

# Hmong Consonants

Two lips	Teeth & lip	Tongue & teeth	Tongue & ridge	Tongue tip & roof	Tongue mid & roof	Tongue curled	Tongue back & soft palate	Throat	FLOW OF AIR
									STOP
p paj <i>flower</i>			t̄ tiab <i>skirt</i>	d diav <i>spoon</i>			k kub <i>hot</i>	q qaib <i>chicken</i>	Voiceless
ph phiab <i>bowl</i>			th thawb <i>push</i>	dh dhia <i>jump</i>			kh khub <i>dirty</i>	qh qhia <i>teach</i>	Voiceless and aspirated (with puff of air)
np npua <i>pig</i>			nt ntawv <i>paper</i>				nk nkoj <i>boat</i>	nq nqaj <i>meat</i>	Voiced (vocal cords vibrate)
nph nphob <i>faded</i>			nth nthuav <i>open (book)</i>				nkh nkhaus <i>crooked</i>	nqh nqhis <i>thirsty</i>	Voiced and aspirated
									CONTINUANT
	f fuab <i>cloud</i>		x xovtooj <i>telephone</i>		s sov <i>warm</i>		xy xyoob <i>bamboo</i>	h huab <i>cloud</i>	Voiceless
	v vaj <i>garden</i>		y yaj <i>sheep</i> l liab <i>monkey</i>		z zos <i>village</i>				Voiced (vocal cords vibrate)
hm Hmoob <i>Hmong</i>			hl hlis <i>moon</i> hn hnub <i>star, sun</i>				hny hnyav <i>heavy</i>		Aspirated (with puff of air)
m me-me <i>little</i>			n niam <i>mother</i>				ny nyiaj <i>money</i>		Nasal (air through the nose)
									AFFRICATE
			tx txiv <i>father</i> txh txhob <i>don't</i>	c co <i>shake</i> cho choj <i>bridge</i>	ts tsev <i>house</i> tsh tshob <i>car</i>	r riam <i>knife</i> rh rho <i>pull out</i>			Voiceless Voiceless, aspirated
			ntx ntxiv <i>add to</i> ntxh ntxhw <i>elephant</i>	nc nceb <i>mushroom</i> nch ncho <i>smoky</i>	nts ntsev <i>fish</i> ntsh ntshav <i>blood</i>	nr nruas <i>drum</i> nrh nrhiav <i>look for</i>			Voiced Voiced, aspirated