

Diphthongs are combinations of one vowel and one consonant that create sounds different from the basic rules you learned in Chapter 1. While many of these sounds will be familiar to English speakers, some do not have exact equivalents in English. For this reason, it's important to listen carefully to the recordings, and, if possible, practice with fluent speakers to train your ear. Also remember that the apostrophe (') lengthens the sound of the vowel that comes before it.

Mi'kmaw Diphthongs / Vowel blends

Mi'kmaw Diphthong	Klusuaqn	Phonetically	Meaning
Aw - <u>out</u>	kejik <u>aw</u>		
Aw - <u>out</u>	<u>Awo</u> 'kwejit		
Aw - <u>out</u>	Tami <u>aw</u>		
Aw - <u>out</u>	<u>Awti</u>		

Mi'kmaw Diphthong	Klusuaqn	Phonetically	Meaning
A'w - <u>ahh-ou</u>	Mia'wj		
A'w - <u>ahh-ou</u>	Wa'wl		
A'w - <u>ahh-ou</u>	Ma' <u>wen</u>		
A'w - <u>ahh-ou</u>	Ma' <u>wiktuatl</u>		

Mi'kmaw Diphthong	Klusuaqn	Phonetically	Meaning
Ew - <u>ew</u>	Kate <u>w</u>		
Ew - <u>ew</u>	<u>Ewle</u> 'jit		
Ew - <u>ew</u>	P+ <u>teweyo</u> 'q		
Ew - <u>ew</u>	Mijipj <u>ewey</u>		

Ew / E'w = no English equivalent.

Mi'kmaw Diphthong	Klusuaqn	Phonetically	Meaning
E'w - <u>ayy-ow</u>	Ne' <u>w</u> t		
E'w - <u>ayy-ow</u>	Malpale' <u>wit</u>		
E'w - <u>ayy-ow</u>	Ansale' <u>wit</u>		
E'w - <u>ayy-ow</u>	Kina' <u>msitew</u>		

Mi'kmaw Diphthongs / vowel blends

Mi'kmaw Diphthong	Klusuaqn	Phonetically	Meaning
Iw - <u>iew</u>	Si <u>w</u> kw		
Iw - <u>iew</u>	ia <u>pjiw</u>		
Iw - <u>iew</u>	tu <u>jiw</u>		
Iw - <u>iew</u>	si <u>w</u> e'k		

Mi'kmaw Diphthong	Klusuaqn	Phonetically	Meaning
Ow - <u>sow</u>	Te'sip <u>ow</u>		
Ow - <u>sow</u>	W <u>ow</u> kwis		
Ow - <u>sow</u>	W <u>ow</u>		
Ow - <u>sow</u>	Kloq <u>ow</u> ej		

Mi'kmaw Diphthong	Klusuaqn	Phonetically	Meaning
Ay - b <u>i</u> ke	Pu't <u>ay</u>		
Ay - b <u>i</u> ke	Malta <u>y</u>		
Ay - b <u>i</u> ke	Paqala <u>y</u> in		
Ay - b <u>i</u> ke	Alasutma <u>y</u>		

The a'y was added because it was in another booklet saying it's a vowel Blend ???????

Mi'kmaw Diphthong	Klusuaqn	Phonetically	Meaning
A'y - pie	amat <u>pa'y</u>		
A'y - pie	ika' <u>a'y</u>		
A'y - pie	Wuloqialta' <u>a'y</u> ek		
A'y - pie	Weka' <u>a'y</u>		

They were not easy to find 😞

Mi'kmaw Diphthongs / vowel blends

Mi'kmaw Diphthong	Klusuaqn	Phonetically	Meaning
Ey - <u>b</u> ake	Ekwi <u>tamey</u>		
Ey - <u>b</u> ake	Wejku' <u>ey</u>		
Ey - <u>b</u> ake	We <u>leyi</u>		
Ey - <u>b</u> ake	Me'tal-wuleyn ?		

Mi'kmaw Diphthong	Klusuaqn	Phonetically	Meaning
Ei - <u>d</u> ay	Weskew <u>ei</u>		
Ei - <u>d</u> ay	Ankw <u>ei</u> watl		
Ei - <u>d</u> ay	We <u>lei</u>		
Ei - <u>d</u> ay	Male <u>imk</u>		

Mi'kmaw Diphthong	Klusuaqn	Phonetically	Meaning
Ai - <u>E</u> ye	A'tl <u>ai</u>		
Ai - <u>E</u> ye	We'kw <u>ai</u> k		
Ai - <u>E</u> ye	Nut <u>ai</u>		
Ai - <u>E</u> ye	Waisis		

The Mi'kmaw consonant Q is similar from the two - consonants combined Kw.

Mi'kmaw	Klusuaqn	Phonetically	Meaning
Kw- <u>Q</u> uiz	Siw <u>kw</u>		
Kw - <u>G</u> wen	Na' <u>kw</u> ek		
Kw- <u>G</u> wen	Elu' <u>kw</u> e'k		
Kw- <u>Q</u> uiz	Saqmawi's <u>kw</u>		

The sound of Q is like a guttural sound like a rolling H