

Cherokee Word List

Greetings

Siyoh = (see-yoh) = Hello to all

Osiyoh = (oh-see-yoh) = Hello *to an elder, clan mother, teacher, or other individual held in high esteem or position in tribe*

Tsilugi = (chee-luh-gi) = Welcome *as in welcome back*

Svnalei Ostu = (sun-nah-lay-i ohs-tuh) = Morning that is good = Good Morning *i like it without t*

Ostu iga = (ohs-tuh ee-gah) = Good day

Uganasdv Asgitsa = (ou-gah-nahs-dun ahs-gee-chah) = Sweet dream(s)

Svnoyi Ostu = (sun-naw-yi--ohs-tuh) = Good night *yi is like yip without p*

*Stiyu = (stee-you) = Be strong *how we say good bye-there is no actual goodbye in native language, it is too final*

*Donadagohv i =(doh-nah-dah-goh-hun-i)= Till we meet again- to single person

*Dodadagohv i =(doh-dah-dah-goh-hun-i)=Till we meet again- to more than one

Words For Basic Conversation

Wado = (wah-doh) = Thank You

Udohiyu = (ou-doh-hee-yu) = Very - u as in 'cup'- short

Utsati = (ou-chah-tee) = Much

Wado udohiyu utsati = (wah-doh ou-doh-hee-yu ou-chah-tee) = Thank you very much

Gvlieliga = (gun-lee-aa-lee-gah) = Your Welcome

Gvlieliga udohiyu = (gun-lee-aa-lee-gah ou-doh-hee-yu) =You are very welcome.

Otahitsu? = (oh-tah-hee-chew) = How are you?

Ayv asvnasdi utli uyosdi = (ah-yun-ah-sun-nahs-dee-ou-tlee-uh-yohs-dee) = I feel better.

Ayv asvnasdi hawa = (ah-yun-ah-sun-nahs-dee-hah-wah) = I feel okay.

Ayv asvnasdi esgaiyv = (ah-yun-ah-sun-nahs-dee-aa-s-gah-ee-yun) = I feel worse.

Ayv asvnasdi utloyi = (" - ou-tloh-yee) = I feel the same.

Ayv asvnasdi alihelisdi = (" -ah lii-hay-lees-di) = I feel happy. (di-short i)

Ayv asvnasdi uwedolisdi = (" -ou-way-doh-lees-di) = I feel sad. (di-short i sound)

Hasiyu = (hah-see-you) = You are good. (as statement). Can be used as question use the ? mark

Nina? = (nee-nah) = and you? *like I am fine,and you?*

Hawa = (hah-wah) = all right *as in all right, okay etc.*

vv = (un-un) = Yes yes

Vtla = (un-tlah) = No

Ostu = (ohs- tuh) = Good

Ostu Vtla = (ohs-tuh-un-tlah) = No good

Equa = (aa-quah) = Great, big, large size, ect.

Usdi = (ous-dee) = Small, little, tiny, ect

Uyoi = (ou-yoh-i) = Bad *i like it without t*

Uyoi udohiyu = (ou-yoh-i ou-doh-hee-yu) = Very Bad *i like it without t*

Uyehi = (ou-ye-hi) = Husband -*hi is like the hi in *hit *ye as in *yet

Atsiyehi = (ah-chee-ye-hi) = Wife * the hi like the hi in *hit - *ye as in *yet

Ayv = (ah-yun) = I or me

Nihi = (nee-hi) = You

Itsulaayv = (ee-chew-lah-ah-yun) = Us

Ale = (ah-lay) = And

Itsula = (ee-chew-lah) = We

Nasgi asgaya = (nahs-gee ahs-gah-yah) = He

Nasgi Ageyv = (nahs-gee ah-gay-yun) = She/Her

Utseli = (ou-chay=li) = His

Unatseli = (ou-nah-chay-li) = Their

Nasgi = (nahs-gee) = Those/It

Aquatseli = (ah-quh-ah-chay-lee) = Our

Igatseli = (ee-gah-chay-lee) = Ours

Iyuno = (ee-yuh-noh) = If

Nasginai = (nash-gee-nah-ee) = For

Nigadv = (nee-gah-done) = All/everyone

Nigavi = (nee-gah-un-ee) = Every

Tsugitsvnvda = (chew-gee-chun-nun-dah) = Everyday

Nanivquu = (nah-nee-un-wooh) = Everybody -the wooh sounds like woosh with out the s

Galutsv = (gah-luh'-chun) = Come

Sge = (sgay) = A strong way to say 'Come'

Ahani = (ah-hah-nee) = Here

Nigvnada = (nee-gun-nah-dah) = Everywhere

Ha! = (hah) = Now!

