

**A Concise Dictionary  
of the  
Sauk Language**

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## **Foreword**

The little book you are now holding is intended to be a pocket-sized beginner's guide to the vocabulary of the Sauk language. Although I have made an attempt to include as many basic words as possible, there are many common words that, for one reason or another, have not been included. These will eventually be recorded and defined in a comprehensive dictionary that draws on printed and oral materials collected by the author during the 1990s.

The present dictionary is meant to go hand in hand with my little phrase-book, *Conversational Sauk*, which was kindly published by the Sac & Fox National Public Library back in 1996. All the words contained in it are to be found here, and each book aids in the use of the other.

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In this first edition I have tried to provide a tool that, on the one hand, helps learners in their first steps with the language and, on the other, that reinforces the knowledge of those who recall the language from their childhood. I sincerely hope that it will prove to be of use to you. I would, of course, be grateful for any feedback on words and meanings and for any comments on how I could improve the usefulness of the dictionary. Please direct any such correspondence or tips to me via the Sac & Fox National Public Library. Without the help I have received over the years from so many quarters in the Sauk community, from tribal and clan leaders to individual elders and other persons committed to the preservation of Sauk traditional culture, it would have been impossible to produce this dictionary.

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*To Chîkâmekhwêwa,  
to Êwikataka  
and to Shâpochîwa*

## **How to use this book**

The key words you will be dealing with are what are technically called *nouns* and *verbs*. These are the variable building blocks of any language.

### *Nouns*

Nouns are often thought of as that class of words that name things that you talk about (e.g. dogs, breakfast, love). In Sauk these words are divided into two groups, called *animate* and *inanimate*. Animate words end in **-a** and mostly refer to animals, birds, fish and other living or spiritual beings (e.g. people, ghosts, God). Plants, trees and forces of nature can fall into either group. Almost all other nouns are classified as inanimate and end in **-i**. Using nouns is straightforward. There is no word for ‘a’ or ‘the,’ so **tîtiwa** (pron.

TEE-tee-wa) ‘blue jay’ also means ‘a blue jay’ or ‘the blue jay.’ To change it from the *singular* (for one) to the *plural*, when you want to refer to more than one blue jay, you just change the **-a** to **-aki**, which gives you **tîwaki** ‘blue jays.’ This works for most animate nouns. Where there is an exception to this, the plural form is given. The same holds true for inanimate nouns. As a rule, the plural is formed by replacing the final **-i** with **-ani**. Thus, **mâthi** ‘a knife’ (or ‘the knife’) becomes **mâthani** ‘knives’ (or ‘the knives’). Here, too, where there is an exception, the plural form is provided. There are, of course, further rules concerning the proper use of nouns in sentences, but this is best left to the grammar that is in preparation at this time.



## *Verbs*

When you want to talk about something or someone (such as yourself) you need another class of words known as verbs, which often describe states of being (e.g. **pemâthiwa** ‘be alive,’ **wîkowiwa** ‘be sleepy’) or name actions (e.g. **nôwîwa** ‘go outside,’ **môshowa** ‘get a haircut’). Like nouns, verbs also distinguish between things that are animate and inanimate. Where only one party is involved, a so-called *intransitive* verb is needed, and this takes a different form depending on whether the party is animate or inanimate. So in describing a dog you could say **mahkatêwethiwa** ‘(he/she)’s black,’ but to describe strong coffee you would say **mahkatêwâwi** ‘(it)’s black.’ Verbs are always given in the dictionary in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person (the form for ‘he/she \_\_\_\_’ or ‘it

\_\_\_\_’) and, where needed, in separate forms for animate (ending in **-wa**) and inanimate (ending in **-wi**). The animate ending can be replaced as needed by the plural or by forms for the 1<sup>st</sup> person (the ‘I’ and ‘we’ forms) and 2<sup>nd</sup> person (the ‘you’ forms). The inanimate ending will often just be replaced by the equivalent for the plural. The tables that follow give the most common combinations. Verbs listed with **(-/e)** require the addition of **e** to the verb base in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> persons. In this way, for example, **shekishinwa** ‘lie’ becomes **neshekishine** ‘I’m lying down.’ Those verbs listed with **(â/ê)** have **â** instead of **ê** in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> persons (e.g. **kepyâpwa** ‘you (*pl.*) are coming’ vs. **pyêwa** ‘he/she’s coming’). A final point: long vowels (**â, ê, î, ô**) become short when final. So ‘you (*sg.*) are coming’ is **kepya**.

A verb that involves doing something to another party is called *transitive*. Again the form in the dictionary is 3<sup>rd</sup> person for each party involved. So **wîhkomêwa** ‘invite’ means literally ‘he/she invites him/her.’ Transitive verbs have the ending **-êwa** (for ‘he/she \_\_\_ him/her’), which can be replaced as needed by the combinations for the other persons, as given in the following tables. Verbs with **(n/sh)** or **(th/sh)** change final **n** or **th** to **sh** before endings beginning with **i**. Thus, **tepânêwa** ‘love,’ lit. ‘he/she loves her/him,’ becomes **ketepâshi** ‘you love me.’ Finally, any verb or noun beginning with **i** changes this to **e** after a *pronominal prefix*, a form for ‘I/my’ or ‘you/your’ attached to the front of the verb base. So **ishawiwa** ‘act that way’ will become **neteshawi** ‘I’m acting that way.’

## **Intransitive verbs**

*Animate intransitive (AI)*

I \_\_\_\_\_ **ne(t)**\_\_\_\_\_

you (sg.) \_\_\_\_\_ **ke(t)**\_\_\_\_\_

he/she \_\_\_\_\_ **wa**

we (excl.) \_\_\_\_\_ **ne(t)**\_\_\_\_\_ **pena**

we (incl.) \_\_\_\_\_ **ke(t)**\_\_\_\_\_ **pena**

you (pl.) \_\_\_\_\_ **ke(t)**\_\_\_\_\_ **pwa**

they \_\_\_\_\_ **waki**

*Inanimate intransitive (II)*

it \_\_\_\_\_ **wi**

they \_\_\_\_\_ **wani**

## **Transitive verbs**

### *Transitive inanimate (TI)*

a) verbs ending in **amwa**:

I ___ it/them	<b>ne(t)___a</b>
you (sg.) ___ it/them	<b>ke(t)___a</b>
he/she ___ it/them	<b>___amwa</b>
we (excl.) ___ it/them	<b>ne(t)___âpena</b>
we (incl.) ___ it/them	<b>ke(t)___âpena</b>
you (pl.) ___ it/them	<b>ke(t)___âpwa</b>
they ___ it/them	<b>___amôki</b>

b) all other TI verbs:

(formed exactly like the AI verbs on the previous page, although these particular verbs refer to an inanimate object)

### *Transitive animate (TA)*

I ___ you (sg.)	<b>ke(t)___ene</b>
I ___ you (pl.)	<b>ke(t)___enepwa</b>
we ___ you	<b>ke(t)___enepena</b>

I	__ him/her	<b>ne(t)__âwa</b>
I	__ them	<b>ne(t)__âwaki</b>
we (excl.)	__ him/her/them	<b>ne(t)__âpena</b>
we (incl.)	__ him/her/them	<b>ke(t)__âpena</b>
you (sg.)	__ me	<b>ke(t)__i</b>
you (pl.)	__ me	<b>ke(t)__ipwa</b>
you	__ us	<b>ke(t)__ipena</b>
you (sg.)	__ him/her	<b>ke(t)__âwa</b>
you (sg.)	__ them	<b>ke(t)__âwaki</b>
you (pl.)	__ him/her/them	<b>ke(t)__âpwa</b>
he/she	__ me	<b>ne(t)__ekwa</b>
they	__ me	<b>ne(t)__ekôki</b>
he/she	__ us (excl.)	<b>ne(t)__ekonâna</b>
they	__ us (excl.)	<b>ne(t)__ekonânaki</b>
he/she	__ us (incl.)	<b>ke(t)__ekonâna</b>
they	__ us (incl.)	<b>ke(t)__ekonânaki</b>
he/she	__ you (sg.)	<b>ke(t)__ekwa</b>
they	__ you (sg.)	<b>ke(t)__ekôki</b>
he/she	__ you (pl.)	<b>ke(t)__ekowâwa</b>
they	__ you (pl.)	<b>ke(t)__ekowâwaki</b>
he/she	__ him/her/them	<b>__êwa</b>
they	__ him/her/them	<b>__êwaki</b>

## **Pronunciation guide**

The phonetic spelling system used in the dictionary is the one authorized by the Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma in 1995 as an aid in teaching and learning the Sauk language. The following chart lists each distinctive sound in Sauk together with an English word containing roughly the same sound (underlined). Below that is a Sauk word with the sound in question, followed by its meaning.

Sauk should be spoken slowly and evenly with the voice rising on the third syllable from the end of each word. If, however, a long vowel is found on a final syllable the emphasis is placed there.

Words ending in **h** have dropped their final vowel, so you count back just two syllables in such cases. The vowels in **êhê** ‘yes’ are pronounced nasally and as in *man*.

**a e i o**

(but) (bet) (bit) (boat)

**anikwa ketiwa ihkwêwa okimâwa**

squirrel eagle woman chief

**â ê î ô**

(father) (bad) (bead) (abode)

**âmôwa êthepana shîshîpa ômîni**

bee raccoon duck blueberry

**k p t ch**

(kin) (pin) (tin) (chin)

**kâshôha penêwa tîtiwa chîmâni**

cat turkey blue jay boat

**m n th sh**

(man) (none) (thin) (shin)

**mahkwa neniwa êthîha shekâkwa**

bear man shell skunk

**h w y ay**

(ahead) (wall) (yes) (eye)

**êhêpikwa wâpihkwa êyênîha hay!**

tarantula louse possum come on!



# **Sauk-English**



## A and Â

**achikwâthowa** sew

**âchimowa** tell (*a story, etc.*),  
say (something); **kîhâchimo**

**pehtâtowêyâne** please say  
something if I make a mistake

**ahê!** come on!

**ahkani** bone

**ahkanîhiwa** be skinny, bony

**ahkawâpatamwa** watch out, look out,  
take care

**ahkohkwa** water drum, (ceremonial)  
drum; (old-style) kettle

**âhkomatamwa** be sick, ill

**ahkowi, ahkowi-** behind, last, at the  
back

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**ahkwâwishimêwa** fill up *an.* (*a*

*vehicle's tank)*

**âhkwâpitêwishimowa** snarl; bare  
one's fangs

**âhkwêwa** be angry

**ahkwichipîthehkâhi** coat

**ahô** all right, okay

**ahô!** hi!, hello!

**ahpahôni** (woman's) hair wrap

**ahpapîni** chair

**âhpawêwa** dream

**âhpechi, âhpechi-** the whole time, all  
the time; for good, once and for all

**ahpenîthowa** be a member of the

Potato clan; **netahpenîtho** I'm Potato  
clan

**ahpenya** (*pl.:* **ahpenyêki**) potato

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**ahpîhchikenwi** it's up to that point;

**tân êhpîhchikeki?** (*or* **tân**

**êhpîhchikîshekîki?**) how late is it?

**ahpîhchikiwa** be that old; **tân**

**êhpîhchikiyani?** how old are you?

**ahpîhchithâkîwiwa** be Sauk to that degree (of blood); **nyêwônameki**

**ahpîhchithâkîwiwa** (s)he's one quarter Sauk

**âhtêthahêwa** turn off the ignition; switch off, shut down *an.* (*a motor*)

**âhtêwa** be turned off, switched off, shut down

**ahtôwa** have *inan.*

**akahkwa** badger

**akâkwa** porcupine

**akashkwaya** leech, bloodsucker

**Akâtha** a Kaw

**akikwâha** phlegm

**akikwâpyêwa** (**â/ê**) have a cold

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**akimêwa** count *an.*

**akitamwa** count *inan.*

**akitâthowa** count  
**akôchikani** pothook  
**akôna** snow (on the ground)  
**akônithowa** be a member of the Snow  
clan; **netakônitho** I'm Snow clan  
**akôthîwa** climb  
**âkwapiwa** take a rest  
**âkwê!** no way!  
**âkwi** no; not (*with Negative mood*)  
**âkwi châhi!** heck no!  
**âkwi (châhi) kêkôhi** nothing  
**âkwi mâne** not much  
**âkwi nanâshi** never (*with Negative  
mood*)  
**akwîweni** wrap, robe; bedspread  
**amehkwa** (*or omehkwa*) beaver

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**amehkwithowa** be a member of the  
Beaver clan; **netamehkwitho** I'm  
Beaver clan

**amêthiwa** be alert, quick to react  
**âmi-** would, should, could; **tâni châh**  
**âmishimehkamâni?** how would I  
get there?, how could I find it?

**amokwîweni** cancer; **ahtôwa**

**amokwîweni** (s)he has cancer

**âmôwa** bee

**âmôwi** honey

**amwêwa** eat *an.*; **amwi**

**mashkochîthaki!** eat the beans!

**anâkani** (*or* **nâkani**) dish, bowl

**anâkowe** yesterday; **âwathi**

**anâkowe** the day before yesterday

**anâkwa** star

**anâkwihkîwi** there are stars out;

**kehchihanâkwihkîwi pehkotêki**

there are a lot of stars out tonight

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**anakwiwa** be fat

**anâkwiwi** it's evening

**anamona** (*or anemona*) ocher,  
(ceremonial) paint

**anâshkahikani** tablecloth

**anawâtêwi** (it)'s dark(-colored)

**anawâthowa** be dark(-colored)

**anechîmini** pea

**ânehkêwîpitani** (*pl.*) false teeth

**anehkîhi** a little

**ânemethiwa** be in a bad way, in bad  
condition

**anemi-** along, in that direction

**ânemitêhêwa** be worried, troubled;

**netânemitêhe** I'm worried; **kâta**

**ânemitêhêhkani!** don't worry!

**anemôha** dog

**anemôhêha** puppy

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**Anenôtêwa** a Native American, an  
Indian

**anenwîwa** bathe, take a dip; take a bath,



get washed

**Anêpahôha** an Arapaho

**anepyêhamwa** write, record *inan.*

**anepyêhâthowa** write

**anepyêhikawêwa** write to *an.*

**ânetekwa** goat

**anika** away, further away, way off;

**anika'hâno!** get out!, get lost!;

**anikâ'nâhi** (*or* **nikô'nâhi**) way

over there

**anikwa** squirrel

**anîpi** elm tree

**aniwânematwi** it's really windy, gusty

**aniwâshkêwi** (it)'s going too fast;

**aniwâshkêwi netêhi** my heart's

beating too fast

**aniwâthenwi** it's windy

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**aniwithêwa** (**â/ê**) run fast

**ânothahêwa** fail to get *an.* to eat

**apahikani** postcard, card

**apanôtêwi** it's heating up; **êshkami**

**apanôtêwi** the temperature's  
gradually rising

**apatêhkîki** on the bank, on the shore;  
on the slope

**apâthetêkêwa** take a sunbath,  
sunbathe

**Apêhchîha** an Apache

**âpehe** often, usually

**âpehtawawahîne** half a year

**âpehtawethîhiwa** be a half-blood

**apenôha** child

**apenôhêha** baby

**âpi-** have been \_\_\_\_-ing; be back from  
\_\_\_\_-ing, have gone and \_\_\_\_

**apôthôha** kernel of roast corn

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**apwîhêwa** wait for *an.*; **apwîhino!**

wait for me! (*pl.*: **apwîhiko!**)

**Ashâha** a Sioux, Lakota

**ashâhikâni** tipi

**ashâhkîwa** (*or shâhkîwa*) crayfish;  
crab

**ashashkwa** muskrat

**ashâwithahêwa** back up *an.*

(*a vehicle*), get *an.* into reverse

**ashikathôni** sock; stocking

**ashichi** near, close to; nearly

**âshitami** in turn, in return

**ashkachi-** be impatient to, can't wait to;

**ketashkachinepa?** do you want to  
go to bed?

**ashkachîhiwiwi** it's late

**ashkachîmêhi** pretty soon

**ashkachitêhêwa** be eager

**ashkatethiwa** be impatient

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**ashkikenwi** (it)'s fresh, new

**ashkikiwa** be young, fresh, new

**ashkipakethiwa** be green  
**ashkipakinîkwêwa** have green eyes  
**ashkipakyâwi** (it)'s green  
**ashkipwâha** sweet potato  
**ashkitêhêwa** be worried  
**âshkwîmi** (*or* **êshkwîmi**) ice cream  
**atâhkwêpithowa** have a cramp;  
**netatâhkwêpitho** I've got a cramp  
**atâhpahonêwa** (n/sh) pull *an.*; **kâta**  
**atâhpahoshihkani!** don't pull me!  
**atâhpahotôwa** pull, pull on *inan.*;  
**atâhpahotôno (shkwâtêmi)!** pull  
(the door)!  
**atâhpenamwa** pick up *inan.*  
**atâmina** grain of corn, maize  
**atâminiwîpashkwa** corn on the cob  
**atawêwa** sell *an./inan.*

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**athâmakimowa** be too expensive  
**athâmakitêwi** (it)'s too expensive

**athâmehkonowa** eat too much

**athâmi** (*or* **athâmi meko**), **athâm(i)-**

too much; **âkwi nenohtônânini**

**êhathâmikekenâtowêyani**

I didn't understand you because you

were speaking too fast

**athâwânehkwêwa** have blond hair,

fair hair, light-brown hair

**athâwâwi** (it)'s yellow, orange

**athâwethiwa** be yellow, orange

**athâwochêpihki** (*pl.:*

**athâwochêpihkyêni**) carrot

**athayimahkethêhi** moccasin

**athayimekôtêweni** buckskin dress

**athemihêwa** help *an.*; **athemihino!**

help!; **kekashkathemihi?** can you

help me?; **kîhathemihi!** please help

me!; **kîhathemihene** I'll help you

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**athemihiwêwa** help out, lend a

helping hand

**atheni** (*pl.*: **athenyêni**) rock, stone

**athêwa** have *an.*; put *an.* in place; set *an.*  
down/up

**âthiyâni** loincloth, breechclout

**atôhpothôni** table

**âtomôpîna** car, automobile

**atothowa** have a burn

**atwê!** (*or* **atiyâ!**) ouch!

**awahîna** what's-his/her-name

**awahîni** thing, item; whatchamacallit

**awanêwa** (*n/sh*) take *an.* away with  
oneself

**âwathi, âwathi-** more; **âwathi**

**kemenwithâkiwâtowe**

**êshikanawiyani mâhiye/iyôwe**

you speak Sauk better than you did a

while back/before; **tawânahi**

**kashkâwathithâkiwâtowêyâne**

I sure wish I could speak more Sauk;

**âwathikenâchi kîhthâkiwâtowe**

please speak slower

**awatômêwa** carry *an.* on one's back,  
shoulder(s)

**awatôtamwa** carry *inan.* on one's back,  
shoulder(s)

**awatôwa** take *inan.* away with oneself

**awita** not (*with Conditional and  
Potential moods*)

**awiwa** be (*somewhere*); **ayôh awiwaki**  
they're here

**ayâpami** back (*direction*)

**ayâpêha** male elk, buck

**ayîhkwiwa** be worn out, weary, tired

**ayîkwâmethiwa** be greedy

**ayîkwâmîwa** be energetic, full of  
energy

**ayôhi** here

**Âyohôwêwa** an Iowa

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### **CH**

**chachawîhi** sometimes

**chahchahkwinêmowa** be short of  
breath, out of breath

**châhchâmowa** sneeze

**châhi** so (*usually follows first word in  
sentence*)

**châh îni** so then

**chahkwi-** short

**chahkwîhiwa** be short

**chakânaketonwa (-/e)** have a small  
mouth

**châkanetîhi** chocolate, cacao, cocoa

**châkawishinwa (-/e)** be soaked

**châkênâtowêha** mockingbird

**chakethiwa** be small

**chaketonwa (-/e)** have a small mouth

**chaki-** small



**châki, châki-** all, completely

**chakikomêwa** have a small nose

**Châkitâha** a Choctaw

**chê!** oops!

**chêchahkwikiwa** be tiny

**chêhêshkyâhi** saucer

**Chêninêheki** Chandler (Okla.)

**chêwinâtêwi** (it)'s the same color

**chêwinâthowa** be the same color

**chêhyê!** darn it!, damn!

**Chêmanîha** a German

**chîchîpapithowa** have spasms; twitch,  
fidget

**chîhchîkoma** wart; **chîhchîkomani**

**athêwa** (s)he has a wart

**chîhwî!** (*or chîhwê!*) gee whiz!, oh  
dear! (*used to express alarm, surprise,  
astonishment*)

**chîkânowêha** scorpion

**Chîkashâha** a Chickasaw

**chîketôhi** coffee-pot

**chîki-** ( \_\_\_-e) close to, near \_\_\_; **chîki-**

**Nêkawîhe** by the Canadian River

**-chîkwani** knee

**chîmâni** boat, canoe

**chînawêmêwa** be related to *an.*;

**kechînawêmi?** are you related to me?;

**kechînawêmene** I'm related to you;

\_\_\_ **kechînawêmâwa?** are you

related to \_\_\_?

