

Learn how to speak Noongar

Noongar Vowel Sounds

a	as in up
aa	as in car
e	as in ten
i	as in bin
o	as in pot or sometimes for
oo	as in book or sometimes boot . (Note: if oo is followed by a r the sound is oo r and in born) example moort- family

Let's try our first words

k a y a - welcome, hello and yes

m a a r - hand

m e n - lips

b i d i t - ant

y o k - girl

k o o m b a - big



RECOGNISE: Traditional knowledge, language, custodians, customary laws and identity.

Noongar consonants Sounds

b	as in bin or spin
bw	as in bwana (Swahili name for boss)
d	as in dark or string
dj	as in judge
dw	as in twitch
k	as in skill (between English g and k)
kw	as in quiet
-l, -l-	as in lamp or nil
-ly	as in million
m	as in man
n	as in nil
ng	as in sing
ny	as in onion, nuisance
-p	as in cob, spin
-r	as in carol
-rd-	as in card (like an American would say it)
-rt	as in cart (like an American would say it)
-rl	as in whirl (like an American would say it)
-rn	as in torn (like an American would say it)
-t	as in sting (between English d and t)
-tj	as in chair
w	as in wet
y	as in yell

Here are some examples of words using the Noongar consonants:

bamba - stingray

bwoka - kangaroo cloak

darp - knife

djen - foot

dwert - dog

kar - spider

kwila - shark

dilbi, - fresh leaf, kwilena - dolphin

bilya - river

maaman - father

noort - fly

ngany - I/myself

nyingarn

nop - boy

maar - hand

ward - find

moort - family

worl - sky

yoom - bobtail

kaat - head

wetj - emu

waabiny - playing

yongka - kangaroo