

# Shona

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# pronunciation

Vowels		Consonants	
Symbol	English sound	Symbol	English sound
aa	father	b	bed
e	bet	b'	strong <b>b</b> with air sucked inward
ee	see	ch	cheat
o	pot	d	dog
oo	zoo	d'	strong <b>d</b> with air sucked inward
<p>In this chapter, the Shona pronunciation is given in <b>orange</b> after each phrase.</p> <p>Each syllable is separated by a dot. For example:</p> <p><i>Mazviita.</i>    <b>maa-zvee-ta</b></p> <p>Shona's glottalised consonants, simplified as <b>b'</b> and <b>d'</b> in our pronunciation guide, are made by tightening and releasing the space between the vocal cords when you pronounce them. Both sounds are 'implosive' – instead of breathing out to make the sound, you breathe in.</p>		dz	adze
		f	fun
		g	go
		h	hat
		j	jar
		k	kit
		m	man
		n	not
		ng	ring
		ny	canyon
		p	pet
		r	run (trilled)
		s	sun
		sh	shot
		t	top
		ts	lets
v	very		
w	win		
y	yes		
z	zero		
zh	pleasure		