

GWY JA'WY

Cherokee Syllabary

(ah)	(ay)	(ee)	(oh)	(oo)	(uh)	
D	R	T	Ꭰ	Ꭱ	i	1.
Ꭲ	Ꭳ	Ꭴ	Ꭵ	Ꭶ	E	2. (g, k)
Ꭷ	Ꭸ	Ꭹ	Ꭺ	Ꭻ	Ꭼ	3. (h)
Ꭽ	Ꭾ	Ꭿ	Ꮀ	Ꮁ	Ꮂ	4. (L)
Ꮃ	Ꮄ	Ꮅ	Ꮆ	Ꮇ		5. (m)
Ꮈ	Ꮉ	Ꮊ	Ꮋ	Ꮌ	Ꮍ	6. (n, nh)
Ꮎ	Ꮏ	Ꮐ	Ꮑ	Ꮒ	Ꮓ	7. (q)
Ꮔ	Ꮕ	Ꮖ	Ꮗ	Ꮘ	Ꮙ	8. (s)
Ꮚ	Ꮛ	Ꮜ	Ꮝ	Ꮞ	Ꮟ	9. (d, t)
Ꮠ	Ꮡ	Ꮢ	Ꮣ	Ꮤ	Ꮥ	10. (dl, tl)
Ꮦ	Ꮧ	Ꮨ	Ꮩ	Ꮪ	Ꮫ	11. (j, ch)
Ꮬ	Ꮭ	Ꮮ	Ꮯ	Ꮰ	Ꮱ	12. (w, hw)
Ꮲ	Ꮳ	Ꮴ	Ꮵ	Ꮶ	B	13. (y, hy)

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

JJ	(goo-goo)-----bottle
JJ.	(goo-goo)-----tick
JJT.	(goo-goo-ee)-----Bartlesville
JᎥT.	goo-soh-hee)-----Muskogee
JᎷᎡ.	(goo-tee-hah)-----it's snowing
JᎠ.	(goo-lay)-----acorn



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.

THE WISEMEN

It is told that, in the early days of the Old Nation, seven wise and holy men went together to a certain valley in the mountains to seek knowledge of the future.

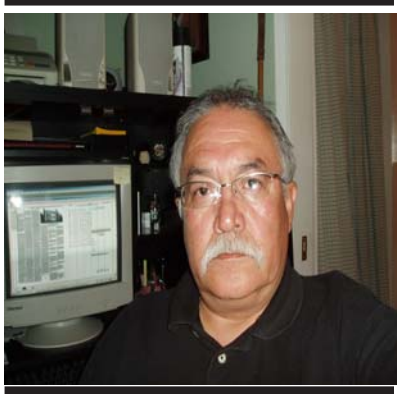
Of all the seven Clans of the Nation these seven men were the most truthful, most selfless, and most heedful of the needs and well-being of all the Tribe. They carried the medicine deerskin and medicine tobacco, and did all the holy things along the way. And when they came to this certain valley, they spread out the deerskin in the center and prayed, saying they came with humility, to seek truth and share it with the people.

Then they blew smoke over the deerskin, each in turn, and they watched the smoke trails for a sign from God. And when this was finished, they went and prophesied to the people the marvels that had been seen; and one was that men would someday fly in the air; and another was that the tracks of the Cherokee would someday lead west to the valley of the Mississippi, never to return; and another was that there would be schools to knowledge to all the people. But a fourth prophecy said that in aftertimes young people would return from the schools, and point rudely to the old men of the Tribe, and say they were of no account because they knew nothing.

The people considered this a long time, and wondered what great wisdom might be taught in these schools that the children should point to the old people and talk in this way.

DhšWtT O'OS-WFR.A

O'hzpPT AAY IrRT O'WY DβP O'θVPRT S'P'WY DhšWtT D' S'q'W.JG' O'h'θT Dh'θS'θ O'N0-4 T'qPTB' O'P'LB'BT VKL'qT O'h'θ-4 O' h s v u w x y z T G' r w h l e j t O'G.J.J.I.R.T. θ'wYz S'P'WY JhBθ DhGWY θ'wY S'P'WY Dh'θS'θ ShG' A'OT θ'h'w'ir RW.J θ'θ'w'N'PT O'h'θPT SC' A'OT Ir O'θ'w'θ'w'V.J Bθ. θ'wZ SθKW' Dθ S'N.A.A Dh'θBθ'θ. D' O'θS'4'w'S J'S'R'w'J G'θ' O'β'q' O'N'W'0-AT. ADZ O'h'θ'w'z T'0'N'0-4Z θ'ShZ A'4'OT Bθ O'w'θ'h'A.J O'h'A'w'T. H'wZT D'w'S'θ Ir'4T D' O'GR'w'J O'θ'w'0-1 Ir'4T D' O'GR'w'J O'S'q'J D' h's' Dh'θ'w'q'T. O'h'θ'w'z O'w'z D' Dθ S'N' D' O'w'z KWZ D' q'θ'w'N' S'P'W'J Ir' R DθTRT. D' θ'h'MG θ' Ir'LB O'h'β'w'N' Dθ S'N' D'β' D' O'θ'w'V'w'w'N' AD A'q'PBT DhZ'w'V'p'w'J S'q'G.A. F'TZ S'AP S'W'w'E DhGWY T'q'PTB'L O'S'P'E J'θ TAJ D'w' w'S'w'Y'h D'θ'G'G'J θ'J'S'ZB'S S'W'w'ET Y'θ'N'G'W'0-A. T'q'AG' O'h'M'θ'w'J h'ir'θ. F'TZ V'θ'w'S'G'ET JθS'G'ET'w'IT D'S'V'w'w'J h's' Bθ. O-Y'N'Z O'S'θ'F'RT AD q'w'4 O'C'w'G'P Dh'θ'q'G T'D'h'MC'w' JθS'G'ET'w'J O'LB'G'w'h'G'R.A Ir'YZ A'4'p'w'J O'w'θ'0-A S'θ'w'P'P.A AD θ'h'w'ir'w'J A'G'w'J EV.J h'ir'θ L A'G'w'J θ'S'w'θ'. Bθ D'θ'w'0-1'w'ir'T AAY O'w'θ'h'A'J'w'θ'T S'V O'w'J O'C D'S'V'w'w'J Ir'ir'h'h JθS'G'ET'w'IT Ir'Y'θ'4'w'OT Th'S'β' D' T'ir'Y'h'w'4.JT.



