

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	taa	town
/b/	b	/n/	n	/v/	v	b	pébe	raffia purse
/β/	β	/ŋ/	ŋ	/s/	s	β	βoro	bag
/t/	t			/z/	z	d	kpódo	leprosy
/d/	d			/ʒ/	ʒ	e	see	to sit down
/k/	k			/l/	l	ε	léε	chicken
/g/	g			/r/	r	f	fóŋ	5 cents
/kp/	kp			/w/	w	g	tíga	to pick
/gb/	gb			/y/	y	gb	gbala	to dry it
						ʒ	yele	sky
/i/	i			/u/	u	i	sii	spider
/e/	e			/o/	o	k	kula	to go out
/ε/	ε	/a/	a	/ɔ/	ɔ	kp	kpàki	loom
						l	leɣi	pot
/V:/	VV					m	mólɔŋ	rice
/V̄/	V̄					n	níŋa	cow
						ŋ	ŋÉya	sand
						o	soo	horse
						ɔ	kɔɔ	log
						p	pili	to jump
						r	pere	path
						s	see	to sit down
						t	too	to fall
						u	kula	to go out
						v	fívó	bee
						w	wála	strong
						y	yá	water
						z	lonzo	hunter

Tones:

high	ˊ
low	ˋ
falling	ˆ

ALPHABET

a b β d e ε f g gb ʒ i k kp l m n ŋ o ɔ p r s t u v
w y z

number of graphemes 28

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