
/C:/	CC (C = p, c, q)					q	fanqe	struggle
						r	ri	come
						s	sere	person
/V:/	VV					t	tage	blacksmith
/V/	Vn					u	sugo	goat
						w	wule	dog
						x	xaso	struggle
						y	yugo	man

ALPHABET

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n ny ŋ p q r s t u w x y
 number of graphemes 26

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