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Ir' R θ'wY J'q'θ'w'z'w'J'θ' w'N'T'w'0-A Ir'Y O'P'ART. θ'wYz D'S'L'q'VT GWY D'β'P O'P'w'S'q'V.J h'E'N'w'J. θ'β O'β'q'0-A Ir'4'w'J q'Eθ'G'w'R O'Eθ'G'w'J. D' θ'wY q'Eθ'G'w'R O'Eθ'G'w'J J'P'N'J Ir'4'w'J S'q'W'J L'h'W'θ'IT D'θ'w'T T'Eθ'N'J θ'q'ir'w'0-, θ'wY O'θ'V'θ'F'w'V'J'θ, θ'βZ O'LB'G'w'h'β'q'J'θ D'β'P L'h'W'θ'IT. θ'wY D'S'L'q'VT R'W'J'P'Z G'w'J'w'W J'S'q'θ'w'z'w'J'θ O'E'G'P D'4'P'V'J (D' S'q'W'J w'N'T'w'J θ'Y) D'S'W D'S'w' SVi SC' A'OT q'G'0-A'w'θ'w'J. DZ O'w'θ'w'w'w'J D'β'P J'q'θ'w'z'w'J O'w'z'w'G'w'OT θ'wY O'4'P'V'W'0-A O'Eθ'G'w'J J'q'θ'w'z'w'J'θ D'w'θ'h'AV'J Ir'4'w'J, O'LB'G'P'4'J'θ h'ir'θ O'E'G'w'w'J. θ'wYz SC' A'OT T'G'w'N'F'w'w'J'θ h'S'IT D'S'W D'S'w' J'q'θ'w'z'w'J Ir' R O'θ'w'q'w'Y Ir'4'w'J Eh D'θ'w'β' O' Ir'4'w'J O'w'N'CB'w'z'w'J, D'S'4'P'V'W'Z J'w'J, D' θ' J'S'q'θ'w'z'w'J Ir' R O'Y'OT Ir'4'w'J.

Lord's Prayer

θ'Y'V'L S'q'W'J P.A, S'q'W'J'G' Ir'4'w'J S'G'V'IT. G'Eθ'G'w' Ir' R θ'S'θ'q'AT. Dh RG.A θ'h's'ir'w'z θ'LB'0-L'w'ET, θ'wY'θ S'q'W'J Ir'h's'ir'w'z'w'J. h'LB'0'w'R θ'S'ir'w'z'w'J w'Y'ib A.A T'S. Ir'w'Y'ib'w'z S'w'Y'S'ET, θ'wY'θ Ir'J'S'h'ir'N'F' K'ir'SY. D' L'w'J O'LB'AP'β'J'θ Ir' R θ'J'w'Y'θ'J'0- w'W'0-Y, w'Y'G'w'z'w'ir'w'z'w'Y'w'Y'h

JJ
JJ
JJT
JᎥT
JᎷᎡ
GWY.
DβP.

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.

	ᎠᎡᎢ	NUMBERS	
1- ᎠᎢ	2- ᎣᎤ	3- ᎥᎦ	4- ᎧᎨ
5- ᎩᎪ	6- ᎫᎬ	7- ᎭᎮ	8- ᎯᎰ
9- ᎱᎲ	10- ᎳᎴ	11- ᎵᎶ	12- ᎷᎸ
13- ᎹᎺ	14- ᎻᎼ	15- ᎽᎿ	16- ᏀᏁ
17- ᏃᏄ	18- ᏆᏇ	19- ᏈᏉ	20- ᏊᏋ

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

O'N Ir'RT. G'V'P'S'β'Z G'Eθ'G'w' Ir'RT, D' G'P'h'Y'J'θ' Ir'RT, D' RG'q'W'J'G' Ir' R h'A.A'q'T. R'θ'0-.

