Tigrinya is a North Ethiopic language of the South Semitic branch of the Semitic language family. It is spoken by about 4 million people in south Eritrea and the Tigre Province in Ethiopia. The speaker in this recording is a 26 year-old male.

**Tigrinya Consonant Phonemes:**

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The affricates in Tigrinya are rare.

**Tigrinya Vowel Phonemes:**

- i u
- e ø o
- e ø a

I. Spontaneous Speech

II. Word Lists

**Plosives:**

1. a man’s name
2. ‘late’
3. ‘returned’
4. ‘betrayed’
5. ‘he’s been told’
6. ‘he disappeared’
7. ‘goat’
8. ‘glass’
9. ‘hunger’
10. ‘he pushed’
11. ‘supper’
12. ‘how’
13. ‘he came out first’
14. ‘butterfly’
15. ‘communion’
16. 'spices'
17. 'company'
18. 'to love'
19. 'farmer'
21. 'very fast'
22. 'he's a jerk'
23. 'dried bread'
24. 'shake hands'
26. 'curly'
27. 'nobiles'
28. 'holly water'
29. 'sun' (son?)
30. 'engagement'
31. 'ground beans'
32. 'start'
33. 'special coffee pot'
34. 'cups'
35. 'elephant'
36. 'is swollen'
37. 'past'
38. 'moon'
39. 'friend'
40. 'big'
41. 'wedding'
42. 'to kiss'
43. 'to do'
44. 'to sleep'
45. 'ibex'
46. proper name
47. girl's name
48. 'green'

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