

Lesson 2 - Simple Vowels (Tsjaj Ntawv Niam Tab)

Tsjaj Ntawv Niam Tab Muaj 6 Tug

There are 6 Simple Vowels

- 1) A as a in Alaska
- 2) E as a in say or fade
- 3) I as ee in see or need
- 4) O as o in dog or frog
- 5) U as u in rude or dude
- 6) W as in eew

Vowels with Tone Markers

- 1) ab am ad aj av a as ag
- 2) eb em ed ej ev e es eg
- 3) ib im id ij iv i is ig
- 4) ob om od oj ov o os og
- 5) ub um ud uj uv u us ug
- 6) wb wm wd wj wv w ws wg

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) ab am ad aj av a as ag

Real Words = AB (bitter) & AV (dirt/mirror) - nab (snake) & xav (think)

Find Words - m(am) will p(aj) flower hm(a) wolf n(as) mouse t(ag) ends

List your own words that have these vowels.

- 2) eb em ed ej ev e es eg

Real Word = EV (carry) & ES (so) - lev (carpet) & tes (hand)

Find Words - n(eb) you two th(em) pay d(ej) water s(e) tax nts(es) fish

List your own words that have these vowels.

- 3) ib im id ij iv i is ig

Progress Checklist

After finishing this lesson, you should be able to

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

* When you are able to do the above, move on to lesson 3! If you are still having troubles, review the lesson until you fully understand all the simple vowels with the eight different tones.

Next Lesson : Complex Vowels (Tsiaj Ntawv Niam Txooj)