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LEARN TO WRITE IN
CREE SYLABICS

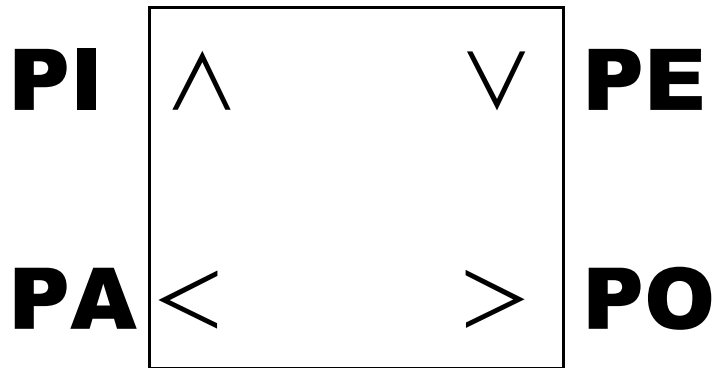
Lesson 6

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THE CONSONANT (P)

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PA **PĀ** **PO** **PE** **PI**



ki papa	p <<	your daddy
piko	^d	only
ahpo	<">	or, and
api	<^	sit down
apahā	<<"<̇	untie it

1. What is the sound of (m)? _____

Write the three syllables of (m) which use the short vowels.

_____ (English letters)

_____ (Syllabics)

Write the four syllables of (m) which use the long vowels.

_____ (English letters)

_____ (Syllabics)

Write the syllabic form of (m) when it is used at the end of a word.

In what three ways is the (m) used?

- 1) _____ a vowel
- 2) at the end of a _____
- 3) sometimes at the end of a _____

Write the syllabics for the words we have learned in Lesson 5.

_____ māka _____ maci

_____ māci _____ oma

_____ ki māma

2. Check your work with the answers on the last page of the previous lesson.

Today we want to learn

- 1) the consonant of (p)
- 2) five Cree words: api, ki papa, piko, ahpo, apahā

The (p) is not really like the English (p). The (p) is a voiceless stop like the (k). The (p) almost sounds like a (b) but not quite. Listen to someone say it and try to say it too.

What is the sound of the Cree (p)? _____

3. Maybe this was hard to answer. It is a voiceless stop and sounds like an English (p) but also like an English (b).

Cree
p ----- p ----- b

When English names are used in Cree, the (p) is used for the (p) and it also replaces the letters (b), (f) and (v).

Barbara Parpara Frank Prank Victor Pictor

What English letters does the (p) replace in names? _ _ _ _

4. The (p) replaces the English letters (b), (f), and (v) as well as the (p). The (p) has the three syllables of (p) which use the short vowels.

	< pa	^ pi	> po	
pa	pa	ki papa	ki pa-pa	your daddy
<	<	p <<	p < <	
pi	pi	piko	pi-ko	only
^	^	^d	^ d	
po	po	ahpo	ah-po	or, though
>	>	<">	<">	

Write the three syllables of (p) which use the short vowels so you will not forget them.

_____ (English letters)

_____ (Syllabics)

5. The three syllables of (p) which use the short vowels are:

< **pa** ^ **pi** > **po**

Look at the four syllables of (p) which use the long vowels.

v **pe** < **pā** ^ **pī** > p**ō** >

pe pe pe pe toward

v v v v

pā pā pātimā pā-ti-mā later

< < < n l < n l

pī pī pīhtokwe pīh-to-kwe enter

^ ^ ^ " ɔ ɣ ^ " ɔ ɣ

pō pō pōni pō-ni after

> > > σ > σ

Write the four syllables of (p) which use the long vowels.

_____ (English letters)

_____ (Syllabics)

6. The four syllables of (p) which use the long vowels are:

∨ **pe** < **pā** ^ **pī** > **pō**

The (p) also is used at the end of a word. Then it is a closed stop.
Only a few Cree words end in (p).

When the (p) is used at the end of a word, it is written (!) in syllabics.

