

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	na	water
/b/	b	/n/	n	/v/	v	aa	kaant	woman
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/s/	s	b	bu	child
/d/	d	/ŋ/	ŋ	/z/	z	c	caara	millet (early)
/tʃ/	c			/l/	l	d	dana	to be strong
/dʒ/	j			/r/	r	e	tɔɔ	pigs
/k/	k			/r/	r	e	de	sticks
/g/	g			/h/	h*	f	fugɔ	ten
				/w/	w	g	gaa	grass
				/y/	y	i	digɔ	room
						t	mɪna	millet
* borrowed words only						j	jɔri	to transplant
						k	kaant	woman
						l	luu	clock
						m	magɪ	to hit
/i/	i			/u/	u	n	na	water
/ɪ/	ɪ			/v/	v	ny	nyɔ	to drink
/e/	e	/ɔ/	ɔ (acc. to position)	/o/	o	ŋ	ŋuna	rope
/ɛ/	ɛ	/ɪ/	ɪ	/ɔ/	ɔ	o	bolo	valley
						ɔ	tɔɔ	duiker
						p	pe	chief
						r	dɪra	round hut
						s	sara	mat
/N:/	VV					t	tu	to fall
						u	nu	mother
						v	vɔɔ	hoe
						w	wara	bricks
						y	yaga	market
						z	zagu	to cut

ALPHABET

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

number of graphemes 31

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