

Mi'kmaw Alphabet sounds for each letter

Mi'kmaw consonants

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
P - B	<u>P</u> ipanim		
P - B	<u>P</u> anta'tu		
P - B	A <u>j</u> impa		
Pp - P	E <u>p</u> petek		

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
T - D	<u>T</u> mk		
T - D	<u>T</u> epiaq		
T - D	lka' <u>t</u>		
Tt - t	<u>T</u> ett		

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
K - G	<u>K</u> iskajein?		
K - G	<u>K</u> isna		
K - G	Mn <u>i</u> sku		
KK - K	Mu <u>k</u>		

Q - Can sound like a rolling H = HK

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
Q - HK	<u>Q</u> ame'k		
Q - HK	Mis <u>q</u> o		
Q - HK	<u>q</u> ama'si		
Q - HK	mnta <u>q</u> a'tu		

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Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
J	<u>J</u> iptuk		
J	<u>J</u> uku'e		
J	M <u>J</u> isi		
JJ (ch)	Nu <u>JJ</u>		

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
S	<u>S</u> kma		
S - Z	S <u>s</u> ip		
S - Z	Jena' <u>s</u> i		
S - Z	Wa <u>s</u> oqa'tu		

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
L - peel	<u>l</u> u'kwe		
L - peel	<u>L</u> ika'		
L - peel	W <u>l</u> a / u <u>l</u> a		
L - peel	E <u>l</u> iey		

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
M	<u>M</u> oqo		
M	<u>m</u> +ta		
M	<u>M</u> niske'n		
M	<u>M</u> ukk wi't <u>m</u> u		

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Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
N	<u>N</u> ike'		
N	<u>N</u> aq <u>a</u> 'si		
N	P <u>a</u> nta'tu		
N	W <u>e</u> n ?		

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
W	<u>W</u> jit		
W	<u>W</u> aqma'tu		
W	Juk <u>w</u> a'ten		
W	P <u>w</u> a'si		

The sound of W is less rounded than in English.

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
Y	E <u>y</u> k		
Y	Ewi'ki <u>y</u>		
Y	Pemayjim <u>y</u>		
Y	Etoq <u>y</u>		

The sound of Y is more like that in the English word ye than in yellow.

Short vowels

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
A - ah = bu <u>d</u>	A <u>q</u> / a <u>q</u> q		
A - ah = bu <u>d</u>	A <u>l</u> a' tett		
A - ah = bu <u>d</u>	A <u>n</u> k <u>a</u> p <u>t</u> en		
A - ah = bu <u>d</u>	Wel <u>i</u> a <u>q</u>		

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
E - eh = Be <u>d</u>	E' <u>e</u>		
E - eh = Be <u>d</u>	E <u>l</u> tu		
E - eh = Be <u>d</u>	L <u>i</u> e		
E - eh = Be <u>d</u>	Ke / Ke's <u>i</u> k		

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
i - ee = i <u>t</u>	I <u>k</u> a'l		
i - ee = i <u>t</u>	Wela'l <u>i</u> n		
i - ee = i <u>t</u>	Naj <u>i</u> - k <u>i</u> na'mas <u>i</u>		
i - ee = i <u>t</u>	i <u>k</u> nmui		

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
O - oh = al <u>s</u> o	Walip <u>o</u> t		
O - oh = al <u>s</u> o	<u>Q</u> qpis <u>i</u> t		
O - oh = al <u>s</u> o	<u>Q</u> qwa't		
O - oh = al <u>s</u> o	Wela'l <u>i</u> o <u>q</u>		

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
U - ou = pu <u>t</u>	Wasu <u>e</u> k		
U - ou = pu <u>t</u>	Sip <u>u</u>		
U - ou = pu <u>t</u>	M <u>u</u> in		
U - ou = pu <u>t</u>	Kit <u>p</u> u		

Long Vowels

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
A' - ahh = p <u>a</u> lm	Pa <u>q</u> a'tu		
A' - ahh = p <u>a</u> lm	Ku <u>t</u> a'tu		
A' - ahh = p <u>a</u> lm	Si <u>s</u> pa'tu		
A' - ahh = p <u>a</u> lm	We <u>l</u> a'liek		

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
E' - ayy = Wh <u>e</u> re	Ne' <u>a</u> 'tu		
E' - ayy = Wh <u>e</u> re	Sap <u>t</u> e'kney		
E' - ayy = Wh <u>e</u> re	Ke' <u>k</u> wek		
E' - ayy = Wh <u>e</u> re	Ke'		

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
I' - eee = Sk <u>i</u>	ju'j <u>i</u> 'j		
I' - eee = Sk <u>i</u>	Epi <u>t</u> e'j'i'j		
I' - eee = Sk <u>i</u>	Saqma <u>wi</u> 'skw		
I' - eee = Sk <u>i</u>	Ji' <u>k</u> maqn		

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
O' - ohh - al <u>s</u> o	No' <u>q</u> om		
O' - ohh - al <u>s</u> o	Wa's <u>o</u> 'q		
O' - ohh - al <u>s</u> o	Npo' <u>q</u> n		
O' - ohh - al <u>s</u> o	kiwto' <u>q</u> a'tekey		

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
U' - ouu - Su <u>e</u>	L'mu' <u>j</u>		
U' - ouu - Su <u>e</u>	Wej <u>i</u> nu'kwatm		
U' - ouu - Su <u>e</u>	<u>u</u> 't		
U' - ouu - Su <u>e</u>	Tu'aqan / Tu'aq <u>n</u>		

Schwa - vowel

Letter	Word	Phonetically	Meaning
+ Schwa	Peml+kai		
+ Schwa	Kesispa'l+kik		
+ Schwa	Els+m		
+ Schwa	Tuo'p+ti		

Uses of the Schwa

The **schwa +** is a sound used in the Mi'kmaq Francis Smith Orthography.

Which is too short to have a letter sample so the symbol (+) is used.

To hear a **sample Schwa sound +** you can always **download L'nui'suti app** and go to the bottom right corner to hear the **Mi'kmaw Alphabet sounds** and the **schwa sound**.

1. The Schwa sound is like “e” like in roses and it's not always written in the Mi'kmaq words.
2. The Schwa will not be written in front of any Mi'kmaw word.
3. The Schwa are also written in clusters of 3 or more consonants to make them easier to read, such as Els+m , Peml+kai , Wesual+k

The difference between **Francis- Smith and Pacifique style** in some letters and sounds.

(Schwa +)

Francis-Smith style	P	T	K	Q	J	S	L	M	N	W	Y	a	a'	e	e'	i	i'	+	o	O'	U'
Pacifique style	P	T	G		Tj ch	S	L	M	N	O	i	a	a	e	e	i	i		O'	O'	O

The J sounds like Tj sounds like ch

Here is an example of the difference in the writing.

Francis-Smith style	Mi'kmawituk	A'tukwaqn	Klusuaqan	Wasuek
Pacifique style	Migmewigtug	A'tugwaqan	Glusuaqan	Wasueg