

BEMBEH er BEMBE:

*Sohnting weh da paat a di tinkin fi di soon
sekan edishan a di dikshineri*

REMEMBER always: Like most of the world's orthographies, di Belize Kriol spelling system is a practical orthography, a practical system. The one-sound, one symbol guiding system we chose back in di 1990s -2002-present does not prevent us from having some exceptions. This is di value of having a dictionary and the explanation chart in front and di teaching via Kriol transitional primer "You Can Read and Write Kriol."

A word like "**bembeh**" which is what we have in di current dictionary really does not need that "h" because "beh" is, in and of itself, not a unit of meaning. Thus, although the current first edition of di Kriol dictionary has "bembeh" because people the Language Group checked back then insisted that this word needed "h" at end, we may note in di soon edition 2 that **bembe** is di main entry. Moreover, for historical reasons with this word, we may suggest that "bembeh" is a variant.

And, there is no need to add an "h" on "papisho" type words because for one thing, *sho* is not in and of itself a unit of meaning like *soh* is. Of course, even if current users of di Kriol literacy system as reflected in di first edition continue for a while to write "bembeh" ...well, "bembeh" does have some historical use and is understandable as "bembe."

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