



Nii'enowoo

## BASIC PRONOUNCIATION OF ARAPAHO SOUND SYSTEM

### Arapaho Alphabet:

B C E H I K N O S 3 T U W X Y ' ^

### Vowel pronunciations:

e , as in bet or net  
ee (e:), as in at or hat  
ou , as in no or though  
o , as in son, or sun  
oo (o:), as in thought or caught  
oe , as in pie, or buy

i , as in it or bit  
ii (i:), as in Hawaii or ski  
ei , as in eight, sleigh or hay  
u , as in flute or newt  
uu (u:), as in Ute or through

### Diacritics & Other pronunciations:

C is always pronounced ch , as in church

3 is always pronounced th , as in thistle

X is pronounced as a German ch - Machen, or as in the German composer Johann Sebastian Bach

' = glottal stop. Can be practiced by saying bottle without the 2 "ts"; bo'le , or by saying little as li'le

˘ = stress. In English this is the difference between present (verb) and present.(noun)

^ = falling tone.

All other consonants are pronounced the same in Arapaho as in English.

Cêeséy > Niis > Nêeso > Yéin > Yóó3on > Niitotox (Ni:to) > Níisotox > Neesotox > 3ío /3ío'tox

1.....> 2.....> 3.....> 4.....> 5.....> 6.....> 7.....> 8.....> 9

Betéétox > Cêescini' > Níisini' > Neesini' > Yéiniini' > Yoo3óniini'

10.....> 11.....> 12.....> 13.....> 14.....> 15

Niitotoxuuni' > Niisotoxuuni' > Neesotoxuuni' > 3ío'toxuuni' > Níisóo'

16.....> 17.....> 18.....> 19.....> 20

Where are you going? ~ Tooté'eihoó

Sit down ~ Cenooku

Wait for me. ~ toyóohowú

I will wait for you. ~ Heettoyooohobé3en

Listen! ~ Ceh'é3ti

Have you eaten? ~ Koohé3bii3ih?

Are you hungry? ~ Koohé3nee?

I will eat with you. ~ Heet nii3bii3hiibé3en

Dog ~ He3

Bread ~ Co'oc

Come back ~ Cihce'ísee

Be still ~ téiitooané3hi

Wait! ~ howóh'ee

No. Don't wait for him. ~ Hiiko. Cebehtoyoohowún.

Listen to me! ~ Ceh'é3hi

No! ~ Hiiko!

I am hungry. ~ Hé3néénoo

Good! Let's eat! ~ Híi3eti' Hé3tibii3ihin

Water ~ Nec

Give it to me ~ C'é3ti



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