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There are five vauei (vowels):

Aa Ee Ii Oo Uu

Vowels are mostly pronounced as if they were spoken in Spanish, Italian and German (as in **ah** or **father**, **error**, **sit**, **toll**, **food** or **too**).

Consonants:

Bb Cc Dd Ff Gg
Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn
Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss
Tt Uu Vv Ww Yy

Pronouncing Consonants:

Most of the consonants are pronounced the same as they are in English, except for the letters b, c, d, g and q.

B – “mb” as in lumbar. Bula is pronounced “Mbu-la”

C – “th” as in father. Yacata is pronounced “Ya-tha-ta”

D – “nd” as in Sunday. Nadi is pronounced “Na-ndi”

G – “ng” as in finger. Gauna (time) is pronounced “Nga-una”

Q – “nq” as in finger. Qaravi (to serve) is pronounced “Nqa-ra-vi”

Note letters like k, p and t, are generally pronounced the same as they are in English, except there is not the sound of a slight breath that usually follows, so “t” would sound like “ch” when it is behind the letter “i.” Also, “j” is pronounced like the “ch” as in touch and “v” is pronounced with a short “ve” sound, like in vein.

Stress:

In most cases, unless with long vowels, the stress tends to be on the NEXT to last syllable.

Examples: Ka u ta – bring, vi naka – thank you, good.

For long vowels, stress is applied wherever it appears.

Examples: Ki-la, know, macawa – sky, week.

Malanivosa kei na Vosa | Phrases and Words

Vosa Vakaviti	English
Ni sa bula	Greetings/Hello
Ni sa bula kece sara	Greetings Everyone
Ni sa moce - vei kemudou na	Goodbye – to those who are leaving (only if it applies)
Dou moce	Goodbye – to those who are staying (only if it applies)
Yalovinaka	Please
Vinaka	Thank you
Vosota	Sorry
Vosoti au	Excuse me
Ko cei na yacamu?	What is your name?
Na yacaqu ko	My name is _____
Ko iko mai vei?	Where are you from?
Ko au na tamata mai	I am a person from _____
Ko cakacaka tiko evei?	Where do you work?
Au cakacaka tiko e	I work at _____

Vosa Vakaviti	English
Ko vakacava tiko?	How are you (singular)?
Drau sa vakacava tiko?	How are you (dual)?
Dou sa vakacava tiko?	How are you (plural)?
Au vinaka tiko, vinaka	I am fine, thank you
Ko sa kana? Daru lako ki kana	Have you eaten? Let's go eat
Vosota ni berabera na veitaratara...	Apologies for the delayed response...
Me vaka na meli livaliva sa oti (na)	As per my previous email...
Marau me veivosakitaki (taki)	Happy to discuss
Na gauna ni vakaukauwa yago	It's gym time!
Qiriti au mai (mai)	Call me
Vakanuinui vinaka	Congratulations!
Na Kalou e vinaka	God is good!

Malanivosa kei na Vosa | Phrases and Words

Vosa Vakaviti	English
Tui/Vunivalu	Chief
Na i Talatala	Church Minister
Gone	Child
Tama	Father

Vosa Vakaviti	English
Tina	Mother
Taciqu/Tuakaqu yalewa/Ganequ	Sister
Taciqu/Tuakaqu tagine/Ganequ	Brother
I tau (singular)/I lawalawa (plural)	Friends

Faith is an important aspect of the Fijian culture.

Na lotu e dua ka bibi ena i vakarau vaka Viti. E toka era e dua na masu lekaleka kei na sere ni lotu ka rawa ni vakayagataki me tekivuna na nomu siga, me dola kina na bose se dua na soqo lailai.

Masu | Prayer

Vosa Vakaviti	English
Meda masu mada	Let us pray
Tamai Keimami mai lomalagi	Our heavenly father
Keimami kerea na nomuni veivakalougataki ena macawa oqo	We ask for your blessings this week
Vei keimami yadudua sara	To each and every one of us
Keimami masu ena yaca i Jisu. Emeni	In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Sere ni lotu | Hymn

Vosa Vakaviti	English
E lomani au na noqu Kalou	My God loves me
Kei na veika veivakurabuitaki kece au raica	And all the wonders I see
Na drodrolagi e cila mai na noqu katubaleka	The rainbow shines through my window
E lomani au na noqu Kalou	My God loves me