

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f
/b/	b	/n/	n	/s/	s
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ɲ	/x/	x
/d/	d	/ŋ/	ŋ	/l/	l
/ɕ/	c			/r/	r
/ʒ/	j			/h/	h
/k/	k			/w/	w
/g/	g			/j/	y
/q/	q				
				/u/	u
/i/	i			/o/	o
/e/	e	/a/	a		
/V:/	VV				

a	abada	always
b	baade	mourning
c	cakka	necklace
d	daba	mat
e	benne	horn
f	fillo	two
g	gaarc	lie
h	saha	health
i	si	horse
j	ji	water
k	kabu	nine
l	labo	knife
m	marafa	gun
n	naxato	four
ɲ	ɲeru	seven
ŋ	ŋaame	flood
o	sokke	straw
p	pitolle	trap
q	feqe	armpit
r	ri	to come
s	suuge	song
t	toro	ear
u	dulle	hunger
w	wulle	dog
x	xana	friend
y	yugo	man

Gemination: pp, tt, dd, kk, qq, mm, nn, ŋŋ, ll

Tones:

Tone is not written.

ALPHABET

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n ñ ŋ o p q r s t u w x  
y

number of graphemes 20

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