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Cherokee Syllabary

(ah)	(ay)	(ee)	(oh)	(oo)	(uh)	
Ꭰ	Ꭱ	Ꭲ	Ꭳ	Ꭴ	Ꭵ	1.
Ꭶ Ꭷ	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)
Ꮎ Ꮏ Ꮐ	Ꮑ	Ꮒ	Ꮓ Ꮔ		Ꮕ	6. (n, nh)
Ꮖ	Ꮗ	Ꮘ	Ꮙ	Ꮚ	Ꮛ	7. (q)
Ꮜ Ꮝ	Ꮞ	Ꮟ	Ꮠ	Ꮡ	Ꮢ	8. (s)
Ꮣ Ꮤ	Ꮥ Ꮦ	Ꮧ Ꮨ	Ꮩ	Ꮪ	Ꮫ	9. (d, t)
Ꮬ Ꮭ	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.

Cherokee Symbol Study-Line 6

ᎾᏏ	(NAH-uh)	**NEAR**
Ꮑ	(soh-NAY-lah)	**NINE**
Ꮒ	(gah-NEE-hah)	**HIT**
Ꮓ	(NOH-woo)	**NOW**
Ꮔ	(NOO-lah)	**come here**
Ꮕ	(gah-NUH-jee)	**Kanuchi**

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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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.

ᏗᏎᏍᏗ NUMBERS

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

BALL OF FIRE

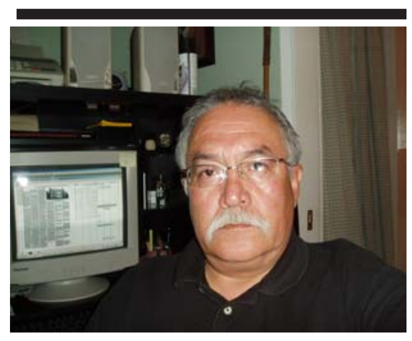
ᏣᏆᏛᏏᏗᏒ, ᎢᏳᏢ 57 ᏧᏕᏘᏴᏌᏗᏒ, ᎠᏏ ᏗᎾᏍᎵᏍᎩ ᏱᏙᎩᏏᏔᏕ ᎣᎨᏅᏒ ᎦᎵᏦᏕ. ᎣᎩᏄᏩᏗ ᎨᏒ ᎾᎥ ᎢᏦᏍᏓᎵ ᏧᏂᏅᏒ ᏭᎨᏓᏍᏗ, ᏗᏓᏰᏪᏛᏍᎩ ᎤᏂᏩ ᎠᎴ ᏧᎵᏏᏅᏓᏊ ᎢᏳᏍᏗ ᎢᏄᏍᎩ ᎢᏯᏓᏁᏄ ᏓᎾᏌᏏᎯᏩ ᏗᏓᏰᏪᏛᏍᎩ ᏧᎾᏍᏙᏍᏔᏂᏢᎢ. ᏌᏊ ᎢᏳᏩᎪᏗ ᏛᏃᏯ ᏫᏯᎷᏣ ᎧᎨᏅᏒ, ᎩᏣ ᎤᏍᎦᏎᏗᏊ ᏂᎦᏪᏍᎬ ᏓᏥᎾᏍᎬ ᎤᏌᏱᏊ ᎪᎱᏍᏗ ᎠᏊᎢᏴ ᏣᎪᏩᏘᏍᎪ ᎤᏌᏱ ᎾᏛᏁᏩ ᎠᏂᎷᏯᏍᎬ ᎠᎨ ᎢᏳᏓᏅᏖᏓ ᏃᏊᎴ ᏗᎠᏨᏍᎪ ᎠᏊᎢᏴ ᎢᏍᎷᎪᎢ ᎠᎴ ᏓᏰᎾᏍᎬ ᏂᎨᏩᏍᏙᎢ Ꮭ ᎤᏟᎢᎦ ᏲᏣᎦᏎᏍᏓᏁᎴ ᎢᎨᏃ ᎥᏍᎩ ᏄᏛᏁᎳ ᎤᎩᏨᏓᏍᎩᏂ ᎤᏒ ᎤᏌᏱ ᏄᏛᏁᏄ ᏗᏁᎷᎩᏍᎪ ᎠᎨ ᎢᏳᏓᏅᏖᏓ ᏃᏊᎴ ᏗᎠᏨᏍᎪ ᏃᏊᎴ ᎢᎠᏁᎷᎩᏍᎪ ᎤᏌᏱᏊᏳᏚᎵᎭ ᎩᎶ ᎤᏍᏓᏩᏛᏍᏗᎢ ᎢᎨᏱᏃ ᏩᎦᏊ ᎠᎴᏱᎩ ᎪᎱᏍᏗᏊ ᏄᏓᎴ ᎦᎾᏓᎢ ᏱᎡᏙᎭ ᎣᎨᏁᏍᎥᎢ

