

Podcast #2 - The Vowel Long "AA"

[...INTRODUCTION...]

This is the sound of "a" in English "father".

aabii	stop!, beware!
aadiishtc	ant
aadiits	grasshopper
aah	cloud
baaghing	coast
beelkaats	shaft of fishing spear
daaschaang	gopher
daasiits	sometime, soon
daatcaan'chow	raven
kaashtc	knife
laa'nees	raccoon
kaa'	well, OK
kaah	goose
Kaaldaash	the Morning Star
taanchow	river
tc'aahaal	frog
teehlaang	whale
tghaamaa	along the shore
ts'aal	cradle, basket cradle
yiibaang	across (a stream or river)

As with the short "a", the long "a" has been written several ways in previous books, primarily as either "a", "ah", or "a" with a macron/long vowel mark "ā" or other accent mark, occasionally as an "o".

So, now you've learned both the long or full and the short or reduced vowels for "a". In the next podcast you'll get to hear them side by side to compare examples of each.