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# Republic of the Marshall Islands



Kajin Aelōñ Kein

Pandanus  
*Pandanus* spp.

English	Kajin Aelōñ Kein (Marshallese)	"Sounds Like..." pronunciation guide
Hello	lakwe	YAH <sup>12</sup> -kweh <sup>3</sup>
Good morning	lakwe in jibboñ	YAH-kweh een jeeb-BONG <sup>4</sup>
Good afternoon	lakwe in raelep	YAH-kweh een RÆ <sup>56</sup> -lehp
Good evening	lakwe in iota	YAH-kweh een JO-tah
Good night	Kiki aenomman	KEE-kee ah-eh-nom-MUHN <sup>7</sup>
Thank you	Kom̄mool	kom-MOL
You're welcome	Kōn jouj	kehn JOUJ <sup>8</sup>
Goodbye	Bar iakwe	BAHR YAH-kweh
My name is __[insert name]__	Eta in __[insert name]__	eh-TAH een __[insert name]__
What is your name?	Etam?	eh-TAHM
Yes	Aet	AH-eht
No	Jaab	JAHB

Phase 1 and Phase 2 reviewers: Rālik Chain Dialect

<sup>1</sup> The syllables that are all capitalized represent the syllables with more emphasis (i.e., pronounce them a little bit louder or longer)

<sup>2</sup> The [ah] is like the Chicago dialect pronunciation of words like car and Chicago

<sup>3</sup> This [kw] sound is similar to the "qu" sequence of the English word quick

<sup>4</sup> The [ŋg] represents the nasal sound made with the back of the tongue touching the soft palate, like the "ng" of English sing

<sup>5</sup> Roll all the [r]'s

<sup>6</sup> The [Æ] symbol represents the sound like the [a] of English apple or fan

<sup>7</sup> The [uh] is pronounced like the "u" in English cut or gut, or the first part of Uh-oh!

<sup>8</sup> Pronounce the [ou] sequence as if you were saying the name of the English alphabet letter o