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Vowel Phonics with Yugambeh Clan Names

Vowels are written differently in English depending on the word and its history. Early explorers spelt Yugambeh clan names in a lot of ways and you can explore some of them here!

Fill in the missing vowels. Tip: **Ā** with the line on top is a long vowel!

M ___ N ___ N J Ā L I

Use the **U** in *Cut*

M ___ N ___ N J Ā L I

Use the **A** in *Pizza*

T U L G ___ G I N

Use the **I** in *Price*

T U L G ___ G I N

Use the **AI** in *Aisle*

K ___ M B ___ M E R I

Use the **OO** in *Book*

K ___ M B ___ M E R I

Use the **U** in *put*

Short & long vowels

Yugambeh has short and long vowels like in English! In Yugambeh, vowel length can change in a word depending on grammar – English doesn't really do this.

Yana

To go

Both a's are said like the **u** in *cut*

Yanā

Go!

The second a, with the line, is said like the **a** in *bath*

By making the vowel on the end of an action word long, we can create a command. English speakers who first wrote down the Yugambeh language spelt words however they felt, some using one letter, others using another. These systems are good for writing single words occasionally, but to write daily in the language, a consistent system makes more sense for an Aboriginal language!

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