

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/b/	b	/m/	m	/s/	s	'	ma'aikaci	worker
/β/	β	/n/	n	/z/	z	a	akuya	goat
/t/	t			/ʃ/	sh	b	baki	mouth
/d/	d			/ʒ/	zh	β	βarawo	thief
/d/	d			/h/	h	c	caca	game of chance
/ts/	ts			/hw/	f	d	doki	horse
/c/	c			/hy/	fy	d	daki	house
/k/	k			/l/	l	e	kunne	ear
/g/	g			/r/	r	f	fata	skin
/kw/	kw			/t/	t	fy	fyacewa	to blow
/gw/	gw			/w/	w			one's nose
/ky/	ky			/j/	y	g	gona	field
/gy/	gy			/y/	y	gw	gwadawa	to show
/k/	k					gy	gyada	groundnut
/kw/	kw					h	haki	grass
/ky/	ky					i	ido	eye
/ʔ/	'					j	jiki	body
						k	kasuwa	market
						kw	akwati	trunk, crate
						ky	kyauta	gift
						k	katō	lively
						kw	kwacewa	to pull out
						ky	kyalewa	to be quiet
						l	littabi	book
						m	makaho	blind
/i/	i			/u/	u	n	nono	milk
/e/	e			/o/	o	o	goshi	forehead
		/a/	a			p	paci	mending
						r	rubutu	writing
						ʃ	ʃuwa	water
/V:/	VV					s	saniya	cow
						sh	shuni	indigo dye
						t	talauci	poverty
						ts	hatsi	millet
						u	hutu	vacation
						w	wahala	suffering
						y	yaro	child
						y	yaya	fruit (pl)
						z	zahi	heat

This orthography represents the dialects: Damagaranci, Katsinanci, Gobiranci, Dauranci, Adarci (Adaranci), Kwannanci, Arewanci, Kurfayanci, Agadasanci, and Dandanci.

ALPHABET

' a b β c d d' e f fy g gw gy h i j k kw ky k' kw ky l
m n o r s sh t ts u w y y' z

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