**chînîhi** chili

**chîpatînôha** chili pepper

**chîpaya** deceased person, ghost

**chîpayahkyêni** (*pl.*) graveyard,

cemetery

**chîpayiwânakwi** grave

**chîpinîkwêhtawêwa** wink at *an.*

**chîpinîkwêwa** blink

**chîtapîwa** sit, sit down; **chîtapîno!** sit down!, take a seat! (*pl.:* **chîtapîko!**)

**chîthi** cheese

## **E and Ê**

**êhê** yes

**êhêpîkwa** tarantula

**êhêwa** swan

**-ehkwêyôma** wife; female partner;

**netehkwêyôma** my wife;

**otehkwêyômani** his/her wife;

**netehkwêyôme!** wife!

**ehkwitheki** dead end

**êmehkwâhi** teaspoon

**êmehkwâni** spoon

**ênikitêhêwa** be funny

**ênikonôtha** ant

**ênithêmikahki** (*pl.:*  
**ênithêmikahkini**)

aeroplane

**êshina!** you don't say!; hardly!  
**êshkami** little by little, gradually  
**êshkikîha** young person  
**êshkipakyâkini** (*pl.*) greens  
**Êshkwîha** a Northern Sauk (*of Okla-  
homa or, occasionally, of the  
Missouri*); a Mesquakie  
**êshkwîmi** (*or âshkwîmi*) ice cream  
**êshkwipenêhi** dumpling  
**êthapîhkêha** spider  
**êthâwâhi** orange  
**êthâwâki êthâwâhi** lemon  
**êthâwechêha** banana  
**êthepana** raccoon  
**êthîha** shellfish; shell  
**Êthîhinâki** Indian Springs (Okla.)  
**Êwîheki** Avery (Okla.)  
**êwîki** too, also  
**êyêh-** while (*with the Conjunctive mood*)

**êyêhpwâwi-** before (*with the  
Conjunctive mood*)

**êyênîha** possum

## **H**

**haw** all right, okay

**hay!** come on!, why!

**-hkâhki** chest, upper chest

**-hkâchi** (*pl.:* **-hkâtani**) foot

**-hkiwani** nose

**-hkoni** liver

**-hkwêkani** neck

**hô** all right, okay

**hô!** hi!, hello!

**-htawakayi** (*pl.:* **-htawakayani**) ear

**hwa?** (*or wa?*) what?

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## **I and Î**

**î!** oh no! (*expresses dismay or despair*)

**ihêwa** (**â/ê**; *irreg.*) go there

**-îhkâna** friend; **nîhkâna** my friend;  
**kîhkâna** your friend; **owîhkânani**  
his/her friend(s); **nîhkâne!** my friend!;  
**nîhkânetike!** my friends!

**ihketowa** say that

**ihkwêwa** woman; **ihkwêtike!** (*or*  
**ihkwêwetike!**) ladies!

**-îki** house, home; **nîki** my house, my  
home; **owîki** his/her home; **owîkeki** at  
his/her house

**îna** that, that one (*an.*); (s)he; **wênêha**  
**châh îna?** (so) who's that?

**înahi** there

**înâhi** over there

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**inakimowa** cost that (*an.*);

**kâshôhêha metâthwi shôniyâhe**

**inakimowa** the kitten costs ten dollars

**inakitêwi** (it) costs that

**-înaniwi** tongue; **nînaniwi** my tongue

**inâtêwi** (it)'s that color; **tân ênâtêniki owînethani?** what color is his/her hair?

**inâthowa** be that color

**inâtowêwa** speak that language; be of that tribe

**-înêtepi** brain; **nînêtepi** my brain;

**owînêtepi** his/her brain

**-înethani** (*pl.*) hair, head of hair;

**nînethani** my hair; **owînethani**

his/her hair

**-înethi** (single) hair, strand of hair;

**nînethi** my hair strand; **owînethi**

his/her hair strand

**inêtwa** be absent, gone

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**inêwa (n/sh)** say to, tell *an.*;

**wîhpîtikêch ishi!** tell him to come in!

**îni** that, that one (*inan.*)

**îni** then, now

**îni!** (*or îne!*) that's it!, that's enough!

**îniki** those, those ones (*an.*)

**îni kohê!** that's right!

**îni mêkwêhe** I think so

**îninâhi** then, at that time, on that date

**înini** those, those ones (*inan.*)

**îni tathwi** (*or îni tathwê!*) that's it,  
that's all!

**îni yêtoke** could be, guess so

**inowêwa** say that way; **châh inowêpi**  
**\_\_\_?** (*or tâni châh ênowêki \_\_\_?*)

how do you say \_\_\_?; **nâhkachi îni**

**inowêno!** say it again!

**-îpichi** (*pl.: -îpitani*) tooth

**-îpikani** bone marrow

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**ishawiwa** act that way; (**kashi**) **châh**

**keteshawi?** what are you doing?,

what are you up to?; **în êshawiyâni**

that's what I'm doing; **âkwi kêkôh**



**êshawiyânini** I'm not up to anything

**ishe** just, merely

**-îshekwayi** scalp

**ishi-** that way, in that manner

**-îshi** head; **nîshi** my head; **owîshi**

his/her head

**ishinâkothiwa** look like that

**ishitêhêwa** think that way;

**în êshitêhêyâni** that's what I think;

**în êshitêhêwâchi** that's what they

think

**ishitehkâtêwi** (it)'s called that way;

**tâni châh \_\_\_ êshitehkâtêki?**

what's the word for \_\_\_?

**ishithowa** be called that way; **tân**

**êshithoyani?** (*or kashi châh*

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**keteshitho?**) what's your name?; **tân**

**eshithochi?** what's his/her name?;

**\_\_\_ neteshitho** my name is \_\_\_;

**\_\_\_ ishithowa** his/her name is \_\_\_;

**tâni châhi wêchithoyani?** what's  
your clan?

**ishiwêpikenwi** (it) means, signifies;  
**kashi châh ishiwêpikenwi?** what  
does it mean?

**îtepi** there, over there; that's where

**-îthôni** name

**iwa** (*irreg.*) say so; **kashi kethi?**  
what did you say?

**-îwa** wife; **nîwa** my wife; **owîwani**  
his/her wife; **nîwe!** wife!

**iyôwe** before, in the past

**K**

**kâ!** gosh!, oh my! (*male speaking*)

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**kahkachikanêthêwa** (**â/ê**) dislocate  
one's leg, have one's leg out of whack

**kahkinêwa** hide *an*.

**kahkitôwa** hide *inan*.

**-kahkwani** shin

**kâhpîhâtêwi** (it)'s brown

**kâhpîhâthowa** be brown

**kâhpîhi** (*or mahkatêwâpowi*) coffee

**kâhpîhikwâpahikani** cup; coffee cup

**kâhtothiwa** be sorry; **nekâhtothi** I'm

sorry; **kekâhtothi?** are you sorry?;

**âkwi kâhtothiyanini** you're not

sorry; **pashi kâhtothichini** (s)he's

not sorry at all

**kâkâkiwa** crow

**kakânôhkwêwa** have long hair

**kakanônetîweni** conversation, chat

**kakâwimini** raspberry

**Kanakanâchîha** a Caddo

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**-kanâkîhiwi** (*preceded by a numeral*)

it's \_\_\_ o'clock; **nethwikanâkîhiwi**

it's three o'clock

**kanawiwa** speak, talk

**kanawiweni** speech

**kânimîni** cornmeal

**kapôtwe** later on, at some point

**kashi?** what?; **kashi êhketoyani?**

what did you say?

**kashinâkwa!** huh?!, what the ...?!

*(expresses surprise at something not happening that you were expecting, or vice versa)*

**kâshkahonêwa** shave *an.*;

**kîhkâshkahone** I'll shave you

**kâshkahowa** shave (oneself)

**kashkatethiwa** be obstinate, stubborn

**kâshkehtamwa** hear *inan.*

**kâshkehtawêwa** hear *an.*

**kashki-** can (*put right before verb*)

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**kashkihêwa** acquire, buy, earn *an.*;

**nenatawêneta kîhkashkihaki**

I'd like to buy *an.*

**kashkihtôwa** be able to do, make, fix

*inan.*; acquire, buy, earn *inan.*;

**nenatawêneta wîhkashkihtôyâni**

I'd like to buy *inan.*

**kâshôha** cat

**kâshôhêha** kitten

**kâta** not (*with Prohibitive mood*)

**kâta!** stop it! don't!

**katawi-** almost

**katawichâkithâkîwiwa** be three-quarters Sauk

**kâtenamwa** push *inan.*; **kâtenano (shkwâtêmi)!** push (the door)!

**kâtenêwa** push *an.*;

**kâta kâtenihkani!** don't push me!

**âkwi kâtenenânini** I didn't push you

**Kâyowâha** a Kiowa

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**kechapi** ketchup

**kehchi-** big, large, great

**kehchikamîwi** sea, ocean

**kehchikamîwithowa** be a member of  
the Ocean clan; **nekehchikamîwitho**

I'm Ocean clan

**kehchikemiyâwi** it's pouring

**kehchikenwi** (it)'s old

**kehchikiwa** be old

**kehchimehpowi** it's snowing heavily;  
it's a snowstorm

**kehchine** a little way over there; close  
by, near

**kehchinepêwa (â/ê)** be fast asleep

**kehchinôtenwi** there's a storm raging

**kehchipenowa** jog, run

**kehchîpîhi** belt

**kehchîpithowa** buckle up, fasten  
one's seat belt; do up one's belt

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**kehchiwâyâthowa** it's a tornado

**kehchiwâyâthowa** tornado;

**kehchiwâyâthowa pyêwa**

a tornado's coming

**kêhi** and, but (*follows first word in sentence*); **mana kêhi nekya** and this is my mother

**kêhkêhkwa** hawk

**kehkênemêwa** know *an.*;

**kekehkênemene?** do I know you?;

**kekehkênemâwa?** do you know him/her?; **âkwi kehkênemakini**

I don't know him/her/them

**kehkênetamwa** know; know *inan.*;

**âkwi kehkênetamânini** I don't

know (about that); **wêkonêhi châh**

**êhkehkênetamani?** what do you

know about that? **îni nekehkêneta**

I know that

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**kehkinôhamawêwa** explain, teach (it) to *an.*

**kehkinôhamwa** explain *inan.*

**kehkyâhiwa** be old

**kehpakânehkwêwa** have thick hair

**kehpaketonwa (-/e)** have thick lips

**kêhtêkenwi** (it)'s old, is getting old

**kêhtena** sure enough

**kênwihakwanêyâki**

**mahkethêhi**

boot (*pl.*: **kêkânwihakwanêyâkini**

**mahkethêhani**)

**kekehtenawitêhêwa** be serious,

sincere

**kekeni, kekeni-** quickly, fast; **kekenê**

quick!, hurry up!

**kekenâtethiwa** be quick, hurry up;

**kekenâtethino!** hurry up!

**kekenâtowêwa** speak/talk too fast

**kekenipahônekowa** drive fast, hit

the gas

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**kekêpâtethiwa** (*or*

**kekyêpâtethiwa**)



be dim-witted, stupid; be an idiot

**kekêpeshêwi** (it)'s blocked;

**kekêpeshêwani nehtawakayani**

my ears are blocked

**kêkineshîha** bull; buffalo bull

**kekisheyêpa** in the morning

**kekithechinikani** drawer, box; chest  
of drawers

**kekôpyêshinwa (-/e)** lie in the water

**kêkyêhkimâta** (*pl.:*

**kêkyêhkimâchiki**) teacher

**kekyêhkimâthohikâni** schoolhouse,  
school

**kêkyêhkimâthota** (*pl.:*

**kêkyêhkimâthochiki**) pupil, student

**kekyêhtenâmi, kekyêhtenâmi-**

really, definitely, for sure, without a  
doubt

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**kekyêpâtethiwa** be dim-witted, stupid;

be an idiot

**kekyêpeshêwa** (*or* **kepeshêwa**) be deaf

**kekyêpîkwêwa** be blind

**kêmiyâki** rain; **kêmiyâki**

**pyêmikatwi**

rain's coming

**kemiyânipîthehkâhi** raincoat

**kemiyâwi** it's raining

**kêmôtêha** thief

**kemôtêmêwa** steal (it) from *an*.

**kemôtwa** steal *in an*.

**kenâchi**, **kenâchi-** slowly; **kenâchi**

**kîhthâkiwâtowe** please speak slowly

**kenâchipahônekowa** slow down

(*driving*)

**kênemâpi** who knows?, beats me!

**kenîkitêhêwa** cough; have a cough, a fit of coughing

**kenîkikotâkanwa (-/e)** have a ticklish throat, an irritated throat;

**nekenîkikotâkane** I've got a ticklish throat

**kênôchêha** (*pl.:* **kêkânôchêhaki**)

pear

**kenôthiwa** be tall

**kênwâthowêha** mountain lion

**kenwêshi** for a long time; **kenwêshi**

**êhpwâwinêwonâni!** haven't seen you for ages!

**kepâhkohamwa** shut *inan.*;

**kepâhkohano shkwâtêmi!** shut the door!

**kepâtethiwa** be slow to learn

**kepeshêwa** (*or* **kekyêpeshêwa**) be deaf

**kepetôhiwa** be speech-impaired

**kepishêwa** have a kidney failure, a urinary blockage

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**kepwitîhi** trousers

**keshâchinîkwêwa** have kind, warm eyes

**keshâtethiwa** be friendly, kind

**keshêhokimâwithowa** be a Peace clan member; **nekeshêhokimâwitho** I'm Peace clan

**kesheshashîpi** finally, at last

**Kêtakîkwêha** an Irishman

**Kêtakinechêha** an Italian

**ketemâkethiwa** be poor, pitiful; be worthy of pity/compassion

**ketênahi!** too bad!, serves *an.* right!

**ketenamwa** take off *inan.*

**keteshkethiwa** be helpful, skilful

**ketetêwa** otter

**kethîkwêwa (â/ê)** wash one's face;

**kethîkwâno!** wash your face!

**kethîyâwi** it's cold

**kêthôkimowa?** how much does *an.*  
cost?

**kêthôkitêwi?** how much does (it) cost?

**kêthwawahîne?** how many years ago?

**kêthwi?** how many?, how much?;

**kêthwi pyêwa kîshethwa?** what's  
the time?

**kêthwihêwa?** have how many *an.*?;

**kekêthwihâwaki kînîchânethaki?**

how many children do you have?

**kêthwipepônwênemêwa?** think *an.*

is how many years old?;

**kekêthwipepônwênemi?** how old

do you think I am?

**kêthwipepônwêwa?** *an.* is how old?

**ketiwa** eagle

**ketiwithowa** be a member of the Eagle

clan; **neketiwitho** I'm Eagle clan

**Kêtôha** (*or* **Kanakanâchîha**) a Caddo

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**ketômikatwi** (it) says, means; **kashi**

**ketômikatwi?** what does it mean?

**ketowa** say; **kashi châh**

**êhketoyani?**

what did you say?

**kêwaki** still

**keyêchîhi** a moment ago; in a moment

**-kîha** mother's sister; **nekîha** my

mother's sister; **okîhani** his/her

mother's sister; **neki!** (*or* **nêhe!**) aunt!

**kî'hkâ!** oh no! (*male speaking*)

**kîhkîpekwasîwa** keep nodding off

**kîhkîtâpitêwa** have a toothache

**kîhpochêwa** be full (*from eating*)

**Kîkâpôwa** a Kickapoo

**kîkênôni** clan feast, feast; food at a feast

**kîkênoweni** clan feast

**kîmôchitanekowa** be sneaky, sly

**kîna** you (*sg.*); **wênêha châhi kîna?**

who are you?

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**kînâna** you and I, we (including you)

**kînwâwa** you (*pl.*); **kînwâwa**

**nîhkânaki** you're my friends

**kîpekwashiwa** fall asleep

**kîpithêwa** (â/ê) fall, fall over, fall  
down

**kîshekîwi** it's the weather; it's the day;

**tân êshikîshekîki?** what's the

weather like?; **menwikîshekîwi** it's a  
good, fine day; **myâshikîshekîwi** it's  
lousy weather

**kîshekwi** day

**kîshethwa** sun; month

**kîshi-** finish \_\_\_-ing; have \_\_\_-ed (*done  
something*)

**kîshîhkamwa** be finished with *inan*.

**kîshkapehkotêyâwi** it's getting dark;  
darkness has fallen

**kîshkehkôhi** train

**kîshkihtâhi** waterfall

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**kîshkikahkwanêshinwa (-/e)** cut  
one's leg

**kîshkîkwêshinwa (-/e)** cut one's face

**kîshkinehkêshinwa (-/e)** cut one's  
hand

**kîshkinekwêyâhi** vest

**Kîshkôha** (*of a male:*) Kîshkôha;  
Democrat

**kîshkôhiwa** (*of a male:*) be a Kîshkôha;  
be a Democrat; **kekîshkôhi?** are you  
a Democrat?; **nekîshkôhi** I'm a  
Kîshkôha

**Kîshkôhkwêha** (*of a female:*)

Kîshkôha; Democrat

**kîshkôhkwêhiwa** (*of a female:*) be a  
Kîshkôha; be a Democrat;

**kekîshkôhkwêhi?** are you a



Kîshkôha?; **nekîshkôhkwêhi** I'm a Democrat

**ki'shkwê!** oh no! (*female speaking*)

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**kîshowâhkwi** sycamore

**kîthâchi!** how sad!

**kîthâchitêhêwa** be sad

**kîwâtethiwa** be lonesome

**kîweshkêwa (â/ê)** go (somewhere); go on a journey, travel

**kîwi-** around, about

**kîwichimêwa** swim

**kîyawî** you (*sg.*) (*in oblique references*)

**kîyôtâta** (*pl.:* **kîyôtâchiki**) insect

**kîyôtêwa** crawl around

**kîyothêwa** go for a walk

**kohkânematwi** the (north) wind's shifting

**kohkâthenwi** the (north) wind's shifting, changing direction

**kohkikîshekîwi** the weather's  
changing

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**kohkishimêwa** change *an.* (*a tire or  
wheel*)

**kohkithahêwa** make a U-turn (*with  
an., a vehicle*)

**kohkîwa** turn (*in a direction*), turn off  
(*the road*)

**kôhkôsha** hog, pig; pork

**kôhkôshêha** pig

**kôhkôshipemitêwi** lard

**kôhkôshiwîyâthi** pork

**kohtâchiwa** be afraid, scared,  
frightened

**kôkâpitêhowa** brush one's teeth

**kôkenamwa** wash *inan.*

**kôkenêwa** wash *an.*

**kôkenikêwa** do the washing

**kôkinechêwa (â/ê)** wash one's hands;

**kôkinechâno!** wash your hands!

**kôkôtenîha** alligator

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**konwâshkêha** frog, bullfrog

**Koshineki** Cushing (Okla.)

**koshkwâtethiwa** be boisterous,  
rowdy, wild, aggressive

**kotaka** another, other *an*.

**kotakawahîne** last year (*compare*  
**nîkâni kotakawahîne**)

**kotaki** another, other *inan*.

**-kôtêhi** skirt

**kothekwana** (-/e) be heavy,  
overweight; **takâwi kekothekwane**  
you're a little overweight;

**kothekwânôki** they're heavy

**kothethiwa** be bashful, shy, timid

**kothêwa** (th/sh) be afraid of,  
frightened of, fear *an*.

**kothikêwa** play bowl-and-dice

**kwahkwâpitanekowa** be scatter-brained

**Kwâpâha** a Quapaw

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**kwâpahikani** ladle, scoop, dipper; beaker

**kwâshkwithahêwa** let out, drop off *an.*

**kwâshkwithahowa** get out, get off

**Kwîha** a Cree

**kwînomêwa** miss; pine for, long for

*an.*; **kekwînomene** I miss you;

**kekwînomenepena** we miss you;

**kekwînomi?** did you miss me?

**-kwitha** son; **nekwitha** my son;

**okwithani** his/her son(s); **nekwîhe!**

(*or* **nekwithe!**) son!

**kwîyena** exactly; punctually, right on time

**kwîyethêha** boy

**-kya** mother; **nekya** my mother; **okyêni**  
his/her mother; **nêhe!** mom!

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## **M**

**machâhîni** goods

**machawîyêhiwa** be mean

**machinemêtha** bass

**mâhaki** these, these ones (*an.*)

**mâhani** these, these ones (*inan.*)

**mâhi** but of course only; provided  
(*follows first word in sentence*)

**mâhiye** a while back; **mâhiye**

**nethwawahîne peteki** some three  
years back

**mahkatêha** a black

**mahkatêwânehkwêwa** have black  
hair, dark brown hair

**mahkatêwâpowi** coffee

**mahkatêwâwi** (it)'s black

**mahkatêwethiwa** be black

**mahkatêwetôha** black-eyed pea

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**mahkatêwimini** blackberry

**mahkatêwinîkwêwa** have black eyes,  
dark eyes, brown eyes

**mahkethêhi** shoe; **mahkethêhani**

**pîthehkano!** put on your shoes!

**mahkwa** bear

**mahkwâchi!** (*or mahkwâchê!*) sh!,

(be) quiet! (*like all such expressions,*

*made more effective by adding, with*

*steadily increasing force, **pena, penâ,***

**penaha, penahô**)

**mahkwâchi-** quietly, calmly

**mahkwâchithenyêwa** eat quietly

**mahkwâmôwa** bumble-bee

**mahkwâtapîwa** calm down;

**mahkwâtapîno!** calm down!

**mahkwâtethiwa** be reserved, demure

**mahkwipakâni** walnut

**mahkwipanashâha** bear cub

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**mahkwithowa** be a member of the  
Bear clan; **nemahkwitho** I'm Bear  
clan

**mahkwiwâpikonôha** rat

**mahwêwa** wolf

**mahwêwithowa** be a member of the  
Wolf clan; **nemahwêwitho** I'm Wolf  
clan

**makânaketonwa (-/e)** have a big  
mouth, a large mouth

**makechêwa** have a potbelly

**makekinwa (-/e)** be big, large;

**kemakekine** you're big;

**makekinôki** they're big

**akeshêwa** have big ears

**maki-** big, large

**makikomêwa** have a big nose

**makinehpetonwa (-/e)** have high lips,  
i.e. have been overly weaned (*said of a  
child that's been on the bottle too long*)

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**makinehpyêwa (â/ê)** be growing tall

**mâkohkwayi** hat, cap

**makwahkiwi** mountain, large hill

**makwikanêwa** have a swollen leg

**makwîtamwa** have a swelling, a bump,  
an infection

**mamahkinameshkêwa** have  
goosebumps

**mamâkeshêwa** have big ears

**mamâkinîkwêwa** have big eyes

**mamâkochêyâhi** cucumber

**mâmatânahkiwiwi** a powwow is  
taking place; there's entertainment  
going on

**mamâtomowa** pray

**mâmaya** soon; early



**mâmayêhiwiwi** it's early

**mana** (*emphatic: manaha*) this (*an.*)

**manâtethiwa** be rich, well-off

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**mâne** a lot

**mânetânesha** sheep

**manethenôkimâwithowa** be a  
member of the Warrior clan;

**nemanethenôkimâwitho** I'm  
Warrior clan

**manethêwa** get/fetch firewood

**manetôtha** worm; bug

**manetôwa** snake; god, spirit

**mânêwa** be a lot; **mânêwa akôna**  
there's a lot of snow

**mânetwi** (it)'s a lot

**mani** (*emphatic: manihi*) this (*inan.*)

**maninâwêthiwa** be stingy, miserly

**Manitîheki** Monday, on Monday

**manômini** grain of rice; (*pl.:*)

**manôminani** rice

**Manôminîha** a Menominee

**mashishkinenîha** doctor

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**mashishkiwâpowi** tea

**mashkochîtha** bean;

**êshkipakethita mashkochîtha**

green bean

**Mashkôha** a Creek

**Mashkotêwineniwa** a member of any

Prairie tribe

**Mashkotêwa** an Illinois, a Peoria

**mashkotêwi** prairie

**mashteti** mustard

**matâkwênetamwa** enjoy *inan.*;

**nematâkwêneta êhnakamoyâni**

I like to sing

**matanêwa (n/sh)** catch up with,

overtake *an.*

**matetêhi** legging

**mâtethi** knife

**mathakahkwa** (or **akahkwa**) badger

**mathâneshkwa** have a stroke

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**mathânikâpiwa** (one's) leg has fallen

asleep; **newêpimathânikâpi** my

leg's falling asleep

**mathânipehkwanêshkêwa** (â/ê)

have a crick in the back

**mathânithikiwêshkêwa** (â/ê) have

a pinched spine, have a slipped disk

**Matôtata** an Oto

**mâwachi** above all

**mâwachîwa** get together, come

together; **kîhmâwachîpena!** let's get

together!

