ᏣᎳᎩ ᏗᎪᏪᎵ

Cherokee Syllabary

(ah)	(ay)	(ee)	(oh)	(oo)	(uh)	
Ꭰ	Ꭱ	Ꭲ	Ꭳ	Ꭴ	Ꭵ	1.
ᎦᎧ	Ꭸ	Ꭹ	Ꭺ	Ꭻ	Ꭼ	2. (g, k)
Ꭽ	Ꭾ	Ꭿ	Ꮀ	Ꮁ	Ꮂ	3. (h)
Ꮃ	Ꮄ	Ꮅ	Ꮆ	Ꮇ	Ꮈ	4. (L)
Ꮉ	Ꮊ	Ꮋ	Ꮌ	Ꮍ		5. (m)
ᎾᏏ	Ꮑ	Ꮒ	Ꮓ	Ꮔ	Ꮕ	6. (n, nh)
Ꮖ	Ꮗ	Ꮘ	Ꮙ	Ꮚ	Ꮛ	7. (q)
ᏌᏍ	Ꮞ	Ꮟ	Ꮠ	Ꮡ	Ꮢ	8. (s)
ᏓᏔ	ᏕᏖ	ᏗᏘ	Ꮩ	Ꮪ	Ꮫ	9. (d, t)
ᏜᏝ	Ꮮ	Ꮯ	Ꮰ	Ꮱ	Ꮲ	10. (dl, tl)
Ꮳ	Ꮴ	Ꮵ	Ꮶ	Ꮷ	Ꮸ	11. (j, ch)
Ꮹ	Ꮺ	Ꮻ	Ꮼ	Ꮽ	Ꮾ	12. (w, hw)
Ꮿ	Ᏸ	Ᏹ	Ᏺ	Ᏻ	Ᏼ	13. (y, hy)

Use vowel sound on top for each column vowel sound. Use consonant sound for each line across. Exception (Line 8) Ꮝ only has "s-s-s" sound, and no vowel sound.

