

Konkow Orthography

CONSONANTS

STOPS/ RESTRICTED				
Voiced imploded	bilabial	b	English doesn't have these sounds	bá salt
	alveolar, apical	d		majdy person
Voiceless glottalized	bilabial	p'		níkjèp' my husband
	alveolar, apical	t'		k'é́t' older sister
	palatal	c'		c'íc'i rib
	velar	k'		níkk'àn with me
	glottal stop	ʔ	as in "uh'oh"	káʔa father's father
UNRESTRICTED				
Voiceless plain	bilabial	p	p as in "pet"	pém food
	alveolar, apical	t	t as in "tent"	tútu son, child
	velar	k	k as in "kept"	pándak bow
Spirants (fricative)	alveolar, apical	s	s as in "said"	hés friend
	glottal	h	h as in "help"	c'áh tree
Nasals	bilabial	m	m as in "make"	wénem it's medicine
	alveolar, apical	n	n as in "need"	ník'ùl my father
Lateral	alveolar, apical	l	l as in "lay"	kóle boy, child
Semivowels	bilabial	w	w as in "when"	mówjye:n roast
	palatal	j	as in "yay"	móye that one

VOWELS

High Front	i	ee as in "key"	súmujdi on the sugar pine nuts
High Central Unrounded	y	o as in "do" without rounding lips	sí'y play
High Back Rounded	u	u as in "bamboo"	húmpu doorway
Mid	e	e as in "hay"	k'úse rival
Mid central	ə	a as in "alone" or "sofa"	kélikeli pineburr
	o	o as in "snow"	héno coyote
Low	a	ah as in "rah"	míma: you two
Elongated vowel length	:	o as in "slope"	hó:! all right, okay
short/long vowel example		já name	já: sky

OTHER SYMBOLS

Primary stress	é	<u>e</u> as in "fr <u>e</u> edom" or <u>a</u> as in "coll <u>a</u> pse"	séwi river
Secondary stress	ò	<u>ò</u> as in "bá <u>ck</u> bòne"	c'á:c'ambými backbone