

Coconuts of the Torres Straits

Meriam Mir Language Guide

WORDS		
English	Meriam Mir	Pronunciation Guide
Coconut leaves	Upeo	<p>[ˈupɛw]</p> <p>Upeo is made up of 2 words: u 'coconut' and peo 'frond or wing'</p> <p>Say the u like oo in 'hood'</p> <p>Say the e like in 'net'</p> <p>Say the o like w</p> <p>The stress is on the first syllable, say it like this: úpew</p>
Child	Werem	<p>[wɛˈrɛm]</p> <p>Say the e like in 'net',</p> <p>Say the r like an Italian saying Roma with a little tap of the tongue at the top of the mouth</p> <p>Say the word emphasising the second syllable: werém</p>
Coconuts	U	<p>[u]</p> <p>Say the u like the oo in 'hood'</p>
Dad	Bab	<p>[beb]</p> <p>Say the a like ar in 'hard'</p>
Coconut water	Uni	<p>[ˈuni]</p> <p>Say the i like ee in 'need'</p> <p>The stress is on the first syllable, say it like this: únee</p>
Mum	Ama	<p>[ʌˈmɛ]</p> <p>Say the first a like u in 'hut',</p> <p>Say the second a like ar in 'hard'</p> <p>Say the word emphasising the second syllable: umá</p>
Coconut cream	sabid	<p>[sɛˈbɪd]</p> <p>Say the a like ar in 'hard'</p> <p>Say the i like ee in 'need'</p>
Stars	Wer	<p>[wɛr]</p> <p>Say the e like in 'net'</p> <p>Say the r like an Italian saying Roma</p>
Coconut water in the shell	Upis	<p>[ˈupɪs]</p> <p>Upis is made up from 2 words: u 'coconut' and pis 'young coconut'</p> <p>Say the i like ee as in 'need'</p> <p>The stress is on the first syllable, say it like this: úpis</p>

PHRASES

'How delicious is coconut water in its shell'

Upis a, debe laglag

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