

PRONUNCIATION

Word stress (accent) normally occurs on the next to the last syllable.

ka-KO-pa 'earth'

There are 13 consonants and 5 vowels in Wandamen.

a, b, d, e, i, k, m, n, ng, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, y

In general, b, d, k, m, n, p, r, s, t, w, y, are pronounced as in English.

“r” is pronounced similar to the ‘tt’ in English ‘butter’. “ng” is pronounced as in English ‘singer’. “v” is pronounced similar to English ‘b’. However, in Wandamen the lips remain partly open allowing air to escape.

“a” is pronounced as in English ‘father’. “e” is pronounced as in English ‘day’, or in other contexts as in English ‘led’, “i” is pronounced as in English ‘be’. “o” is pronounced as in English ‘only’ and “u” is pronounced “oo” as in English ‘boot’.

Sane pai ve plir kavavo nana kavo Wondama

Perbendaharaan Kata Bahasa Wandamen

Wandamen Vocabulary

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