BASIC PRONUNCIATION OF ARAPAHO SOUND SYSTEM

Vowel pronunciations:

e, as in bet or get
ee (e), as in at or hat
ou, as in ng or though

o, as in son, or sun
oo (o), as in taut or thought
oe, as in pie, or buy

i, as in [t or bit
ii (i), as in Hawaii or ski
ei, as in sight, sigh or hay

u, as in flyre
uu (u), as in 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
· = giottai stop. Can be practiced by saying bottle without the 2 "ts"; bo'le, or by saying little as il'e
^ = stress. In English this is the difference between present (verb) and present (noun)

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

Česéy > Níia > Nëeso > Yëfim > Yëofóx > Nïtotox (Níto) > Nïsotox > Nëesotox > 3to /3fo'tox
  1......> 2......> 3.....> 4.....> 5......> 6............> 7......> 8......> 9

Bëtefóx > Česeinitl > Nïsinitl > Nëesinitl > Yëfinitl > Yëofinitl
  10.....> 11.......> 12......> 13.....> 14......> 15

Nïtotoxumt > Nïsotoxumt > Nëesotoxumt > 3fo'toxumt > Nïsoo'
  16..........> 17.............> 18.............> 19..........> 20

Where are you going? - Tootëfeihow
Sit down - Genooku
Wait for me - toytohowu
I will wait for you - Heettoyohobë3en
Listen! - Cah'ë3illi
Have you eaten? - Koohësibii3lh?
Are you hungry? - Koohëesnee?
I will eat with you - Heet nii3bii3hiibë3en
Dog - He3
Bread - Co'oc

Come back - Ciho3issee
Be still - tiolloon6ith
Wait! - how6ihow
Listen to me! - Cah'ë3hi
No! - Hiiko!
I am hungry. - Heesneenoo
Good! Let's eat! - Hiis3eti Heetibii3thin
Water - Nee
Give it to me - Céitlil


30wo3ii
Ciitehee3ei
Bii3ihi
Nonooke'

Nih'oo3itootoo': Ni'oeet, 3aa3outeiseet, Biikoonehe' noh Wohoono'.

Good Morning

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