ᏃᏊ ᎤᎦᏛᏓᏁᎸ ᎡᏙᏓ ᏥᎨᏒ ᎠᎴ ᎦᎶᏊ ᎤᏒᏕᎾ ᏭᏴᏩ ᎦᎵᏦᏕ ᎧᏍᏓᏓᏅᎵᏃ ᎠᏴᏃ ᎡᏙᏓᎴ ᏃᏊ ᎣᏥᏍᏓᏩᏛᏒ ᎩᏣ ᎩᏣᏃ ᏃᏊ ᎤᏕᏣᎰᏌ ᎣᎩᏍᏓᏩᏕᎬ ᎾᏂᎦᏯᎢᏒ ᏝᏃᏊ ᏱᏗᎤᏨᏎ ᎠᏴ ᏃᏊ ᏦᎢ ᎢᏲᏥᎢ ᎣᏥᏍᏓᏩᏛᏒ ᎠᎴ ᎢᏳᏢ ᎩᏄᏛᏗ ᎢᏳᏟᎶᏓ ᎢᏳᏓᏅᏖᏓ ᎤᏂᎩᏒ ᎪᎱᏍᏗ ᏣᎨᎯᏐ ᎢᏳᏍᏗ ᏄᏛᏁᏄᎢ ᎩᏔᏊᏃᎢᏴᏓ ᏃᏊ ᎤᏰᎾᏍᏔᏅ ᎠᎴ ᎤᏔᎾ ᏧᏍᎦ ᏘᎬ ᎤᏕᏲᏄ ᎠᎴ ᎦᏄᏔᏗ ᎢᏗᏜ ᎾᏓᏰᎾᏍᎪ ᎤᎵᎪᏩᏍᏗᏃ ᎨᏒ ᎠᎴ ᏧᎵᏍᏕᎷᏐᏅ ᎨᏒ ᏕᏌᏆᎬ ᎠᎴ ᎡᏃᏱ ᎡᎯ ᏅᏓᎥᏊ ᎢᏍᎯ ᎤᏘᏍᏛᎢ ᎠᏎᏃ ᎣᎦᏕᏲᏅ ᏧᏍᎦ ᏘᎬ ᏝᏃ ᎥᏍᏊ ᎪᎱᏍᏗ ᎤᎩᏄ ᏲᏥᎪᏒ ᎩᏣᏃ ᏂᎨᏩᏍᏛ ᎤᏍᎦᏎᏗ ᏂᎦᏪᏍᎬ ᏓᏥᎾᏍᎬᎢ ᎣᎦᏢᏲᏔᏃ ᎪᎱᏍᏗ ᎣᏥᎪᏩᏛᏗ ᎡᏙᏓ ᏥᎨᏒ ᏃᏊ ᏗᏡᎬ ᎦᏄᏔᏗ ᎢᏗᏢ ᎾᎦᎵᏐᏍᏔᏅ ᎤᏒᏕᎾᎦᏩ ᎠᎴ ᎾᎦᏍᏓᏲᏢ ᎩᏔᏬᏃ ᎢᏴᏓ ᎦᏌᏆᎸ ᎠᏓᏪᏔᎩᏍᎩ ᎠᏔᏍᎦᎸᏗ ᎢᎩᏓ ᏭᎵᏍᏔᏓᏅ ᎦᏄᎶ ᎢᏗᏢ ᎠᎴ ᎢᏄᏍᎩᏊ ᎢᏔᏏᏗ ᎢᏴ ᏭᏍᎪᏄᏨ ᎾᎯᏳ ᎤᏰᎵᎪᏨ ᎩᏣ ᎤᏍᎦᏎᏗ ᏂᎦᏪᏍᎬ ᏓᏰᎾᏍᎬᎢ.

BALL OF FIRE

English translation by Durbin Feeling

As I was growing up sometime around the of 1957, we still had no electricity in our home. We loved going to our neighbors to visit. They had a television and just about every night a few families would gather there to watch television. Once when we arrived at home late at night, our dog was barking incessantly, just as though it was seeing something close by, that's what it was doing. It would run after it a little ways and then it would turn around and come back and stay close by us and it continued to bark. We didn't think much of it the first night it did that but the next night it did the same thing. It would run after something fora short distance and then it would return, and then it would run after it again, just as though it wanted someone to follow it. At first we thought it might be a cow and then we thought maybe some other livestock had strayed from someone. Then my dad (now deceased) became curious and went and got a shotgun from inside the house. And my brother and I and my dad then followed the dog. So when the dog saw that we were following it, continued to chase after the thing and it didn't return. Then the three of us followed the dog for about a quarter of a mile and it acted as though it was chasing something. Then suddenly the dog stopped and it started to circle a big oak tree and it was barking up the tree. It was in the fall season and the leaves had fallen from the trees and the moon was shining brightly. But as we completely circled the oak tree and we didn't even see anything on the tree. And the dog continued to bark and bark. And when we gave up seeing something, my dad (deceased) then aimed the shotgun up into the tree and he fired a round. And immediately a round flaming ball about the size of a basketball rose out of the top of the tree towards the sky and faded out a few feet above the trees. It was the that the dog never barked that way again.



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ᎦᏚᏍᏛᏗ, ᎠᏂᏣᎳᎩ ᎤᏂᏩᎢ.

