

# YORUBA ALPHABETS

## CONSONANTS AND VOWELS

(KỌ́NSÓNÁNTÌ ÀTI FÁWÈLÌ ÁLÍFÁBÈẸ̀TÌ YORÙBÁ)

### CONSONANTS (KỌ́NSÓNÁNTÌ): 18 in total

Bb, Dd, Ff, Gg, GBgb, Hh, Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn, Pp, Rr, Ss, Şş, Tt, Ww, Yy

### VOWELS (FÁWÈLÌ) 7

In Yorùbá alphabets, there are two types of vowels or fówèlì:

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

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## 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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