

Pakanh Phoneme Inventory

Bold face characters show the phonemes in the standard orthography. IPA symbols in square brackets show the principal allophone(s) of each phoneme.

Consonant phonemes

	Bilabial	Lamino-dental	Apico-alveolar	Apico-postalveolar	Lamino-alveopalatal	Dorso-velar
Stop	p [p ^h :] [b] [β]	th [t ^h :] [t̪] [d̪] [ð]	t [t ^h :] [t] [d]		ch [c ^h :] [c] [ç]	k [k ^h :] [k] [g]
Nasal	m [m] [m:] [^b m]	nh [n̪] [n̪:] [^d n̪]	n [n] [n:] [^d n]		ny [ɲ] [ɲ:] [ʎ]	ng [ŋ] [ŋ:] [^g ŋ]
Lateral			l [l] [l:]			
Trill			rr [r] [r]			
Approximant	w [w] [w:]			r [ɻ]	y [j] [j:]	

The long or tense allophones such as [p^h:], [^bm], [m:] and [w:] occur following short stressed vowels. The short or lax allophones such as [b], [β], [m] and [w] occur following long stressed vowels.

Vowel phonemes

	Front	Central	Back
High	i [i] [ɪ]		u [u] [ʊ]
	ii [i:]		uu [u:]
Mid	e [e] [ɛ] [ɛ̃]		o [o] [ɔ]
	ee [ɛ:]		oo [ɔ:]
Low		a [a] [ə] [ʌ]	
		aa [a:]	