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Cherokee Syllabary

(ah)	(ay)	(ee)	(oh)	(oo)	(uh)	
D	R	T	Ꭴ	Ꭾ	i	1.
ᏕᏥ	Ꮅ	Ꭷ	A	J	E	2. (g, k)
ᏂᏙ	Ꮆ	Ꭿ	Ꮒ	Ꮓ	Ꭻ	3. (h)
W	Ꮄ	Ꮢ	Ꮳ	M	Ꭶ	4. (L)
Ꭸ	Ꭼ	H	Ꭽ	Ꭾ		5. (m)
ᏍᏓ	Ꭷ	Ꭹ	Z	Ꭺ	Ꮩ	6. (n, nh)
Ꭿ	Ꭰ	Ꭾ	Ꭿ	Ꭰ	Ꭾ	7. (q)
ᏌᏊ	Ꭴ	Ꭸ	Ꭶ	Ꭿ	Ꭾ	8. (s)
ᏓᎳ	ᏕᏦ	ᏗᏗ	V	S	Ꭾ	9. (d, t)
ᏊᏒ	L	C	Ᏼ	Ꭾ	P	10. (dl, tl)
Ꮆ	Ꭿ	Ꭻ	K	Ꮷ	Ꭾ	11. (j, ch)
Ꮆ	Ꭾ	Ꭾ	Ꭾ	Ꭾ	Ꭾ	12. (w, hw)
Ꭾ	Ꭾ	Ꭾ	Ꭾ	Ꭾ	B	13. (y, hy)

Use vowel sound on top for each column vowel sound. Use consonant sound for each line across.

Exception (Line 8) Ꭾ only has "s-s-s" sound, and no vowel sound.

Cherokee Symbol Study

D	(ah-mah)	**water**
R	(ay-lee-ah)	**think**
T	(ee-nah-dah)	**snake**
Ꭴ	(oh-see-yoh)	**hello**
Ꭾ	(oo-do)	**brother**
i	(nah-uh)	**near**

THE EASY WAY

The first step in learning to read and write Cherokee is to learn the Cherokee Syllabary. Sequoyah taught it using the sight and sound method, we have found that to be the best method also. We suggest you learn one line at a time. Say and write each symbol of the line seven times. Repeat until each line is learned then move on to the next. But, always review the previous lines. After you learn the Syllabary, Cherokee words and short phrases will be easier to learn. Although we strongly urge you to use all available Cherokee language resources, We recommend you to avoid using English phonetics. Learning the sound of the symbol by sight eliminates the dependency on an unnecessary learning step which some new methods use.

D

R

T

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Ꭾ

i

This is the first line in the Cherokee syllabary. Read the symbols from the left to the right.

We will print one word or a short sentence in the Cherokee Syllabary each issue. Look at the written symbols on the lines above and then trace the following dotted lines to learn the Shape of each symbol.
Then say the Sounds of the Symbols each time you write them. (Look at the syllabary to find the sounds for each symbol).
Then do it on your own. You will now know the Sounds and the Shapes of each of the Symbols for each line.

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1- ᏌᏊ	2-WᏏ	3-KT	4-ᏙᎩ
5-ᏍᏓᏩ	6-ᏔᏂᏏ	7-ᏥᏏᏩᏍᎩ	8-ᏄᏗW
9-ᏑᏗW	10-ᏓAᏍ	11- ᏌS	12- WᏏS
13- KᏥS	14- ᏂᏥS	15- ᏓᎩᏥS	16- ᏂWS
17- ᏥᏏᏦS	18- ᏗWS	19- ᏑᏗWS	20-WᏏᏓAᏍ

Trace the Cherokee word above. Then practice writing the Cherokee word beside the number below. Say it aloud as you write.

1_____	2_____	3_____	4_____	5_____
6_____	7_____	8_____	9_____	10_____
11_____	12_____	13_____	14_____	15_____
16_____	17_____	18_____	19_____	20_____

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Presidential Proclamation of Pardon and Amnesty

ᏄᏂᏍᏗ ᏭᏋᏫᏅ ᏅᏋᏫᏍᏗ
ᏗᏃᏫᏙᏅᏍᏗ

EhᏫᏥ, ᏄᏂᏍᏗ ᏅᏍᏓᏩᏍᏗ ᏅᏚᏙᏅᏍᏗᏍᏗᏍᏗ