**mawi-** go and \_\_\_\_; go for the purpose of

**mayâwi-** right

**mayâwîneki** to the right, on the right;

**kemayâwîneki** to your right

**Mayêmîha** a Miami

**Mayêmîheki** Miami (Okla.)

**mayôwa** cry; **kâta mayôhkani!** don't cry!

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**mêhchipahôha** car, automobile

**Mêhikôha** a Hispanic, a Mexican

**mehkamwa** find *inan*.

**mêhkatêwâpyêkethita** (*pl.:*  
**mêhkatêwâpyêkethichiki**) black  
snake

**Mêhkatêwikâtâta** (*pl.:*

**Mêhkatêwikâtâchiki**) a Blackfoot

**mêhkatêwîkwêha** donkey

**mehkawêwa** find *an*.

**mehkwênemêwa** remember, think of  
*an.*; **kemehkwênemâwa?** did you  
think of her (*or* him)?

**mehkwênetamwa** remember, think  
of *inan.*; **kemehkwêneta**

**wîhketâpehkahikêyani?** did you  
remember to lock up?

**mehkwitêhêwa** remember, recollect

**mehpowi** it's snowing

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**mehtami** first; **mehtami wîkiyâpi**

**wêchinamachîyani** the first house  
on your left

**mehtëha** bow

**mehtekwahkihki** in the woods, in  
the forest

**mehtekwi** tree; wood; stick; beam; log

**mehtekwinâkani** wooden bowl

**mehteshkamwa** bump into, collide  
with *inan*.

**mehteshkawêwa** bump into, collide  
with *an*.

**mehtëchi** it seems, it looks like;

**mehtëchi meko âkwi pêhki**

**kehkênetakini Thâkiwâtowêweni**

it looks like (s)he doesn't really know  
much Sauk

**mehtothêneniwa** human being,  
human, mortal

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**mekethiwithowa** be a member of the  
Eagle clan; **nemekethiwitho** I'm  
Eagle clan

**meko** (*adds emphasis to word before it*)

**mekôtêweni** dress

**mêkwêhe** maybe

**mêmâchîha** movie

**mêmâkeshêha** mule

**mêmêchiki** no doubt about it

**Mêmehtekôshîha** a Frenchman

**mêmêkêha** butterfly

**mêmekenamwa** pick up, clear up  
*inan.*

**mêmenatamwa** vomit, throw up

**mêmeshkomêha** colt

**Menâminîha** (*or Manôminîha*) a  
Menominee

**menechîha** glove

**menêshishi** syrup; maple syrup

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**mêneshitêhêwa** be ashamed,  
embarrassed

**mênethethi** tomato

**menôhkamîwi** it's spring

**menowa** have a drink;

**kashkimenohkâha kêkôhi?**

could I have something to drink?

**menwakimowa** be a fair deal, be at a  
good price (*an.*)

**menwakitêwi** (it)'s a fair deal, a good  
price

**menwâpiwa** have good eyesight;

**nemenwâpi** I've got good vision;

**pashi menwâpiyânini** I don't see  
well at all

**menwênemêwa** like *an.*; **pêhki**

**kemenwênemene** I like you a lot;

**kemenwênemâwa?** do you like  
him/her?; **nemenwênemâwaki**

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I like them; **âkwi menwênemakini**

I don't like him/her/them

**menwi-** good, fine

**menwihkwêwiwa** be good, decent,  
honorable (*referring to a woman*)

**menwikenwi** (it)'s good;

**menwikenwi!** good!, great!

**menwinâkothiwa** look well; be good-  
looking

**menwineniwiwa** be good, decent,  
honorable (*referring to a man*)

**menwipemâtethiwa** be fine, well;

**kemenwipemâtethi?** (*to more than  
one: kemenwipemâtethipwa?*)

how are you doing?, are you doing

okay? (*expecting êhê 'yes' or âkwi*



‘no’ *as an answer*)

**meshe meko!** go ahead!, help yourself!

**meshênahi** probably, more or less

**meshenamwa** catch, grab *inan*.

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**Mêshenâthota** (*pl.:*

**Mêshenâthochiki**) a Navajo

**meshenâthowa** be caught, seized,  
arrested

**meshenêwa** catch, grab, arrest *an*.

**meshêwêwa** elk; moose

**meshi-** big, large, great

**meshihkêha** turtle; snapping turtle

**meshihkenâhkôha** terrapin, box  
turtle

**meshîmina** apple

**meshîmishâhkwa** apple tree

**meshkochêpihki** (*pl.:*

**meshkochêpihkyêni**) radish

**meshkopâtêwi** (it)’s pink

**meshkopâthowa** be pink

**meshkothiwa** be red

**meshkowikomêwa** have a nosebleed;  
have a bloody nose

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**meshkwahtwiyêwa** have measles,  
chicken pox

**Meshkwahkîha** a Mesquakie

**mêshkwâki meshkochêpihkîhi**  
beet

**meshkwânehkwêwa** have red hair,  
chestnut hair

**meshkwâwâhkwa** cedar (*tree*)

**meshkwâwi** (it)'s red

**meshkwikenâhkwa** terrapin, box  
turtle

**meshkwîkitâthowa** be quick-  
tempered

**meshkwîkitêhewa** be frustrated

**meshkwimîna** cardinal (*bird*)

**meshkwina meshkêwa** have a rash,  
an inflammation

**meshkwînîkwêwa** have red eyes, sore  
eyes, bloodshot eyes

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**-meshômetha** grandfather;

**nemeshômetha** my grandfather;

**omeshômethani** his/her grandfather;

**nemesho!** grandpa!

**meshwêha** rabbit

**meshwêhêha** bunny

**meshwêhiwîtheniweni** lettuce

**metâthwawahîne** ten years

**metâthwi** ten

**metâthwihêwa** have ten *an*.

**metâthwi nekoti** eleven

**metâthwi nekotwâshika** sixteen

**metâthwi neshwâshika** eighteen

**metâthwi nethwi** thirteen

**metâthwi nîshwi** twelve

**metâthwi nôhika** seventeen

**metâthwi nyânanwi** fifteen

**metâthwi nyêwi** fourteen

**metâthwi shâka** nineteen

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**metemôha** old woman

**methawihka** cousin; fellow clan

member; fellow Sauk (*most commonly*

*said by men to men*); **nemethawihka**

my cousin; **(ne)methawihke!** cousin!;

**methawihke!** my fellow clan

member!/my fellow Sauk!

**methenahikani** paper; book

**mêthi** too soon, too early

**methihkwa** ice

**methihkwiwi** hail is coming down, it's

a hailstorm; it's icy

**methîkwa** grain of dried corn

**mîchipêha** animal

**mîchiwa** eat *inan.*; **mîchino**

**wâpikoni!**

eat the pumpkin!

**mîhkechêwîmikatwi** (it) works

**mîhkechêwîwa** work

**mîkâtîwaki** (*pl.*) fight

**Mîkêheki** Meeker (Okla.)

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**mîkona** feather

**mîmîwa** dove, pigeon

**mînêwa** (*n/sh*) give (*an./inan.*) to *an.*

**minikâpowi** milk soup

**miniki** milk; commercial milk

**mîshâtênemowa** be proud, glad;

**nemîshâtênemo êhthâkîwiyâni**

I'm proud to be a Sauk

**mîshîkwêwa** have a beard; be fuzzy-faced

**mîshkotâ'na!** for crying out loud!, for  
pete's sake!

**mîthechêha** peach

**mîthechêhâtêwi** (it)'s peach-colored

**mîthechêhâthowa** be peach-colored

**mîthechêyâhi** canteloupe

**-mithêha** older sister; **nemithêha** my

older sister; **omithêhani** his/her older

sister; **nemithe!** older sister!

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**mîthethiwa** be hairy, furry; have fur

**mîthetonwa (-/e)** have a moustache

**mîthîwa** defecate

**mîthôni** clan; clan name

**mîtwîwa** cottonwood tree

**mîyôna** mule

**môhkihtanwi** spring (*of water*)

**môhkomâna** a White American, a

White American man

**môhkomânihkwêwa** a White

American woman

**môhkomânipahkwêshikani** sliced,

light bread

**monahâkani** hoe; plow

**môshonêwa** give *an.* a haircut

**môshôni** scalp-lock

**môshowa** get a haircut

**môshwâkani** scissors

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**môshwêhi** shawl, kerchief;  
handkerchief

**môshwêni** headdress

**môtâhi** glass, drinking glass

**môthwa** moose

**myâhkethiwa** be crippled

**myânâpiwa** have bad eyesight

**myânâtethiwa** be unfriendly

**myânâshkêwi** (it)'s not doing/going  
well; (it)'s upset (*referring to the  
stomach*); (it)'s irregular (*referring to  
the heart*)

**myâshinâkothiwa** be ugly

**myâshinîkwêwa** have mean eyes

**myâshipemâtethiwa** not feel well,  
feel unwell

**myâshitêhêwa** be sad, feel bad

**myêwi** way, path, road, street

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**nahaniwithêwa (â/ê)** be able to run  
fast

**nahâtethiwa** be knowledgeable, wise

**nahâthîwa** know how to climb

**nahâwiwi** it's warm and sunny

**naheshkamwa** arrange *inan.*; put on  
*inan. (clothing)*

**nahi-** know how to, be able to, can

**nahi** (*or nahê!*) hey!; well now; ready?,  
let's go!

**nahichimêwa** know how to swim

**nâhinâhi** at that time, on time;

**kwîyena nâhinâhi** right on time



**nâhka** and  
**nâhkachi** again; and; **nâhkachi**  
**kîhnêwone!** see you again!;

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**nâhkachi kîhnêwonepwa!**

*(to more than one person)*

**nahkani-** throughout, all (*of time*);

**nahkanikîshekwi** all day

**nakahikêwa** hit the brakes, step on the  
brakes

**nakamôni** song

**nakamowa** sing

**nâkani** (*or* **anâkani**) dish, bowl

**nakanêwa** (**n/sh**) leave, abandon *an*.

**nâkanêwa** (**n/sh**) follow *an*.

**nakatamwa** leave, abandon *inan*.

**nâkatamwa** follow *inan*.

**-nakeshi** intestines, guts; entrails

**nakeshkêwa** brake, stop (by braking)

**nakeshkêwi** (it) stops going; **netêhi**

**nakeshkêwi** my heart stopped, I had  
a heart attack

**nakishkawêwa** meet, bump into,  
encounter

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**nakithachikêwa** stop; stop *an./inan.*  
(*as of a vehicle or machine*)

**nakithahêwa** stop *an.* (*a vehicle*)

**nâkwêwa (â/ê)** go, leave, depart;

**nîhnâkwa** I've got to go;

**nîhnâkwâpena** we've got to go (*not  
including the person(s) spoken to*);

**kîhnâkwâpena!** (*or nâkwâtâne!*)

let's go! (*including the person(s)*

*spoken to*); **nâkwâno!** go away!

**namachi-** left

**namachîneki** to the left, on the left;

**kenamachîneki** to your left

**namathowa** stand, stand there

**namathwikâpâwa** stand up

**nâmeki, nâmeki-** on the inside, inner

**nâmekikepwitîhi** underpants; panties

**nâmekikôtêhi** underskirt

**nâmekipîthehkâhi** undershirt

**nanâhawiwa** get ready; get dressed

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**nanâhikwêhikêwa** drive, go for a  
drive

**nânêwa** (n/sh) fetch, go get *an*.

**nânîkihtôhiwa** be lazy

**nânômeshkâha** buggy

**nanôpehka** a great deal, quite a bit

**nâpâtotamwa** read *inan*.

**nâpâtotathowa** read

**-nâpêma** husband; **nenâpêma** my

husband; **onâpêmani** his/her husband;

**nenâpême!** husband!

**nâpi** better; **nâpi keteshipemâtethi?**

are you feeling better?

**natawatâwêwa** sell, put up for sale

*an./inan.*; **natawatâwêpi** (it's) for

sale

**natawênemêwa** want, would like,  
need *an*.

**natawênetamwa** want, would like,  
need *inan*.

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**nâtawinôni** medicine

**natonêhamwa** look for *inan*.

**natonêhwêwa** look for *an*.

**nâtowêha** rattlesnake

**nâtwa (-/e)** fetch, go get *inan*.; **nîhnâte**

**nepi** I'll fetch some water

**nâwahkwêwi** it's noon;

**kîshinâwahkwêwi** it's afternoon

**nawênihkwêwiwa** be attractive,  
beautiful (*referring to a woman*)

**nawênineniwiwa** be handsome

**nâwi-** middle of, mid-

**nawihêwa** visit *an*.

**-nehki** hand

**nêkawi** sand

**Nêkawîha** a Southern Sauk

**Nêkawîhi** the Canadian River

**nêkatôshkashâha** horse

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**nekotenwi** once; **nekotenwi**

**êhwâthêyâki** one day

**nekethowa** (it)'s melting, thawing  
(*referring to snow and ice*)

**nekoti** one

**nekotihêwa** have one *an.*;

**nenekotihâwa nenîchânetha**

I have one child

**nekoti mahkahkwe** one thousand

**nekotokoni** (for/in) one day

**nekotwâhkwe** one hundred

**nekotwâshika** six

**nekotwâshikâpitaki** sixty

**nekotwâshika tathwâhkwe** six

hundred

**nekotawahîne** one year

**nêkwamowa** choke

**nekwânahkwatwi** it's cloudy,  
overcast

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**-nekwîkani** arm; wing

**nemêtha** fish

**nemêthithowa** be a member of the  
Fish clan; **nenemêthitho** I'm Fish  
clan

**nenamwa** recognize *inan*.

**nenawêwa** recognize *an*.

**nenekachiwa** shiver

**nenekapenôha** screech-owl

**nênekithâha** television program; (*pl.:*)  
television

**nênekithâhikâni** theater, cinema

**nênekwâhi** pancake

**nenemehkiwa** thunder

**nenemehkiwithowa** be a Thunder

clan member; **nenenemehkiwitho**

I'm Thunder clan

**neniwa** man; **nenîlike!** (*or*  
**neniwetike!**) gentlemen!

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**neniwipakahâhkwâha** rooster

**nenohawêwa** understand *an.*;

**kenenohatone** I understand you;

**âkwi nenohatônânini** I don't under-  
stand you; **kenenohawî?** do you  
understand me?

**Nenôtêwa** (*or* **Anenôtêwa**) a Native  
American, an Indian

**nenothwa** (*pl.*: **nenothôki**) cow; head  
of cattle; beef

**nenothwîwîyâthi** beef

**nepachiwa** be cold, get cold

**nepâkani** bed

**nêpehe!** oh, yes!; by the way

**nepêwa** (**â/ê**) sleep, go to sleep; be

asleep

**nepêwothêwa** sleepwalk

**nepi** water; **nepîki** in the water

**nepinawachikani** water pail

**nepithi** lake, pond

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**nepiwiwa** be wet, get wet

**nepiwiwi** (it)'s wet, gets wet

**nepôhiwa** have died; be dead

**nepôpi** soup

**nepôpinâkani** soup bowl

**nepwâhkâwa** be intelligent, clever

**neshkinamwa** hate, detest *inan*.

**neshkinawêwa** hate, detest *an*.

**neshwâshika** eight

**neshwâshikâpitaki** eighty

**neshwâshika tathwâhkwe** eight

hundred

**nethêwa** (th/sh) kill *an*.

**nêthêwa** get well, recover



**nethokoni** three days

**nêthônameki** third, in third place; the third time

**nethwâhkwe** three hundred

**nethwâpitaki** thirty

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**nethwawahîne** three years

**nethwi** three

**nethwihêwa** have three *an.*

**nêwêwa** see *an.*; **kapôtwe**

**kîhnêwone** I'll see you later (*to one person*); **kapôtwe kîhnêwonepwa** (*to more than one person*)

**-nîchânetha** child; **nenîchânethaki**

**mâhaki** these are my children

**nîhkâna** (*see -îhkâna*)

**nikâ'nâhi** (*or nikô'nâhi*) way over there

**nîkânawahîne** next year

**nîkâni** in future; ahead, up ahead; at the

head, in the lead

**nîkâni kotakawahîne** next year

**nîkânipahônekowa** drive on ahead,  
drive in front

**nîkânithahêwa** drive straight on

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**nîkiwa** be born; **îninâhi nenîki** (*or*  
**êhnîkiyâni**) I was born at that time, on  
that date

**Nîmahâha** a Nemaha Sauk (Sac & Fox  
of the Missouri)

**nîmiwa** dance

**nîmiweni** dance, a

**nîna** I

**nînâna** we (excluding you); **châki**

**nînâna** all of us

**nînawethiwa** be weak

**nîshkitepêha** lion

**nîshkitepêwa** be bushy-haired

**nîshokoni** two days

**nîshônameki** second, in second place;  
the second time

**nîshwâhkwe** two hundred

**nîshwâpitaki** twenty

**nishwawahîne** two years

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**nîshwi** two

**nîshwihêwa** have two *an*.

**nîyawî** me (*in oblique references*)

**nôhika** seven

**nôhikâpitaki** seventy

**nôhika tathwâhkwe** seven hundred

**nômakêhe** (*or nômake*) in/for a little  
while

**nômekowa** ride; be transported

**nônâkanâpowi** milk; breast milk

**nônâkani** breast, teat; nipple

**nônêwa** give the breast to *an*.

**nônwa** suck at the breast

**nôtêhtêwi** (it)'s undercooked

**nôtenwi** there's a wind blowing

**nôtenwi** wind

**nôtha** (*see -ôtha*)

**nôwîwa** go out, go outside; **nôwîno!** go out(side)!

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**nyânanokoni** five days

**nyânanônameki** fifth, in fifth place;  
the fifth time

**nyânanwâhkwe** five hundred

**nyânanwawahîne** five years

**nyânanwi** five

**nyânanwihêwa** have five *an.*

**nyêwâhkwe** four hundred

**nyêwâpitaki** forty

**nyêwawahîne** four years

**nyêwi** four

**nyêwihêwa** have four *an.*

**nyêwokoni** four days

**nyêwônameki** fourth, in fourth place;

the fourth time

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**O and Ô**

**ô!** (or **wê!**) oh!, hey! (*often used if a thought occurs to you, or if you want to draw someone's attention to something*)

**ôchêha** fly

**ochi-** from there

**ochikiwa** come from there; be descended from (*an.*); \_\_\_\_ **netochiki**

I'm descended from \_\_\_\_

**ochîmikatwi** (it) comes from there;

**tânahi châhi wêchîmikahki?**

where does it come from?

**ôchimîni** oatmeal

**ochimayâwîwa** (on one's right; *used in the Conjunctive mood:*)

**wêchimayâwîchi** on his/her right

**ochinamachîwa** (on one's left; *used in the Conjunctive mood:*)

**wêchinamachîchi** on his/her left

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**ochinawe** on that side

**Ochipwêwa** an Ojibwa, a Chippewa

**ochipyêwa (â/ê)** come from there;

**tânahi châhi wêchipyâyani?**

where do you come from?

**-ôhkometha** grandmother;

**nôhkometha** my grandmother;

**ôhkomethani** his/her grandmother;

**nôhko!** grandma!

**ohkwêha** maggot

**ohpwâkana** pipe

**ôhwâ! (or yôhwâ!)** man!, what a pity!

*(expresses tiredness, exasperation, or sympathy)*

**okimâwa** chief, tribal chief

**Okonohômîheki** Oklahoma City

**omekiwa** have a sore

**ômîni (or ômini)** blueberry

**ôni** and then

**opishkwêthikani** baking powder

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**opyêni-** slowly

**-ôshithema** grandchild; **nôshithema**

my grandchild; **ôshithemani** his/her

grandchild; **nôshîhi!** grandchild!

