

LET'S SPEAK HMONG

Following are some words in Hmong, the language of the Hmong people from Laos. Vowels are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in father; *ai* as in eye; *ee* as in bee; *oh* as in toe. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

Phrase

Hello

Please

Thank you

Yes

No

Goodbye

Pronounce it

NYAW-zhohn

t'HAW*

oo'wah CHOW

HYAW

jee-YAW

sheen-GAI†

*The apostrophe (') indicates an abrupt end to a syllable or sound.

† The G is barely spoken, like in the word "hung."