

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

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|------|----|------|---|------|----|
| /b/ | b | /m/ | m | /f/ | f |
| /β/ | β | /n/ | n | /fy/ | fy |
| /t/ | t | | | /s/ | s |
| /d/ | d | | | /z/ | z |
| /d̥/ | d̥ | | | /ʃ/ | sh |
| /ts/ | ts | | | /l/ | l |
| /tʃ/ | c | | | /r/ | r |
| /dʒ/ | j | | | /h/ | h |
| /k/ | k | | | /w/ | w |
| /ʁ/ | ʁ | | | /y/ | y |
| /g/ | g | | | /y/ | y |
| /ʔ/ | ʔ | | | | |
| | | /a/ | a | /u/ | u |
| /i/ | i | /aː/ | ā | /o/ | o |
| /e/ | e | | | | |

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|----|---------|----------------|
| a | al'ada | custom |
| ā | kāsuwa | market |
| b | baba | daddy |
| β | βacc | lost |
| c | cika | full |
| d | doya | yam |
| d̥ | daya | one |
| e | keke | machine |
| f | fansa | redemption |
| fy | fyance | to snatch away |
| g | gobe | tomorrow |
| gw | gwanda | pawpaw |
| gy | gyada | groundnuts |
| h | haske | light |
| i | ilimi | knowledge |
| j | jiki | body |
| k | kāsuwa | market |
| kw | kwai | egg |
| ky | kyan | beauty |
| ʁ | ʁaʁa? | how? |
| kw | kwari | exceedingly |
| ky | kyale | to ignore |
| l | likita | doctor |
| m | mama | mother |
| n | nama | meat |
| o | nono | buttermilk |
| r | riba | profit |
| s | sata | to steal |
| sh | shaida | witness |
| t | tambaya | question |
| ts | tsarki | holiness |
| u | uba | father |
| w | wuƙa | knife |
| y | yan | today |
| 'y | 'ya'ya | offspring |
| z | zobe | ring |
| ' | al'ada | custom |

N.B. ā is only written when meaning is not obvious, e.g.

| | |
|------|-------|
| fari | white |
| fāri | first |

Labialization: kw, gw, ƙw
 Palatalization: ky, gy, fy

ALPHABET

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

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