

Phonemicity and Nasalization in Owere:

Towards Enriching The Igbo Orthography.

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Abstract

This paper supports the view that the Standard Igbo Orthography needs a review.

This review can only be acceptable if the phonology of different dialects of Igbo is exploited. Owere is one of the major dialects of Igbo and nasalization is a productive phonological process in it. This paper argues that Owere will serve as a rich source of material by its nasalization feature in the review of the orthography.