ᏗᎧᎸᎬᎢᏗᏢ ᎤᎾᏕᏅᎯ ᎠᎴ ᏭᏕᎵᎬᎢᏗᏢ ᎠᏁᎯ ᎠᏂᏣᎳᎩ, ᏔᎵᏁ ᏧᎾᏜᏍᏔᏅᎯ ᏥᎩ, ᎠᎴ ᏌᏉ ᎠᏰᎵ ᎤᏃᏢᏅᎯ ᏥᎩ, ᎯᎠ ᏥᏄᏍᏗ, ᏣᎳᎩ ᎠᏰᎵ ᎤᏙᏢᏒᎢ, ᎾᏍᎩ ᎢᏳᏍᏗ, ᎠᏴ, ᏣᎳᎩᏱ ᎣᎩᏣᏗ ᎠᏰᎵ ᏦᎩᏔᎾᏨᎯ ᎨᏒᎢ, ᎤᎬᏩᎵ ᏚᏳᎪᏛ ᎤᏍᏓᏲᎯᏍᏗ ᎨᏒᎢ, ᎠᎴ ᏦᎨᏥ, ᎦᏄᏉᏗ ᎣᎦᏓᏤᎵ ᎨᏒᎢ, ᎬᏂᎨᏒ ᏃᏨᏁᏩ ᎣᏨᏗᏍᎬ ᎤᏓᏙᎵᏍᏗ ᎠᎴ ᎠᎵᎮᎵᏍᏗ ᎠᏓᏅᏓᏗᏍᏗ ᎨᏒᎢ, ᎤᏓᏅᏘᏳ ᎨᏒ ᎤᎬᏫᏳ ᏌᏕᎩ ᏂᎬᎾᏛᎢ, ᎾᏍᎩ ᎢᏲᏍᏛᏁᏗᏱ ᎧᏍᎵᏍᎪᏄᏓᏁᎲ, ᎠᎴ ᎣᏥᏔᏲᏎᎭ ᎣᎩᏍᏕᏄᏗᏱ ᎠᎴ ᎣᎩᏁᏗᏱ ᎾᏍᎩ ᎢᏲᏍᏛᏁᏗᏱ, ᎾᏉ ᎾᏍᎩ ᎡᏂᎨᏒ ᏃᏨᏁᎭ ᎠᎴ ᎣᏥᏍᏓᏱᏗᎭ ᎯᎠ ᎾᏍᎩ ᎦᏚᏍᏛᏗ ᎾᏍᎩ ᏗᏁᏉᏙᏗ ᎠᏂ ᏣᎳᎩᏱ. ᏓᏓᎯᏢ Ꭾ.

ᎤᏓᏛᎬ Ꮉ. ᎠᏟᎶᏛ ᏕᎬᏚᏔᏂᏙᎸ ᎠᏂ ᏣᎳᎩᏱ ᎾᏍᎩᏉ ᎨᏎᏍᏗ ᏗᎪᎥᎯ ᏥᎩ ᏫᏃ ᎮᎤ ᏓᏌᎯᏍᏛ ᎹᏆᏆᎢ ᎤᏕᏘᏴᏌᏗᏒᎢ, ᏧᎾᏌᎯᏍᏔᏅᎯ ᎠᏂᏩᏥᏂ, ᎬᏩᏂᏁᏉᏍᏗᏍᎩᏂᏃ ᎨᏎᏍᏗ ᎾᏍᎩ ᎢᏡᏛᏁᏗ ᏱᏂᎦᎵᏍᏗ ᎾᏉ ᎣᏍᏛ ᎾᏅᏁᎸ ᎠᏂᏣᎳᎩ ᎠᏂᏩᏥᏂᏃ ᎠᏍᏆᏛᎯ ᏂᎨᏒᎾ ᏥᎩ ᏗᎦᎸᎾᏍᏓᏁᏗ ᎨᏒᎢ. ᎤᏓᏛᎬ Ꭰ. ᎦᏓ ᎠᏂᏣᎳᎩ ᎤᏂᏩᎢ

ᏅᏩᏍᏕᏍᏗ ᎤᏂᏣᏘ ᎤᎾᏤᎵ ᎨᏎᏍᏗ, ᎪᎱᏍᏗᏍᎩᏂ ᏓᏛᏁᎸ ᎾᏂᏂ, ᎠᎴ ᏥᏚᏂᎭ ᏣᎳᎩᏱ ᎠᏁᎯ ᎠᏂᏏᏴᏫᎭ ᎾᏍᎩ ᏧᏃ ᏢᏅᎯ, ᎠᎴ ᏚᏳᎪᏛ

ᎢᏯᏛᏁᎸᎯ ᎾᏂ, ᏱᏓᏂᏁᎸ, ᎠᏗᎾ ᎯᎠ ᏂᎤᏍᏕᏍᏗ ᎾᏍᎩ ᎠᏂ ᏣᎳᎩᏱ ᎠᏁᎯ, ᎤᎾᏤᎵᎦᏯ ᏥᎩ ᎠᎴ ᎦᎨᏥᎩᏒᏗ ᏂᎨᏒᎾ

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