Mende

Standard Orthography (Sierre Leone)

A B D E Ɛ F G H I J K L M N Ŋ O Ɔ P
a b d e ɛ f g h i dʒ k l m n ŋ o ɔ p

S T U V W Y a b d e ɛ f g h i k l m n ŋ o ɔ
s t u v w j

p s t u v w y

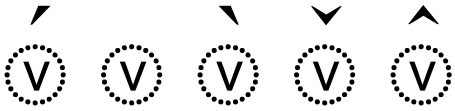
Consonant Compounds

gb kp mb nd nj ng ny
g͡b k͡p ᵐb ⁿd ᶮdʒ ᵑg ɲ

Vowel Compounds

aa ee ɛɛ ii oo ɔɔ uu
aː eː ɛː iː oː ɔː uː

Tone Marks



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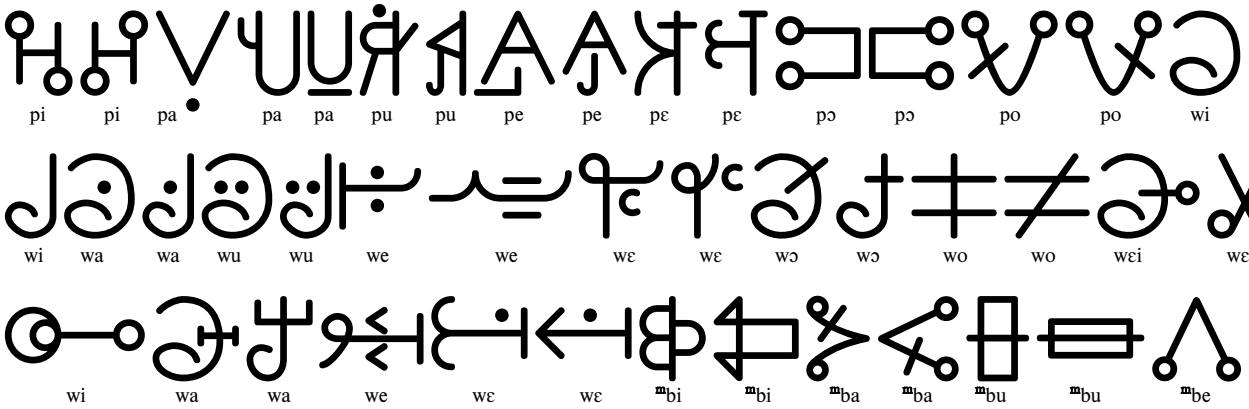
Notes