Hawinaditlv = (hah-we-nah-dee-tlun) = In

Atsinuqowisgv = (ah-chee-new-qoh-wees-gun) = Out

Nanahi = (nah-nah-hee) = Into

Uha = (ou-hah) = Have/Has

Hilago = (hee-lah-goh) = How

Anetivdodi = (ah-nay-tlun-doh-dee) = Translate

Alasgisda = (ah-las-gees-dah) = Dance

Wuwedo = (wou-way-doh) = Been

Galieliga = (gah-lee-aa-lee-gah) = Glad--be careful it is close to 'your welcome'.

Vlenidohv = (ou-lay-nee-doh-hun) = Life

Uwoduhi = (ou-woh-duh-hee) = Beautiful

Oniditlv = (oh-nee-dee-tlun) = Behind

Eladitlv = (aa-lah-dee-tlun) = Below

Udiditlv = (ou-dee-dee-tlun) = Beyond

Ayeli = (ah-yay-lee) = Between

Udalulv = (ou-dah-lou-lun) = Before

Ulosonv = (ou-loh-saw-nun) = After

Atsilvsgi = (ah-chee-luns-gee) = Flower

Nidvnelvda = (nee-dun-nay-lunh-dah) = From

Kali - (kah-lee) = Full

Adisdiyi = (ah-gees-dee-yi) = Get - yi like yip without the p

Gvdogi = (gun-doh-gi) = With - gi like git without the t

Igohidv = (ee-goh-hee-dun) = Eternal

Igohida = (ee-goh-hee-dah) = Everlasting

Udvsonvhi = (ou-dun-soh-nun-hee) = Elder/Elderly

Female Family

Etsi = (aa-chee) = Mother

Ageya = (ah-gay-yah) = Woman

Ageyv = (ah-gay-yun) = Lady

Agisi = (ah-gee'-si) = Female

Ageyutsa = (ah-gay'-yuh-chah) = Girl

Agitsi = (ah-gee-chi) = My mother *chi like chip without p*

Unitsi = (ou-nee'-chee) = Mother (her/their)

