

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f
/b/	b	/n/	n	/v/	v
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/s/	s
/d/	d			/z/	z
/ɖ/	ɖ			/l/	l
/tʃ/	c			/r/	r
/tʃʲ/	j			/h/	h
/k/	k			/x/	x
/kp/	kp			/w/	w
/g/	g			/y/	y
/gb/	gb				
/i/	i			/u/	u
/e/	e			/o/	o
/ɛ/	ɛ	/a/	a	/ɔ/	ɔ

a	awa	arm
b	blɛ	needle
c	cavi	key
d	detin	palm tree
ɖ	ɖɔ	net
c	gbɛtɔ	shoe
ɛ	gbɛtɔ	person
f	fɔfi	match
g	gota	gourd
gb	gbɔ	goat
h	han	song
x	xasɔ	basket
i	ali	path
j	jɔ	louse
k	keke	bicycle
kp	kpa	palisade
l	lifin	flour
m	minyɔ	fire
n	naki	firewood
ny	nyibu	ox
o	to	country
ɔ	tɔ	father
p	pinpan	train
r	metru	meter
s	sɔ	horse
l	tan	pond
u	axɔsɔ	chief
v	vi	cola nut
w	wugo	shea nut
y	ye	spirit
z	zan	mat

Tones:

high	ˊ
mid	ˋ
low	ˋˋ
glide	ˋˊ
	unmarked

Tone is not written except for some words that would otherwise be ambiguous.

ALPHABET

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

number of graphemes 31

Alphabets of Africa