

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/b/	b	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	aman	water
/t/	t, ʈ	/n/	n	/s/	s	ǎ	adār	foot
/d/	d, ɗ	/ŋ/	ŋ	/z/	z/z	b	barar	boy
/tʃ/	c			/ʃ/	sh	c	cət	eye
/k/	k			/ʒ/	j	d	dəgh	inside
/g/	g			/x/	kh	ɗ	adad	finger
/q/	q			/ɣ/	gh	e	ekew	root
				/l/	l	ə	əbdəd	to get up
				/ʎ/	ɺ	f	fad	thirst
				/r/	r	g	garāt	rabies
				/h/	h	gh	eghatem	shoe
				/w/	w	h	əhulel	young donkey
				/j/	y	i	igi	action
/i/	i	/ə/	ə	/u/	u	j	aljannat	paradise
/e/	e	/ǎ/	ǎ	/o/	o	k	karad	three
		/a/	a			kh	akh	milk
						l	allagh	spear
						ɺ	alam	camel
						m	manna	drought
						n	nakkuje	mc, I
						ŋ	cəŋwet	tree bark
						q	eqqad	conflagration
						o	azor	broom
						r	rurad	to precipitate
						s	esəli	limestone
						sh	shəgni	indigo dye
						t	tele	lamb
						t	tetle	eating
						u	uragh	gold
						w	wər	[negation]
						y	yel	hay
						z	ežad	grinding
/V:/	VV							

This orthography represents the dialects: Tayərt (Air) and Tawəlləmmət, Tanoənnəg.

ALPHABET

a ǎ b c d ɗ e ə f g gh h i j k kh l ɺ m n ŋ o q r s
sh t ʈ u w y z z

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