YORUBA ALPHABETS
CONSONANTS AND VOWELS
(KỌŃSÓNÁNTÌ ÀTI FÁWẸLÌ ÁLÍFÁBΕẸTÌ YORÙBÁ)

CONSONANTS (KỌŃSÓNÁNTÌ): 18 in total
Bb, Dd, Ff, Gg, GBgb, Hh, Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn, Pp, Rr, Ss, Šš, Tt, Ww, Yy

VOWELS (FÁWẸLÌ) 7
In Yorùbá alphabets, there are two types of vowels or fáwèlì:

I. Plain / normal vowels: a, e, ẹ, i, o, ọ, u
II. Nasal vowels: an, ẹn, in, ọn, un (nothing like en, on)

Note: Once you know the alphabets, what you see is what you read, what you read is what you pronounce. No guess ‘work’ or word!
GENERAL RULES

1. Consonants are never marked in Yorùbá language; there is no tone mark on them except those representing vowels namely ‘n’ and ‘m’

2. Consonants never end a word in Yorùbá language.

3. Two consonants are never written together in Yorùbá except in ‘gb’ which represents a letter of the alphabet or when a vowel has been elided (see elision). For example, ‘Mobólánílé’ which is pronounced and written as ‘Mobóláńlé’.

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