Elisi = (aa-lee-si) = Grandmother *si like sit without t*

Unilisi = (ou-nee-lee-see) = Grandmother of many

Uwetsiageyv = (ou-way-chee-ah-gay-yun) = Daughter

Igido = (ee-gee-doh) = My sister

Elogi = (aa-loh-gee) = Aunt

Udatlogiyv = (ou-dah-tloh-gee-yun) = Niece

Usdiga = (ous-dee-gah) = Baby

Male Family

Edoda = (aa-doh-dah) = Father

Asgaya = (ahs-gah-yah) = Man/male

Anigaya = (ah-nee-gah-yah) = Men

Anitsutsa = (ah-nee-chew-chah) = Boys

Eduda = (aa-dou-dah) = Paternal grandfather*also Edudu

Atsutsa = (aa-chew-chah) = My son

Iginvtli = (ee-gee-nun-tee) = My brother

Edutsi = (aa-duh-chee) = Uncle

Udadutsiyv = (ou-dah-duh-chee-yun) = Nephew

Gohusdi anadadvni = (goh-huhs-dee ah-nah-dah-dun-nee) = Cousin

Animals

Tlameha = (tlah-may-hah) = Bat

Yonu = (yoh-nuh) = Bear

Doyi = (doh-yi) = Beaver *yi like yip without p*

Wadulisi = (wah-duh-lee-si) = Bee *si like sit without t*

Tsiskwa = (chees-kwuh) = Bird

Inoli = (ee-noh-lee) = Black Fox

Tsayoga = (chah-yoh-gah) = Blue Jay

Gvhe = (gun-hay) = Bobcat or Wildcat

Yanasa = (yah-nah-sah) = Buffalo

Suli = (sue-li) = Buzzard *li like lip without p*

Wesa = (way-sah) = Cat

Wesa usdi = (way-sah ous-dee) = Cat that is little or Kitten

Taladu = (tah-lah-duh) = Cricket

Gogv = (goh-gun) = Crow

Awi = (ah-wi) = Deer *wi like wit without t*

Gili = (gee-li) = Dog *li like lip without t*

Guledisgonihi = (gou-lay dis-goh-nee-hi) = Dove *hi like hit without t*

Uwohali = (ou-woh-hah-li) = Eagle *li like lip without p*

Utsati = (uh-chah-ti) = Fish *ti like tip without p*

Gulegi = (gou-lay-gi) = "The Climber"-Great Black Snake *gi like gimp without mp*

Towodi = (toh-woh-dee) = Hawk

Sokwali = (soh-kwah-li) = Horse *li like lip without p*

Walela = (wah-lay-lah) = Hummingbird

Tsiyu = (chee-yuh) = Otter--the uh is as in 'up'

Tlvdatsi = (tlun-dah-chee) = Panther or Shooting Star *have also seen it written 'Tlvdutsi'- they sound the same*

Sikwa = (see-kwah) = Pig

Tsistu = (chee-stew) = Rabbit

Gvli = (gun-lee) = Raccoon

Tsula = (chew-lah) = Red Fox

Kolanu = (koh-lah-nuh) = Raven

Dila = (dee-lah) = Skunk

Dudi = (doo-dee) = Snowbird /What we call the Eagle in the village,so we dont say the word and offend the bird.

Kananeski = (kah-nah-nay-skee) = Spider

Waya = (why-yah) = Wolf

Day & Night

Svnoyi = (sun-noh-yi) = Night *yi = yip without p*

Igaguti = (ee-gah-guh-ti) = Daylight *ti like tip without the p*

Svnalei = (sun-nah-lay-i) = Morning *i as in it without the t*

Ugitsisgv = (ou-gee-chees-gun) = Dawn

Iga = (ee-gah) = Day

Gohi iga = (goh-hee ee-gah) = Today

Colors

Gigagei = (gee-gah-gay-i) = Red *i like it without t*

Sakoni = (sah-koh-knee) = Blue

Unega = (ou-nay-gah) = White

Gvnagei = (gun-nah-gay-i) = Black *i like it without t*

Dalonigei = (dah-loh-nee-gay-i) = Yellow/ Gold *i like it without t*

Itseyi = (ee-chay-yi) = Green *yi like yip without p *

Wadigei = (wah-dee-gay-i) = Brown -short i'

Haliyi = (hah-lee-yi) = Grey --short i' at end

Adalonige = (ah-dah-loh-nee-gay) = Orange

Usgolv Gigage i = (ous-goh-lun gee-gah-gay-i) = Pink -short 'i

Wodige i = (woh-dee-gay-i) = Reddish - red brown clay or animal colors.

