

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m
/b/	b	/mb/	mb
/t/	t	/mv/	mv
/d/	d	/n/	n
/k/	k	/nd/	nd
/g/	g	/ng/	ng
/kp/	kp	/ngb/	ngb
/gb/	gb	/nz/	nz
		/p/	ny

/i/	i		
/e/	e		
/ɛ/	e		
		/a/	a

/ŋ/ Vn (except /ɛ/ or /ɔ/)

Tones:

high	ˊ
mid	-
low	ˋ
high-low	ˊˋ

/f/	f
/v/	v
/s/	s
/z/	z
/l/	l
/r/	r
/h/	h
/w/	w
/y/	y

/u/	u
/o/	o
/ɔ/	o

a	la	sun
b	baba	daddy
d	doli	elephant
e	keke	tree, wood
en	pendere	coquetry
e	vene	to lie
f	fini	nine
g	gala	market
gb	gbako	forest
h	hio	quick
i	ita	brother
k	kete	small
kp	kpeka	hoe
l	lele	donkey
m	me	ear
mb	mbeti	paper
mv	mvenc	lie
n	nako	tortoise
nd	ndu	place
ng	ngu	water, year
ngb	ngbo	snake
ny	nyama	animal
nz	nzapa	God
o	ota	three
o	loro	race
p	pata	5 francs
r	loro	race
s	sese	earth
t	tere	story
u	use	two
v	vi	intestine
w	wali	woman
y	zaka	field
z	zeme	knife

ALPHABET

a b d e f g gb h i k kp l m mb mv n nd ng ngb nz ny
o p r s t u v w y z

number of graphemes 3

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