

# Mende

## Standard Orthography (Sierra Leone)

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

S T U V W Y a b d e e 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

g b k p m b n d n j n g n y  
gb kp mb nd nj ng ny

## Vowel Compounds

a a e e e e i i o o ɔ ɔ u u  
a: e: e: i: o: ɔ: u:

## Tone Marks

↗ ↘ ↙ ↕ ↖  
V V V V V  
55 33 11 24 42

## Notes

1. None

## Kisimi Kamara's syllabary (Sierra Leone 1921)

᠋᠋  
pi pi pa pa pa pu pu pe pe pe pe po po po po wi

᠋᠋  
wi wa wa wu wu we we we we wo wo wo wo wei wei

᠋᠋  
wi wa wa we we we mbi mbi mba mba mbu mbu mbe



2 3 : E : 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15  
 ge ge gɛ gɛ go go go go g<sup>w</sup>a g<sup>w</sup>a gei gei ki ki ka ka ku  
 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32  
 ku ke ke ke kɔ kɔ ko ko k<sup>w</sup>a hi ha hu hu hu he he he  
 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49  
 ho ho ho ho hei hei hou hou i a a u u e e ε ε ɔ  
 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66  
 ɔ o ei hī hī hā hā hū hū hē hē hō hō h<sup>w</sup>a h<sup>w</sup>a mī mā mū mē  
 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83  
 mō m<sup>w</sup>a m<sup>w</sup>a m<sup>w</sup>ɛ m<sup>w</sup>ɛ nī nā nū nē nē nō jī jā jū  
 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100  
 jū jē jē jō jō ŋā ŋā ŋē ŋē ŋ<sup>w</sup>a i i i ē ē ē

Notes

- A. The Kisimi Kamara Syllabary is written and read from Right to Left.
- B. The variant characters, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.