**oshkashîhkwêwiwa** (*of a female:*) be  
a Shkasha; be a Republican;

**netoshkashîhkwêwi** I'm a Shkasha

**oshkashîwiwa** (*of a male:*) be a  
Shkasha; be a Republican;

**netoshkashîwi** I'm a Republican

**otâhkwe** that way, in that direction, on  
that side

**otamihêwa** bother *an.*; **ketotamihi**

you're bothering me; **kâta**

**otamihihkani!** don't bother me!

**otehtenamwa** receive, get *inan.*

**otehtenêwa** receive, get *an.*

**ôtêweni** town, city

**ôtêwenikâni** bark-house, summer house

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**-ôtha** father; father's brother; **nôtha** my father; **ôthani** his/her father; **nôthe!**

dad!; **wênêha châhi kôtha?** (*or* **kôtha wênêha?**) who's your father?;

\_\_\_ **nôtha** my father is \_\_\_

**Othâkîwa** (*or* **Thâkîwa**) a Sauk, member of the Sac & Fox of Oklahoma *or* of the Missouri

**otôwa** blood-clot

**owâwani** (*or* **wâwani**) egg

**owîhkânemêwa** have *an.* as a friend;

**ketowîhkânemene** I have you as a friend, you're my friend; **netêpethi**

**owîhkânemenâni** I'm glad I have you as a friend

**owîhkâniwa** have a friend;

**ketowîhkâni nîyawî** I'm your friend



(literally, ‘you have a friend – me’);  
**netowîhkâni kîyawî** you’re my  
friend

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**owîkiwa** live there

**owîyâthi** (or **wîyâthi**) meat

**owiyêha** someone, somebody; anyone

**P**

**Pâhkâha** a Ponca

**pahkatêwa** be hungry

**pahkâtowêwa** speak broken (*Sauk,*  
*etc.*), not speak fluently

**pâhkenamwa** open *inan.*;

**pâhkenano shkwâtêmi!** open the  
door!

**pâhleshkêwi** (it)’s opening up;

**pâhleshkêwani nehtawakayani**  
my ears have cleared/unblocked

**pahkwaya** (*pl.:* **pahkwayêki**) cattail;  
reed mat

**pahkwayikâni** cattail house, winter house

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**pahkwêshikani** bread, flour, dough

**pâhtâshkêwa (â/ê)** break down

**pakahâhkwâha** chicken (*also as meat*)

**pakahâhkwâhiwîyâthi** chicken (*as meat*)

**pâkahatowêwa** play ball

**pakamêwa** hit, strike *an.*

**pakânâhkwi** pecan tree

**pakâni** pecan; nut

**pakatamwa** hit, strike *inan.*

**pakithâhkwiwa** give up; **kâta**

**pakithâhkwiwkani!** don't give up!

**pakithenamwa** put down *inan.*

**pakithenêwa** put down, let go *an.*

**pakôshi-** in advance

**pakwachi-** wild

**pakwachikâshôha** wildcat

**pakwachinenothwa** buffalo

**panakîha** kernel of hominy

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**panashâha** teenager

**panenamwa** drop *inan.*; **kâta**

**panenâhkani!** don't drop it!

**panênêhi** banana

**panênetamwa** faint

**panenêwa** drop *an.*

**paneshkamwa** miss *inan.*; **âkwi**

**kashkipaneshkamanini** you can't  
miss it

**Pânîha** a Pawnee

**papakêhetonwa (-/e)** have thin lips

**papakenâwa** corn bread, corn paste

**papakethôha** grain of popcorn

**pashi** not at all (*with Negative mood*)

**pashitôha** old man

**pâshkethikani** gun; rifle

**pâshkotamôha** woodpecker

**patahkâpyêhikani** fork

**patêhi** butter

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**pathâhkothowa** have a fever

**pathekwiwa** get up, arise

**pathetêwi** (it)'s hot

**pathethowa** be hot

**pâthiki** half

**pâthikithenwi** (it) forks (*referring to a path or road*)

**Pâtôhkâha** a Comanche

**pêh!** pew!

**pehchimêwa** say sorry to *an.* (*for something said*); **kepehchimene** I'm sorry (for what I said to you)

**pehchitôtawêwa** say sorry to *an.* (*for something done*); **kepehchitôtône** I'm sorry (for what I did to you)

**pêhki** (*or* **pêhki meko**) very; very much, a lot

**pêhki-** great

**pêhkî'hkâ!** oh no! (*male speaking*)

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**pêhkikeshânâpowi** light gravy

**Pehkînenîha** a Potawatomi

**pêhkinenothwa** buffalo, bison;  
buffalo meat

**pêhkinenothwiwîyâthi** buffalo meat

**pêhki'shkwê!** oh no! (*female speaking*)

**pêhkotêki** tonight

**pehkotêyâwi** it's getting dark;

**ashkachîmêhi wîhpehkotêyâwi**

pretty soon it's going to be dark

**-pehkwani** back

**pehkwâhki** ball

**pehkwapichikani** bundle

**pêhkwitiyêyâhi** pin

**pehtâtowêwa** make a mistake

(*in speaking*); **kîhâchimo**

**pehtâtowêyâne** please say

something if I make a mistake

**pehtawêwa** make fire

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**pehtowêwa** be wrong; **kepehtowe**  
you're wrong (*pl.*: **kepehtowêpwa**)

**pekeshêwi** it's smoky, hazy

**pekishkâtowêwa** speak awkwardly,  
speak in a muddled fashion

**pekishkyâwi** it's getting rough,  
turbulent

**pêkotêhi** cowboy bread

**pêkwitêhêwa** be thirsty

**pemâkwapiwa** sit together, sit in a  
group; **pemâkwapino!** come sit with  
us!, come join us!

**pemâtethiwa** be alive

**pemehkânêwa** (n/sh) pass, overtake  
*an.*

**pemehkêwa** (â/ê) walk by, walk past;  
pass by

**pemenamwa** take care of *inan*.

**pemenêwa** take care of *an*.

**pemi-** past

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**pemitêwetêhi** fried bread

**pemitêwi** oil

**pemithêwa (â/ê)** fly

**penahâhkwêwa (â/ê)** comb one's  
hair

**penâwiwi** it's summer

**penêwa** turkey (*also as meat*)

**penêwiwîyâthi** turkey (*as meat*)

**peninawîwa** get undressed, take one's  
clothes off

**penôchi** way out, far away, far off

**penowa** go home

**pêpakehtôha** motorcycle

**pepehkêhiwa** be light

**pepênaki** doing better

**pepeshkôhkwêwa** lose one's hair,

shed one's hair

**pepeshkwitepêwa** have lost one's hair; have gone bald

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**Pêpîwinîkwâhita** (*pl.:*  
**Pêpîwinîkwâhichiki**) an Oriental, an East Asian

**pepônwimahkethêhi** overshoe

**pepôwi** it's winter

**peshekethiwa** deer; venison, deer meat

**peshekethiwithowa** be a member of the Deer clan; **nepeshekethiwitho** I'm Deer clan

**peshekethiwiwîyâthi** venison, deer meat

**peshikâchikiwa** be cute

**peshikwâchimowa** be straightforward, truthful; be speaking the truth;

**nepeshikwâchimo** I'm telling it as it is



**peshishketha** goose

**peshiwa** bobcat

**pêshkipêhi** hickory tree; hickory stick

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**peteki** back, backwards; back (in time)

**petheshêwa** listen

**pîchimôhi** cloth bag

**pîhkôhiwa** play bingo

**pîkîhiwa** play cards

**pîkipotêhi** plow

**pîmenihkwânikehchîpîhi** sash, yarn  
belt

**pînikâtêwa** (*or* **pînikâtêhowa**) clean  
one's feet

**pîshâkani** leather, rawhide, buckskin

**pîshâkaninekwêha** bat (*mammal*)

**pîshkênemêwa** be tired of *an*.

**pîshkêneta<sup>m</sup>wa** be tired of *inan*.

**pîshkwêthikani** baking powder

**pîshkwêwa** be hoarse; lose one's voice,

have laryngitis

**pî tâshkêwa (â/ê)** jump in

**pî thânehkwêwa** have thin, fine hair

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**pî thehkâhi** shirt

**pî thehkamwa** put on *inan*.

**pî tikêwa** enter, come in, go in;

**pî tikêno!** come in!, go on in! (*pl.:*

**pî tikêko!**)

**pî wâpehkwâchimôni** telephone

**pî wâpehkwî** metal; iron

**pî wâpehkwînîkwâkanani** (*pl.*)

glasses, spectacles

**pî wâpehkwînîkwêwa** wear glasses,

spectacles

**Pohîmina** (*or* **Pohîmîha**) a Czech

**pôhkamâwa** plum

**pôhkwîha** bobwhite, quail

**pôhkwikahkwanêshkêwa (â/ê)**

break a leg

**pôhkwinekwêshkêwa (â/ê)** break  
an arm

**pônânematwi** the wind has dropped

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**pônapanôtêwi** it has stopped heating  
up; **êshkami pônapanôtêwi** the  
temperature's falling

**pôni-** stop, cease to

**pônîhkawêwa** stop bothering *an.*;

**pônîhkawino!** stop bothering me!

**pônipahkatêwa** lose one's appetite

**pôthihêwa** pick up *an.*

**pôthihtawêwa** send to *an.*

**pôthiwa** get in

**Pwâtîheki** Friday, on Friday

**pwâwathemihtôwa** be undependable,  
unreliable

**pwâwi-** not

**Pwêkeki** Prague (Okla.)

**pyâkimini** persimmon

**pyêchi-** in this direction, this way, over here; **pyêchiwîhpominâke!** come on in and eat with us!

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**pyêmikatwi** (it)'s coming; **kêmiyâki**

**pyêmikatwi** rain's coming

**pyêmishkwikanêthêwa** (â/ê) twist one's leg

**pyêmishkwikwayawêwa** have a crick in the neck

**pyêmishkwînîkwêwa** be cross-eyed

**pyênêwa** (n/sh) bring *an*.

**pyênotamwa** reach, come to *inan*.

**pyênotawêwa** reach, come to *an*.

**pyêtânahkwatwi** it's getting cloudy

**pyêtâpanwi** morning is coming

(referring to the predawn twilight)

**pyêtenamawêwa** pass, hand *an./inan*.

to *an.*; **pyêtenamawino wîthakaki!**

pass me the pepper!

**pyêtenamwa** pass, hand over *inan.*;  
**pyêtenano thîwehtâkani!** pass the  
salt!

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**pyêtenêwa** pass, hand over *an.*;  
**pyêteni ahpenyêki!** pass the  
potatoes!

**pyêthehkêwi** it's time; the time has  
come

**pyêtôwa** bring *inan.*

**pyêwa (â/ê)** come; **pyâno!** come here!  
(*pl.*: **pyâko!**); **nîhpya** I'll be coming;  
**kîhpya?** are you coming?  
(*pl.*: **kîhpyâpwa?**)

**SH**

**shâhkîwa** (*or ashâhkîwa*) crayfish;  
crab

**shahkothiwa** be drained, lethargic

**shâka** nine

**shâkâpitaki** ninety

**shâka tathwâhkwe** nine hundred  
**shâkwênepemâthiwa** be listless

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**shamâkanesha** soldier, serviceman

**Shanahkîha** a Cherokee

**Shânahpôha** a Cheyenne-Arapaho

**Shânîheki** Shawnee (Okla.)

**shâponikani** needle

**shâpôthiwa** have diarrhea

**shâshâkêha** green snake

**shâshôkikomêpahônekowa** drive  
so fast one's nose is whistling

**shâshôshk(w)inîkwêha** an Oriental,  
an East Asian

**Shâwanôwa** a Shawnee

**shawaye** (*or ashawaye*) long ago

**Shayêna** a Cheyenne

**shê** but

**shê!** say!

**-shehki** stomach, belly

**shehkî tâkani** clothing

**shekâkôha** onion

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**Shekâkôheki** Chicago

**shekâkwa** skunk

**shekihkanawe** fifty

**shekishinwa (-/e)** lie, recline

**shekiwa** urinate

**shêkohamwa** smash, crash into *inan*.

**shêkohwêwa** smash, crash into *an*.

**shemekowâpikoni** squash

**Sheminônîheki** Seminole (Okla.)

**Shêmwâkeki** Shamrock (Okla.)

**shêshêhkothiwa** be generous

**shêshkethîha** young (unmarried)

woman

**shêshki** only, just

**shêshkothêwa** walk

**shewêna** but, nevertheless

**shî!** well, what do you know!; really?

**-shîkani** hip, lower back

**Shimanônîha** a Seminole

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**shîshîpa** duck

**Shîshîpêhinenîha** a Potawatomi

**-shithêha** mother's brother, (maternal) uncle; **neshithêha** my uncle;

**oshithêhani** his/her uncle; **neshithe!** uncle!

**-shkasha** (*pl.*: **-shkashêki**) fingernail, toenail; claw

**Shkasha** (*pl.*: **Shkashêki**) (*of a male:*) Shkasha; Republican

**Shkashîhkwêwa** (*of a female:*)

Shkasha; Republican

**-shkîshekwi** (*pl.*: **-shkîshekôni**) eye

**shkîshekwi** (*pl.*: **shkîshekôni**)

waterlily seed

**shkotêwi** fire

**shkwâtêmi** door



**shkwêthêha** girl

**shô!** pew!

**shôkethîha** lizard

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**shôniyâhe** dollar(s) (*used in prices*);

**nethwi shôniyâhe inakitêwi**

it costs three dollars

**shôniyâhi** money

**shôniyâhikâni** bank (*for money*)

**shôshkonamwa** fumble, lose hold of  
*inan.*

**shôshkwahothowa** skate

**shôshkwânehkwêwa** have smooth  
hair, straight hair

**shôshkwitepêwa** be bald; have a  
shiny head (*or* hair)

**shôshôha** hound

**Shtowâteki** Stroud (Okla.)

## **T and TH**

**tahkâshinwa** (-/e) cool off

**tahkâthenwi** there's a cool breeze

**Tâhkawêha** a Tonkawa

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**tahkepyêyâwi** (it)'s cool/cold water

**tahkitepehkîwi** it's a cool night

**tahkyâwi** (it)'s (getting) cool; (it)'s gone cold (*of food*)

**Tahokana** a Euchee/Yuchi

**tâhtapakôni** (*pl.*) lettuce

**tâhtapakwi** leaf

**Takamithîheki** Tecumseh (Okla.)

**takâwi** a little

**takwahâni** corn chops

**takwahôthowa** get hit, get run over

**takwâkiwi** it's fall

**takwanwi** it's foggy

**-tâmihkani** chin, jaw, jowls

**tâna?** which (*an.*)?; where (*is an.*)?

**tânahi?** where?

**tânahka?** which way?, in which

direction?

**tânapi** turnip

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**Tanathîheki** Tulsa

**Tanawêha** a Delaware

**-tânetha** daughter; **netânetha** my daughter; **otânethani** his/her daughter(s); **netâhe!** (*or netânethe!*) daughter!

**tâni?** which (*inan.*)?, what?, where (*is inan.*)?

**tâniki?** which ones (*an.*)?

**tâninâhi?** when?, at what time?

**tânini?** which ones (*inan.*)?

**tanwâchipemâthiwa** be in a great mood

**tâpyâna** (*or atâpyâna*) wagon

**tashîhkânowa** play

**tâtaki** sort of, kind of

**tâtepi?** where to?

**tâthiyâni** diapers; loincloth, breechclout

**tathokoni** that many days

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**tathwawahîne** that many years

**tathwi, tathwi-** that much, that many

**tathwihêwa** have that many *an.*;

**nekotwâshika netathwihâwaki**

**nenîchânethaki** I have six children

**tathwipepônwêwa** be that many

years old; **neshwâshikâpitaki**

**nekoti tathwipepônwêwa** (s)he's  
eighty-one years old

**tawânahi** if only; **tawânahi ayôh**

**awiyane!** wish you were here!

**tawânahi kêhtena** I sure hope so

**-taya** (pl.: **-tayêki**) pet, dog, horse;

**netaya** my pet; **otayêni** his/her pet(s)

**-têhi** heart

**têhimini** strawberry

**têhkyâki miniki** ice cream; cold milk

**tepahikane** mile

**tepânêwa** (n/sh) love *an.*; **pêhki**

**ketepânene** I love you very much;

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**ketepâshi?** do you love me?;

**netepânekwa** (s)he loves me; **pêhki**

**netepânâwa** I love him/her a lot;

**pashi tepâshichini** (s)he doesn't  
love me at all

**tepehkîwi** it's night; **menwi-**

**tepehkîwi** it's a beautiful night;

**nâwitepehkîwi** it's the middle of

the night; **kîshinâwitepehkîwi** it's  
late in the night; it's after midnight

**tepehkwi** night

**tepehkikîshethwa** moon

**têpeshkamwa** attain, reach *inan.*; turn  
(*number of years old*); **menwikenwê**

**êhtêpeshkamani!** happy birthday!;

**înoki nyêwâpitaki tathwawahîne**

**êhtêpeshkamâni** today I turned 40

**têpethiwa** be content

**têpi, têpi-** enough; **têpi!** (that's) enough!

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**têpihêwa** please *an.*, earn the gratitude of *an.*; **ketêpihi** thanks; I'm grateful to you (*literally*, 'you please me');

**ketêpihipwa** I'm grateful to you (*to more than one person*); **netêpihekwa** I'm grateful to him/her

**têpikîhpochêwa** have had enough (to eat), have eaten one's fill

**tepinâhi** straight, straight on

**têpinâhi** a short distance (away)

**têpitathwi** enough (*of an amount*);

**têpitathwi thîwehtâkani?** enough salt?

**têpwêhtawêwa** believe *an.*;

**ketêpwêhtawi?** do you believe me?;

**ketêpwêhtône** I believe you; **âkwi**

**têpwêhtônânini** I don't believe you

**têpwêwa** be right, be telling the truth;

**netêpwe** I'm telling the truth

**tetepeshkwêwa** be dizzy

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**têtepithâha** wheel, tire; bicycle, bike

**tethôchîhi** trap

**têwêhikana** large drum

**têwehkwêwa** have a headache

**thakâhkahôni** button

**thakahôni** silver button

**thakâki** finally; just barely

**Thâkanâsha** a Briton, an Englishman

**thâkichi** outside, out of doors

**thâkichiêwa** (â/ê) go to the toilet; go outside; **kînthâkichiha?** do you have to go to the toilet/restroom?

**thâkichîwa** go to the toilet/restroom; go outside; **nînthâkichi** I've got to go to the toilet

**thakipotamwa** bite *inan.*;

**nethakipota nînaniwi** I bit my

tongue

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**Thâkîwa** (*or Othâkîwa*) a Sauk, member of the Sac & Fox of Oklahoma or of the Missouri

**Thâkiwâtowâta** (*pl.:*

**Thâkiwâtowâchiki**) speaker of Sauk

**thâkiwâtowêwa** speak Sauk;

**kethâkiwâtowe?** do you speak

Sauk?; **kenahithâkiwâtowe?** can

you speak Sauk?; **nethâkiwâtowe**

I speak Sauk; **âkwi** (*or pashi*)

**thâkiwâtowêyânini** I don't speak Sauk (at all)

**Thâkiwâtowêweni** Sauk, the Sauk language

**thâkîwiwa** be a Sauk, Sac & Fox (*of Oklahoma or of the Missouri*);

**nethâkîwi** I'm a Sauk;

**nethâkîwipena** we're Sauk (*or, including the person talked to:*



# **kethâkîwipena)**

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**thanakatwi** (it)'s difficult, hard

**thanakinâkwatwi** (it) looks difficult,  
hard

**Thanitîheki** Sunday, on Sunday

**thathakânehkwêwa** have curly hair,  
kinky hair

**thê!** ugh!, how disgusting!

**thêkikahkwanêshkêwa (â/ê)** sprain  
one's leg

**-thekwitha** father's sister;

**nethekwitha** my father's sister;

**othekwithani** his/her father's sister;

**nethekwithe!** aunt!

**thêposhkêwa (â/ê)** have a flat tire

**Thêshîheki** Thursday, on Thursday

**thêthe** cent(s) (*used in prices*);

**shâkâpitaki shâka thêthe**

**inakitêwi** it costs ninety-nine cents

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**-thethêha** older brother; **nethethêha**

my older brother; **othethêhani** his/her

older brother; **nethethe!** older brother!

**thethêthi** hurriedly, in a hurry;

**thethêthi!** hurry!, get a move on!

**thêthi** cent

**thethotamwa** have tuberculosis, T. B.

**Thêtitîheki** Saturday, on Saturday

**thî!** shoo!

**thîkachiwa** be freezing

**thîkiminêha** nighthawk

**-thîmêha** younger sibling; **nethîmêha**

my younger sibling; **othîmêhani**

his/her younger sibling; **nethîme!**

little brother/sister!

