

Frangipani Whispers of the Torres Straits

Meriam Mir Language Guide

WORDS		
English	Meriam Mir	Pronunciation Guide
Island (Nonspecific islands)	Kaur	[kewr] Say the a like ar in 'hard' Say the u like w Say the r like an Italian saying Roma Say it like this: kawr
Sand	We	[wɛ] Say the e like the e in 'net'
Children	Omaskir	[ɔ'mɛskir] Say o like in 'hot', Say a like ar in 'hard', Say i like in 'hit' Say the r like an Italian saying Roma with a little tap of the tongue at the top of the mouth, Say the word by putting the emphasising on the second syllable like 'unsteady': omárskir
Mum	Ama	[ʌ'mɛ] Say the first a like u in 'hut', Say the second a like ar in 'hard' Say the word emphasising the second syllable: umá
Stories	Ad	[ɛd] Say the a like ar in 'hard'
Flowers	Lusik	[lʊ'sik] Say the u like the u in 'put', Say the i like in 'hit' Say it with the stress on the second syllable: lusík

PHRASES

'The beautiful scent of a flower'
Debe lusik ira lag

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