

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	Adama	man's name
/b/	b	/n/	n	/v/	v	b	bardan	banana
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/s/	s	c	còw	wife
/d/	d	/ŋ/	ŋ	/ʃ/	sh	d	daa	compound
/tʃ/	c	/ŋm/	ŋm	/z/	z	e	yere	to stop
/dʒ/	j			/ʒ/	zh	è	cèrè	calabash
/k/	k			/l/	l	f	fwo	debt
/g/	g			/r/	r	g	gaan	tooth
/kp/	kp			/h/	h	gb	gba	river
/gb/	gb			/x/	x	h	naha	here
				/w/	w	i	yiri	to get up
				/y/	y	j	jo	to say
						k	kuru	to return
						kp	kpan	lobby
						l	logo	to hear
						m	mugu	to open
						n	nan	man
/i/	i			/u/	u	ny	nyu	mouth
/e/	e			/o/	o	ŋ	keegè	wells
/ɛ/	è			/ɔ/	ò	ŋm	ŋmuu	knife
		/a/	a			o	to	father
						ò	mahajò	beard
						p	poro	daughter
						r	koro	footstool
						s	suro	pounded yam
						sh	shugho'	horse
						t	tanri	three
						u	shugho'	horse
						v	sha-vò	he who is searching
						w	wò	snake
						x	xaari	meat
						y	yu	to steal
						z	zana	man's name
						zh	zhigha	baobab

/V:/ VV (/ɛ:/ èe; /ɔ:/ òò)

/V̄/ Vn (except /e/ or /o/)

Palatalization: py, ky, fy

Tones:

high

low

ALPHABET

a b c d e è f g gb h i j k kp l m n ny ŋ ŋm o ò p r
s sh t u v w x y z zh

number of graphemes 34

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