

Guide to  
pronouncing  
common words  
in local tongue  
and more



# Childcare One

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How to console and meet the needs of  
children from multi-linguistic  
backgrounds

# Useful sites for navigating different languages

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To find your local indigenous language,  
please use the Australian Institute of  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  
Studies (AIATIS)  
[https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang  
/search](https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/search)



For a more comprehensive guide to Vietnamese  
language, go here: [https://www.wordhippo.com/what-  
is/the/vietnamese-word-for-  
e83249bd3ba79932e16fb1fb5100dafade9954c2.html](https://www.wordhippo.com/what-is/the/vietnamese-word-for-e83249bd3ba79932e16fb1fb5100dafade9954c2.html)

# Tips for Vietnamese

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It is firstly recommended to speak with families about their language and their child.

Spoken Vietnamese is a challenge to learn, as it is a tonal language with a total of 6 possible tones for words. Thus, one single word may have six possible meanings, depending on how it is pronounced.

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# Tips for Gamilaraary/Gamilaroi/Kamilaroi

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## Please note...

That language is fluid. In English we have words for everything, where in other languages things such as fish, chicken and beef might be grouped together or not exist. It is also important to listen to dialect and pronunciation. Please watch the videos to assist



## Commons answers

Yes - yawu    No - gamil

## VIETNAMESE

## GAMILARAAAY

Toilet - vệ sinh (ve sing)

wee - giili  
poo - guna

game - chơi (hoy)

to dance/to play - yulu-gi

water - nước sông (New song)  
Drink - nước uống (new ung)

water - gali  
thirsty - gali-ngin  
to drink - ngaru-  
gi

I am hungry = Toi doi bung qua (Toi doi bhung wa)

hungry - yuul-ngin  
to eat tha-li

I am sick = Toi bi benh (Toy bee benh)

to be sick - wiibi-li  
to vomit - gaawi-li

Help me = Cuu toi voi (Coo toy vuyh)

hard - bamba



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