

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	'	bo'e	carps (fish)
/b/	b	/mb/	mb	/s/	s	a	Ali	man's name
/β/	β	/n/	n	/l/	l	b	be'i	goats
/t/	t	/nd/	nd	/r/	r	β	boggol	rope
/d/	d	/ng/	ng	/h/	h	c	cofal	chicken
/d/	d	/nj/	nj	/w/	w	d	daago	mat
/tʃ/	c	/ɲ/	ɲ	/y/	y	d'	datol	way, path
/dʒ/	j	/ŋ/	ŋ	/ʔy/	y	e	enen	we
/k/	k					f	faandu	gourd
/g/	g					g	gite	eyes
/ʔ/	'					h	haako	green leaves
						i	inna	mother
/i/	i			/u/	u	j	jamma	night
/e/	e	/a/	a	/o/	o	k	kudol	spark
						l	laamu	power
/C:/	CC					m	maaro	rice
						mb	mbaalu	sheep
/V:/	VV					n	nano	left hand
						nd	ndamndi	billy-goat
						ng	ngaari	bull
						nj	njaareendi	sand
						ny	nyaamo	right hand
						ŋ	ŋoonyi	biscuit
						o	oolo	yellow
						p	padé	shoes
						r	rimo	cotton
						s	saaya	castan
						t	tati	three
						u	uurdi	incense
						w	waandu	monkey
						y	yoro	dryness
						y	yeenol	rotation of livestock

ALPHABET

' a b β c d d' e f g h i j k l m mb n nd ng nj ny ŋ o
p r s t u w y y

number of graphemes 31

Alphabets of Africa

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