CESE’HIIHO’
BASIC PRONUNCIATION OF ARAPAHO SOUND SYSTEM

Arapaho Alphabet:

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

Vowel pronunciations:
- e, as in bet or net
- ee, (e), as in at or hat
- ou, as in ag or though
- o, as in son, or sun
- oo, (o), as in thought or caught

- i, as in it or bit
- ii (i:), as in Hawaii or skj
- ei, as in eight, sleigh or hay
- u, as figue or newt
- uu (u:) as in life or through

Diacritics & Other pronunciations:

- C is always pronounced ch, as in church
- 3 is always pronounced th, as in thistle
- X is pronounced as a German ch-Machen, or as in the German composer Johann Sebastian Bach
- ' = glottal stop. Can be practiced by saying bottle without the 2 "ts", bo'le, or by saying little as it'le
- ^ = stress. In English this is the difference between present (verb) and present (noun)
- ^= falling tone.

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

Céséey > Níis > Nísso > Yéín > Yoó3on > Niíotox(Ní:to) > Niíosox > Neesotox > 3io3lo'tox

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

Betéétox > Céséini > Niísiní > Neesini' > Yéiníini > Yoo3óníini'

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

Niíotoxuuni' > Niíosotoxuuni' > Neesotoxuuni' > 3io'toxuuni' > Niíosóo'

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

Where are you going? = Tooté'ilhoo
Sit down = Cenouku
Wait for me. = toyoohowú
I will wait for you. = Heetooyoohobé3sm
Listen! = Ceh'3tíli
Have you eaten? = Kooshébilh3fh?
I will eat with you. = Heet ni3bili3bi3hibé3sm.
Dog = Hí3
Bread = Co'oc

Come back ~ Cieh'ísee
Be still ~ títtoonisíhi
Wait! ~ hóowí'íes
Listen to me! ~ Ceh'3bí!
I am hungry? ~ Héesnéénóo
Good! Let's eat! ~ Hííếtéti' Héetibí3bí3fhí.
Water ~ Néc
Give it to me ~ Cííó
Nuhu’ neneenit heneecce.

Heneecce heeyeyeh beeto’oo3i’.
Nonookuneseeet nooxoonooteiht.

Nonookuneseeet tooxukoseit.
Nehe nooku heneeneyeteet.
Nehe nooku niiniicet'.
Nehe' bee3ei nenei ookuuoote'.
Nehe' bee3ei
niinoonohko3tobe'et.
Nehe’ hebes toxookute’.

Nehe’ hebes noonokoyeit’.
Nehe’ siisiiko’ niinouot’.

Nehe’ siisiiko’ neniiice’eit.
Nehe' hooku heeyoonineet.
Nehe' hooku seeyooto'
heeyouhuu.
Neneenit siisiyiyei noh ceineeyeihi.
CESE'HIIHO'
WILD ANIMALS

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1. The buffalo are fading away.

3. The grizzly is dangerous and has sharp paws.

5. This rabbit has long ears. This rabbit is gray.

7. This owl looks and mocks.

9. This beaver has sharp teeth and dams up the water.

11. This duck floats around. This duck is gray.

13. This mouse has a long tail. This mouse chews up everything.

15. This snake is a rattlesnake.