**thîtawi** it's sprinkling, drizzling,

misty

**thîthepâhkowiwa** have diabetes

**thîthepâhkwi** sugar

**thîthethowa** have a slight burn

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**thîthwâhi** bacon

**thîwanwâtêwi** (it)'s purple

**thîwanwâthowa** be purple

**thîwanwi** (*pl.*: **thîwanôni**) grape

**thîwehtâkani** salt

**-thowânakwi** tail

**tîtîwa** blue jay

**tôhkîwa** wake up; **tôhkîno!** wake up!

(*pl.*: **tôhkîko!**)

**-tôni** mouth

**Toshtîheki** Tuesday, on Tuesday

**-tôtêma** sibling; **netôtêma** my sibling;

**otôtêmani** his/her sibling(s);

**netôtême!** brother/sister!; (*pl.*:)

**netôtêmaki** my brothers and sisters;

**netôtêmetike!** brothers and sisters!

**w**

**wa?** (*or hwa?*) what?

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**wâ!** wow!, oh no!, oh my God!, woe is me! (*said lightly, this expresses mild surprise; dragged out and accompanied by a look of dismay, it indicates that something's gone badly wrong, someone's died, or that you just feel sorry for yourself*)

**wâkânehkwêwa** have wavy hair

**wâkâshkêwa** swerve

**Wakîchitâha** a Wichita

**wâkihpeni** waterlily root

**wâkipehkwânêwa** have a crooked back; be a hunchback

**wâkithachikêwa** turn (*referring to a driver*)

**wâkithahêwa** turn *an.* (*a vehicle*)

**wâkîwa** turn; **namachiwâkîno!** take a left!; **mayâwiwâkîno!** take a right!

**wâkoshêha** fox

**wâkoshêhithowa** be a member of the Fox clan; **newâkoshêhitho** I'm Fox clan

**wânahkwîha** hog-nosed snake

**wanâkîwa** get out of bed

**wânâtethiwa** be depressed

**wanîhkânêwa (n/sh)** forget *an.*, put *an.* out of one's mind

**wanîhkâthowa** forget

**wanîhkêwa** forget *inan.*, put *inan.* out of one's mind; **newanîhke**

I forgot; **kewanîhke?** did you forget?;

**netâhkowiwanîhke (or âhkowi**

**newanîhke)** I forget every time

**wanithowa** be lost, get lost

**wâpake (or wâpaki)** tomorrow, early tomorrow

**wâpamêwa** watch, observe, look at, look over *an.*

**wâpamôni** mirror, looking-glass

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**Wâpanahkîha** a Delaware

**wâpânehkwêwa** be gray-haired

**wâpanwi** it's dawn; **katawiwâpanwi**

it's almost daybreak

**wâpatamwa** watch, observe, look at,  
look over *inan*.

**wâpâtêwi** (it)'s light, pale, faded

**wâpatônêwa** (n/sh) show (*an./inan.*)

to *an*.

**wâpâthowa** be light, pale, faded

**wâpehpowi** it's flurrying

**wâpeshkethiwa** be white

**wâpeshkinameshkâta** (*pl.:*

**wâpeshkinameshkâchiki**) a White

**wâpeshkwânehkwêwa** have white  
hair, ash-blond hair

**wâpeshkyâwi** (it)'s white

**wâpethiwa** be gray

**wâpikoni** pumpkin

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**wâpikonôha** mouse

**wâpinîkwêwa** have gray eyes, steel-blue eyes

**wâpitîha** (*or* **wâpitiyêha**) white-tailed deer; elk; reindeer

**wâpyâwi** (it)'s gray

**wâpihkwa** louse

**Washâsha** an Osage

**wâthâpanwi** morning has broken

**wâthênikani** light; lightbulb; lamp; flashlight

**wâthêtepehkîwi** it's a moonlit night

**wâthethikâha** sun

**wâthêyâwi** it's day, daylight; there's light; **nekotenwi êhwâthêyâki** one day

**wâthikînechêhi** pear

**wâwanâtowêwa** speak poorly, be

unable to speak the language

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**wâwaneshkâhiwa** be mischievous, a rascal

**wâwani** (*or owâwani*) egg

**wâwâthêtonôki** (*pl.*) bolts of lightning

**wâwiyâkahâtêkini wâwanani**  
scrambled eggs

**wâwiyâkatôhi** things; mess;

**mêmekenano wâwiyâkatôhi!**

pick up (*or clear up*) the mess!

**wâwiyâmêwa** thank *an.*;

**kewâwiyâmene!** thanks! (*to one person*); **kewâwiyâmenepwa!**

thanks! (*to more than one person*)

**wê!** (*or ô!*) oh!, hey! (*often used if a thought occurs to you, or if you want to draw someone's attention to something*)

**wê!** (*or wî!*) gosh!, oh my! (*female speaking*)

**wêchikethîyâki** north, in the north, to



the north

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**wêchinâwahkwêki** south, in the  
south, to the south

**wêchinowâwi** (it)'s easy

**wêchipakishimoki** west, in the west,  
to the west

**wêchitawi** it's wonderful; **wêchitawi!**  
great!, wonderful!

**wêchiwâpaki** east, in the east, to the  
east

**wêhkâchîha** kettle; Dutch oven

**wêkonêhi?** what?; **wêkonêhi châhi**  
**mani?** what's this?

**Wêmehtekôshîha** a Frenchman

**wênêha?** who?; **wênêha châhi**  
**kîna?**

who are you?

**wênêhiwa?** who is (s)he?

**Wêneshtîheki** Wednesday, on

Wednesday

**wêpâhkêwa** throw *an./inan.*

**wêpethiwa** be crazy

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**wêpi-** start to, begin to

**Wêpipahôha** an Arapaho

**wêpishkwêtêhi** sliced, light bread

**wêpitheniwa** start eating

**wêpwêwêkatwi** (it)'s ringing

*(referring to the ear)*

**wêpwêwêkihêwa** turn on the ignition,  
start up *an. (a vehicle)*

**wêshkihtâhi** watermelon

**wêtakimowa** be cheap

**wêtakitêwi** (it)'s cheap

**Wêtahpahônîha** a Pueblo

**wêtapaki** east, in the east, to the east

**wêta'shkwê!** (*or wê!, wî!*) gosh!, oh  
my! *(female speaking)*

**wêwenethiwa** be beautiful, pretty

**wêwenetwi** (it)'s beautiful, pretty; very good

**wêwêpenôni** roach, headdress

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**wêyôthêha** government agent, Indian agent

**wîchi-** together, in company

**wîchitêhamêwa** agree with *an.*;

**kewîchitêhamene** I agree with you;

**âkwi wîchitêhamenânini** I don't agree with you; **kewîchitêhami?** do you agree with me?

**wîhkomêwa** invite *an.*;

**kewîhkomene** I'm inviting you; be my guest!

**wîhpomêwa** eat with *an.*

**wîkamêwa** like the taste of *an.*

**wîkanwi** (it) tastes good

**wîkatamwa** like the taste of *inan.*

**wîkechi-** carefully

**wîkenwa** taste good

**wîkiyâpi** (*pl.:* **wîkiyâpyêni**) house;  
building

**wîkowiwa** be sleepy

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**wîkwâmethiwa** be greedy

**wîna** (s)he; it (*if an. but not a person*);

**wênêha châhi wîna?** who's (s)he?

**wînepitîhi** scallop squash

**Wînepyêkôha** a Winnebago

**wînethikani** dark gravy

**wînwâwa** they

**wîpekothiwa** be blue

**wîpekwâwi** (it)'s blue

**wîpekwinameshkêwa** (**â/ê**) have a  
bruise

**wîpekwinîkwêwa** have blue eyes;  
have a black eye

**wîpikanwi** arrow

**wîshatêwi** it's hot

**wîshathowa** be hot and sweaty

**wîshiki-** strongly, firmly, loudly

**wîshikethiwa** be strong

**wîshkenôha** bird

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**wîshkopaki** cake

**wîshkopâpowi** pop, soda, soft drink

**wîshkopetêhi** piece of candy, sweet

**wîshkopimina** grain of sweet corn

**wîtekowa** owl

**wîtamawêwa** inform, tell *an.*

**wîtêmêwa** come/go along with,

accompany *an.*; **wîtêmîno!** come with

me! (*pl.*: **wîtêmîko!**); **kîhwîtêmene**

I'll come/go with you

**wîthakâhkwa** locust tree

**wîthakaki** pepper

**wîthakamatamwa** hurt, be hurting;

**ayôhi wîthakamata** I'm hurting here

**wîthakanwi** (it)'s spicy

**wîthakenwa** be spicy

**wîtheniwa** eat, have something to eat;

**âwathi mâne wîthenihkapa** you  
should eat a lot more;

**pyêchiwîthenino!** come and eat!

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**wîtheniweni** food

**wîtheniwinâkani** dish, plate

**wîyashkâtowêwa** talk gibberish;

**kâta wîyashkâtowêhkani!** don't  
talk nonsense!

**wîyâthi** (*or* **owîyâthi**) meat

**wîyawî** him/her (*in oblique references*)

**Y**

**yâ!** heavens!, oh my! (*female speaking;*  
*an expression of shock*)

**Yochikwîka** a Northern Sauk

**Yochikwîkeki** (the former Northern  
Sauk settlement at Euchee Creek)

**Yochikwîki** Euchee Creek

**yôhwâ!** (or **ôhwâ!**) man!, what a pity!  
(*expresses tiredness, exasperation, or sympathy*)

## **English-Sauk**

For more information on the individual Sauk words listed here, please consult the preceding Sauk-to-English section.

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### **A**

abandon *an.* **nakanêwa**

abandon *inan.* **nakatamwa**

able to do *inan.*, be **kashkihtôwa**

able to, be **nahi-**

about **kîwi-**

absent, be **inêtwa**

accompany *an.* **wîtêmêwa**

acquire *an.* **kashkihêwa**

acquire *inan.* **kashkihtôwa**

act that way **ishawiwa**

advance, in **pakôshi-**

aeroplane **ênithêmikahki**

afraid of *an.*, be **kothêwa**

afraid, be **kohtâchiwa**

again **nâhkachi**

agent, government/Indian **wêyôthêha**

aggressive, be **koshkwâtethiwa**

agree with *an.* **wîchitêhamêwa**

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ahead, drive on **nîkânipahônekowa**

ahead, up **nîkâni**

alert, be **amêthiwa**

alive, be **pemâtethiwa**

all **châki, châki-**

all **nahkani-** (*of time*)



all right **(a)hô, haw**  
all!, that's **îni tathwi**  
all, above **mâwachi**  
alligator **kôkôtenîha**  
almost **katawi-**  
along **anemi-**  
also **êwîki**  
and **kêhi** (*follows first word in sentence*)  
and **nâhka, nâhkachi**  
and then **ôni**  
angry, be **âhkwêwa**  
animal **mîchipêha**  
another *an.* **kotaka**  
another *inan.* **kotaki**  
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ant **ênikonôtha**  
anyone **owiyêha**  
Apache, an **Apêhchîha**  
appetite, lose one's **pônipahkatêwa**  
apple **meshîmina**  
apple tree **meshîmishâhkwa**

Arapaho, an **Wêpipahôha**,  
**Anêpahôha**

arise **pathekwîwa**

arm **-nekwîkani**

arm, break an **pôhkwinekwêshkêwa**

around **kîwi-**

arrange *inan*. **naheshkamwa**

arrest *an*. **meshenêwa**

arrested, be **meshenâthowa**

arrow **wîpikanwi**

ashamed, be **mêneshitêhêwa**

Asian, an East **Pêpîwinîkwâhita**,

**Shâshôshk(w)inîkwêha**

**140** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

asleep, (one's) leg has fallen

**mathânikâpiwa**

asleep, be **nepêwa**

asleep, be fast **kehchinepêwa**

asleep, fall **kîpekwashiwa**

attain *inan*. **têpeshkamwa**

attractive, be **nawênihkwêwiwa**

(referring to a woman)

automobile **mêhchipahôha,**

**âtomôpîna**

Avery (Okla.) **Êwîheki**

away **anika**

awkwardly, speak **pekishkâtowêwa**

## **B**

baby **apenôhêha**

back (*of body*) **-pehkwani**

back (*direction*) **ayâpami**

back from \_\_\_-ing, be **âpi-**

back up *an.* (*a vehicle*) **ashâwithahêwa**

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back(wards) **peteki**

back, a while **mâhiye**

back, at the **ahkowi, ahkowi-**

back, have a crick in the

**mathânipehkwânêshkêwa**

back, have a crooked

**wâkipehkwânêwa**

back, lower **-shîkani**

bacon **thîthwâhi**

bad condition, be in **ânemethiwa**

bad, feel **myâshitêhêwa**

badger **akahkwa, mathakahkwa**

bag, cloth **pîchimôhi**

bald, be **shôshkwitepêwa**

bald, have gone **pepeshkwitepêwa**

ball **pehkwâhki**

ball, play **pâkahatowêwa**

banana **êthâwechêha, panênêhi**

bank (*for money*) **shôniyâhikâni**

bank, on the **apatêhkîki**

**142** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

barely, just **thakâki**

bark-house **ôtêwenikâni**

bashful, be **kothethiwa**

bass **machinemêtha**

bat (*mammal*) **pîshâkaninekwêha**

bath, take a **anenwîwa**

bathe **anenwîwa**

be (*somewhere*) **awiwa**

beaker **kwâpahikani**

beam **mehtekwi**

bean **mashkochîtha**

bean, green **êshkipakethita**

**mashkochîtha**

bear **mahkwa**

Bear clan, be a member of the

**mahkwithowa**

beard, have a **mîshîkwêwa**

beats me! **kênemâpi**

beautiful, (it)'s **wêwenetwi**

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beautiful, be **wêwenethiwa;**

**nawênihkwêwiwa** (*referring to a woman*)

beaver **amehkwa, omehkwa**

Beaver clan, be a member of the

**amehkwithowa**

bed **nepâkani**

bed, get out of **wanâkîwa**

bedspread **akwîweni**

bee **âmôwa**

beef **nenothwa, nenothwiwîyâthi**

been \_\_\_-ing, have **âpi-**

beet(root) **mêshkwâki**

**meshkochêpihkîhi**

before **êyêhpwâwi-** (*with the  
Conjunctive mood*)

before (*in the past*) **iyôwe**

begin to **wêpi-**

behind **ahkowi, ahkowi-**

being, human **mehtothêneniwa**

**144** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

believe *an.* **têpwêhtawêwa**

belly **-shehki**

belt **kehchîpîhi**

belt, do up one's **kehchîpithowa**

belt, yarn **pîmenihkwânikehchîpîhi**

better **nâpi**

better, doing **pepênaki**

bicycle **têtepithâha**

big **kehchi-, maki-, meshi-**

big, be **makekinwa**  
bingo, play **pîhkôhiwa**  
bird **wîshkenôha**  
bison **pêhkinenothwa**  
bit, quite a **nanôpehka**  
bite *inan*. **thakipotamwa**  
black, (it)'s **mahkatêwâwi**  
black, a **mahkatêha**  
black, be **mahkatêwethiwa**  
blackberry **mahkatêwimini**  
black-eyed pea **mahkatêwetôha**  
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Blackfoot, a **Mêhkatêwikâtâta**  
blind, be **kekyêpîkwêwa**  
blink **chîpinîkwêwa**  
blocked, (it)'s **kekêpeshêwi**  
blood-clot **otôwa**  
bloodsucker **akashkwaya**  
blue jay **tîtiwa**  
blue, (it)'s **wîpekwâwi**  
blue, be **wîpekothiwa**

blueberry **ômîni, ômini**

boat **chîmâni**

bobcat **peshiwa**

bobwhite **pôhkwîha**

boisterous, be **koshkwâtethiwa**

bone **ahkani**

bony, be **ahkanîhiwa**

book **methenahikani**

boot **kênwikahkwanêyâki**

**mahkethêhi**

born, be **nîkiwa**

**146** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

bother *an.* **otamihêwa**

bothering *an.*, stop **pônîhkawêwa**

bow **mehtëha**

bowl **nâkani, anâkani**

bowl, soup **nepôpinâkani**

bowl, wooden **mehtekwinâkani**

bowl-and-dice, play **kothikêwa**

box **kekithechinikani**

boy **kwîyethêha**



brain **-înêtepi**

brake **nakeshkêwa**

brake(s), step on the **nakahikêwa**

bread **pahkwêshikani**

bread, corn **papakenâwa**

bread, cowboy **pêkotêhi**

bread, fried **pemitêwetêhi**

bread, sliced light **wêpishkwêtêhi,**

**môhkomânipahkwêshikani**

break a leg **pôhkwikahkwanêshkêwa**

break an arm **pôhkwinekwêshkêwa**

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break down **pâhtâshkêwa**

breast **nônâkani**

breast to *an.*, give the **nônêwa**

breast, suck at the **nônwa**

breath, be short of / out of

**chahchahkwinêmowa**

breechclout **âthiyâni**

breeze, there's a cool **tahkâthenwi**

bring *an.* **pyênêwa**

bring *inan*. **pyêtôwa**  
Briton, a **Thâkanâsha**  
brother, father's **-ôtha**  
brother, mother's **-shithêha**  
brother, older **-thethêha**  
brown, (it)'s **kâhpîhâtêwi**  
brown, be **kâhpîhâthowa**  
bruise, have a **wîpekwinameshkêwa**  
brush one's teeth **kôkâpitêhowa**  
buck **ayâpêha**  
buckle up **kehchîpithowa**  
**148** A CONCISE DICTIONARY  
buckskin **pîshâkani**  
buckskin dress **athayimekôtêweni**  
buffalo **pakwachinenothwa**  
buffalo **pêhkinenothwa**  
buffalo bull **kêkineshîha**  
bug **manetôtha**  
buggy **nânômeshkâha**  
building **wîkiyâpi**  
bull **kêkineshîha**

bullfrog **konwâshkêha**

bumble-bee **mahkwâmôwa**

bump into *an.* (*collide*)

**mehteshkawêwa**

bump into *an.* (*meet*) **nakishkawêwa**

bump into *inan.* **mehteshkamwa**

bump, have a (*on skin*) **makwîtamwa**

bundle **pehkwapichikani**

bunny **meshwêhêha**

burn, have a **atothowa**

burn, have a slight **thîthethowa**

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bushy-haired, be **nîshkitepêwa**

but **kêhi** (*follows first word in sentence*);

**shê, shewêna**

but of course only **mâhi** (*follows first word in sentence*)

butter **patêhi**

butterfly **mêmêkêha**

button **thakâhkahôni**

button, silver **thakahôni**

buy *an.* **kashkihêwa**

buy *inan.* **kashkihtôwa**

## **C**

cacao **châkanetîhi**

Caddo, a **Kanakanâchîha, Kêtôha**

cake **wîshkopaki**

called that way, (it)'s **ishitehkâtêwi**

called that way, be **ishithowa**

calm down **mahkwâtapawa**

calmly **mahkwâchi-**

**150** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

can **kashki-** (*put right before verb*)

can (*know how to*) **nahi-**

Canadian River, the **Nêkawîhi**

cancer **amokwîweni**

candy, piece of **wîshkopetêhi**

canoe **chîmâni**

cantaloupe **mîthechêyâhi**

cap **mâkohkwayi**

car **mêhchipahôha, âtomôpîna**

card **apahikani**

cardinal (*bird*) **meshkwimîna**  
cards, play **pîkîhiwa**  
care of *an.*, take **pemenêwa**  
care of *inan.*, take **pemenamwa**  
care, take **ahkawâpatamwa**  
carefully **wîkechi-**  
carrot **athâwochêpihki**  
carry *an.* on one's back, shoulder(s)  
**awatômêwa**

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carry *inan.* on one's back, shoulder(s)  
**awatôtamwa**  
cat **kâshôha**  
catch *an.* **meshenêwa**  
catch *inan.* **meshenamwa**  
catch up with *an.* **matanêwa**  
cattail **pahkwaya**  
cattail house **pahkwayikâni**  
cattle, head of **nenothwa**  
caught, be **meshenâthowa**  
cease to **pôni-**

cedar (*tree*) **meshkwâwâhkwa**

cemetery **chîpayahkyêni** (*pl.*)

cent (*coin*) **thêthi**

cent(s) (*price*) **thêthe**

chair **ahpapîni**

Chandler (Okla.) **Chêninêheki**

change *an.* (*a tire or wheel*)

**kohkishimêwa**

chat **kakanônetîweni**

**152** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

cheap, (it)'s **wêtakitêwi**

cheap, be **wêtakimowa**

cheese **chîthi**

Cherokee, a **Shanahkîha**

chest of drawers **kekithechinikani**

chest, upper **-hkâhki**

Cheyenne, a **Shayêna**

Cheyenne-Arapaho, a **Shânahpôha**

Chicago **Shekâkôheki**

Chickasaw, a **Chîkashâha**

chicken **pakahâhkwa**

chicken (*meat*) **pakahâhkwâhiwîyâthi**

chicken pox, have **meshkwahtwiyêwa**

chief, (tribal) **okimâwa**

child **apenôha, -nîchânetha**

chili **chînîhi**

chili pepper **chîpatînôha**

chin **-tâmihkani**

Chippewa, a **Ochipwêwa**

chocolate **châkanetîhi**

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Choctaw, a **Châkitâha**

choke **nêkwamowa**

cinema **nênekithâhikâni**

city **ôtêweni**

clan member, fellow **methawihka**

clan, be a member of the Bear

**mahkwithowa**

clan, be a member of the Beaver

**amehkwithowa**

clan, be a member of the Deer

**peshekethiwithowa**

clan, be a member of the Eagle

**ketiwithowa, mekethiwithowa**

clan, be a member of the Fish

**nemêthithowa**

clan, be a member of the Fox

**wâkoshêhithowa**

clan, be a member of the Ocean

**kehchikamîwithowa**

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clan, be a member of the Peace

