

One-Hundred Word Arapaho Basic Vocabulary

The following list gives one hundred very common Arapaho words which any beginning language learner should try to memorize. Words ending with a dash are either verbs or common prefixes. Other words are nouns or invariable "particle" words. The abbreviations (m) means "man speaking" and (w) means "woman speaking."

beecí- to snow

béét- want to...

beh'éíhehi' old man

béí'ci3éí'i money

béne- to drink

betébi old woman

betéee- to dance

bétee- to be holy (person)

béteeyóó- to be holy (thing)

beténeyóóó one's body

bííkousíís moon

biin- to give s.o. s.t.

bíító'ówu' land, earth

bii3íhi- to eat

bii3wo food

bíxoo3- to love s.o.

bóóó road

cebísee- to walk

ceh'é3ih- to listen to s.o., obey them

ceh'é3tii- to listen to s.t., to obey

cííntii- to stop doing s.t.

hee yes (m)

héébe hello (m-m)

heenéti- to speak

heesi- what (statement, as in 'that's what I'm doing')

hééti- indicates the future

héet- where (statement, as in 'that's where he lives')

héetce'nóóhobé3en goodby, I'll see you again

hééteenew- to respect s.o.

héí'towuun- to say s.t. to s.o.

héntoo- to be located, be at, live, stay

heséise- to be windy

hesítee- to be hot

hésnéé- to be hungry
he3 dog
he'in- to know s.t.
he'inon- to know s.o.
hínee that
hinenítee person
hinóno'éí Arapaho
hinóno'éini- to be Arapaho
hinóno'éíti- to speak Arapaho
hííko no
hííne'étii- to live, survive
hiisíís sun
híisi' day
híí3einóón buffalo
hiiwóonhéhe' today, right now
hinén man
hísei woman
hi3éíhi- to be good (person)
hí3et- to be good (thing)
hí3oobéí- to be correct, right, to tell the truth
hohóú thank you
hóónoyoohóótowoo watch out for yourself! be careful!
hoosoo- to rain
hoo3ítee- to tell a story
hoo3ítoo story
hoo3ítoon- to tell a story to s.o.
hoowu- not
hóseihóowu' Sun Dance Lodge, Offerings Lodge
hotíí car; wheel; wagon
howóh'oe wait! (m)
ho'óowu' house
koo- indicates a question
neetéíhi- to be tired
nehéíc come here!
néhe' this
ne'ée wait! (w)
nih- indicates the past
nihi'kóóhu- to run
nih'oo3oo White person
nii- indicates a general or habitual situation or event
niibéi- to sing

níni'i- able to...
niisí3ei- to work
níteheiw- to help s.o.
nii3ín- to have in one's possession
ní3oon- to accompany s.o., go with them
ni'í3ecóó- to be happy
nokóóyei- to be thirsty; to fast
nóóhow- to see s.o.
noohóót- to see s.t.
núhu' this
tecénoo door
téí'yoonehé' child
toot- where (question)
tous hello (m-w, w-w)
tousi- what (question)
toyoo3oo- to be cold
3i'óku- to sit
3i'óókuu- to stand
3owó3nenítee Indian
wohéí okay, yes, so, well, then, next, allright (m)
woow already, now
wóxhoox horse
yeh, yehéhoo gee whiz! (m)
yihóó- to go somewhere
'íi, 'íihéhoo gee whiz! (w)
'íne okay, yes, so, well, then, next, allright (w)
'oo yes (w)

The Same List, Arranged by Word Type

Invariable “Particle” Words

hee yes (m)
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néhe' this (animates only)
ne'éeé wait! (w)
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ho'óowu' house

Transitive Verbs, Inanimate Object (TI Verbs)

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nii3ín- to have in one's possession
noohóót- to see s.t.

Transitive Verbs, Animate Object (TA Verbs)

biin- to give s.o. s.t.
bíxoo3- to love s.o.
ceh'é3ih- to listen to s.o., obey s.o.
hééteenew- to respect s.o.
héí'towuun- to tell s.o. s.t.
he'ínon- to know s.o.
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Prefixes

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