ᎠᏂᎦᏔᏏᎢ ᎤᎾᏕᏔᎰᏒᎯ

ᎤᏂᏃᎮᏢᎢ ᎪᎯᎩ ᏥᎨᏒᎢ ᎤᏪᏘ ᎠᏰᎵ ᎤᎾᏙᏢᏒᎢ ᎦᎵᏉᎩ ᎠᏂᎦᏔᏏᎢ ᎠᎴ ᎦᏈᏉᏗᏳ ᎤᏂᏯᎢ ᎠᏂᏍᎦᏯ ᎤᏁᏅᏎ ᎢᎸᏢᎢᏴᏫ ᎤᎨᏓᎵᏴᎢ ᏙᏦᏓᎸᎢ ᎤᏂᏯᎸᏎ ᎤᏂᎦᏙᎲᏍᏗᎢ ᎢᏳᎵᏍᏔᏂᏓᏍᏗ ᎤᏩᎫᏗᏗᏒᎢ. ᎾᏍᎩᏃ ᎦᎵᏉᎩ ᏧᏂᏴᎾ ᎠᏂᏣᎳᎩ ᎾᏍᎩ ᎦᎵᏉᎩ ᎠᏂᏍᎦᏯ ᏚᏂᏳᎪᏛᎢ ᎾᏂᏪᏍᎨ ᎡᎳᏗ ᎾᎾᏛᏁᎮᎢ ᎤᏂᏲᎮᎢ ᏚᏳᎪᏛ ᎨᏒ ᎤᎾᏠᏯᏍᏙᏗ ᏴᎾ. ᎾᏇᏃ ᏚᎾᏦᎳᎮ ᎠᎾ ᎦᏁᎪᎯ ᎠᏂᏏᏴᎾᎭ. ᎠᎴ ᎤᎾᎦᏎᏍᏕ ᏧᎦᏒᏍᏗ ᏩᎦᏛ ᎤᏰᎸᏛ ᎤᏁᏔᏅᎯᎢ. ᎯᎠᏃ ᎤᏂᏍᏆᏓ ᎢᎤᏁᏅᏎᏃ ᏫᏚᏂᏃ ᎯᏎᎴᎢ ᏴᎾ ᎤᏍᏆᏂᎪᏗ ᎤᏂᎪᏪᎢ. ᏌᏇᏃᎢ ᎠᏍᎦᏯ ᎨᏎᎢ ᎠᎴ ᎤᎶᏒᏍᏗ ᎤᎾᏓᏅᏘ ᎨᏎᎢ ᎠᎴ ᎤᎶᏒᏍᏗ ᎤᏚᎸᏗ ᎠᎴ ᏂᎦᏓ ᎠᏂᎾᏍᏔᎸᎢ. ᎤᏂᎾᏫᎮ ᎤᏬᏘ ᎠᎴ ᎠᎾ ᎦᏁᎦ ᎠᎴ ᎤᏬᏘ ᏦᎳᏃ ᎠᎴ ᎸᎾᏫᏁᎴ ᎦᎵᏉᏗ ᎨᏒ ᎠᎾᎢᏒᎢ. ᎠᎴ ᏭᏂᎷᏣ ᎾᏏ ᎤᎨᏓᎵᏴ ᎤᏂᏰᏍᏛᏁ ᎠᎾ ᎦᏁᎦ ᎠᏰᎵ ᎠᎴ ᎤᎾᏓᏙᎵᏍᏔᏁᎢ ᎯᎠ ᎯᎸᏢᏴᎢ ᎠᏂᏃᎯᎵᏙᎮᏍᏗ ᎦᎸᏣᎯ. ᏐᎢᏃ ᏚᎪᎮ ᏚᎾᏔᏍᎬ ᎠᏂᏣᎳᎩ ᎢᎸᏢᎢᏴᏓ ᎤᏕᎵᎬ ᏗᏜ ᎢᎪᏗ ᎠᏍᏛ ᏍᎦᏍᎩᏲ ᎠᎹᏳᏣᏗ ᎾᏗᎦᏃᏴᎦ ᏚᎾᏔᏍᎬᎢ ᎩᎾᏁᏣᏔᏅᎯ. ᎢᎸᎯᏳ ᎤᏂᎷᎯᏍᏗ ᏂᎨᏒᎾ. ᏐᎢᏃ ᏙᏛᎾᏕᏣᏆᎢ ᏧᎾᏕᏣᏆᏍᏗᎢ ᎠᎦᏙᎲᏍᏗ ᏂᎦᏓ ᏴᎾ. ᏅᎩᏁᏃ ᎤᏕᎴᎰᏒᎢ ᎯᎠ ᎸᏪᏎ ᏛᏟᏯᏣᎵ ᎠᏂᎾᎸᏣ ᎢᎠᏂᎷᏨ ᏧᎾᏕᏣᏆᏍᏗ ᏅᏓᏳᏂᏣᏒᎯ ᎨᎩᏃ ᎯᏎᎮᏍᏗ ᎤᏛᏐᏅᎯ ᎦᎾᏍᎳᏢᎯ ᎯᎠ ᎾᏂᏪᏍᎨᏍᏗ ᎪᎱᏍᏗ ᎬᏙᏗ ᏂᎨᏒᎾ Ꮭ ᎪᎱᏍᏗ ᏯᎦᏔᎭ. ᏴᎾ ᎠᎾᏓᏅᏖᏍᎨᎢ ᎪᎯᎩ ᎤᏍᏆᏂᎪᏘᏳᎢ ᎦᏙ ᎤᏍᏗ ᎤᏟ ᎠᎦᏙᎲᏍᏗ ᏓᎨᎨᏲ ᏧᎾᏕᏣᏆᏍᏗ ᎨᎩᎾᏎᏍᏛᎢ ᎢᏂᎦᏴᎵ ᎠᎴ ᎢᎨᎩᏂᏪᏎᏗᎢ.

