VAGAHAU NIUE

A brief guide to reading and speaking the Niuean language

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Reading and speaking Vagahau Niue

Tau Matatohi he vagahau Niue Niue Alphabet

Aa Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp

Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv

Tau vaoeli Vowels

Aa Ee li Oo Uu

Tau konosonane Consonants

Ff Gg Hh Kk Ll Mm Nn Pp Rr Ss Tt Vv

Hatakiaga Fakaleo Kupu Pronunciation Guide

This chart Aa pronounced 'a' as in car, far contains the Ee pronounced 'e' as in egg, enter sounds of the li pronounced 'ee' as in beet, sheet short vowels of 00 pronounced 'o' as in sore, sort vagahau Niue. Uu pronounced 'oo' as in cool, pool

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Common Phrases	
Fakaalofa lahi atu / Fakaalofa atu	Greetings / Hello
Fakaalofa lahi atu ki a mutolu oti	Greetings everyone
Mutolu kia	Goodbye – to those who are leaving
Nonofo ā mutolu kia	Goodbye – to those who are staying
Fakamolemole	Please
Fakaaue Lahi oue tulou	Thank you
Fakamolemole mai	Sorry
Tulou	Excuse me

_	Pleasantries ————	
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	Ko hai e higoa haau?	What is your name?
	Ko e higoa haaku ko	My name is
	Hau a koe i fē?	Where are you from?
	Ko au ko e tagata hau i	I am a person from
	Gahua a koe i fē?	Where do you work?
	Gahua a au i	I work at

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In Conversation ———	
Malolō nakai a koe?	How are you (singular)?
Malolō nakai a mua?	How are you (dual)?
Malolō nakai a mutolu?	How are you (plural)?
Malolō au, fakaaue	I am good, thank you
Kua kai nakai a koe? Hau ke ō ke kai	Have you eaten? Let's go eat
Fakamolemole atu ha kua puga fakatote ke taui atu	Apologies for the delayed response
Tuga na ia ke he meli hila fakahiku na ne fakafano atu e au	As per my previous email
Fiafia ke fakatutala	Happy to discuss
Ko e magaaho ke o ke he fale faofao tino he mogonei!	It's gym time!
Hea mai au	Call me
Tau Fakamonuinaaga!	Blessings
Mitaki e Atua!	God is good!

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Chief
Church Minister
Child
Father
Mother
Sister (younger sister of a female)
Sister (older sister of a female)
Sister (term only use by male to refer to sister)
Brother (younger brother of male)
Brother (older brother of male)
Brother (term only use by female to refer to brother)
Friends

Faith is an important aspect of Niuean culture.

Below is a short prayer and hymn that can be used at the start of your day, to open a meeting or small gathering.

Liogi Prayer

Kia hufeilo a tautolu mo e liogi Let us pray

Ha mautolu a matua na ē hahā he lagi Our heavenly father

Kua ole atu ke he haau a tau We ask for your fakamonuinaaga ke lata ma blessings this week e faahi tapu nai

Kia mautolu taki tokotaha mo e To each and every one of us auloa katoatoa

He higoa ha lesu Keriso kua liogi In Jesus name we pray. atu ai a mautolu. Amene. Amen.

Lologo Tapu Hymn

oti kua kitia e au

Fakaalofa mai e Atua kia au My God loves me

Ke he tau mena mitaki And all the wonders I see

Ko e tagaloa kua kikilia mai The rainbow shines ke he haaku a fakamaama through my window

Fakaalofa mai e Atua kia au My God loves me.

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