

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	gàp	to share
/b/	b	/n/	n	/v/	v	b	bà	two
/t/	t	/ŋ/	ŋ	/s/	s	c	cok	to remove
/d/	d			/z/	z	d	ðak	chair
/ts/	ts			/l/	l	dz	dzèn	to reach
/dz/	dz			/r/	r	e	tes	to stand
/tʃ/	c			/r/	r	ε	bès	calabash
/tʃ/	j			/y/	gh	ə	dzəm	to love
/k/	k			/h/	h	f	fa	to give
/g/	g			/w/	w	g	gà	to do
/kp/	kp			/y/	y	gb	gbè'	to chop
/gb/	gb					gh	gham	to shout
/ʔ/	'					h	hum	ten
						k	kam	crab
						kp	kpe'	meeting
						l	lāk	to pay
						m	ma	mother
						n	nàm	animal
/i/	i	/u/	u	/u/	u	ŋ	ŋam	squeeze
/e/	e	/ə/	ə	/o/	o	o	nto'	palace
/ε/	ε	/a/	a			p	mpi	eagle
						r	rāk	fish trap
						s	sòŋ	cobra
						t	tāk	snail
						ts	ntsòŋ	firewood
						u	yu	things
						ε	kà	rope
						v	va	how
						w	wà	nothing
						y	yam	large
						z	zòŋ	tomorrow
						'	ku'	cocoyam

Tones:

high	unmarked
mid	unmarked
low	
rising	unmarked

ALPHABET

a b c d dz e ε ə f g gb gh h i j k kp l m n ŋ o p r
s t ts u u v w y z ' ,

number of graphemes 34

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