ᎨᏒ ᎾᏍᎩ ᏧᎸᎾᏍᏓᏁᏗᏱ ᎧᏁᎢᏍᏔᏅᎯ ᏥᎩ ᎤᎵᎪᏒᎢ. ᎾᏍᎩᏃ ᎠᏚᏓᎸᏙᎢ ᏣᎳᎩ ᎠᏰᎵ ᎤᎵᏍᏕᎸᏙᏗ ᏂᎬᏁᏍᏗ, ᎣᏏ ᎤᏰᎸᏅᎯ ᎨᏎᏍᏗ ᎸᎬᎾᏳᏒ ᎤᎬᎾᏳᎯ. ᎠᎴ ᎾᏍᎩ ᎸᎬᎾᏳᏒ ᎤᎬᎾᏳᎯ ᏧᏢᏁᏗ ᎨᏎᏍᏗ ᎦᎸᎳᏗ ᏓᏂᎳᏫᎥᎢ ᎠᎴᏬᎢ ᎢᎬᏛᏁᏗ ᏅᎸᎵᏍᏔᏅ, ᎾᏍᎩ ᎤᎾᏙᎴᎰᎯᏍᏙᏗᏱ, ᎣᏏᏃ ᏅᏓᏳᏂᏰᎸᏗᏱ ᎠᏰᎵ ᏓᏂᎳᏫᎥᎢ. ᎾᏍᎩ ᎠᏚᏓᎸᏙᎢ ᎡᎳᏗᏢᏃ ᏨᏗᎪᏪᎳ ᏗᎦᎸᎾᏍᏓᏁᏗᏱ ᎤᎬᏩᎵ ᎠᏎᎵᏙᏗ (ᎠᎴ ᎦᎸᏉᏗ ᎧᏁᎢᏍᏗ ᏱᎩ) ᎠᏕᎳ ᎠᎦᏘᏯ ᏚᏙᎥ ᏚᏳᎪᏛ ᎸᏩᏅᎪᏪᎴᏍᏗ, ᎠᏃ ᎤᏲᏯᏍᏕᏍᏗ ᎠᏰᎵ ᏧᎸᎾᏍᏓᏁᏗᎯ ᎤᏬᎯᏳᏛᎢ ᎾᏍᎩ ᎤᏎᎵᏙᎳᏅᎯ ᎤᎬᎾᏳᎯ ᏧᎸᎾᏍᏓᏁᏗᏱ ᎠᏍᏆᏂᎪᏙᏗ ᎨᏎᏍᏗ, ᎤᏓᏲᎱᏎᏗᏱ ᏂᎨᏒᎾ ᎤᎬᏩᎴᏍᏗ. ᎾᏍᎩᏃ ᏚᏳᎪᏛ ᎢᏳᏛᏁᎰᎲᏍᏗᏱ ᏂᏚᎥᎢ ᎠᏕᎳ ᎠᎦᏘᏯ ᏧᎸᎾᏍᏓᏁᏗ ᎨᏒ ᎤᏭᏓᎸᎥᏍᎩ ᎨᏎᏍᏗ ᎬᏂ ᎠᏭᏑᏰᏛ ᎨᏎᏍᏗ ᎤᏓᏁᏟᏴᏍᏓᏁᎯ, ᎠᎦᏎᎵᏙᎳᏃᏁᏍᏗ, ᎠᎴ ᎾᏏ ᏗᎦᎸᎾᏍᏓᏁᏗ ᎨᏒ ᎤᎩᏛ ᎨᏎᏍᏗ,

ᎦᏣᏁᏛ ᏥᏌ

ᎤᏓᏙᎵᏍᏔᏅᎢ

ᎣᎩᏙᏓ ᎦᎸᎳᏗ ᎮᎯ, ᎦᎸᏉᏗᏳ ᎨᏎᏍᏗ ᏕᏣᏙᎥᎢ. ᏣᎬᎾᏳᎯ ᎨᏒ ᏫᎦᎾᎸᎪᎢ. ᎠᏂ ᎡᏣᎯ ᏫᏂᎦᎵᏍᏓ ᎭᏓᏅᏓᏍᎬᎢ, ᎾᏍᎩᏯ ᎦᎸᎳᏗ ᏥᏂᎦᎵᏍᏗᎭ. ᏂᏓᏙᏓᏆᏒ ᎣᎦᎵᏍᏓᏴᏗ ᏍᎩᎥᏏᎪᎯᎢᎦ. ᏗᎨᏍᎩᎥᏏᏇᏃ ᏕᏍᎩᎦᎬ ᎾᏍᎩᏯ ᏥᏂᏗᎦᏲᏥᏁᎰ ᏦᏥᎦᎩ, ᎠᎴ ᏞᏍᏗ ᎤᏓᎪᎵᏰᏗᎨᏒ ᏫᏗᏍᏯᏘᏅᏍᏔᏅ, ᏍᎩᏳᏓᎴᏍᎨᏍᏗᏩᏍᎩᏂ ᎤᏲ ᎨᏒᎢ, ᏣᏤᎵᎦᏰᏃ ᏣᎬᎾᏳᎯ ᎨᏒᎢ, ᎠᎴ ᏣᎵᏂᎩᏗᏳ ᎨᏒᎢ, ᎠᎴ ᎡᏣᎸᏉᏗᏳ ᎨᏒ ᏂᎪᎯᎸᎢ. ᎡᎺᏅ

