Speaking Gunggari

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Pronunciation Guide - Vowels

- **a**  Short vowel sound as in 'cut'
- **aa** Long vowel sound as in 'father'
- **ay** As in 'bay' or 'hay'
- **aay** As in 'my', 'by'
- **i**  Short vowel as in 'pin'
- **ii** Long vowel sound as in 'peel'
- **u**  Short vowel sound as in 'put'
- **uu** Longer vowel sound as in 'cool'
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- **b**: Between English ‘b’ and ‘p’, but can sound like either.

- **d**: Between English ‘d’ and ‘t’, but can sound like either.

- **dh**: Like English ‘d’ but with tip of tongue between teeth.

- **dj**: Sometimes like ‘j’ sound as in ‘John’ or as in ‘budge’; may also sound like ‘ch’ as in ‘catch’.

- **g**: Between English ‘g’ and ‘k’, but can sound like either.
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\( / \) Same as in English

\( m \) Same as in English

\( n \) Same as in English

\( ng \) Single sound, as in ‘singer’ (not two sounds as in ‘finger’)

\( nh \) Like English ‘n’, but with tip of tongue between teeth

\( ny \) As in ‘Onion’
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\( r \) Like ‘r’ in English, but with tip of tongue turned back

\( rr \) A rolled ‘r’; often at end of word can sound like a ‘d’ as in ‘bed’

\( y \) Same as in English; although ‘yi’ at start of word is mostly pronounced like ‘i’
Ngurinj (emu)
Barrindjilla (sister)
Mura (dog)
Diri diri (Willy Wagtail)
Gurrul (Cod)
Njimin (ant)
Dili (eye)
Mara (hand)
Dhangur (possum)
Munda (snake)
Watha (crow)
Balun (stone axe)
Bugili (crayfish)
Duru (sun)
Budbudda (porcupine)
Didang (koala)
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Thanks for listening!