ᏣᎳᎩ ᎯᎪᏪᎵ

Cherokee Syllabary

(ah)	(ay)	(ee)	(oh)	(oo)	(uh)	
D	R	T	Ꭽ	Ꮕ	i	1.
ᎦᏫ	Ꮉ	Ꭹ	A	J	E	2. (g, k)
ᏂᏊ	Ᏹ	ᏐᏱ	Ꮒ	Γ	ᏓᏪ	3. (h)
W	Ꮄ	ᏢᏱ	Ꮆ	M	Ꮟ	4. (L)
ᏕᏁ	ᏀᏂ	H	ᏯᏱ	ᏩᏩ		5. (m)
ᎾᏓ	ᏗᏁ	Ꮒ	ᏯᏱ	ᏩᏩ		6. (n, nh)
Ꭲ	ᏐᏩ	ᏭᏱ	ᏭᏅ	ᏐᏩ	Ꮄ	7. (q)
ᏌᏫ	Ꮞ	ᏏᏱ	ᏥᏅ	ᏐᏩ	Ꮄ	8. (s)
ᏓᎳ	ᏕᏣ	ᏗᏱ	ᏥᏅ	ᏐᏩ	Ꮄ	9. (d, t)
ᏍᏝ	L	C	ᏧᏱ	ᏭᏅ	P	10. (dl, tl)
Ꮆ	ᏧᏱ	ᏂᏱ	K	ᏧᏱ	ᏨᏱ	11. (j, ch)
Ꮆ	ᏧᏱ	ᏫᏱ	ᏫᏱ	ᏧᏱ	Ꮄ	12. (w, hw)
ᏫᏱ	ᏧᏱ	ᏫᏱ	ᏫᏱ	ᏧᏱ	Ꮄ	13. (y, hy)

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

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

Cherokee Symbol Study

DᏓᏥᏂᎭ. (ah-dah-lay-nee-hah)----------It's beginning

ᎦᏓᏬᎴD. (gah-dah-woh-ah)----------He's swimming

DᎦᏓᎭᏖT. (ah-gah-tah-hah-ee) ----------getting dirty

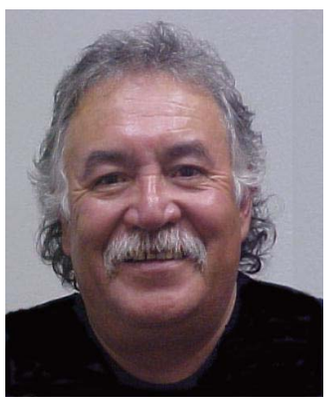
DᏕᎵᏫᏱS. (ah-day-tuh-s-gah)----------He's diving

ᏆᎦᎾᏗᏁD. (jee-gah-nah-dee-ah)----------licking it

DᎦᏫᎦ. (ah-gah-s-gah)----------It's raining

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.



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DᏆ ᏗᎪᏪᎵᏍᎩ, ᏗᏥᏓᏐT RWᏗ ᏓhWᎾiT.

ᏯᏏᏳ ᏆᏰᏃᏏ: DᏆ ᎧᎤᏓᏳ, ᎾᎩᎬᎾᏳR DᎩᎬᎾᏳᏍᎭ ᎾᏍᎩZ Ꮎ ᎤᏂᏳᏗ ᏓhWᎾiᏆ ᏴᎾ ᏳᎳᎩᏯ DᏗᏍ, ᏓᎵᎢ Dh ᏳᎳᎩᏯ, 28ᏏᏁ TᎦ ᎤᏓᎿᎢ ᎧᏃ 1866 ᎤᎾᏗᏴᏂᏗᏒT, ᎤᎬᏥ ᎤᎾᏓᎢᏗᏯ ᎦᏃᎳᏘ ᏆᏒᏂᎩᏯ ᎤᏂᏳᎷᏫᏍᎭᎤᎩ ᎦᏗᎪᏍᎩᎭᎾᏍᎩ ᎤᏂᏳᎷᏫᏍᎭᎤᎩ ᎤᏂᏳᎷᏫᏍᎭᎤᎩ ᎠᏆᎦᎵᏍᏗᏍᎬ