**keshêhokimâwithowa**

clan, be a member of the Potato

**ahpenîthowa**

clan, be a member of the Snow

**akônithowa**

clan, be a member of the Thunder

**nenemehkiwithowa**

clan, be a member of the Warrior

**manethenôkimâwithowa**

clan, be a member of the Wolf

**mahwêwithowa**



clan; clan name **mîthôni**

clan feast **kîkênôni, kîkênoweni**

claw **-shkasha**

clean one's feet **pînikâtêwa,**

**pînikâtêhowa**

clear up *inan*. **mêmekenamwa**

clever, be **nepwâhkâwa**

climb **akôthîwa**

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climb, know how to **nahâthîwa**

close by **kehchine**

close to **ashichi**

close to **chîki-** (\_\_\_\_-e)

clothing **shehkîtâkani**

cloudy, it's **nekwânahkwatwi**

cloudy, it's getting **pyêtânahkwatwi**

coat **ahkwichipîthehkâhi**

cocoa **châkanetîhi**

coffee **mahkatêwâpowi, kâhpîhi**

coffee cup **kâhpîhikwâpahikani**

coffee-pot **chîketôhi**

cold milk **têhkyâki miniki**

cold water, (it)'s **tahkepyêyâwi**

cold, (it) has gone **tahkyâwi** (*of food*)

cold, be/get **nepachiwa**

cold, have a **akikwâpyêwa**

cold, it's **kethîyâwi**

collide with *an*. **mehteshkawêwa**

collide with *inan*. **mehteshkamwa**

## **156** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

color, (it)'s that **inâtêwi**

color, (it)'s the same **chêwinâtêwi**

color, be that **inâthowa**

color, be the same **chêwinâthowa**

colt **mêmeshkomêha**

Comanche, a **Pâtôhkâha**

comb one's hair **penahâhkwêwa**

come **pyêwa**

come along with *an*. **wîtêmêwa**

come from there **ochipyêwa; ochikiwa**

come in **pîtikêwa**

come on! **ahê!, hay!**

come to *an*. **pyênotawêwa**  
come to *inan*. **pyênotamwa**  
comes from there, (it) **ochîmikatwi**  
coming, (it)'s **pyêmikatwi**  
company, in **wîchi-**  
completely **châki, châki-**  
content, be **têpethiwa**  
conversation **kakanônetîweni**  
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cool breeze, there's a **tahkâthenwi**  
cool night, it's a **tahkitepehkîwi**  
cool off **tahkâshinwa**  
cool water, (it)'s **tahkepyâyâwi**  
cool, (it)'s (getting) **tahkyâwi**  
corn chops **takwahâni**  
corn on the cob **atâminiwîpashkwa**  
corn, grain of **atâmina**  
corn, grain of dried **methîkwa**  
corn, grain of sweet **wîshkopimina**  
corn, kernel of roast **apôthôha**  
cornmeal **kânimîni**

cost that (*an.*) **inakimowa**  
cost, how much does (it)? **kêthôkitêwi?**  
cost, how much does *an.*? **kêthôkimowa?**  
costs that, (it) **inakitêwi**  
cottonwood tree **mîtwîwa**  
cough (fitfully) **kenîkitêhêwa**  
could **âmi-**  
could be **îni yêtoke**

**158** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

count **akitâthowa**  
count *an.* **akimêwa**  
count *inan.* **akitamwa**  
cousin **methawihka**  
cow **nenothwa**  
crab **ashâhkîwa, shâhkîwa**  
cramp, have a **atâhkwêpithowa**  
crash into *an.* **shêkohwêwa**  
crash into *inan.* **shêkohamwa**  
crawl around **kîyôtêwa**  
crayfish **ashâhkîwa, shâhkîwa**  
crazy, be **wêpethiwa**

Cree, a **Kwîha**

Creek, a **Mashkôha**

crick in the back, have a

**mathânipehkwanêshkêwa**

crippled, be **myâhkethiwa**

crooked back, have a

**wâkipehkwanêwa**

cross-eyed, be **pyêmishkwînîkwêwa**

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crow **kâkâkiwa**

cry **mayôwa**

crying out loud!, for **mîshkotâ'na!**

cub, bear **mahkwipanashâha**

cucumber **mamâkochêyâhi**

cup **kâhpîhikwâpahikani**

Cushing (Okla.) **Koshineki**

cut one's face **kîshkîkwêshinwa**

cut one's hand **kîshkinehkêshinwa**

cut one's leg **kîshkikahkwânêshinwa**

cute, be **peshikâchikiwa**

Czech, a **Pohîmina, Pohîmîha**

## **D**

damn! **chêhyê!**

dance **nîmiwa**

dance, a **nîmiweni**

dark(-colored), (it) is **anawâtêwi**

dark(-colored), be **anawâthowa**

dark, it's getting **kîshkapehkotêyâwi**

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dark, it's getting **pehkotêyâwi**

darkness has fallen

**kîshkapehkotêyâwi**

date, on that **îninâhi**

daughter **-tânetha**

dawn, it's **wâpanwi**

day **kîshekwi**

day, (for/in) one **nekotokoni**

day, it's **kîshekîwi, wâthêyâwi**

day, one **nekotenwi êhwâthêyâki**

daylight, it's **wâthêyâwi**

days, five **nyânanokoni**

days, four **nyêwokoni**

days, that many **tathokoni**  
days, that many **tathokoni**  
days, three **nethokoni**  
days, two **nîshokoni**  
dead end **ehkwitheki**  
dead, be **nepôhiwa**  
deaf, be **kekyêpeshêwa, kepeshêwa**

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deal, be a fair **menwakimowa** (*an.*),  
**menwakitêwi** (*inan.*)  
deceased person **chîpaya**  
decent, be **menwihkwêwiwa** (*referring  
to a woman*)  
decent, be **menwineniwiwa** (*referring  
to a man*)  
deer **peshekethiwa**  
Deer clan, be a member of the  
**peshekethiwithowa**  
deer, white-tailed **wâpitîha,**  
**wâpitiyêha**  
defecate **mîthîwa**

definitely **kekyêhtenâmi**,  
**kekyêhtenâmi-**

degree (of blood), be Sauk to that

**ahpîhchithâkîwiwa**

Delaware, a **Wâpanahkîha**,

**Tanawêha**

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Democrat **Kîshkôha** (*male*),

**Kîshkôhkwêha** (*female*)

Democrat, be a **kîshkôhiwa** (*male*),

**kîshkôhkwêhiwa** (*female*)

demure, be **mahkwâtethiwa**

depart **nâkwêwa**

depressed, be **wânâtethiwa**

descended from (*an.*), be **ochikiwa**

detest *an.* **neshkinawêwa**

detest *inan.* **neshkinamwa**

diabetes, have **thîthepâhkowiwa**

diapers **tâthiyâni**

diarrhea, have **shâpôthiwa**

died, have **nepôhiwa**



difficult, (it) looks **thanakinâkwatwi**

difficult, (it)'s **thanakatwi**

dim-witted, be **kek(y)êpâthiwa**

dip, take a **anenwîwa**

dipper **kwâpahikani**

direction, in that **anemi-; otâhkwe**

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direction, in this **pyêchi-**

direction, in which? **tânahka?**

disgusting!, how **thê!**

dish **anâkani, nâkani,**

**wîtheniwinâkani**

disk, have a slipped

**mathânithikiwêshkêwa**

distance (away), a short **têpinâhi**

dizzy, be **tetepeshkwêwa**

doctor **mashishkinênha**

dog **anemôha**

dog, (pet) **-taya**

dollar(s) **shôniyâhe** (*used in prices*)

don't! **kâta!**

donkey **mêhkatêwîkwêha**

door **shkwâtêmi**

doors, out of **thâkichi**

doubt about it, no **mêmêchiki**

doubt, without a **kekyêhtenâmi,**

**kekyêhtenâmi-**

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dough **pahkwêshikani**

dove **mîmîwa**

drained (of energy), be **shahkothiwa**

drawer **kekithechinikani**

dream **âhpawêwa**

dress **mekôtêweni**

dressed, get **nanâhawiwa**

drink, have a **menowa**

drink, soft **wîshkopâpowi**

drive fast **kekenipahônekowa**

drive in front / on ahead

**nîkânipahônekowa**

drive so fast one's nose is whistling

**shâshôkikomêpahônekowa**

drive straight on **nîkânithahêwa**  
drive, (go for a) **nanâhikwêhikêwa**  
drizzling, it's **thîtawi**  
drop *an.* **panenêwa**  
drop *inan.* **panenamwa**  
drop off *an.* **kwâshkwithahêwa**

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drum **ahkohkwa**  
drum, large **têwêhikana**  
duck **shîshîpa**  
dumpling **êshkwipenêhi**  
Dutch oven **wêhkâchîha**

## **E**

eager, be **ashkachitêhêwa**  
eagle **ketiwa**  
Eagle clan, be a member of the  
**ketiwithowa, mekethiwithowa**  
ear **-htawakayi**  
early **mâmaya**  
early, it's **mâmayêhiwiwi**  
early, too **mêthi**

earn *an.* **kashkihêwa**

earn *inan.* **kashkihtôwa**

ears, have big **makeshêwa,**  
**mamâkeshêwa**

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east, (in/to the) **wêtapaki,**  
**wêchiwâpaki**

easy, (it)'s **wêchinowâwi**

eat *an.* **amwêwa**

eat *inan.* **mîchiwa**

eat quietly **mahkwâchithenyêwa**

eat too much **athâmehkonowa**

eat with *an.* **wîhpomêwa**

eat, (have something to) **wîtheniwa**

eat, fail to get *an.* to **ânothahêwa**

eaten one's fill, have **têpikîhpochêwa**

eating, start **wêpitheniwa**

egg **owâwani, wâwani**

eggs, scrambled **wâwiyâkahâtêkini**

**wâwanani**

eight **neshwâshika**

eighteen **metâthwi neshwâshika**

eighty **neshwâshikâpitaki**

eleven **metâthwi nekoti**

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elk **meshêwêwa, wâpitîha,**

**wâpitiyêha**

elk, male **ayâpêha**

elm tree **anîpi**

embarrassed, be **mêneshitêhêwa**

encounter *an.* **nakishkawêwa**

energy, be full of **ayîkwâmîwa**

Englishman, an **Thâkanâsha**

enjoy *inan.* **matâkwênetamwa**

enough **têpi, têpi-**

enough (*of an amount*) **têpitathwi**

enough (to eat), have had

**têpikîhpochêwa**

enough!, that's **îni!**

enter **pîtikêwa**

entertainment going on, there's

**mâmatânahkiwiwi**

entrails **-nakeshi**

Euchee Creek **Yochikwîki**

Euchee, a **Tahokana**

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evening, it's **anâkwiwi**

exactly **kwîyena**

expensive, (it)'s too **athâmakitêwi**

expensive, be too **athâmakimowa**

explain (it) to *an*. **kehkinôhamawêwa**

explain *inan*. **kehkinôhamwa**

eye **-shkîshekwi**

eye, have a black **wîpekwinîkwêwa**

eyes, have big **mamâkinîkwêwa**

eyes, have black/dark/brown

**mahkatêwinîkwêwa**

eyes, have blue **wîpekwinîkwêwa**

eyes, have gray/steel-blue

**wâpinîkwêwa**

eyes, have kind **keshâchinîkwêwa**

eyes, have mean **myâshinîkwêwa**

eyes, have red/sore/bloodshot

**meshkwînîkwêwa**

eyesight, have bad **myânâpiwa**

eyesight, have good **menwâpiwa**

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**F**

face, cut one's **kîshkîkwêshinwa**

face, wash one's **kethîkwêwa**

faded, (it)'s **wâpâtêwi**

faded, be **wâpâthowa**

faint **panênetamwa**

fall (over/down) **kîpithêwa**

fall asleep **kîpekwaswiwa**

fall, it's **takwâkiwi**

fangs, bare one's

**âhkwâpitêwishimowa**

far away/off **penôchi**

fast **kekeni, kekeni-**

fast asleep, be **kehchinepêwa**

fast, (it)'s going too **aniwâshkêwi**

fat, be **anakwiwa**

father **-ôtha**

fear *an.* **kothêwa**

feast **kîkênôni**

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feast, clan **kîkênôni, kîkênoweni**

feather **mîkona**

feet, clean one's **pînikâtêwa,**

**pînikâtêhowa**

fetch *an.* **nânêwa**

fetch *inan.* **nâtwa**

fever, have a **pathâhkothowa**

fidget **chîchîpapithowa**

fifteen **metâthwi nyânanwi**

fifth **nyânanônameki**

fifty **shekihkanawe**

fight **mîkâtîwaki** (*pl.*)

fill up *an.* **ahkwâwishimêwa**

finally **kesheshashîpi, thakâki**

find *an.* **mehkawêwa**

find *inan.* **mehkamwa**

fine **menwi-**

fine, be **menwipemâtethiwa**



fingernail **-shkasha**

finish \_\_\_-ing **kîshi-**

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finished with *inan.*, be **kîshîhkamwa**

fire **shkotêwi**

fire, make **pehtawêwa**

firewood, get/fetch **manethêwa**

firmly **wîshiki-**

first **mehtami**

fish **nemêtha**

Fish clan, be a member of the

**nemêthithowa**

five **nyânanwi**

five *an.*, have **nyânanwihêwa**

fix *inan.* **kashkihtôwa**

flashlight **wâthênikani**

flat tire, have a **thêposhkêwa**

flour **pahkwêshikani**

fluently, not speak **pahkâtowêwa**

flurrying, it's **wâpehpowi**

fly **pemithêwa**

fly (*insect*) **ôchêha**

foggy, it's **takwanwi**

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follow *an.* **nâkanêwa**

follow *inan.* **nâkatamwa**

food **wîtheniweni**

food at a (clan) feast **kîkênôni**

foot **-hkâchi**

forest, in the **mehtekwahkihki**

forget **wanîhkâthowa**

forget *an.* **wanîhkânêwa**

forget *inan.* **wanîhkêwa**

fork **patahkâpyêhikani**

forks, (it) **pâthikithenwi**

forty **nyêwâpitaki**

four **nyêwi**

four *an.*, have **nyêwihêwa**

fourteen **metâthwi nyêwi**

fourth **nyêwônameki**

fox **wâkoshêha**

Fox clan, be a member of the

**wâkoshêhithowa**

freezing, be **thîkachiwa**

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Frenchman, a **Mêmehtekôshîha,**

**Wêmehtekôshîha**

fresh, (it)'s **ashkikenwi**

fresh, be **ashkikiwa**

Friday, on **Pwâtîheki**

friend **-îhkâna**

friend, have a **owîhkâniwa**

friend, have *an.* as a **owîhkânemêwa**

friendly, be **keshâtethiwa**

frightened of *an.* **kothêwa**

frightened, be **kohtâchiwa**

frog **konwâshkêha**

front, drive in **nîkânipahônekowa**

frustrated, be **meshkwîkitêhewa**

full (*from eating*), be **kîhpochêwa**

fumble **shôshkonamwa**

funny, be **ênikitêhêwa**

furry, be **mîthethiwa**

further away **anika**

future, in **nîkâni**

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fuzzy-faced, be **mîshîkwêwa**

## **G**

gee whiz! **chîhwî!, chîhwê!**

generous, be **shêshêhkothiwa**

German, a **Chêmanîha**

get *an.* **otehtenêwa**

get *an.*, go **nânêwa**

get in **pôthiwa**

get *inan.* **otehtenamwa**

get *inan.*, go **nâtwa**

get out of bed **wanâkîwa**

get out/off **kwâshkwithahowa**

get up **pathekwîwa**

ghost **chîpaya**

gibberish, talk **wîyashkâtowêwa**

girl **shkwêthêha**

give (*an./inan.*) to *an.* **mînêwa**

give up **pakithâhkwiwa**

glad, be **mîshâtênemowa**

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glass **môtâhi**

glass, drinking **môtâhi**

glasses **pîwâpehkwinîkwâkanani** (*pl.*)

glasses, wear **pîwâpehkwinîkwêwa**

glove **menechîha**

go **nâkwêwa**

go (somewhere) **kîweshkêwa**

go ahead! **meshe meko!**

go along with *an.* **wîtêmêwa**

go *an.*, let **pakithenêwa**

go and \_\_\_\_ **mawi-**

go for a walk **kîyothêwa**

go home **penowa**

go in **pîtikêwa**

go on a journey **kîweshkêwa**

go out(side) **nôwîwa**

go outside **thâkichihêwa, thâkichîwa**

go there **ihêwa**

go to the toilet **thâkichihêwa,**

# thâkichîwa

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goat **ânetehkwa**

god **manetôwa**

going, (it) stops **nakeshkêwi**

gone and \_\_\_\_, have **âpi-**

gone, be **inêtwa**

good **menwi-**

good, (it)'s **menwikenwi**

good, (it)'s very **wêwenetwi**

good, be **menwineniwiwa** (*referring to a man*), **menwihkwêwiwa** (*referring to a woman*)

good, for **âhpechi, âhpechi-**

good-looking, be **menwinâkothiwa**

goods **machâhîni**

goose **peshishketha**

goosebumps, have

**mamahkinameshkêwa**

gosh! **kâ!** (*male speaking*), **wê!**, **wî!**,

**wêta'shkwê!** (*female speaking*)

grab *an.* **meshenêwa**

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grab *inan.* **meshenamwa**

gradually **êshkami**

grandchild **-ôshithema**

grandfather **-meshômetha**

grandmother **-ôhkometha**

grape **thîwanwi**

gratitude of *an.*, earn the **têpihêwa**

grave **chîpayiwânakwi**

graveyard **chîpayahkyêni** (*pl.*)

gravy, dark **wînethikani**

gravy, light **pêhkikeshânâpowi**

gray, (it)'s **wâpyâwi**

gray, be **wâpethiwa**

gray-haired, be **wâpânehkwêwa**

great **kehchi-**, **meshi-**, **pêhki-**

great deal, a **nanôpehka**

greedy, be **ayîkwâmethiwa**,

**wîkwâmethiwa**

green eyes, have **ashkipakinîkwêwa**

green, (it)'s **ashkipakyâwi**

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green, be **ashkipakethiwa**

greens **êshkipakyâkini** (*pl.*)

group, sit in a **pemâkwapiwa**

guess so **îni yêtoke**

gun **pâshkethikani**

gusty, it's **aniwânematwi**

guts **-nakeshi**

## **H**

hail is coming down **methihkwiwi**

hair **-înethani** (*pl.*)

hair, comb one's **penahâhkwêwa**

hair, have black / dark brown

**mahkatêwânehkwêwa**

hair, have curly/kinky

**thathakânehkwêwa**

hair, have long **kakânôhkwêwa**

hair, have lost one's

**pepeshkwitepêwa**

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hair, have blond / fair / light brown

**athâwânehkwêwa**

hair, have red/chestnut

**meshkwânehkwêwa**

hair, have shiny **shôshkwitepêwa**

hair, have smooth/straight

**shôshkwânehkwêwa**

hair, have thick **kehpakânehkwêwa**

hair, have thin/fine **pîthânehkwêwa**

hair, have wavy **wâkânehkwêwa**

hair, have white/ash-blond

**wâpeshkwânehkwêwa**

hair, lose/shed one's

**pepeshkôhkwêwa**

hair, strand of **-înethi**

haircut, get a **môshowa**

haircut, give *an.* a **môshonêwa**

hairy, be **mîthethiwa**

half **pâthiki**

half a year **âpehtawawahîne**

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half-blood, be a **âpehtawethîhiwa**

hand **-nehki**

hand *an./inan.* to *an.* **pyêtenamawêwa**

hand over *an.* **pyêtenêwa**

hand over *inan.* **pyêtenamwa**

hand, cut one's **kîshkinehkêshinwa**

handkerchief **môshwêhi**

hands, wash one's **kôkinechêwa**

handsome, be **nawênineniwiwa**

hard, (it) looks **thanakinâkwatwi**

hard, (it)'s **thanakatwi**

hardly! **êshina!**

hat **mâkohkwayi**

hate *an.* **neshkinawêwa**

hate *inan.* **neshkinamwa**

have \_\_\_-ed (*done something*) **kîshi-**

have *an.* **athêwa**

have *inan.* **ahtôwa**

hawk **kêhkêhkwa**

hazy, it's **pekeshêwi**

he **wîna**

head **-îshi**

head of hair **-înethani** (*pl.*)

head, at the **nîkâni**

head, have a shiny **shôshkwitepêwa**

headache, have a **têwehkwêwa**

headdress **môshwêni, wêwêpenôni**

hear *an.* **kâshkehtawêwa**

hear *inan.* **kâshkehtamwa**

heart **-têhi**

heating up, it has stopped

**pônapanôtêwi**

heating up, it's **apanôtêwi**

heavens! **yâ!** (*female speaking*)

heavy, be **kothekwanwa**

heck no! **âkwi châhi!**

hello! **(a)hô!**

help *an.* **athemihêwa**

help out **athemihiwêwa**

help yourself! **meshe meko!**

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helpful, be **keteshkethiwa**

her **wîyawî** (*in oblique references*)

here **ayôhi**

here, over **pyêchi-**

hey! **nahi, ô!, wê!,**

hi! **(a)hô!**

hickory tree/stick **pêshkipêhi**

hide *an.* **kahkinêwa**

hide *inan.* **kahkitôwa**

hill, large **makwahkiwi**

him **wîyawî** (*in oblique references*)

hip **-shîkani**

Hispanic, a **Mêhikôha**

hit *an.* **pakamêwa**

hit *inan.* **pakatamwa**

hit, get **takwahôthowa**

hoarse, be **pîshkwêwa**

hoe **monahâkani**

hog **kôhkôsha**

hold of *inan.*, lose **shôshkonamwa**

home **-îki**

home, go **penowa**

hominy, kernel of **panakîha**

honey **âmôwi**

honorable, be **menwineniwiwa**

*(referring to a man),*

**menwihkwêwiwa** *(referring to a woman)*

hope so, I sure **tawânahi kêhtena**

horse **nêkatôshkashâha**

horse, (pet) **-taya**

hot and sweaty, be **wîshathowa**

hot, (it)'s **pathetêwi**

hot, be **pathethowa**

hot, it's **wîshatêwi**

hound **shôshôha**

house **-îki; wîkiyâpi**

house, summer **ôtêwenikâni**

house, winter **pahkwayikâni**

how many *an.?*, have **kêthwihêwa?**

how many years ago? **kêthwawahîne?**

how many years old?, think *an.* is

**kêthwipepônwênemêwa?**

how many? **kêthwi?**

how much does (it) cost? **kêthôkitêwi?**

how much does *an.* cost? **kêthôkimowa?**

how much? **kêthwi?**

how old?, *an.* is **kêthwipepônwêwa?**

huh?! **kashinâkwa!**

human being **mehtothêneniwa**

hunchback, be a **wâkipehkwanêwa**

hundred, eight **neshwâshika**

**tathwâhkwe**

hundred, five **nyânanwâhkwe**

hundred, four **nyêwâhkwe**

hundred, nine **shâka tathwâhkwe**

hundred, one **nekotwâhkwe**

hundred, seven **nôhika tathwâhkwe**

hundred, six **nekotwâshika**

**tathwâhkwe**

hundred, three **nethwâhkwe**  
hundred, two **nîshwâhkwe**  
hungry, be **pahkatêwa**  
hurry up **kekenâtethiwa**  
hurry, in a **thethêthi**  
hurt(ing, be) **wîthakamatamwa**  
husband **-nâpêma**

