

Vowels

Short vowels-

a -makes the sound of “u” in but.

e- makes sound of “I” in bit.

i-makes sound of “e” in bet.

o- makes light sound of “o” in boat.

u- makes sound of “u” in put.

ae- makes light sound of “a” in cat.

Long vowels-

ā- makes sound of “a” in father.

ē- makes sound of “ai” in wait.

ī- makes sound of “ee” in see.

ō- makes sound of “o” in wrote.

ū- makes sound of “u” in flute.

āē- makes heavy sound of “a” in cat, sat, fat.

Diphthongs- we have two in our language.

ua- makes sound of “ua” in Luah.

ia- makes sound of “ia” in Mariah.

Glottal stop-

The “q” makes a distinctive sound that derives from the middle of the throat. Almost like stopping at the “t” in hut, hut, hike, but replace the “t” with a “q”.