



VAGAHAU NIUE

*A brief guide to reading and speaking
the Niuean language*

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Reading and speaking Vagahau Niue

Tau Matatohi he vagahau Niue *Niue Alphabet*

Aa Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii
Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp
Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv

Tau vaoeli *Vowels*

Aa Ee Ii Oo Uu

Tau konosonane *Consonants*

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Nn Pp Rr Ss Tt Vv

Hatakiaga Fakaleo Kupu *Pronunciation Guide*

This chart contains the sounds of the short vowels of vagahau Niue.

Aa	pronounced 'a' as in	car, far
Ee	pronounced 'e' as in	egg, enter
Ii	pronounced 'ee' as in	beet, sheet
Oo	pronounced 'o' as in	sore, sort
Uu	pronounced 'oo' as in	cool, pool

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Common Phrases

Fakaalofa lahi atu / Fakaalofa atu *Greetings / Hello*

Fakaalofa lahi atu ki a mutolu oti *Greetings everyone*

Mutolu kia *Goodbye – to those who are leaving*

Nonofo ā mutolu kia *Goodbye – to those who are staying*

Fakamolemole *Please*

Fakaaue Lahi oue tulou *Thank you*

Fakamolemole mai *Sorry*

Tulou *Excuse me*

Pleasantries

Ko hai e higoa haau? *What is your name?*

Ko e higoa haaku ko _____ *My name is _____*

Hau a koe i fē? *Where are you from?*

Ko au ko e tagata hau i _____ *I am a person from _____*

Gahua a koe i fē? *Where do you work?*

Gahua a au i _____ *I work at _____*

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In Conversation

Malolō nakai a koe?

How are you (singular)?

Malolō nakai a mua?

How are you (dual)?

Malolō nakai a mutolu?

How are you (plural)?

Malolō au, fakaaue

I am good, thank you

Kua kai nakai a koe?

Have you eaten?

Hau ke ō ke kai

Let's go eat

Fakamolemole atu ha kua puga fakatote ke tau i atu

Apologies for the delayed response...

Tuga na ia ke he meli hila fakahiku na ne fakafano atu e au...

As per my previous email...

Fiafia ke fakatutala

Happy to discuss

Ko e magaaho ke o ke he fale faofao tino he mogonei!

It's gym time!

Hea mai au

Call me

Tau Fakamonuinaaga!

Blessings

Mitaki e Atua!

God is good!

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People

Iki He Magafaoa	<i>Chief</i>
Matua akoako	<i>Church Minister</i>
Tama	<i>Child</i>
Matua Taane	<i>Father</i>
Matua Fifine	<i>Mother</i>
Tehina	<i>Sister (younger sister of a female)</i>
Taokete	<i>Sister (older sister of a female)</i>
Mahakitaga	<i>Sister (term only use by male to refer to sister)</i>
Tehina	<i>Brother (younger brother of male)</i>
Taokete	<i>Brother (older brother of male)</i>
Tugaane	<i>Brother (term only use by female to refer to brother)</i>
Tau kapitiga	<i>Friends</i>



