

BeingAfrican, LLC Curriculum-Lesson 1

Objectives

1. To learn and understand the pronunciation of phonetic sounds in Yoruba.
 2. Practice sounding out the phonetic sounds using some words.
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Yorùbá is a phonetic language. It is therefore easy to read or say because it only has 7 vowels. All Yorùbá words are derived from the vowel sounds as shown below.

Read it out loud

A-ah!	E-eh! Eh	I-ih!	O-oh!	U-uh!
Á	É È	Ị	Ọ ọ	Ú

In every word, each syllable must be said out clearly so that the vowel sound is heard.

Practise sounding the following.

Practice sounds in columns 2 through 6. **Master the sounds first**, sound it out and then read the words in the associated word column.

1	2	Yoruba	English
Aa	A-ah!	Aja	Dog
Bb	Bee	Bata	Shoe

Dd	Dee	Dunsin	Easy to serve
Ee	Hey	Eyin	Egg
Ee	He	Eja	Fish
Ff	Fii	Fiyin	Praise
Gg	Gii	Goke	Ascend
Gb	Gbi	Gbade	Name
Ii	Ii	Igi,ina	Wood
Jj	Ji	Jagun	War
Kk	Ki	Kilaasi	Class
Li	Li	Lilai	Never
Nn	Nn	Niyi	Dignity
Nn	Ni	Nike	To treat someone well
Oo	Oo	Oju	Eyes
Oo	Oo	Osan	Orange or Afternoon
Pp	Pp	Pade	Met
Rr	Rii	Rara	No

Ss	Sii	Silekun	Open the door
Ss	Shi	Sibi	Spoon
Tt	Ti	Tuntun	New
Uu	Hu	Usu	Yam
Ww	Wi	Wale	Come home
Yy	Yi	Yemi	Honor me

Vocabulary Bank

Practise reading these words out loud as guided by the phonic sounds learnt.

Fàya	Tear
Sísòosì	Scissors
Àárín	Center
Eérú	Ashes
Ronú	Think
Subú	Fall
Gbà	Take
Sí	Open
Ìbéèrè	Ask
Olè	Thief
Dànù	Pour