## **I**

I **nîna**  
ice **methihkwa**  
ice cream **âshkwîmi, êshkwîmi,**  
**têhkyâki miniki**  
icy, it's **methihkwiwi**  
idiot, be an **kek(y)êpâtethiwa**  
if only **tawânahi**  
ignition, turn off the **âhtêthahêwa**  
ignition, turn on the **wêpwêwêkihêwa**  
ill, be **âhkomatamwa**  
Illinois, an **Mashkotêwa**  
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impatient to, be **ashkachi-**

impatient, be **ashkatethiwa**

Indian Springs (Okla.) **Êthîhinâki**

Indian, an **Anenôtêwa, Nenôtêwa**

infection, have an **makwîtamwa**

inflammation, have an

**meshkwînameshkêwa**

inform *an.* **wîtamawêwa**

inner **nâmeki, nâmeki-**

insect **kîyôtâta**

inside, on the **nâmeki, nâmeki-**

intelligent, be **nepwâhkâwa**

intestines **-nakeshi**

invite *an.* **wîhkomêwa**

Iowa, an **Âyohôwêwa**

Irishman, an **Kêtakîkwêha**

iron **pîwâpehkwi**

irregular, (it)'s **myânâshkêwi** (*referring to the heart*)

it **wîna** (*if an. but not a person*)

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Italian, an **Kêtakinechêha**



item **awahîni**

## **J**

jaw **-tâmihkani**

jay, blue **tîtîwa**

jog **kehchipenowa**

journey, go on a **kîweshkêwa**

jowls **-tâmihkani**

jump in **pîtâshkêwa**

just **ishe, shêshki**

## **K**

Kaw, a **Akâtha**

kerchief **môshwêhi**

ketchup **kechapi**

kettle **wêhkâchîha**

kettle, old-style **ahkohkwa**

Kickapoo, a **Kîkâpôwa**

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kidney failure, have a **kepishêwa**

kill *an.* **nethêwa**

kind of **tâtaki**

kind, be **keshâthethiwa**  
Kiowa, a **Kâyowâha**  
Kîshkôha **Kîshkôha** (*male*),  
**Kîshkôhkwêha** (*female*)  
Kîshkôha, be a **kîshkôhiwa** (*male*),  
**kîshkôhkwêhiwa** (*female*)  
kitten **kâshôhêha**  
knee **-chîkwani**  
knife **mâtethi**  
know (*inan.*) **kehkênetamwa**  
know *an.* **kehkênemêwa**  
know how to **nahi-**  
knowledgeable, be **nahâthethiwa**

## **L**

ladle **kwâpahikani**  
lake **nepithi**  
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Lakota, a **Ashâha**  
lamp **wâthênikani**  
lard **kôhkôshipemitêwi**  
large **kehchi-, maki-, meshi-**

large, be **makekinwa**  
laryngitis, have **pîshkwêwa**  
last **ahkowi, ahkowi-**  
last, at **kesheshashîpi**  
late, it's **ashkachîhiwiwi**  
later on **kapôtwe**  
lazy, be **nânîkihtôhiwa**  
lead, in the **nîkâni**  
leaf **tâhtapakwi**  
learn, be slow to **kepâtethiwa**  
leather **pîshâkani**  
leave **nâkwêwa**  
leave *an.* **nakanêwa**  
leave *inan.* **nakatamwa**  
leech **akashkwaya**  
left **namachi-**

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left, on one's **ochinamachîwa** (*used in the Conjunctive mood*)

left, to/on the **namachîneki**

leg has fallen asleep, (one's)

**mathânikâpiwa**

leg, break a **pôhkwikahkwanêshkêwa**

leg, cut one's **kîshkikahkwanêshinwa**

leg, dislocate one's

**kahkachikanêthêwa**

leg, have a swollen **makwikanêwa**

leg, sprain one's

**thêkikahkwanêshkêwa**

leg, twist one's

**pyêmishkwikanêthêwa**

legging **matetêhi**

lemon **êthâwâki êthâwâhi**

let go *an.* **pakithenêwa**

let out *an.* **kwâshkwithahêwa**

lethargic, be **shahkothiwa**

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lettuce **meshwêhiwîtheniweni,**

**tâhtapakôni** (*pl.*)

lie **shekishinwa**

lie in the water **kekôpyêshinwa**

light **wâthênikani**

light, (it)'s **wâpâtêwi**  
light, be **pepehkêhiwa**  
light, be (*bright*) **wâpâthowa**  
light, there's **wâthêyâwi**  
lightbulb **wâthênikani**  
lightning, bolts of **wâwâthêtonôki** (*pl.*)  
like *an.* **menwênemêwa**  
like *an.*, would **natawênemêwa**  
like *inan.*, would **natawêneta**  
like the taste of *an.* **wîkamêwa**  
like the taste of *inan.* **wîkatamwa**  
lion **nîshkitepêha**  
lion, mountain **kênwâthowêha**  
lips, have thick **kehpa**  
lips, have thin **papakêhetonwa**

**192** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

listen **petheshêwa**  
listless, be **shâkwênepemâ**  
little by little **êshkami**  
little, a **anehkîhi, takâwi**  
live there **owîkiwa**

liver **-hkoni**

lizard **shôkethîha**

locust tree **wîthakâhkwa**

log **mehtekwi**

loincloth **âthiyâni**

lonesome, be **kîwâtethiwa**

long ago **ashawaye, shawaye**

long for *an.* **kwînomêwa**

look at/over *an.* **wâpamêwa**

look at/over *inan.* **wâpatamwa**

look for *an.* **natonêhwêwa**

look for *inan.* **natonêhamwa**

look like that **ishinâkothiwa**

look out **ahkawâpatamwa**

look well **menwinâkothiwa**

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looks like, it **mehtôchi**

lose hold of *inan.* **shôshkonamwa**

lose one's hair **pepeshkôhkwêwa**

lose one's voice **pîshkwêwa**

lost, be/get **wanithowa**

lot, (it)'s a **mânetwi**

lot, a **mâne, pêhki**

lot, be a **mânêwa**

loudly **wîshiki-**

louse **wâpihkwa**

love *an.* **tepânêwa**

## **M**

maggot **ohkwêha**

maize, kernel of **atâmina**

make *inan.* **kashkihtôwa**

man **neniwa**

man! **ôhwâ!, yôhwâ!**

man, old **pashitôha**

manner, in that **ishi-**

**194** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

many *an.*, have that **tathwihêwa**

many, that **tathwi, tathwi-**

maple syrup **menêshishi**

marrow **-îpikani**

mat, reed **pahkwaya**

maybe **mêkwêhe**

me **nîyawî** (*in oblique references*)

mean, be **machawîyêhiwa**

means, (it) **ishiwêpikenwi,**

**ketômikatwi**

measles, have **meshkwahtwiyêwa**

meat **owîyâthi, wîyâthi**

meat, buffalo **pêhkinenothwa,**

**pêhkinenothwîyâthi**

meat, deer **peshekethiwa,**

**peshekethiwîyâthi**

medicine **nâtawinôni**

Meeker (Okla.) **Mîkêheki**

meet *an.* **nakishkawêwa**

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melting, (it)'s **nekethowa** (*referring to snow and ice*)

Menominee, a **Manôminîha,**

**Menâminîha**

merely **ishe**

Mesquakie, a **Meshkwahkîha,**

**Êshkwîha**



mess **wâwiyâkatôhi**

metal **pîwâpehkwi**

Mexican, a **Mêhikôha**

Miami (Okla.) **Mayêmîheki**

Miami, a **Mayêmîha**

middle of, mid- **nâwi-**

mile **tepahikane**

milk soup **minikâpowi**

milk, (breast) **nônâkanâpowi**

milk, (commercial) **miniki**

milk, cold **têhkyâki miniki**

mind, put *an.* out of one's

**wanîhkânêwa**

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mind, put *inan.* out of one's **wanîhkêwa**

mirror **wâpamôni**

mischievous, be **wâwaneshkâhiwa**

miserly, be **maninâwêthiwa**

miss *an.* **kwînomêwa**

miss *inan.* **paneshkamwa**

mistake, make a **pehtâtowêwa**

*(in speaking)*

misty, it's **thîtwi**

moccasin **athayimahkethêhi**

mockingbird **châkênâtowêha**

moment ago, a **keyêchîhi**

moment, in a **keyêchîhi**

Monday, on **Manitîheki**

money **shôniyâhi**

month **kîshethwa**

mood, be in a great

**tanwâchipemâtethiwa**

moon **tepehkikîshethwa**

moonlit night, it's a **wâthêtepehkîwi**

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moose **môthwa, meshêwêwa**

more **âwathi, âwathi-**

more or less **meshênahi**

morning has broken **wâthâpanwi**

morning is coming **pyêtâpanwi**

*(referring to the predawn twilight)*

morning, in the **kekisheyêpa**

mortal, a **mehtothêneniwa**

mother **-kya**

mother's sister **-kîha**

motorcycle **pêpakehtôha**

mountain **makwahkiwi**

mouse **wâpikonôha**

moustache, have a **mîthetonwa**

mouth **-tôni**

mouth, have a big/large

**makânaketonwa**

mouth, have a small

**chak(ânak)etonwa**

movie **mêmâchîha**

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much, that **tathwi, tathwi-**

mule **mêmâkeshêha, mîyôna**

muskrat **ashashkwa**

mustard **mashteti**

## **N**

name **-îthôni**

Native American, a **Anenôtêwa**

Navajo, a **Mêshenâthota**  
near **ashichi**; **chîki-** ( \_\_\_\_-e)

nearby **kehchine**

nearly **ashichi**

neck **-hkwêkani**

neck, have a crick in the

**pyêmishkwikwayawêwa**

need *an.* **natawênemêwa**

need *inan.* **natawênetamwa**

needle **shâponikani**

Nemaha Sauk, a **Nîmahâha**

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never **âkwi nanâshi** (*with Negative mood*)

nevertheless **shewêna**

new, (it)'s **ashkikenwi**

new, be **ashikiwa**

night **tepehkwi**

night, it's **tepehkîwi**

night, it's a cool **tahkitepehkîwi**

night, it's a moonlit **wâthêtepehkîwi**

nighthawk **thîkiminêha**

nine **shâka**

nineteen **metâthwi shâka**

ninety **shâkâpitaki**

nipple **nônâkani**

no **âkwi**

no way! **âkwê!**

nodding off, keep **kîhkîpekwashiwa**

nonsense, talk **wîyashkâtowêwa**

noon, it's **nâwahkwêwi**

north, (in/to the) **wêchikethîyâki**

**200** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

nose **-hkiwani**

nose, have a big **makikomêwa**

nose, have a small **chakikomêwa**

nosebleed, have a **meshkowikomêwa**

not **pwâwi-**; **âkwi** (*with Negative mood*),

**awita** (*with Conditional and Potential moods*), **kâta** (*with Prohibitive mood*)

not at all **pashi** (*with Negative mood*)

not much **âkwi mâne**

nothing **âkwi (châhi) kêkôhi**

now **îni**

nut **pakâni**

**o**

o'clock, it's \_\_\_\_ **-kanâkîhiwi** (*preceded by a numeral*)

oatmeal **ôchimîni**

observe *an.* **wâpamêwa**

observe *inan.* **wâpatamwa**

obstinate, be **kashkatethiwa**

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ocean **kehchikamîwi**

Ocean clan, be a member of the

**kehchikamîwithowa**

oher **anamona, anemona**

often **âpehe**

oh dear! **chîhwî!, chîhwê!**

oh my God! **wâ!**

oh my! **kâ!** (*male speaking*),

**wêta'shkwê!, wê!, wî!, yâ!** (*female speaking*)

oh no! **î!, wâ!; kî'hkâ!, pêhkî'hkâ!**

(*male speaking*), **ki'shkwê!**,

**pêhki'shkwê!** (*female speaking*)

oh! **ô!, wê!**

oil **pemitêwi**

Ojibwa, an **Ochipwêwa**

okay **(a)hô, haw**

Oklahoma City **Okonohômîheki**

old man **pashitôha**

old, (it)'s **kehchikenwi**

**202** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

old, (it)'s getting **kêhtêkenwi**

old, *an.* is how? **kêthwipepônwêwa?**

old, be **kehchikiwa, kehkyâhiwa**

old, be that **ahpîhchikiwa**

once **nekotenwi**

one **nekoti**

one *an.*, have **nekotihêwa**

onion **shekâkôha**

only **shêshki**

oops! **chê!**

open *inan*. **pâhkenamwa**  
opening up, (it)'s **pâhkeskêwi**  
orange **êthâwâhi**  
orange, (it)'s **athâwâwi**  
orange, be **athâwethiwa**  
Oriental, an **Pêpîwinîkwâhita,**  
**Shâshôshk(w)inîkwêha**  
Osage, an **Washâsha**  
other *an*. **kotaka**  
other *inan*. **kotaki**  
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Oto, an **Matôtata**  
otter **ketetêwa**  
ouch! **atwê!** (*or* **atiyâ!**)  
out, go **nôwîwa**  
outside **thâkichi**  
outside, go **thâkichihêwa, thâkichîwa**  
over there **înahi, îtepi**  
over there, a little way **kehchine**  
over there, way **anikâ'nâhi** (*or*  
**nikô'nâhi**)



overcast, it's **nekwânahkwatwi**  
overshoe **pepônwimahkethêhi**  
overtake *an.* **matanêwa**  
overtake *an.* **pemehkânêwa**  
overweight, be **kothekwanwa**  
owl **wîtekowa**

## **P**

pail, water **nepinawachikani**

**204** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

paint, ceremonial **anamona** (*or*  
**anemona**)

pale, (it)'s **wâpâtêwi**

pale, be **wâpâthowa**

pancake **nênekwâhi**

panties **nâmekikepwitîhi**

paper **methenahikani**

partner, female (wife) **-ehkwêyôma**

pass *an.* (*overtake*) **pemehkânêwa**

pass *an.* (*hand over*) **pyêtenêwa**

pass *an./inan.* to *an.* **pyêtenamawêwa**

pass by **pemehkêwa**

pass *inan.* (*hand over*) **pyêtenamwa**

past **pemi-**

past, in the **iyôwe**

paste, corn **papakenâwa**

path **myêwi**

Pawnee, a **Pânîha**

pea **anechîmini**

pea, black-eyed **mahkatêwetôha**

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Peace clan, be a member of the

**keshêhokimâwithowa**

peach **mîthechêha**

peach-colored, (it)'s **mîthechêhâtêwi**

peach-colored, be **mîthechêhâthowa**

pear **kênôchêha, wâthikînechêhi**

pecan **pakâni**

pecan tree **pakânâhkwi**

Peoria, a **Mashkotêwa**

pepper **wîthakaki**

persimmon **pyâkimini**

pet **-taya**

pete's sake!, for **mîshkotâ'na!**  
pew! **pêh!, shô!**  
phlegm **akikwâha**  
pick up *an.* **pôthihêwa**  
pick up *inan.* **atâhpenamwa,**  
**mêmekenamwa**  
pig **kôhkôsha, kôhkôshêha**  
pigeon **mîmîwa**

**206** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

pin **pêhkwtiyêyâhi**  
pine for *an.* **kwînomêwa**  
pink, (it)'s **meshkopâtêwi**  
pink, be **meshkopâthowa**  
pipe **ohpwâkana**  
pitiful, be **ketemâkethiwa**  
pity!, what a **ôhwâ!, yôhwâ!**  
place, in fifth **nyânanônameki**  
place, in fourth **nyêwônameki**  
place, in second **nîshônameki**  
place, in third **nêthônameki**  
plate **wîtheniwinâkani**

play **tashîhkânowa**  
play ball **pâkahatowêwa**  
play bingo **pîhkôhiwa**  
play bowl-and-dice **kothikêwa**  
play cards **pîkîhiwa**  
please *an.* **têpihêwa**  
plow **pîkipotêhi, monahâkani**  
plum **pôhkamâwa**

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point, at some **kapôtwe**  
point, it's up to that **ahpîhchikenwi**  
Ponca, a **Pâhkâha**  
pond **nepithi**  
poor, be **ketemâkethiwa**  
pop **wîshkopâpowi**  
popcorn, grain of **papakethôha**  
porcupine **akâkwa**  
pork **kôhkôsha, kôhkôshiwîyâthi**  
possum **êyênîha**  
postcard **apahikani**  
potato **ahpenya**

Potato clan, be a member of the  
**ahpenîthowa**

Potawatomi, a **Pehkînenîha**,  
**Shîshîpêhinenîha**

potbelly, have a **makechêwa**  
pothook **akôchikani**

pouring, it's **kehchikemiyâwi**

**208** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

powder, baking **opishkwêthikani**,  
**pishkwêthikani**

powwow is taking place, a  
**mâmatânahkiwiwi**

Prague (Okla.) **Pwêkeki**

prairie **mashkotêwi**

Prairie tribe, a member of any

**Mashkotêwineniwa**

pray **mamâtomowa**

pretty, (it)'s **wêwenetwi**

pretty, be **wêwenethiwa**

price, be at a good **menwakimowa** (*an.*),

**menwakitêwi** (*inan.*)

probably **meshênahi**  
proud, be **mîshâtênemowa**  
provided **mâhi** (*follows first word in sentence*)

Pueblo, a **Wêtahpahônîha**  
pull *an.* **atâhpahonêwa**  
pull *inan.* **atâhpahotôwa**

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pumpkin **wâpikoni**  
punctually **kwîyena**  
pupil **kêkyêhkimâthota**  
puppy **anemôhêha**  
purple, (it)'s **thîwanwâtêwi**  
purple, be **thîwanwâthowa**  
push *an.* **kâtenêwa**  
push *inan.* **kâtenamwa**  
put *an.* in place **athêwa**  
put down *an.* **pakithenêwa**  
put down *inan.* **pakithenamwa**  
put on *inan.* **naheshkamwa**  
put on *inan.* **pîthehkamwa**

## **Q**

quail **pôhkwîha**

Quapaw, a **Kwâpâha**

quick to react, be **amêthiwa**

quick, be **kekenâtethiwa**

quickly **kekeni, kekeni-**

**210** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

quick-tempered, be **meshkwîkitâthowa**

quiet!, (be) **mahkwâchi!**

quietly **mahkwâchi-**

## **R**

rabbit **meshwêha**

raccoon **êthepana**

radish **meshkochêpihki**

rain **kêmiyâki**

raincoat **kemiyânipîthehkâhi**

raining, it's **kemiyâwi**

rascal, be a **wâwaneshkâhiwa**

rash, have a **meshkwinameškêwa**

raspberry **kakâwimini**

rat **mahkwiwâpikonôha**

rattlesnake **nâtowêha**

rawhide **pîshâkani**

reach *an.* **pyênotawêwa**

reach *inan.* **pyênotamwa,**  
**têpeshkamwa**

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read **nâpâtotathowa**

read *inan.* **nâpâtotamwa**

ready, get **nanâhawiwa**

ready?, let's go! **nahi**

really **kekyêhtenâmi, kekyêhtenâmi-**  
really? **shî!**

receive *an.* **otehtenêwa**

receive *inan.* **otehtenamwa**

recline **shekishinwa**

recognize *an.* **nenawêwa**

recognize *inan.* **nenamwa**

recollect **mehkwitêhêwa**

record *inan.* **anepyêhamwa**

recover **nêthêwa**

red, be **meshkothiwa**



red, (it)'s **meshkwâwi**

reindeer **wâpitîha, wâpitiyêha**

related to *an.*, be **chînawêmêwa**

remember **mehkwitêhêwa**

remember *an.* **mehkwênemêwa**

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remember *inan.* **mehkwênetamwa**

Republican **Shkasha** (*male*),

**Shkashîhkwêwa** (*female*)

Republican, be a **oshkashîwiwa** (*male*),

**oshkashîhkwêwiwa** (*female*)

reserved, be **mahkwâtethiwa**

rest, take a **âkwapiwa**

return, in **âshitami**

reverse, get *an.* into **ashâwithahêwa**

rice, grain of **manômini**

rich, be **manâtethiwa**

ride **nômekowa**

rifle **pâshkethikani**

right **mayâwi-**

right, be **têpwêwa**

right!, that's **îni kohê!**

right, on one's **ochimayâwîwa** (*used in the Conjunctive mood*)

right, to/on the **mayâwîneki**

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ringing, (it)'s **wêpwêwêkatwi**  
(*referring to the ear*)

roach **wêwêpenôni**

road **myêwi**

robe **akwîweni**

rock **atheni**

rooster **neniwipakahâhkwâha**

rough, it's getting **pekishkyâwi**

rowdy, be **koshkwâtethiwa**

run **kehchipenowa**

run fast **aniwithêwa**

run fast, be able to **nahaniwithêwa**

run over, get **takwahôthowa**

## **S**

Sac & Fox (*of Oklahoma or of the Missouri*), be a **thâkîwiwa**

Sac & Fox of Oklahoma *or* of the Missouri,  
member of the **Othâkîwa, Thâkîwa**  
sad!, how **kîthâchi!**

