

# **Unit 2**

## **Woowagax - Alphabet**



# Hoocąk Woowagax

a aa ą ąą

b c e ee g ǵ

h i ii ı ıı j

k k' m n o oo

p p' r s s' š š'

t t' u uu ü üü

w x x' y z ž '

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## Pronunciation Guide

Letter	English sound alike	Hoocák example word	English meaning
a	audio	peežega	who
aa	watch	caa	deer
ą	pond (nasalized)	n̄ipaną	soup
ąą	father (nasalized)	hąap	day
b	boy	bagaaxge	chicken
c	child	cooka	grandpa
e	bay	pee	forehead
ee	break	seep	black
g	good	gaaga	grandma
ḡ	-	ḡaak	(to) cry
h	hot	Hoocák	Hoocák
i	enormous	cuug i	spoon
ii	seen	ciinąk	town
ı	machine (nasalized)	hoc ıc ı	boy
ıı	seen (nasalized)	pıı	good
j	jump	jaasge	how
k	kitten	kerepaną	ten
k'	kitten (with short, abrupt pause after k)	k'ee	(to) dig
m	mop	m̄iınąk	(to) sit
n	new	n̄iļ	water

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Letter	English sound alike	Hoocák example word	English meaning
o	pony	xoro	snore
oo	sole	coo	blue, green
p	pen	paa	nose
p'	pen (with short and abrupt pause after p)	p'oop'oš	fluffy, fuzzy
r	-	raacgą	drink
s	say	sii	foot
s'	say (with short and abrupt pause after s)	rus'is'i	shake
š	she	šuuk	dog
š'	she (with short and abrupt pause after sh)	giš'ak	respect
t	dot	taanị	three, tobacco
t'	dot (with short and abrupt pause after d)	t'qap	get down
u	boot	waaruc	table
uu	moon	huu	leg
ụ	tune (nasalized)	wiigụs	clock
ụụ	moon (nasalized)	hụục	bear
w	walk	waa	snow
x	-	xuu	skin
x'	-	x'ooke	parents
y	yes	yaaperes	I know
z	zipper	zii	yellow, brown
ž	seizure	žuura	money
,	uh ' oh	37 te'e	this

# Hoocák Woowagax

## Nasal Vowels

Practice each of these words which have nasal sounds.

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kerepąna ten

wąk man

nị ipąna soup

ąą haąp day

pąą bag

hąąhe night

ı hoc ıc ı boy

wan ı meat

mąan ı winter

ii mịjk lay down

pii good

nii water

ụ wiigụs clock

gigụs teach

xunyńik small

ụụ hục bear

hụk chief, leader

pụzake sand

## Practice the Hoocák Alphabet Sounds

Practice each of the alphabet sounds and the words associated with them on the cd and the Pronunciation Guide.

Then practice the consonant letters with each vowel.

Remember, the **a** sounds like the **a** in **audio**,  
the **e** sounds like the **e** in **bay**,  
the **i** sounds like the **i** in **machine**  
the **o** sounds like the **o** in **pony**  
the **u** sounds like the **oo** in **boot**

b	ba	be	bi	bo	bu
c	ca	ce	ci	co	cu
g	ga	ge	gi	go	gu
ğ	ğa	ğe	ği	ğo	ğu
h	ha	he	hi	ho	hu
j	ja	je	ji	jo	ju
k	ka	ke	ki	ko	ku
k'	k'a	k'e	k'i	k'o	k'u
m	ma	me	mi	mo	mu
n	na	ne	ni	no	nu
p	pa	pe	pi	po	pu
p'	p'a	p'e	p'i	p'o	p'u
r	ra	re	ri	ro	ru
s	sa	se	si	so	su
s'	s'a	s'e	s'i	s'o	s'u
š	ša	še	ši	šo	šu
š'	š'a	š'e	š'i	š'o	š'u
t	ta	te	ti	to	tu
t'	t'a	t'e	t'i	t'o	t'u
w	wa	we	wi	wo	wu
x	xa	xe	xi	xo	xu
x'	x'a	x'e	x'i	x'o	x'u
y	ya	ye	yi	yo	yu
z	za	ze	zi	zo	zu
ž	ža	že	ži	žo	žu

Don't be discouraged if you find some difficult to pronounce, this will only come with practice.

## Glottal Stop

Practice these words which have a glottal stop in them.

k'	k'oo	thunder
p'	p'ap'ac	soft and spongy
s'	s'aare	must be
t'	t'aq	to fly
x'	x'ooke	parent
š'	š'uu	you do

Hąqha'a	yes
Ka'o	no
te'e	this
že'e	that

Žige'aare      Say it again.  
Hųuk'une      Give it to me.

Wa'iniiginapşanä      Thank you.