

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/ɸ/	f	a	pla'	calabash
/b/	b	/n/	n	/v/	v	æ	m̄b̄æt̄æ'	maize stalk
/β/	β	/ɲ/	ny	/s/	s	b	m̄b̄eb	hedghog
/t/	t	/ŋ/	ŋ	/z/	z	β	βɔ'	bath
/d/	d			/ʃ/	sh	c	cimi	chief
/d/	d̄			/ʒ/	j	d	darò	basin
/tʃ/	c			/h/	h	d̄	d̄eb	sky
/k/	k			/ɟ/	gh	e	gwè	maize
/g/	g			/l/	l	ɛ	ndem	field
/kp/	kp			/w/	w	f	fyulu	six
/gb/	gb			/y/	y	g	gàn	okra
/ʔ/	'					gb	gbu'	snail
						gh	ŋghænni	to stick
						h	hwu	young bride
						i	βi	two
						j	nje	ox
						k	kimmà'	chest
/i/	i			/u/	u	kp	kpulu	tortoise
/e/	e			/o/	o	l	lefi	urcle
/ɛ/	ɛ			/ɔ/	ɔ	m	sèm	market
/æ/	æ	/a/	a			n	nini	eight
						ny	nye	house
						ŋ	ŋwè	friend
						o	zwò	above
/V̄/	Vn (except /e/ or /ɔ/)					ɔ	nywɔ'	to hear
						p	pɔ'	sheep
						s	sà'	basket
						sh	nshè	bridge
						t	tàn	granary
						u	wu	cashew
						v	mvæb	blood
						w	web	bone
						y	nyen	to see
						z	zò'	egg
						'	mò'	stick

Tones:

high/mid	unmarked
low	˘
low-high/low-mid	ˆ
high-low	˙

ALPHABET

a æ b β c d d̄ e ɛ f g gb gh h i j k kp l m n ny ŋ o
 ɔ p s sh t u v w y z ' ,

number of graphemes 35

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