

KIOWA VOWELS

What is a vowel?

- a speech sound which is produced by comparatively open configuration of the vocal tract, with vibration of the vocal cords but without audible friction, and which is a unit of the sound system of a language that forms the nucleus of a syllable.

Spelling	Sound
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au	aw
a	ah
e	ay
i	ee
o	oh
u	oo
au	awy
ai	igh
oi	owy
ui	uwy

NOTES ON KIOWA VOWELS:

- **ñ** are nasal sounds
- **:** means slow down or elongate the sound

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KIOWA CONSONANTS

What is a consonant?

- a basic speech sound in which the breath is at least partly obstructed and which can be combined with a vowel to form a syllable

Spelling	Sound
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[b	pb
[d	td
[g	gk/kh
ts'	ts'
p'	p'
t'	t'
k'	k'

NOTES ON KIOWA CONSONANTS:

- ALL other consonants are the same: b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, s, y, z