

Noongar Vowels

Sound	What it sounds like in English	Sample words
a	as in about or media or but	wara, ana
aa	like as in car or part or father	kaa kaa, baam
e	as in ten	djen, djena
i	as in hit, pit or bikini	nidja, nyit
o	as in law or court	nop, kotj
oo	as in book or sometimes boot	bibool, wooyan

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b	between English b and p, like the p in spin	boya, bilya
bw	similar to bwana (Swahili word for boss)	bwoka, bwora
d	between English d and t, like the t in sitting	daatj, daap
dj	as in judge	djidi-djidi, djedari
dw	similar to twitch	dwert, dwaangk
k	between English g and k, like the k in skill	kitj, kabarli
kw	like quiet	kwila, kwilena
-l	as in lamp or nil	baalap, kedala
-ly	like million, never like quickly	mooly, djooralj
m	as in man	maaman, maar
n	as in nil	naatj, nidja
ng	like ng in sing, never like ng in finger	ngarda, ngaangk
ny	like onion, never like many	nyin, nyingarn
-p	between English p and b, like the p in spin	kep, djerap
-r	as in ran or carol	worala, Birak
-rd-	like saying d with the tip of your tongue turned back	kaarda, moorditj
-rl	like saying l with the tip of your tongue turned back	koorl, koboorl
-rn	like saying n with the tip of your tongue turned back	boorn, moorn
-rt	like saying t with the tip of your tongue turned back	moort, koort
-t	between English d and t, like the t in sitting	maat, kaat
-tj	like ch in chair but sometimes like j in jam	wetj, kitj
w	as in wet	windji, warn
y	as in yell	yongka, yoorn