

Premye Leson - First Lesson

PRONUNCIATION

<u>Creole</u>	<u>English Key</u>
a	o in lot
e	a in day*
è	e in let
i	ee in seed
o	o in go*
ò	o in or
ay	i in ice
ou	ou in soup**

* Only the first part of the sound is made for **e/o**, with the lips remaining open.

** The letter **u** is only used in the **ou** combination with one exception.

VOCABULARY 1

Haiti	Ayiti
person	moun
a person, someone	yon moun
he, she, it	li
you (singular)	ou
we, us, you (plural)	nou
they, them, their	yo
can (to be able)	kapab
the thing	bagay la
to give	bay (ba, ban)*
yes	wi
little	piti, ti
there	la
not	pa
page	paj
for	pou
O.K.	oke

* **Bay** becomes **ba** before the pronouns **li**, **ou**, and **yo**.

Bay becomes **ban** before the pronouns **mwen** and **nou**.

WORD ORDER

The order of words in Creole sentences is usually similar to English, following a subject, verb, and object pattern. One difference is that in Creole a definite article like **the** or **la** follows the noun but an indefinite article like **a** or **you** precedes the noun.