

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	agaso	saber
/b/	b	/n/	n	/v/	v	b	bibi	to spoil
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/s/	s	c	cəmər	rabbit
/d/	d, d̥	/ŋ/	ŋ	/z/	z, zz	e	dobono	song
/tʃ/	c			/ʒ/	ʒ	e	ebeo	needle
/dʒ/	j			/ʃ/	š	ɛ	dɛɛ	single person
/k/	k			/ç/	ç	ɛ	keyekeye	softly
/g/	g			/ɣ/	ɣ	ə	ərđi	enemy
				/r/	r	f	furaka	button
				/l/	l, l̥	g	gudu	necklace
				/h/	h	g	yagabi	house
				/w/	w	h	herdar	harvest
/i/	i			/y/	y	i	tihi	cinder
/u/	ɛ	/a/	a			j	jirede	honest
/e/	e	/ə/	ə	/u/	u	k	kara	hippopotamus
/ɛ/	ɛ	/a/	a	/o/	o	l	lowi	knife
				/ɔ/	ɔ	m	muzoar	thorny
						n	nomɛ	region
						ny	nyeli	to rain
						ŋ	ŋuši	yesterday
						o	owoni	community
						ɔ	ɔməri	husband
						ɔ	ɔsol	silver bracelet
						p	tɔpar	to sharpen
						r	raŋʳ	to lift up
						s	saŋka	chain
						š	šer	debt
						t	tiɖt	to go
						u	budi	much, many
						v	ovəri	straw
						w	wɔbo	air
						y	yer	to give
						z	zamar	to come back

ALPHABET

a b c d e ɛ ɛ ə f g ɣ h i j k l m n ny ŋ o ɔ ɔ p r
s š t u v w y z

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