

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/t/	t	/m/	m	/ʃ/	c	a	tara	to count
/k/	k	/mb/	mb	/ð/	th	b	baba	father
		/n/	n	/β/	b	mb	mbembe	maize
		/nd/	nd	/ɣ/	g	c	cūcū	grandmother
		/ɲ/	ny	/r/	r	nd	nduma	darkness
		/ɲɲ/	ɲɲ	/h/	h	e	wega	goodness
		/ŋ/	ng'	/w/	w	g	guka	grandfather
		/ŋg/	ng	/j/	y	ng	ngingo	neck
						ng'	ng'ombe	cow
/i/	i					h	haha	here
/e/	ī			/u/	u	i	hiti	hyena
/ɛ/	e	/a/	a	/o/	ū	ī	rītwa	name
				/ɔ/	o	nj	njata	star
/V:/	VV					k	kindū	something
						m	mūndū	someone
						n	nene	big
						ny	nyingī	a lot
						o	toro	to sleep
						ū	rūma	to bite
						r	rora	to look
						t	tara	to count
						th	thutha	behind
						u	ruga	to cook
						w	wira	to work
						y	ndaya	long

ALPHABET

a b mb c nd e g ng ng' h i ī nj k m n ny o ū r t th
u w y

number of graphemes 25

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