

Table 2.6: Prosodic conditioning of consonant phonemes

	Neutral	Gloss	Labialised	Gloss	Palatalised	Gloss
Stops						
p	[paj]	‘open’	[apɔŋwɔ]	‘mushroom’	[pɛmbɛʒ]	‘blood’
b	[baj]	‘light’	[abɔr]	‘lust’	[bɛkɛ]	‘slave’
ɓ	[ɓaj]	‘hit’	[aɓɔlɔ]	‘yam’	[ɓɛʒɛŋ]	‘count’
m	[maj]	‘hunger’	[mɔlɔ]	‘twin’	[amɛlɛk]	‘bracelet’
mb	[mbaj]	‘follow’	[ambɔlɔ]	‘bag’	[mbɛ]	‘argue’
t	[tar]	‘call’	[atɔs]	‘hedgehog’	[tɛʒɛh]	‘boa’
d	[dar]	‘burn’	[dɔkʷaj]	‘arrive’	[dɛ]	‘cook’
ɖ	[ɖas]	‘weigh’	[ɖɔgʷɔm]	‘nape’	[ɖɛ]	‘flourish’
n	[nax]	‘ripen’	[sɔnɔ]	‘joke’	[ɛnɛŋ]	‘snake’
ŋ	[ɣaŋ]	‘start’	[tɔlɔlɔŋ]	‘heart’	[ɓɛʒɛŋ]	‘count’
nd	[ndar]	‘weave’	[ndɔʒaj]	‘explode’	[ndɛ]	‘lie down’
k	[kaɬ]	‘wait’			[bɛkɛ]	‘slave’
g	[gar]	‘grow’			[gɛ]	‘do’
ŋg	[ŋgaj]	‘set’			[fɛŋgɛ]	‘termite mound’
kʷ	[kʷɔsaj]	‘fog’	[kʷɔndɔŋ]	‘banana’	[ajɔɛkʷ]	‘ground nut’
gʷ	[agʷɔʒak]	‘cockerel’	[gʷɔrɔ]	‘kola’	[dʒɔɛgʷɛr]	‘limpness’
ŋgʷ	[ŋgʷɔdaɬaj]	‘simmer’	[aŋgʷɔlɔ]	‘return’	[adɔŋgʷɛrɛd]	‘type of tree’
Fricatives and Affricates						
f	[far]	‘itch’	[fɔkʷaj]	‘whistle’	[fɛ]	‘play instrument’
v	[vaj]	‘winnow’	[avɔlɔm]	‘ladle’	[vɛ]	‘spend (time)’
s	[sar]	‘know’	[sɔnɔ]	‘joke’		
z	[zaj]	‘peace’	[zɔm]	‘eat’		
ts	[tsar]	‘climb’	[tsɔkʷɔr]	‘fish net’		
dz	[dzaj]	‘speak’	[dzɔgʷɔ]	‘hat’		
nz	[nzakaj]	‘find’	[nzɔm]	‘sit down’		
h	[haj]	‘millet’			[mɛhɛr]	‘forehead’
x	[rax]	‘satisfy’			[tɛʒɛx]	‘boa’
hʷ	[hʷɔɖa]	‘dregs’	[hʷɔr]	‘woman’	[ahʷɔɛɖɛ]	‘fingernail’
ʃ					[ʃɛ]	‘drink’
ʒ					[ʒɛ]	‘smell’
tʃ					[tʃɛ]	‘lack’
dʒ					[dʒɛŋ]	‘luck’
nʒ					[nʒɛ]	‘sit down’
Laterals						
ɬ	[ɬaj]	‘slit’	[ɬɔkʷɔ]	‘earring’	[aɬɛɬɛd]	‘egg’
ɣ	[ɣaŋ]	‘start’	[bɛʒɛm]	‘cheek’	[aʒɛrɛ]	‘lance’
l	[laɣ]	‘dig’	[lɔ]	‘go’	[lɔhɛ]	‘bush’
Flaps						
r	[rax]	‘satisfy’	[arɔx]	‘pus’	[tɛrɛ]	‘other’
v	[pɔvɔŋ]	‘start of race’				
Semivowels						
j	[jam]	‘water’	[sɔkʷɔj]	‘clan’	[ajɛwɛd]	‘whip’
w	[war]	‘child’	[wuldɔj]	‘devour’	[wɛ]	‘give birth’