Consonant	Before a vowel	After a vowel	End of syllable	End of word	Between consonant and vowel
h	h	h	h	h	
c	c			c	
k	k			k	
m	m		m	m	
p	p			p	

One word which ends with (p) is kekisep.

ke-ki-sep before noon

How is (p) written in syllabics when it is at the end of a word? ____

7. When (p) is at the end of a word, it is written in syllabics: (!).

In what two ways is the (p) used?

1) _____

2) _____

8. The (p) is used before a vowel and at the end of a word.

Add the (p) syllables to your chart.

consonant	short vowels			long vowels			
	a	i	o	e	ā	ī	ō
p	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
p	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

9. You should have added:

pa	pi	po	pe	pā	pī	pō
<	^	>	v	<˙	^	>

Try to read these words:

ki papa	ki pa-pa	p <<	your daddy
piko	pi-ko	^d	only
ahpo	ah-po	<">	or
api	a-pi	<^	sit down
apahā	a-pa-hā	<<"<˙	untie it

Did you read them to someone who understands Cree? Could they understand you?

Match the following words by writing the syllabics on the blanks.

_____	ki papa	^d
_____	piko	<<"<˙

_____	ahpo	<^
_____	api	p <<
_____	apahā	<">

10. Let us review what we have learned today.

What is the sound of (p)?

Write the three syllables of (p) which use the short vowels.

___ ___ ___ (English letters)

___ ___ ___ (Syllabics)

Write the four syllables of (p) which use the long vowels.

___ ___ ___ ___ (English letters)

___ ___ ___ ___ (Syllabics)

Write the syllabic of (p) when it is used at the end of a word. _____

In what two ways is the (p) used?

1) _____ a vowel

2) at the end of a _____

Write the syllabics for the words we have learned today.

_____ ki papa

_____ ahpo

_____ piko

_____ api

_____ apahā

11. Check your work with the answers on the next page.

Let us look at the song in Cree again. This time write the syllabics in the spaces left open.

Ki-ta pe kī- si- kaw ke mīy- we- yih- tā- kwahk

_C __ __ ʀ __ ° __ ʀ ʀ ʀ __ ċ b·x

E- kā ke mā- to- yahk e- kā ke ni- pi- yahk

__ __ __ __ ʀ ʀx __ __ __ σ __ ʀx

Kah- ki-yaw mī- wa- sin kih- ci kī- si- ko- was- kīhk

__ __ __ ʀ ° __ ʀ ʀ ʀ __ __ __ __ ʀ __ ʀ n __ x

Tā-pwe ki- ta mī- yo kī- si- kaw

ċ v· __ C __ ʀ __ ʀ __ °

Ke mī- yo kī- si- kaw wā- pa- ma- ki Je- sus

__ __ ʀ __ ʀ __ ° ʀ · __ __ __ ʀ ʀ n

Ke ka- na- wā- pa- mak a- na kā pi- mā- ci- hit

__ __ ʀ ʀ · __ __ __ __ ʀ · __ __ __ __ __ ʀ

E sa- ki- cih- ce- nit e kis- ki- noh- ta- hit

__ ʀ __ __ __ __ σ ʀ __ __ n __ ʀ __ C __ __ ʀ

Tā- pwe ki-ta mī- yo kī- si- kāk

ċ v· __ C __ ʀ __ ʀ __ __

THE CONSONANT (P)

The sound of (p) is a voiceless stop, and is somewhat between a (p) and a (b) in the English. When it is used at the end of a word, it is a closed stop.

The (p) is used before all short and long vowels and at the end of a word. When it is used at the end of a word, it forms a syllable with the vowel or syllable before it.

The three syllables of (p) which use the short vowels are:

< pa ^ pi > po

The four syllables of (p) which use the long vowels are:

∨ pe < pā ^ pī > pō

The syllabic form of (p) when used at the end of a word is (').

The words which we learned today are:

ki papa	ki pa-pa	P <<	your daddy
piko	pi-ko	^d	only
ahpo	ah-po	<">	or
api	a-pi	<^	sit down
apahā	a-pa-hā	<<"<	untie