

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	a	to pour
/b/	b	/n/	n	/v/	v	b	ba	to take
/ɓ/	'b	/ɲ/	ny	/s/	s	'b	'bako	sadness
/t/	t	/ŋ/	ng	/z/	z	d	de	good
/d/	d			/l/	l	'd	'dafa	to repair
/ɗ/	'd			/h/	h	e	e	to ask
/k/	k			/w/	w	ɛ	efe	tender
/g/	g			/y/	y	f	fana	to greet
/kp/	kp					g	gala	to help
/gb/	gb					gb	gbagba	bridge
						h	hā	to give
						i	kifi	to change
						k	kala	crab
						kp	kpana	cooking pot
/i/	i			/u/	u	l	le	to enter
/e/	e			/o/	o	m	mómó	to laugh
/ɛ/	ɛ			/ɔ/	ɔ	n	ne	to go
		/a/	a			ny	nya	brother
						ng	dungu	to stay
						o	o	to break
						ɔ	ɔ	to live
/ŋ̃/	ŋ̃ (except /e/ or /o/)					p	pakala	water snake
						s	sa	clean
						t	te	tree
						u	lu	to stir
						v	vule	genet
						w	wuko	woman
						y	yala	sleep
						z	zā	abdomen

ALPHABET

a b 'b d 'd e ɛ f g gb h i k kp l m n ny ng o ɔ p s
t u v w y z

number of graphemes 29

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