

Phoneme has allophone in environment except

EXAMPLES: /ɪ/ [ɪ] of; /ī/ [ī] fish; /fia/ [fia] to dance;
/teðin/ [tɛðin] brother; /pɪ/ [pɪ] desire; /θɪ/
[θɪ] breast; /tɪŋtɪn/ [tɪŋtɪn] peace; /hanawai/
[hanawai] there is.

/e/	[e] higher mid front unrounded vocoid	word initially and finally and before vowels or h
	[ɛ] lower mid front unrounded vocoid	elsewhere and word initial before nasals

EXAMPLES: /epun/ [epun] you plural; /elæñ/ [elæñ] tomorrow;
/xen/ [xɛn] food; /xēn/ [xēn] to set out food;
/goðeñ/ [goðeñ] road; /hete/ [hete] there exist.

It should be noted that in compound words, each constituent has its own stress and behaves as a separate phonological unit. Thus with the word /punepun/ perfume, the constituents are /pun/, linking vowel /e/, plus /pun/. Further reference to linking vowels will be made below.

/æ/	[æ] higher low front unrounded vocoid	in all occurrences	as below
	[æʔ] higher low front unrounded vocoid followed by glottal stop	utterance finally	

EXAMPLES: /æθ/ [æθ] to disperse; /æθɛn/ [æθɛn] to feel for something; /mæl/ [mæl] gull; /eæ/ [eæʔ] fire; /fiæ/ [fiæʔ] heap of yams

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/a/	[a] low back unrounded vocoid	in all occurrences	
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EXAMPLES: /akof/ [akof] fire-tongs; /aɔi/ [aɔi] rat; /ñinawa/ [ñinawa] neck; /alamek/ [alamek] eye; /xa/ [xa] sister; /imāno/ [imāno] cloth; /imano/ [imano] chest

/o/	[o] higher mid back rounded vocoid	in all occurrences	
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EXAMPLES: /ole/ [ole] to thank; /goðeñ/ [goðeñ] road; /watolea/ [watolea] corn; /xom/ [xom] to take; /wezipo/ [wezipo] a corpse

The word [ɔxu] Chief, exists in Dehu, but this is the only occurrence of [ɔ]. This is probably a borrowing from the Nengone [ɔku], where both /ɔ/ and /o/ exist.

/u/	[u] high back rounded vocoid	in all occurrences	
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EXAMPLES: /učič/ [učič] to slide; /u/ [u] soul; /umeum/ [umeum] scar; /epun/ [epun] you plural; /aŋu/ [aŋu] spirit; /θū/ [θū] to give; /θu/ [θu] lizard

/ø/	[ø] mid central neutral vocoid	in all occurrences	
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EXAMPLES: /øl/ [øl] pot; /øni/ [øni] meat; /eøt/ [eøt] shark; /nøne/ [nøne] in; /fø/ [fø] woman; /sinø/ [sinø] tree; /iñø/ [iñø] tooth