

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f
/b/	b	/mb/	mb	/s/	s
/β/	β	/n/	n	/l/	l
/t/	t	/nd/	nd	/r/	r
/d/	d	/ndz/	nj	/h/	h
/d/	ɗ	/ɲ/	ɲ	/w/	w
/tʃ/	c	/ŋ/	ŋ	/j/	y
/dʒ/	j	/ŋg/	ŋg	/ʔy/	y
/k/	k				
/g/	g				
/q/	q				
/ʔ/	ʔ				
/i/	i			/v/	u
/e/	e			/ɔ/	o
		/a/	a		
/V:/	VV				

ʔ	Haalpulaar'en	Pulaar
a	arde	to come
b	baaba	father
β	βirde	to milk
c	caali	shelter
d	debbo	woman
ɗ	ɗidi	two
e	endam	family bond
f	faade	to go in the direction of
g	gorko	man
h	hoore	head
i	ilam	flood
j	janngude	to learn
k	kosam	milk
l	lahal	calabash
m	maayo	river
mb	mboomri	young girl
n	nagge	cow
nd	ndiyam	water
nj	njettoor	praise
ŋ	ŋabbude	to go up
ŋg	ŋguurndam	life
ɲ	ɲiire	tooth
o	ooyre	light
p	paho	deaf
q	qabri	tomb
r	rawaandu	dog
s	sawru	flock
t	tati	three
u	unde	to pound
w	waare	chin, beard
y	yoorde	to dry
y	yakkude	to chew

Tones:

There is no phonemic tone.

ALPHABET

ʔ a b β c d ɗ e f g h i j k l m mb n nd nj ŋ ŋg ɲ o
p q r s t u w y y

number of graphemes 33

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