

# Tagalog Sounds

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Tagalog Grammar - Sounds

TIP

For additional advice see  
Dale Carnegie Training®  
Presentation Guidelines.



# Vowels

- a, e, i, o, u
- ayaw
- ewan
- ikaw
- oo
- ulan

# Consonants

- b, d, k, g, h, l, m, n, ng, p, ( ' ), r, s, t,
- w, and y. Ng

# Voiceless Stops

- p, t, k, ʔ
- lapis, pata, kumot, baliʔ

# Voiced Stop

- b, d, g
- бага
- лавис
- кудкод

# Voiceless Fricatives

- s, h
- sipag
- hipag

# Voiced Nasals

- m, n, ng
- nayon
- masa
- ngayon

# Voiced Lateral

- l -flat
- layon



# Voiced Flat

- r
- barat

# Semi-vowels

- w, y
- wala
- yaya

# Others

- f
- other sounds used in borrowed words from English, etc.

# Diphthongs

are complex sounds which are combinations of vowels and semi-vowel sounds

# Diphthongs

- iw
- ey
- ay
- aw
- uy
- ou

## TIP

Involve your audience with  
a strong, relevant opening.

# Examples

- iwan, giliw, bitiw, aliw
- aruy, kasuy, tsapsuy, tsampuy
- ayaw, away
- bataw, mababaw
- hoy, amoy
- ey ?)

# 8 Additional Letters(sounds)

- C,F,J,Ñ,Q, V,X,Z

TIP

Close your presentation to  
make a favorable, lasting  
impression

# C

- C-/S/
  - civic - sivilik
  - ceremony - seremonya
- c- /k/
  - colonize - kolonays
  - community - komyuniti



- q - /kw/  
– quartz - kwarts
- q - /k/  
– quota - kota
- ñ - /ny/  
– baño - banyo
- x - /ks/

- f - /f/  
– brief - brif
- j - /j/ /dy/  
– soldier - soljer  
– juice - dyus
- z - /z/  
– xylophone - zaylofon

# General Rule in using these additional letters

- proper nouns
- technical terms
- borrowed words (foreign and from other ethnic Filipino languages)

# Clusters are combination of consonant sounds. This is due to assimilated words.

- initial
- medial

## TIP

Questions by the facilitator capture attention and interest and lead to involvement and interaction.

# Cluster - initial

- pr, pl, pw, py
- tr, tw, ty
- kr, kl, kw, ky
- br, bl, bw, by
- dr, dw, dy
- SW, SY

## TIP

Support the opinions and experiences of others with positive comments and positive attitude.

# Medial Positions

- n-ts
- n-dr
- n-tr
- ng-gr
- s-sk
- m-br

## TIP

Recognize that diversity in a group is positive, adding strength and substance.

# Medial Positions

- l-kr
- m-pl
- n-kl

# Examples

- mantsa
- londri
- kontrata
- konggreso
- eskwela
- sombrero



# Examples

- sepulkro
- timpla
- konklusyon