Heces
Nowo3onohoe
BASIC PRONUNCIATION OF ARAPAHO SOUND SYSTEM

Arapaho Alphabet: BCEHIKNOSSTUWXY

Vowel pronunciations:

Short vowel:  e as in bet or net    i as in it or bit   o as in son or sun.
             u as in push or put

A long vowel is a combination of two or more same vowels. ee, ii, oo, uu, eee, iee, ooo, uuu

Long vowel:  ee as in at or hat    ii as beat or sit    oo as in thought or caught
             uu as in kute or through

A diphthong is a combination of two or more different vowels:

Example:    ei is the long A vowel sound as in day
             oe is the long I vowel sound as in pie,
             ou is the long O vowel sound as in glow.

Pronunciation Key — Consonants

B  is between the voiced B and the blown P. Usually more like a B at the beginning
   of a syllable and more like a P at the end of the word.

C  is between the voiced J and the blown CH. Usually more like a J at the beginning
   of a syllable and more like a CH at the end of the word.

H  is just breathed at either end of a syllable.

K  is between the voiced G (as in gum) and the blown K.

N  As in noon.

S  is always pronounced as in sing, and never like the Z sound in trees or closet.

T  As in three, thin, bath.

W  As in water.

X  is sound not heard in English, but similar to the German Machen or the Greek XI, start
   to say K sound, but breathe out hard enough to make the back of your throat (your
   glottis) vibrate a little.

Y  As in Yes, young, unless it is blown U or L.

*  is called the glottal stop, and doesn't make a sound. It shows that the sound or breath
   is cut off suddenly.
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Nowo3onohoe
Heesnoneet. Honoobeiht.
Noh'ooseeikuutii.  Bih'inkuutii.
Koonenoo.

Hokhoo.
Koonooku.

No'uusi'oo.
Koo3eineiht. Wonooneiht.
Wonooyoo'.  Koo3eiyoo'.
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Hiisi'
Tece'
Howoto'o'o.
Hookcihiht.
Hookcii'oo'.  Beneesoo'.
Howuuteenin tecenoo.  Koonenoo tecenoo.
1. Heesnoneet. - He's angry.
   Honooheiht. - He's happy.
2. Noh'oeseikuutii. - Turn the light on.
   Bih'inkuutii. - Turn the light off.
3. Koonenoo. - Open it. (inanimate)
   Hokhoo. - Close it. (inanimate)
4. Koonooku. - Open your eyes.
   No'uusi'oo. - Close your eyes.
5. Koo3eineiht. - It is old.(animate)
   Wonooneiht. - It is new. (animate)
6. Wonooyoo'. - It is new.(inanimate)
   Koo3eiyoo' - It is old.(inanimate)
7. Hiisi' - It is day.
8. Tece' - It is night.
9. Howoto'oo. - Wake up.
10. Nokhuut. - Go to sleep.
11. Hookciiihiht. - It is small.
    Beneesei3e'. - It is big.
12. Hookciii'oo'. - It is small.(inanimate)
    Beneesoo'. - It is big. (inanimate)
    Ce'e3i'. - Outside.
    Ceeniihi' - down.
15. Howuuteenin tecenoo. - Close the door.
    Koonenoo tecenoo. - Open the door.
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Nih'oo3itootoo': Ni'oeet, 3oo3buuteiseet noh Wahoono'

Nihwo3onoha': 'Wahoono'

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