

Pronunciation Guide

This table will help you to pronounce the most commonly used sounds in Afrikaans correctly.

Letter/Sound	English Approximation: This is how the letter sounds when used in Afrikaans	Example Word This is an example of where the letter is used
a	plus, jump	kap
aa	are	daad
aai	why	laai
ai	thai	baie
au	low	auditorium
b	bat, mapp	bevat
ch	loch	chemie
c	sun	Celsius
d	Dark or hat	Daar, hand
e	bed, erie, about, cat	bed
ê	hair, cat	hê, nê
ee	eerie	een
eeu	east + took	leeu
ei	play	seil
ey	play	ceylon
eu	dear	deur
f	fox	familie
g	loch,	geld
gh	golf	gholf
h	high	hoor
i	See or about	Idee or lippe
ie	see	nie
j	yes	ja
k	kick	kat
l	let	lughawe
m	mall	maak
n	Nice	Van
ng	sing	vang
ns	fancy	Afrikaans
o	all	tog
ô	cause	môre
oe	loot	voet
oei	phooey	koei
oi	row + yes	boikot
oo	loot	soom
ooi	oil	strooi

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ou	low	mou
p	map	paar
r	very	rooi
s	sun	sein
sj	shin	sjoe
t	top	taal
tj	top + shin	tjek
u	urn	lug
uu	breed	duur
ui	play	lui
v	fox	voël
w	visit	water
y	play	ys
z	zulu	zoeloe