**214** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

sad, be **kîthâchitêhêwa,**  
**myâshitêhêwa**

sale, put up *an./inan.* for

**natawatâwêwa**

salt **thîwehtâkani**

sand **nêkawi**

sash **pîmenihkwânikehchîpîhi**

Saturday, on **Thêtitîheki**

saucer **chêhêshkyâhi**

Sauk (language, the) **Thâkiwâtowêweni**

Sauk, a **Othâkîwa, Thâkîwa**

Sauk, a Nemaha **Nîmahâha**

Sauk, a Northern **Êshkwîha,**

**Yochikwîka**

Sauk, a Southern **Nêkawîha**

Sauk, be a **thâkîwiwa**

Sauk, be three-quarters

**katawichâkithâkîwiwa**

Sauk, fellow **methawihka**

Sauk, speak **thâkiwâtowêwa**

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Sauk, speaker of **Thâkiwâtowâta**

say **ketowa**

say (something) **âchimowa**

say so **iwa**

say sorry to *an.* **pehchimêwa** (*for something said*)

say sorry to *an.* **pehchitôtawêwa** (*for something done*)

say that **ihketowa**

say that way **inowêwa**

say to *an.* **inêwa**

say! **shê!**

says, (it) **ketômikatwi**

scalp **-îshekwayi**

scalp-lock **môshôni**

scared, be **kohtâchiwa**

scatter-brained, be

**kwahkwâpitanekowa**

school **kekyêhkimâthohikâni**

schoolhouse **kekyêhkimâthohikâni**

**216** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

scissors **môshwâkani**

scoop **kwâpahikani**

scorpion **chîkânowêha**

screech-owl **nenekapenôha**

sea **kehchikamîwi**

seat belt, fasten one's **kehchîpithowa**

second **nîshônameki**

see *an.* **nêwêwa**

seems, it **mehtôchi**

seized, be **meshenâthowa**

sell *an./inan.* **atawêwa**

sell *an./inan.* **natawatâwêwa**

Seminole (Okla.) **Sheminônîheki**

Seminole, a **Shimanônîha**

send to *an.* **pôthihtawêwa**

serious, be **kekehtenawitêhêwa**

serves *an.* right! **ketênahi!**

serviceman **shamâkanesha**

set *an.* down/up **athêwa**

seven **nôhika**

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seventeen **metâthwi nôhika**

seventy **nôhikâpitaki**

sew **achikwâthowa**

sh! **mahkwâchi!**

Shamrock (Okla.) **Shêmwâkeki**

shave (oneself) **kâshkahowa**

shave *an.* **kâshkahonêwa**

shawl **môshwêhi**

Shawnee (Okla.) **Shânîheki**

Shawnee, a **Shâwanôwa**

she **wîna**

shed one's hair **pepeshkôhkwêwa**

sheep **mânetânesha**

shellfish/shell **êthîha**

shin **-kahkwani**

shirt **pîthehkâhi**

shiver **nenekachiwa**

Shkasha **Shkasha** (*male*),  
**Shkashîhkwêwa** (*female*)

**218** A CONCISE DICTIONARY

Shkasha, be a **oshkashîwiwa** (*male*),  
**oshkashîhkwêwiwa** (*female*)

shoe **mahkethêhi**

shoo! **thî!**

shore, on the **apatêhkîki**

short **chahkwi-**

short, be **chahkwîhiwa**

should **âmi-**

show (*an./inan.*) to *an.* **wâpatônêwa**

shut down *an.* **âhtêthahêwa**

shut down, be **âhtêwa**

shut *inan.* **kepâhkohamwa**

shy, be **kothethiwa**

sibling **-tôtêma**

sibling, younger **-thîmêha**

sick, be **âhkomatamwa**

side, on that **ochinawe, otâhkwe**

signifies, (it) **ishiwêpikenwi**

sincere, be **kekehtenawitêhêwa**  
sing **nakamowa**

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Sioux, a **Ashâha**

sister, father's **-thekwitha**

sister, older **-mithêha**

sit (down) **chîtapiwa**

sit together **pemâkwapiwa**

six **nekotwâshika**

sixteen **metâthwi nekotwâshika**

sixty **nekotwâshikâpitaki**

skate **shôshkwahothowa**

skilful, be **keteshkethiwa**

skinny, be **ahkanîhiwa**

skirt **-kôtêhi**

skunk **shekâkwa**

sleep, (go to) **nepêwa**

sleepwalk **nepêwothêwa**

sleepy, be **wîkowiwa**

slope, on the **apatêhkîki**

slow down (*driving*)



**kenâchipahônekowa**

slowly **kenâchi, kenâchi-, opyêni-**

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sly, be **kîmôchitanekowa**

small **chaki-**

small, be **chakethiwa**

smash into *an*. **shêkohwêwa**

smash into *inan*. **shêkohamwa**

smoky, it's **pekeshêwi**

snake **manetôwa**

snake, black **mêhkatêwâpyêkethita**

snake, green **shâshâkêha**

snake, hog-nosed **wânahkwîha**

snarl **âhkwâpitêwishimowa**

sneaky, be **kîmôchitanekowa**

sneeze **châhchâmowa**

snow (on the ground) **akôna**

Snow clan, be a member of the

**akônithowa**

snowing heavily, it's **kehchimehpowi**

snowing, it's **mehpowi**

snowstorm, it's a **kehchimehpowi**

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so **châhi** (*usually follows first word in sentence*)

so then **châh îni**

soaked, be **châkawishinwa**

sock **ashikathôni**

soda **wîshkopâpowi**

soldier **shamâkanesha**

someone/somebody **owiyêha**

sometimes **chachawîhi**

son **-kwitha**

song **nakamôni**

soon **mâmaya**

soon, pretty **ashkachîmêhi**

soon, too **mêthi**

sore, have a **omekiwa**

sorry to *an.*, say **pehchimêwa** (*for something said*)

sorry to *an.*, say **pehchitôtawêwa** (*for something done*)

sorry, be **kâhtothiwa**

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sort of **tâtaki**

soup **nepôpi**

soup, milk **minikâpowi**

south, (in/to the) **wêchinâwahkwêki**

spasms, have **chîchîpapithowa**

speak **kanawiwa**

speak broken (*Sauk, etc.*)

**pahkâtowêwa**

speak in a muddled fashion

**pekishkâtowêwa**

speak poorly **wâwanâtowêwa**

speak Sauk **thâkiwâtowêwa**

speak that language **inâtowêwa**

speak the language, be unable to

**wâwanâtowêwa**

speak the truth **peshikwâchimowa**

speak too fast **kekenâtowêwa**

spectacles **pîwâpehkwinîkwâkanani**

(*pl.*)

spectacles, wear **pîwâpehkwinîkwêwa**

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speech **kanawiweni**

speech-impaired, be **kepetôhiwa**

spicy, (it)'s **wîthakanwi**

spicy, be **wîthakenwa**

spider **êthapîhkêha**

spine, have a pinched

**mathânithikiwêshkêwa**

spirit **manetôwa**

spoon **êmehkwâni**

sprain one's leg

**thêkikahkwanêshkêwa**

spring (*of water*) **môhkihtanwi**

spring, it's **menôhkamîwi**

sprinkling, it's **thîtwawi**

squash **shemekowâpikoni**

squash, scallop **wînepitîhi**

squirrel **anikwa**

stand (there) **namathowa**

stand up **namathwikâpâwa**

star **anâkwa**

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stars out, there are **anâkwihkîwi**

start to **wêpi-**

start up *an.* (*a vehicle*)

**wêpwêwêkihêwa**

steal (it) from *an.* **kemôtemêwa**

steal *inan.* **kemôtwa**

stick **mehtekwi**

still **kêwaki**

stingy, be **maninâwêthiwa**

stocking **ashikathôni**

stomach **-shehki**

stone **atheni**

stop **pôni-**

stop (by braking) **nakeshkêwa**

stop *an.* **nakithahêwa** (*a vehicle*)

stop it! **kâta!**

stop **nakithachikêwa** (*as of a vehicle or machine*)

storm raging, there's a **kehchinôtenwi**

straight (on) **tepinâhi**

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straightforward/forthright, be

**peshikwâchimowa**

strawberry **têhimini**

street **myêwi**

strike *an.* **pakamêwa**

strike *inan.* **pakatamwa**

stroke, have a **mathâneskwêwa**

strong, be **wîshikethiwa**

strongly **wîshiki-**

Stroud (Okla.) **Shtowâteki**

stubborn, be **kashkatethiwa**

student **kêkyêhkimâthota**

stupid, be **kek(y)êpâtethiwa**

sugar **thîthepâhkwi**

summer, it's **penâwiwi**

sun **kîshethwa, wâthethikâha**

sunbathe **apâthetêkêwa**

Sunday, on **Thanitîheki**

sunny, it's warm and **nahâwiwi**

sure enough **kêhtena**

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sure, for **kekyêhtenâmi**,

**kekyêhtenâmi-**

swan **êhêwa**

sweaty, be hot and **wîshathowa**

sweet potato **ashkipwâha**

sweet, a **wîshkopetêhi**

swelling, have a **makwîtamwa**

swerve **wâkâshkêwa**

swim **kîwichimêwa**

swim, know how to **nahichimêwa**

switch off *an.* **âhtêthahêwa**

switched off, be **âhtêwa**

swollen leg, have a **makwikanêwa**

sycamore **kîshowâhkwi**

syrup, (maple) **menêshishi**

## **T**

table **atôhpothôni**

tablecloth **anâshkahikani**

tail **-thowânakwi**

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take *an.* away with oneself **awanêwa**

take *inan.* away with oneself **awatôwa**

take off *inan.* **ketenamwa**

take one's clothes off **peninawîwa**

talk **kanawiwa**

talk gibberish **wîyashkâtowêwa**

talk too fast **kekenâtowêwa**

tall, be **kenôthiwa**

tall, grow **makinehpyêwa**

tarantula **êhêpikwa**

taste good **wîkenwa**

taste of *an.*, like the **wîkamêwa**

taste of *inan.*, like the **wîkatamwa**

tastes good, (it) **wîkanwi**

tea **mashishkiwâpowi**

teach (it) to *an.* **kehkinôhamawêwa**

teacher **kêkyêhkimâta**

teaspoon **êmehkwâhi**

teat **nônâkani**

Tecumseh (Okla.) **Takamithîheki**



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teenager **panashâha**

teeth, brush one's **kôkâpitêhowa**

teeth, false **ânehkêwîpitani** (*pl.*)

telephone **pîwâpehkwâchimôni**

television (program) **nênekithâha**

tell (*a story, etc.*) **âchimowa**

tell *an.* **inêwa, wîtamawêwa**

ten **metâthwi**

ten *an.*, have **metâthwihêwa**

terrapin **meshihkenâhkôha,**

**meshkwikenâhkwa**

thank *an.* **wâwiyâmêwa**

that / that one (*an.*) **îna**

that / that one (*inan.*) **îni**

thawing, (it)'s **nekethowa** (*referring to snow and ice*)

theater **nênekithâhikâni**

then **îni**

then **îninâhi**

there **înahi, îtepi**

there, from **ochi-**

there, over **înâhi**

there, way over **anikâ'nâhi, nikâ'nâhi,**  
**nikô'nâhi**

these, these ones (*an.*) **mâhaki**

these, these ones (*inan.*) **mâhani**

they **wînwâwa**

thief **kêmôtêha**

thing **awahîni**

things, (assorted) **wâwiyâkatôhi**

think of *an.* **mehkwênemêwa**

think of *inan.* **mehkwênetamwa**

think so, I **îni mêkwêhe**

think that way **ishitêhêwa**

third **nêthônameki**

thirsty, be **pêkwitêhêwa**

thirteen **metâthwi nethwi**

thirty **nethwâpitaki**

this (*an.*) **mana**

this (*inan.*) **mani**

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those / those ones (*an.*) **îniki**

those / those ones (*inan.*) **înini**

thousand, one **nekoti mahkahkwe**

three **nethwi**

three *an.*, have **nethwihêwa**

throat, have an irritated

**kenîkikotâkanwa**

throughout (*of time*) **nahkani-**

throw *an./inan.* **wêpâhkêwa**

throw up **mêmenatamwa**

thunder **nenemehkiwa**

Thunder clan, be a member of the

**nenemehkiwithowa**

Thursday, on **Thêshtîheki**

time, all the **âhpechi, âhpechi-**

time, at that **îninâhi, nâhinâhi**

time, at what? **tâninâhi?**

time, for a long **kenwêshi**

time, it's **pyêthehkêwi**

time, on **nâhinâhi**

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time, right on **kwîyena**

time, the fifth **nyânanônameki**

time, the fourth **nyêwônameki**

time, the second **nîshônameki**

time, the third **nêthônameki**

timid, be **kothethiwa**

tiny, be **chêchahkwikiwa**

tipi **ashâhikâni**

tire **têtepithâha**

tire, have a flat **thêposhkêwa**

tired of *an.*, be **pîshkênemêwa**

tired of *inan.*, be **pîshkênetamwa**

tired, be **ayîhkwiwa**

toenail **-shkasha**

together **wîchi-**

together, come **mâwachîwa**

together, get **mâwachîwa**

together, sit **pemâkwapiwa**

toilet, go to the **thâkichihêwa,**

**thâkichîwa**

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tomato **mênethethi**

tomorrow, (early) **wâpake, wâpaki**

tongue **-înanivi**

tonight **pêhкотêki**

Tonkawa, a **Tâhkawêha**

too **êwîki**

too bad! **ketênahi!**

too much **athâmi, athâm(i)-**

tooth **-îpichi**

toothache, have a **kîhkîtâpitêwa**

tornado **kehchiwâyâthowa**

town **ôtêweni**

train **kîshkehkôhi**

transported, be **nômekowa**

trap **tethôchîhi**

travel **kîweshkêwa**

tree **mehtekwi**

tree, apple **meshîmishâhkwa**

tree, cedar **meshkwâwâhkwa**

tree, cottonwood **mîtwîwa**

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tree, elm **anîpi**

tree, hickory **pêshkipêhi**

tree, locust **wîthakâhkwa**

tree, pecan **pakânâhkwi**

tribe, be of that **inâtowêwa**

troubled, be **ânemitêhêwa**

trousers **kepwitîhi**

truth, tell the **têpwêwa**

truthful, be **peshikwâchimowa**

tuberculosis, have **thethotamwa**

Tuesday, on **Toshtîheki**

Tulsa **Tanathîheki**

turbulent, it's getting **pekishkyâwi**

turkey **penêwa**

turkey (*meat*) **penêwiwîyâthi**

turn **têpeshkamwa** (*number of years old*)

turn **wâkithachikêwa** (*referring to a driver*)

turn **wâkîwa**

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turn (*in a direction*) **kohkîwa**

turn *an.* (*a vehicle*) **wâkithahêwa**

turn off (*the road*) **kohkîwa**

turn, in **âshitami**

turned off, be **âhtêwa**

turnip **tânapi**

turtle **meshihkêha**

turtle, box **meshihkenâhkôha,**

**meshkwikenâhkwa**

turtle, snapping **meshihkêha**

twelve **metâthwi nîshwi**

twenty **nîshwâpitaki**

twist one's leg

**pyêmishkwikanêthêwa**

twitch **chîchîpapithowa**

two **nîshwi**

two *an.*, have **nîshwihêwa**

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**U**

ugh! **thê!**

ugly, be **myâshinâkothiwa**  
uncle, (maternal) **-shithêha**  
undependable, be **pwâwathemihtôwa**  
undercooked, (it)'s **nôtêhtêwi**  
underpants **nâmekikepwitîhi**  
undershirt **nâmekipîthehkâhi**  
underskirt **nâmekikôtêhi**  
understand *an.* **nenohawêwa**  
undressed, get **peninawîwa**  
unfriendly, be **myânâtethiwa**  
unreliable, be **pwâwathemihtôwa**  
unwell, feel **myâshipemâsethiwa**  
upset, (it)'s **myânâshkêwi** (*referring to  
the stomach*)  
urinary blockage, have a **kepishêwa**  
urinate **shekiwa**  
usually **âpehe**  
U-turn, make a **kohkithahêwa**

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## **V**

venison **peshekethiwa,**



**peshekethiwiwîyâthi**

very (much) **pêhki**

vest **kîshkinekwêyâhi**

visit *an.* **nawihêwa**

voice, lose one's **pîshkwêwa**

vomit **mêmenatamwa**

## **W**

wagon **atâpyâna, tâpyâna**

wait for *an.* **apwîhêwa**

wait to, can't **ashkachi-**

wake up **tôhkîwa**

walk **shêshkothêwa**

walk by/past **pemehkêwa**

walk, go for a **kîyothêwa**

walnut **mahkwipakâni**

want *an.* **natawênemêwa**

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want *inan.* **natawênetamwa**

warm and sunny, it's **nahâwiwi**

Warrior clan, be a member of the

**manethenôkimâwithowa**

wart **chîhchîkoma**

wash *an.* **kôkenêwa**

wash *inan.* **kôkenamwa**

wash one's face **kethîkwêwa**

wash one's hands **kôkinechêwa**

washed, get **anenwîwa**

washing, do the **kôkenikêwa**

watch *an.* **wâpamêwa**

watch *inan.* **wâpatamwa**

watch out **ahkawâpatamwa**

water **nepi**

water, (it)'s cool/cold **tahkepyêyâwi**

water, lie in the **kekôpyêshinwa**

waterfall **kîshkihtâhi**

waterlily root **wâkihpeni**

waterlily seed **shkîshekwi**

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watermelon **wêshkihtâhi**

way **myêwi**

way off **anika**

way out **penôchi**

way over there **anikâ'nâhi, nikô'nâhi**

way, by the **nêpehe!**

way, that **ishi-; otâhkwe**

way, this **pyêchi-**

way, which? **tânahka?**

we (excluding you) **nînâna**

we (you and I) **kînâna**

weak, be **nînawethiwa**

weaned, be overly **makinehpetonwa**

wear glasses/spectacles

**pîwâpehkwinîkwêwa**

weary, be **ayîhkwiwa**

weather, it's the **kîshekîwi**

weather's changing, the **kohkikîshekîwi**

Wednesday, on **Wêneshtîheki**

well now **nahi**

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well, (it)'s not doing/going

**myânâshkêwi**

well, be **menwipemâtethiwa**

well, get **nêthêwa**

well, look **menwinâkothiwa**  
well, not feel **myâshipemâtethiwa**  
well, what do you know! **shî!**  
well-off, be **manâtethiwa**  
west, (in/to the) **wêchipakishimoki**  
wet, (it) is/gets **nepiwiwi**  
wet, be/get **nepiwiwa**  
what \_\_\_? **kashi?; wêkonêhi?**  
what the ...?! **kashinâkwa!**  
what? **hwa?, wa?**  
what's-his/her-name **awahîna**  
whatchamacallit **awahîni**  
wheel **têtepithâha**  
when? **tâninâhi?**  
where (*is an.*)? **tâna?**  
where (*is inan.*)? **tâni?**  
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where to? **tâtepi?**  
where, that's **îtepi**  
where? **tânahi?**  
which (*an.*)? **tâna?**

which (*inan.*)? **tâni?**

which ones (*an.*)? **tâniki?**

which ones (*inan.*)? **tânini?**

while **êyêh-** (*with the Conjunctive mood*)

while back, a **mâhiye**

while, in/for a little **nômakêhe,**

**nômake**

white American (man), a **môhkomâna**

white American woman, a

**môhkomânihkwêwa**

white, (it)'s **wâpeshkyâwi**

white, a **wâpeshkinameshkâta**

white, be **wâpeshkethiwa**

who is he/she? **wênêhiwa?**

who knows? **kênemâpi**

who? **wênêha?**

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why! **hay!**

Wichita, a **Wakîchitâha**

wife **-ehkwêyôma, -îwa**

wild **pakwachi-**

wild, be **koshkwâthethiwa**

wildcat **pakwachikâshôha**

wind **nôtenwi**

wind blowing, there's a **nôtenwi**

wind has dropped, the **pônânematwi**

wind's shifting, the (north)

**kohkânematwi, kohkâthenwi**

windy, it's **aniwâthenwi**

windy, it's really **aniwânematwi**

wing **-nekwîkani**

wink at *an.* **chîpinîkwêhtawêwa**

Winnebago, a **Wînepyêkôha**

winter, it's **pepôwi**

wise, be **nahâthethiwa**

wolf **mahwêwa**

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Wolf clan, be a member of the

**mahwêwithowa**

woman **ihkwêwa**

woman, old **metemôha**

woman, young (unmarried)

**shêshkethîha**

wonderful, it's **wêchitawi**

wood **mehtekwi**

woodpecker **pâshkotamôha**

woods, in the **mehtekwahkihki**

work **mîhkechêwîwa**

works, (it) **mîhkechêwîmikati**

worm **manetôtha**

worn out, be **ayîhkwiwa**

worried, be **ânemitêhêwa,**

**ashkitêhêwa**

worthy of pity/compassion, be

**ketemâkethiwa**

would **âmi-**

wow! **wâ!**

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wrap **akwîweni**

wrap, (woman's) hair **ahpahôni**

write **anepyêhâthowa**

write *inan*. **anepyêhamwa**

write to *an*. **anepyêhikawêwa**

wrong, be **pehtowêwa**

## **Y**

year, half a **âpehtawawahîne**

year, last **kotakawahîne**

year, next **nîkânawahîne, nîkâni**

**kotakawahîne**

year, one **nekotawahîne**

years ago, how many? **kêthwawahîne?**

years old, be that many

**tathwipepônwêwa**

years old, think *an.* is how many?

**kêthwipepônwênemêwa?**

years, five **nyânanwawahîne**

years, four **nyêwawahîne**

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years, ten **metâthwawahîne**

years, that many **tathwawahîne**

years, three **nethwawahîne**

years, two **nishwawahîne**

yellow, (it)'s **athâwâwi**

yellow, be **athâwethiwa**



yes **êhê**

yesterday **anâkowe**

yesterday, the day before **âwathi**

**anâkowe**

you (*sg.*) **kîna; kîyawî** (*in oblique references*)

you (*pl.*) **kînwâwa**

you don't say! **êshina!**

young person **êshkikîha**

young, be **ashkikiwa**

Yuchi, a **Tahokana**

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