



## Please use this as a guide for the pronunciation of the Ojibwe Language

- **A** Like a in wh<u>a</u>t (<u>na</u>boob)
- **AA –** Like a in father (wiiyaas)
- **E –** Like e in caf<u>é</u> (<u>de</u>kaag)
- I like in in pit (opin)
- II like ee in seed (miin)
- **O** like u in p<u>u</u>t or o in n<u>o</u>te (<u>oko</u>simaan)
- **OO** Like o in lone or oo in boot (manoomin)

## All consonants are similar to English consonants except:

- **G** always like g in goat (Gichi-aniibish)
- **J** always like j in jelly (jiis)
- **ZH –** like s in measure (<u>zh</u>oomin)
- ' (apostrophe) glottal stop (as pronounced in "uh-oh") (od<u>e'i</u>min)

Vowels followed by ns, nz, nzh, or nh: the n in these instances is "silent". Rather, the vowel should be nasalized or pronounced through the nose. Examples:

- Z<u>iinz</u>ibaakwad
- Zhigaagaw<u>anzh</u>
- Gigoonh

