

Lesson 3 - Complex Vowels (Tsiaj Ntawv Niam Txooj)

Tsiaj Ntawv Niam Txooj Muaj 7 Tug

There are 7 Complex Vowels

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|----|----|--------------|----------------|
| 1) | UA | as in CUA | (wind) |
| 2) | AU | as in TAU | (have) |
| 3) | AI | as in SAI | (fast) |
| 4) | IA | as in DHIA | (jump) |
| 5) | AW | as in TAW | (foot) |
| 6) | EE | as in NTXHEE | (smooth, soft) |
| 7) | OO | as in ZOO | (good) |

Vowels with Tone Markers

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|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| 1) | uab | uam | uad | uaj | uav | ua | uas | uag |
| 2) | aub | aum | aud | auj | auv | au | aus | aug |
| 3) | aib | aim | aid | aij | aiv | ai | ais | aig |
| 4) | iab | iam | iad | iaj | iav | ia | ias | iag |
| 5) | awb | awm | awd | awj | awv | aw | aws | awg |
| 6) | eeb | eem | eed | eej | eev | ee | ees | eeg |
| 7) | oob | oom | ood | ooj | oov | oo | oos | oog |

Tone Description

- 1) b high tone
- 2) m low tone
- 3) d fall rising tone
- 4) j falling tone
- 5) v rising tone
- 6) ua mid tone
- 7) s mid falling tone
- 8) g low falling tone

Finding Real Words and Making Words from Vowels

- 1) uab uam uad uaj uav ua uas uag

Real Words = UA (do, to do) & UAS (conjunction) - npua (pig) & ntuas (preach)

Find Words = nts(uab) ph(uam) t(uaj) y(uav) l(uag)
green towel come buy laugh

List your own words that have these vowels

- 2) aub aum aud auj auv au aus aug

Real Words = AUB (dog) - paub (know, to know)

Find Words = nts(aum) p(auj) h(auv) y(au) nt(aus) t(aug)
ant revenge inside small hit, to hit follow

List your own words that have these vowels

- 3) aib aim aid aij aiv ai ais aig

Real Words = AIB (slang for person) - faib (separate)

Find Words = l(aim) t(aij) x(aiv) h(ai) z(ais) npl(aig)
 throw beg choose drag hide tongue

List your own words having these vowels

4) iab iam iad iaj iav ia ias iag

Real Words = IAB (bitter) & IAV (mirror) - liab (red) & piav (to tell)

Find Words = ny(iam) th(iaj) s(ia) y(ias) t(iag)
 like carry life pan real

List your own words having these vowels

5) awb awm awd awj awv aw aws a wg

Real Words = AWM (yes jester) - fawm (noodle)

Find Words = tx(awj) c(awv) s(aw) x(aws) y(awg)
 know wine bracelet sow grandfather

List your own words having these vowels

6) eeb eem eed eej eev ee ees eeg

Real Words = EEB (saddle) - teeb (lamp)

Find Words = x(eem) k(eej) s(eev) l(ees) n(eeg)
 last name skillful to sign confess human

List your own words having these vowels

7) oob oom ood ooj oov oo oos oog

Real Words = OO (mist) - zoo (good)

Find Words = p(oob)	kh(oom)	l(ooj)	hm(oov)	hn(oos)	nr(oog)
fall	stuff	fit	luck	cough	city

List your own words having these vowels

Progress Checklist

After finishing this lesson, you should be able to

- ☐ Understand and distinguish the differences between the seven complex vowels.
- ☐ Be able to identify the complex vowel from any word.
- ☐ Be able to pronounce all the complex vowels with tone markers.

* When you are able to do the above, move on to lesson 4! If you are still having troubles, review the lesson until you fully understand all the complex vowels and its eight different tones.

Next Lesson : Review and Test 1