**Odawa Pronunciation**

Most of the sounds used in Odawa are also used in English. Actual pronunciation varies by region and there are some peculiarities with the spelling system, but the basic sounds are described below.

**Vowels**: There are three short vowels, **a i o** and four long vowels **aa e ii oo.**

 **Short Vowels:**

**a** sounds like the vowel in *mud* or *what*

**i** sounds like the vowel in *pin* or *bit*

**o** sounds like the vowel in *book* or *put*

**Long Vowels:**

 **aa** sounds like the vowel in *cob* or *cod*

 **e** sounds like the vowel in *led* or *leg*

 **ii** sounds like the vowel in *read* or *deal*

 **oo** sounds like the vowel in *shoulder* or *whole*

**Consonants**: Most consonants sound similar to English, with a few exceptions:

 **h** sounds like the sound in *uh-oh*, which is called a *glottal stop*

* A few words, like *ahaaw* “OK” use the normal English *h* sound

**n** represents nasalization of the preceding vowel in the following:

***ns****,* ***nsh, ny****,* ***nz***and***nzh***

 **zh** represents the *si* in *vision.*

 Note: **f**, **l**, and **r** are only used in words borrowed from other languages, like English.