Cherokee Symbol Study-Line 7

Ꮖ (tah-leh-QAH-)--**Tahlequah**

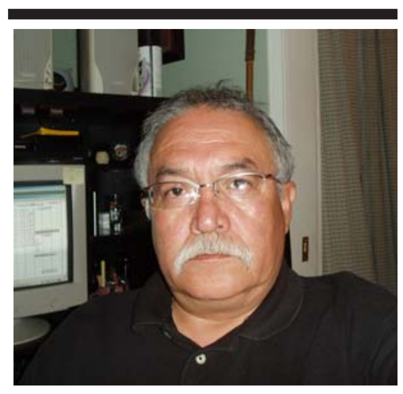
Ꮗ (guh-QAY)--**Quail**

Ꮘ (soh-QEE-lee) -----------------------------------**horse**

Ꮙ (sah-QOH-yah)--------------------------------------**Sequoyah**

Ꮚ (ay-lee-Qoo)---**possible**

Ꮛ (QUH-)--



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ᏂᎦᏓ ᎠᏂᏴᏫ ᏂᎨᎫᏓᎸᎾ ᎠᏚ ᎤᏂᏕᏏ ᏚᏳᎪᏛ ᎨᏒᎢ.

ᎨᏥᏁᎳ ᎤᎾᏓᏅᏔᏗ ᎠᏚ ᏌᏇ ᎨᏒ ᏧᏂᎸᎾᏍᏓᏁᏗ ᎠᎾᏟᏅᏢ ᎠᏓᏅᏙ ᎬᏗ.

English Translation

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

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.

Ꮖ ______________________

Ꮗ ______________________

Ꮘ ______________________

Ꮙ ______________________

Ꮚ ______________________

Ꮛ ______________________

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.

ᎡᎵᏏ

GRANDMOTHER

My Grandmother
ᎠᎩᎵᏏ

Your Grandmother
ᏣᎵᏏ

His/Her Grandmother
ᎤᎵᏏ

Yours & My Grandmother
ᎩᏂᎵᏏ

Grandmother of you two
ᏍᏗᎵᏏ

His/Her & My Grandmother
ᎣᎩᏂᎵᏏ

Our Grandmother (Not yours) ᎣᎩᎵᏏ

Your Grandmother (Plural) ᎢᏥᎵᏏ

Their Grandmother
ᎤᏂᎵᏏ

Yours, Their & My Grandmother
ᎢᎩᎵᏏ

ᏗᏎᏍᏗ NUMBERS

1- ᏌᏊ	2-ᏔᎵ	3-ᏦᎢ	4-ᏅᎩ
5-ᎯᏍᎩ	6-ᏑᏓᎵ	7-ᎦᎵᏉᎩ	8-ᏧᏁᎳ
9-ᏐᏁᎳ	10-ᏍᎪᎯ	11- ᏌᏚ	12- ᏔᎳᏚ
13- ᏦᎦᏚ	14- ᏂᎦᏚ	15- ᏍᎩᎦᏚ	16- ᏓᎳᏚ
17- ᎦᎵᏆᏚ	18- ᏁᎳᏚ	19- ᏐᏁᎳᏚ	20-ᏔᎵᏍᎪᎯ

ᏗᏂᏘᏲᎯᎯ	(dee-nee-tee-yoh-hee-hee)	LAWYER
ᎠᎾᎵᏣᏙᏂᏍᎩ	(ah-nah-lee-tsah-huh-s-gee)	MINISTER
ᏗᏂᏓᏂᏱᏍᎩ	(dee-nee-tah-nee-yee-s-gee)	CN MARSHAL
ᎠᏂᎦᎾᏘ	(ah-nee-gah-nah-tee)	DOCTOR
ᎣᏍᏓᎢᏯᏅᏁᎯ	(oh-s-tah-ee-yah-nuh-nay-hee)	SAILOR
ᏗᏂᏐᏍᏘᏍᎩ	(dee-nee-soh-s-tee-s-gee)	TYPIST
ᎠᏂᏲᏍᎩ	(ah-nee-yoh-s-gee)	SOLDIER

ᏅᏃ ᎤᏁᎦ

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