Directions

Kalvgvi = (kah-lun-gun-i) = East *i like it without t*

Tsuyvtlvi = (chew-yun-tlun-i) = North *i like it without t*

Wudeligvi = (wooh-day-lee-gun-i) = West *i like it without t*

Tsuganawvi = (chew-gah-nah-wun-i) = South *i like it without t*

Numbers

Soqua = (soh-kwuh) = # 1

Tali = (tah-lee) = # 2

Tso'i = (choh-ee) = # 3

Nvgi = (nun-gi) = # 4 *gi like gimp without mp*

Hiski = (hee-ski) = # 5 *ski like skip without p*

Sutali = (sue-tah-li) = # 6 *li like lip without p*

Galikwogi = (gah-lee-kwoh-gi) = # 7 *gi like gimp without mp*

Tsunela = (chew-nay-lah) = # 8

Sanela = (sah-nay-lah) = # 9

Askohi = (ahs-koh-hi) = # 10 *hi like hit without t*

Seasons

Gola = (goh-lah) = Winter

Gogeyi = (goh-gay-i) = Spring *i like it without t*

Gogiyeli = (goh-gee-ah-yay-lee) = Summer

Ulagohosdi = (ou-lah-goh-hohs-dee) = Fall

Weather

Unole = (ou-noh-lay) = Wind

Agaliga = (ah-gah-lee-hah) = Sunshine

Agaska = (ah-gahs-kah) = Rain

Unatsi = (ou-nah-chee) = Snow

Parts of Body

Gasohi = (gah-soh-hi) = Back *hi like hit without t *

Tsiyesadvi = (chee-yay-sah-dun-ee) = Finger

Uwoyi = (ou-woh-yi) = Hand *yi like yip without p*

Uwoyeni = (ou-woh-yay-ni) = His Hand *ni like nit without t*

Agualasideni = (ah-gou-ah-lah-see-day-nee) = Foot

Gagaloi = (gah-gah-loh-i) = Leg *i like it without t*

Dininigeni = (dee-nee-nee-gay-nee) = Knees

Ganwoi = (gah-nun-woh-i) = Shoulder *i like it without t*

Gitlu = (gee-tluh) = Hair

Ukadvi = (ou-kah-dun-ee) = Face

Gayvsoli = (gah-yun-soh-lee) = Nose

Digadili = (dee-gah-dee-lee) = Eyes

Agadoli = (ah-gah-doh-lee) = Eye

Digayvga = (dee-gah-yun-gah) = Teeth

Kayuga = (kah-you-gah) = Detached Tooth

Ganvdogv = (gah-nun-doh-gun) = Tooth

Aholi = (ah-hoh-lee) = Mouth

Gale = (gah-le) = Ear *le=let without t*

Datsinasadvi = (dah-chee-nah-sah-dun-i) = Toe *i like it without t*

Unahu =(ou-nah-huh) = Heart

Giga = (gee-gah) = Blood

Food = Agisti =(ah-gees-ti)

Selu = (say-lou) = Corn

Tuya/duya = (dtuh-yah) = Bean

Gule = (gou-lay) = Acorn

Svgata = (sun-gah-tah) = Apple

Gotlvna = (goh-tlun-nah) = Butter

Nuna = (new-nuh) = Potato

Guletsi = (gou-lay-chee) = Honey

Gadu = (gah-duh) = Bread

Watsigu = (wah-chee-guh) = Squash

Dodiskvsi = (doh-dees-kun-sih) = "Pass the" (As in: Dodiskvsi Nuna.. = " Pass the potato"
-Please is always inferred)

Dodiskvsi Duyu = "Pass the beans" (please is always inferred)

Dodiskvsi gvnagei duyu = "Pass the black beans"

Vti = (un-tee) = Pot - (A Cooking Pot)

Telido = (Tay-lee-doh) = Plate

Agisdi = (Ah-gees-di) = Eat

Uwetsi = (ou-way-chee) = Egg

Tsuwetsi = (chew-way-chee) = Eggs

Phrases

Ale ayv = (ah-lay--ah-yun) = (and) I am

Ale ayv galieliga = (ah-lay ah-yun gah-lee-aa-lee-gah) = (and) I am glad

Ale ayv galieliga tsinegv = (ah-lay ah-yun chee-nay-gun) = (And) I am glad to say

Tsinusdi = (chee-nuhs-dee) = (as) It is

Tsinusdvgi = (chee-nuhs-dun-gee) = (as) It was

Tsinusdesdi = (chee-nuhs-days-dee) = (as) It will be

Iyadvnelvhi = (ee-yah-dun-nay-lun-hi) = (as) It has been done

Heyatahesdi = (hay-yah-tah-hays-dee) = Be Careful

Tsohiyusvi = (choh-hee-you-sun-ee) = Be Sure

Wiwadvhv = (wee-wah-dun-hun) = Call upon ____

Sgiwadvhilvi = (sgee-wah-dun-hee-lun-i) = Call upon me

Gahigohvha = (gah-hee-goh-hun-hah) = Call upon them

Gvgovha = (gun-goh-un-hah) = Call upon you

Hiyanisgo = (hee-yah-nees-goh) = Did you call?

Tsanvtasgo = (chah-nun-tahs-goh) = Do you know?

Hanvdadiao = (hah-nun-dah-dee-ahs-goh) = Do you remember?

Kilawiyusdi dvtsilutsi = (kee-lah-wee-yuhs-dee dun-chee-luh-chi) = I will be right back

Nvda diniyoli = (nun-dah-dee-nee-yoh-lee) = "Sun Children" = Children of the Sun

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