

Wharf Tales in the Torres Straits

Meriam Mir Language Guide

WORDS		
English	Meriam Mir	Pronunciation Guide
Sun	Lim	[lim] Say the i like ee in 'need'
Children	Omaskir	[ɔ'meskir] 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
Fishing line	Mekik	[mɛ'kik] Say the e like in 'net' Say the i like in 'hit' Say it with the stress on the second syllable: mekík
Fish	Lar	[ler] Say the a like ar in 'hard' Say the r like an Italian saying Roma
Dad	Bab	[beb] Say the a like ar in 'hard'
Stories	Ad	[ed] Say the a like ar in 'hard'
Sky	Mi	[mi] Say the i like ee in 'need'

PHRASES

'Let's go fishing'
Mi naba mekikem

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