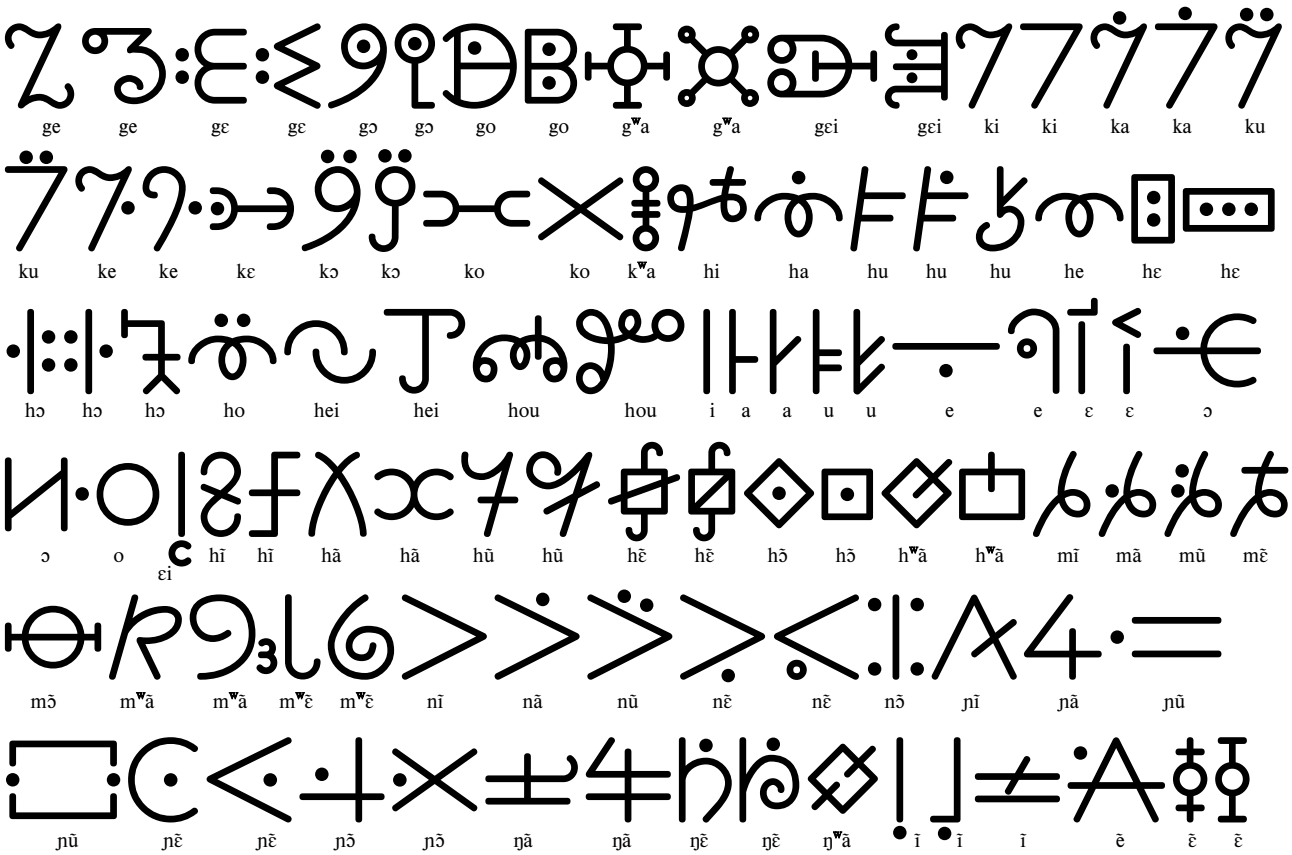
1. None

Kisimi Kamara's syllabary (Sierre Leone 1921)



pi pi pa pa pa pu pu pe pe pɛ pɛ pɔ pɔ po po wi
wi wa wa wu wu we we wɛ wɛ wɔ wɔ wo wo wɛi wɛi
wi wa wa we wɛ wɛ ᵐbi ᵐbi ᵐba ᵐba ᵐbu ᵐbu ᵐbe

ᵐbe ᵐbɛ ᵐbɛ ᵐbɔ ᵐbɔ ᵐbo ᵐbo ᵐbu ᵐbu ᵐbe ᵐbɛ ᵐbɛ ᵐbɔ ᵐbɔ ᵐbo
bi bi ba ba bu bu be be bɛ bɔ bɔ bo bo bo k͡pi k͡pa k͡pa k͡pa
k͡pu k͡pu k͡pe k͡pɛ k͡pɛ k͡pɛ k͡pɔ k͡pɔ k͡po gbi gba gba gbu gbe gbɛ gbɛ
gbɔ gbɔ gbo gbo fi fa fu fe fe fɛ fɛ fɔ fo fã fã vi
va va vu vu ve ve vɛ vɛ vɔ vɔ vo vo ti ti ta ta tu
tu te te tɛ tɛ tɔ to to li li li la la la la lu
lu le le lɛ lɛ lɛ lɔ lɔ lo lo lɛː lɛː ⁿdi ⁿdi
ⁿda ⁿda ⁿdu ⁿdu ⁿde ⁿde ⁿdɛ ⁿdɛ ⁿdɛ ⁿdɔ ⁿdɔ ⁿdo ⁿdo di
di da da du du de de dɔ dɔ do si si sa
sa su su se se sɛ sɛ sɔ sɔ so so dʒi dʒi dʒa
dʒa dʒu dʒu dʒe dʒe dʒɛ dʒɛ dʒɔ dʒɔ dʒo ⁿdʒa ⁿdʒa ⁿdʒu ⁿdʒu
ⁿdʒe ⁿdʒe ⁿdʒe ⁿdʒɔ ⁿdʒɔ ⁿdʒo ⁿdʒo ji ja ju je je jɛ
jɛ jɛ jɔ jɔ jo jo ᵑgi ᵑgi ᵑga ᵑga ᵑgu ᵑgu ᵑge ᵑge ᵑge ᵑgɛ
ᵑgɔ ᵑgɔ ᵑgo ᵑgo ᵑgʷa ᵑgʷa gi gi ga ga ga gu gu



Notes

A. The Kisimi Kamara Syllabary is written and read from Right to Left.

B. The variant characters, 2nd and 3rd in the series, are taken from the Segbwema Version of the script, but this does not mean that variant characters are only encountered in the Segbwema Version. Variants of the same character are even encountered within the same document.