

Tigrinya is a North Ethiopic language of the South Semitic branch of the Semitic language family. It 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:

Stops:	b	t t'		k k <sup>w</sup>	q q <sup>h</sup>	ʔ
		d		g g <sup>w</sup>		
Affricates:			(tʃ tʃ')			
			(dʒ)			
Fricatives:		s s'	ʃ		h	h
			ʒ		ɣ	
Nasals:	m	n				
Liquids:		l r				

The affricates in Tigrinya are rare.

### Tigrinya Vowel Phonemes:

i		u
e	ə	o
ɛ		ɔ
	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'
32.	'curly'
26.	'nobles'
27.	'holy water'
28.	'sun' (son?)
29.	'engagement'
30.	'ground beans'
31.	'start'
32.	'special coffee pot'
33.	'cups'
34.	'elephant'
35.	'is swollen'
36.	'past'
37.	'moon'
38.	'friend'
39.	'big'
40.	'wedding'
41.	'to kiss'
42.	'to do'
43.	'to sleep'
44.	'ibex'
45.	proper name
46.	girl's name
47.	'green'

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