

American Samoa



PREL

Gagana Sāmoa

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English	Gagana Sāmoa (Samoa)	"Sounds Like..." pronunciation guide
Hello	Tālofa (greeting can be used regardless of time during the day)	TAH ¹² -lo-fah
Good morning	Taeao manuia / Manuia le taeao	tie-YAO mah-noo-WEE-yah mah-noo-WEE-yah leh tie-YAO
Good afternoon	Manuia le āo auli (uncommon)	mah-noo-WEE-yah leh ao a-OO-lee
Good evening	Manuia le afiafi	mah-noo-WEE-yah leh ah-fee-AH-fee
Good night	Manuia le pō	mah-noo-WEE-yah leh PO
Thank you	Fa'afetai	fah-ʔah ³ -feh-TIE
You're welcome	E lē afāina	eh LEH ah-fah-EE-nah
Goodbye	Tōfā soifua	to-FAH so-ee-FOO-ah
My name is __[insert name]__	O lo'u igoa o __[insert name]__	o lo-ʔoo ee-NGO ⁴ -ah O __[insert name]__
What is your name?	O ai lou igoa? (common) O ai lou suafa? (respectful)	o EYE low ee-NGO-ah o EYE low soo-AH-fah
Yes	loe	ee-O-eh
No	Leai	lee-EYE

Phase 1 and Phase 2 reviewers: Standard Dialect

¹ The [ah] is like the Chicago dialect pronunciation of words like *car* and *Chicago*

² The syllables that are all capitalized represent the syllables with more emphasis (i.e., pronounce them a little bit louder or longer)

³ The [ʔ] symbol represents the hard glottal beginning of a vowel, like the beginning of English *Uh-oh!*

⁴ The [ŋ] represents the nasal sound made with the back of the tongue touching the soft palate, like the "ng" of English *sing*