

Let's Speak Otjiherero

Otjiherero (oht-jee-heh-REH-roh) is the language spoken by the Himba and Herero people of northern Namibia. Many call it simply "Herero." Vowels are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in father; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *ih* as in tip; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot; *uh* as in cup. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

COMMON PHRASES

Happy Sabbath
Hello
Please
Thank you
Yes
No
goodbye

PRONOUNCE IT

EH sah bah tah eh WAH
KOH rah
ah REE kah NAH
OH koo heh tah
EE-ee
KAH-koh
kah rah naw WAH

NUMBERS

one
two
three
four
five
six
seven
eight
nine
ten

PRONOUNCE IT

EE-ee mweh
ee mBAH ree
een dah TOO
ee-ee neh
een BAH noh
eeh hah mBOH oom weh
ee hah bohM BAH ree
ee hahM bohM DAH too
ee moh vyoh
oh moo rohn GOH

DAYS

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

PRONOUNCE IT

OH sohn dah HAH
OH mahn dah HAH
OH ree cha VAH ree
OH ree cha tah TOO
OH ree cha EE neh
OH ree cha tah NOH
OH roh vee oohn goo RAH