

## BeingAfrican, LLC Curriculum-Lesson 1

### Objectives

1. To learn and understand the pronunciation of phonetic sounds in Kikuyu.
  2. Practice sounding out the phonetic sounds using some words.
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The Kikuyu language has two unique vowels. 'I' is pronounced as the letter 'a' and 'u' is pronounced as the letter 'o'. All Kikuyu words are derived from the vowel sounds as shown below.

*Read it out loud*

<b>A- ah</b>	<b>E-eh!</b>	<b>I-ay!</b>	<b>O-oo</b>	<b>U-oh!</b>
<b><u>A</u>rm</b>	<b><u>E</u>gg</b>	<b><u>A</u>ge</b>	<b><u>O</u>dd</b>	<b><u>O</u>wl</b>

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

**Practise sounding the following.**

<b>“b”</b>	Pronounced as ‘f’	Baba, mathabu,mabataro
<b>“gh”</b>	a soft implosive sound	Guoko, giti, guoya
<b>“th”</b>	Same sound as “that” but the “th” is not forceful.	Thimu, thani, thabai
<b>“ii”</b>	Pronounced as “ay”	Maii, hwaii, ruii
<b>“Cc” “c”</b>	Pronounced as “sh”	Chai, chumbi, cama

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	3	4	5	6	words	words
Aa	A A-ah!	E e-eh!	I a-ay!	O O-oh!	U o-oh!	Mundu <i>Person</i>	Enja <i>dig</i>
Bb	Ba	Be	Ba	Bo	Bo	Mbeca <i>money</i>	mbara <i>war</i>
Cc	sha	she	shi	sho	shu	Chai <i>tea</i>	Chumbi <i>salt</i>
Dd	nda	nde	ndi	ndo	ndu	ndogo <i>smoke</i>	nduma <i>darkness</i>
Gg	Gha	Ghe	Ghi	Gho	Ghu	Giti <i>chair</i>	Guoko <i>hand</i>
Hh	Ha	He	Hi	Ho	Hu	Haria <i>there</i>	Huhia <i>breath</i>

<b>Jj</b>	<b>nja</b>	<b>nje</b>	<b>nji</b>	<b>njo</b>	<b>nju</b>	<b>nja</b> <i>outside</i>	<b>njira</b> <i>path</i>
<b>Kk</b>	<b>Ka</b>	<b>Ke</b>	<b>Ki</b>	<b>Ko</b>	<b>Ku</b>	<b>Kana</b> <i>child</i>	<b>Kenyu</b> <i>piece</i>
<b>Mm</b>	<b>Ma</b>	<b>Me</b>	<b>Mi</b>	<b>Mo</b>	<b>Mu</b>	<b>Mondo</b> <i>bag</i>	<b>Minji</b> <i>peas</i>
<b>Mm</b>	<b>Mwa</b>	<b>Mwe</b>	<b>Mwi</b>	<b>Mwo</b>	<b>Mwu</b>	<b>Mwana</b> <i>child</i>	<b>Mwoyo</b> <i>heart</i>
<b>Nn</b>	<b>Na</b>	<b>Ne</b>	<b>Ni</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Nu</b>	<b>Nania</b> <i>Spoil child</i>	<b>Nene</b> <i>big</i>
<b>Nn</b>	<b>Nda</b>	<b>Nde</b>	<b>Ndi</b>	<b>Ndo</b>	<b>Ndu</b>	<b>Ndai</b> <i>riddle</i>	<b>Nduma</b> <i>Arrowroot</i>
<b>Rr</b>	<b>Ra</b>	<b>Re</b>	<b>Ri</b>	<b>Ro</b>	<b>Ru</b>	<b>Rora</b> <i>Look</i>	<b>Riuka</b> <i>resurrect</i>
<b>Rw</b>	<b>rwa</b>	<b>rwe</b>	<b>rwi</b>	<b>rwo</b>	<b>rwu</b>	<b>Rwimbo</b> <i>song</i>	<b>Rwara</b> <i>sick</i>
<b>Tt</b>	<b>Ta</b>	<b>Te</b>	<b>Ti</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Tu</b>	<b>Tene</b> <i>early</i>	<b>tonya</b> <i>enter</i>

<b>Ww</b>	<b>Wa</b>	<b>We</b>	<b>Wi</b>	<b>Wo</b>	<b>Wu</b>	<b>Wana</b> <i>Childish</i>	<b>Wendo</b> <i>love</i>
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### Vocabulary Bank

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

<b>Cama</b>	<b>Taste</b>
<b>Chumbi</b>	<b>Salt</b>
<b>Gatagati</b>	<b>Center</b>
<b>Muhu</b>	<b>Ashes</b>
<b>Gwiciria</b>	<b>Think</b>
<b>Kugua</b>	<b>Fall</b>
<b>Oya</b>	<b>Take</b>

<b>Hingura</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Uria</b>	<b>Ask</b>
<b>Mwici</b>	<b>Thief</b>
<b>Ita</b>	<b>Pour</b>