

Anishinaabemowin Sound & Syllable Chart

	Long Vowels				Short Vowels		
VOWEL	aa	ii	oo	e	a	i	o
English Sound	father	see	note	bed	canoe	sit	book
Anishinaabemowin	ma <u>a</u> ng	msh <u>i</u> i <u>k</u> enh	a <u>a</u> m <u>o</u> o	pa <u>k</u> ane	mk <u>w</u> a	mi <u>g</u> i <u>z</u> i	wa <u>a</u> g <u>o</u> sh
<i>Translation</i>	<i>loon</i>	<i>turtle</i>	<i>bee</i>	<i>grasshopper</i>	<i>bear</i>	<i>eagle</i>	<i>fox</i>

CONSONANT							
b	baa	bii	boo	be	ba	bi	bo
d	daa	dii	doo	de	da	di	do
g	gaa	gii	goo	ge	ga	gi	go
j	jaa	jii	joo	je	ja	ji	jo
k	kaa	kii	koo	ke	ka	ki	ko
m	maa	mii	moo	me	ma	mi	mo
n	naa	nii	noo	ne	na	ni	no
p	paa	pii	poo	pe	pa	pi	po
s	saa	sii	soo	se	sa	si	so
t	taa	tii	too	te	ta	ti	to
w	waa	wii	woo	we	wa	wi	wo
y	yaa	yii	yoo	ye	ya	yi	yo
z	zaa	zii	zoo	ze	za	zi	zo
ch	chaa	chii	choo	che	cha	chi	cho
sh	shaa	shii	shoo	she	sha	shi	sho
zh	zhaa	zhii	zhoo	zhe	zha	zhi	zho
nh	is the nasal sound, the n is not pronounced, it means that the vowel sound preceding it is strongly nasal.						

This chart is based on the fiero double-vowel writing system and is a general guide. There are exceptions to sounds and spelling.

Examples of subtle differences in sound:	biish - bring (s.t. animate)
maanda - this (inanimate)	nibiish - water
maandaa - that's amazing, awesome!	niibiish - leaf
migi - The dog is barking.	zegizi - She is afraid.
migii - He is scabby.	ziigizi - He is wrinkled.