

EJECTIVES

See also SoWL for K'ekchi, Avar, Lakhota, Navaho, **Quechuan**

Amharic

IPA Handbook p. 45ff:

“Amharic, the national language of Ethiopia is the Semitic language with the greatest number of speakers after Arabic.”

Material

Contrasts of ejective with voiceless pulmonary consonant.

Note fricative (actually affricate) ejective in the alveolar series.

Alveolars

Velars

t təkəkələ

▶ “he planted”

k kəbbəbə

▶ “he encircled”

t' t'ərrəgə

▶ “he swept”

k' k'əddədə

▶ “he tore something”

s' s'afə

▶ “he wrote”