

A Detailed Overview of the Banzonaa Language

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Phonology

Overview

Banzonaa's phonology features a vast number of consonants and a small inventory of vowels. The consonants roughly break into a tenuis, voiced, and ejective series, however the voiced series is fairly scant compared to the other two. Of further note is the labialization of velar consonants. The language hoists this onto a fairly simple syllable system.

Consonants

Vowels

Syllable Patterns

Environmental Restrictions

Allophones

| | Labial | Alveolar | Post-Alveolar | Lateral | Velar | Labiovelar |
|-------------|--------|----------|---------------|---------|-------|------------|
| Tenuis | p | t ts | tʃ | tɬ | k | kʷ |
| Voiced | b | d | | | | |
| Ejective | | t' ts' | tʃ' | tɬ' | k' | kʷ' |
| Nasal | m | n | | | ŋ | ŋʷ |
| Fricative | f | s | ʃ | ɬ | x | xʷ |
| Approximant | | r | j | l | | w |

Figure 1: Consonant Inventory