

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	aso	beans
/b/	b	/n/	n	/v/	v	a	isgm	monkey
/β/	β	/ɲ/	ny	/s/	s	b	bol	to open
/t/	t	/ɥ/	ɥ	/ʃ/	sh	β	abar	spear
/d/	d			/z/	z	c	ica	net
/dʃ/	dʃ			/ʒ/	zh	d	dan	to sow
/tʃ/	tʃ			/ɣ/	gh	dʃ	adir	hoe
/dz/	j			/l/	l	e	apye	moon
/k/	k			/r/	r	ə	apər	fire
/g/	g			/w/	w	f	fa	to germinate
/kp/	kp			/j/	y	g	ga	to go
/gb/	gb					gb	gba	to flatter
						gh	aghal	hut
						i	iri	wild pig
						j	jul	to rest
						k	kak	to break
						kp	kpap	to knock
						l	la	to say
/i/	i	/ɛ/	ə	/u/	u	m	mami	I
/e/	e	/ə/	ə	/ɔ/	o	n	na	to give
		/a/	a			ny	nyi	to know
						ɲ	ipaɲ	stone
						o	onəm	people
						p	pa	to cut
						r	ri	to eat
						s	sak	to comfort
						sh	shak	to filter
						t	tat	to stitch
						u	udəda	father
						v	avakci	sheath
						w	wa	to drink
						y	ya	to see
						z	zar	to shred
						zh	izhizhap	roofing grass

Tones:

There are three level tones, but it is usually not necessary to mark the tone. Only high tone (´) is marked in certain cases.

Tone:

iwu	eye
iwú	eyes
ibál	goat
ibá!l	goats

ALPHABET

a a b β c d dʃ e ə f g gb gh i j k kp l m n ny ɲ o p
r s sh t u v w y z zh

number of graphemes 34

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