



## Lesson 10

### THE CONSONANT (Y)

↳	↳̇	↵	↵	↳
YA	YĀ	YO	YE	YI

<b>YI</b>	↳	↵	<b>YE</b>
<b>YA</b>	↳̇	↵	<b>YO</b>

nīya	σ↳	I
kiskeyihtam	ρⁿ⁹↳"Cᶜ	he knows
e ayāyān	▽ <↳̇↳̇	as I am
mīyo	Γ↵	good
āsay	<↳̇	ready

1. What do you remember of yesterday's lesson?

What is the sound of (s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the (s) sound used? Think of the four places.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ a vowel
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ a vowel
- 3) at the \_\_\_\_\_ of a syllable
- 4) at the \_\_\_\_\_ of a word

Write the (s) syllables which use the short vowels.

\_\_\_\_ \_ (English letters)

\_\_\_\_ \_ (Syllabics)

Write all the (s) syllables which use the long vowels.

\_\_\_\_ \_ (English letters)

\_\_\_\_ \_ (Syllabics)

Write the final (s) in syllabics \_\_\_\_\_

When (s) is used after a vowel, to which syllable will it belong?

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Write the English words and the syllabics for the words we learned yesterday.

ekosi \_\_\_\_\_

Kisemanito \_\_\_\_\_

kīsik \_\_\_\_\_

Cisas \_\_\_\_\_

sīsīp \_\_\_\_\_  
 ni sākihik \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Check your answers with the last page of Lesson 9.

Today we want to learn

- 1) the consonant - (y)
- 2) five Cree words: nīya, kiskeyihtam, e ayāyān, mīyo, āsay

Now we want to learn about (y). The sound of (y) is very similar to the English sound of (y) as used in yet, or yes.

What is the sound of (y) in Cree?

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3. The sound of (y) is much like the English sound of (y) as used in yet or yes. (Y) is usually used before a vowel. If it is used at the end of a syllable, the sound stays the same. If it is used at the end of a word its sound changes.

We will first learn how the syllables of (y) are used with vowels.

Here are the syllables of (y) which use the short vowels.

	↳ ya	↳ yi	↳ yo	
<b>ya</b>	ya	e ayāyan	e a-yā-yan	as you are or have
↳	↳	∇ <↳↳	∇ <↳↳	
<b>yi</b>	yi	ayisiyiniw	a-yi-si-yi-ni-w	a person
↳	↳	<↳↳σ°	<↳↳σ°	



5. The syllables of (y) which use the long vowels are:

↵ ye      ↵ yā      ↵ yī      ↵ yō

We want to learn one more thing about the (y). Sometimes it is used at the end of a syllable or at the end of a word. When it 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	
n			n	n	
t	t		t	t	
s	s	s	s	s	
y	y		y	y	

Where can the (y) be used?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ a vowel
- 2) at the end of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) at end of a \_\_\_\_\_

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6. The (y) can be used before a vowel, at the end of a syllable, or at the end of a word. It keeps the same sound as in (yet) or (yes)

when it is used at the end of a syllable. Look at this word.

mīyweyihtam      mīy-we-yih-tam      he is happy

What is the sound of (y) when it is used at the end of a syllable?

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7. When (y) is used at the end of a syllable, it sounds like the (y) in yes or yet.

Let us write the word (mīyweyihtam) in syllabics. Notice what happens.

mīy-we-yih-tam      ᑭ ᐱ ᐅ ᑦ ᑕ ᑕ

Now the (y) belongs to the sound of the syllable before it, but it is written with the syllable which follows it. This is important to remember.

Write the word (mīy-we-yih-tam) in syllabics.

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8. Mīyweyihtam is written this way in syllabics: ᑭ ᐱ ᐅ ᑦ ᑕ ᑕ

When (y) is used at the end of a word, it changes the sound of the vowel before it. We notice this especially with the (a.y) It finishes off the sound of the vowel.

āsay      ā-say      ready

ᐱ ᑦ ᑕ      ᐱ ᑦ ᑕ

kekway      ke-kway      thing, what

ᑭ ᐅ ᑕ      ᑭ ᐅ ᑕ

It really changes the sound of the (<, a). The sound of (ay) here is like the sound of (uy) in the word (buy), or similar to the (y) in (cry) or (try).

When the (y) is at the end of the word, what does it do to the sound of the vowel before it?

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9. It changes the sound of the vowel before it. It also finishes off the sound of the vowel before it.

In the word (kekway), what is the sound of (ay) like?

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10. The sound is like the sound of (uy) in (buy) or as the sound of (y) in (cry) or (try). When the (kway) is used as in (kekway) it uses both the (w) and the (y) signs as (: ) in syllabics.

In the word (āsay), the sound is different yet.

We will have to listen to someone say the word (āsay) because we really do not have an English word which has this sound.

What is the sound of (y) when it is used at the end of a syllable?

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What is the sound of (y) when it is used at the end of a word?

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11. When (y) is used at the end of a syllable, it sounds like the (y) in yes or yet. But when it is used at the end of a word, it may sound as (y) in yet, or as (uy) in buy, or it may sound different than both of





13. Check what you have written with frame #10.

Let us look at a song in Cree again. This time write the syllabics in the spaces left open. You should be able to write almost all the syllabics at this time.

Ki-ta      pe      kī-si-kaw      ke      mīy-we-yih-      tā-kwahk  
 --- --      --      --- -- -- °      --      -- ◁·      -- --      --      b·x

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

Kah-      ki-yaw      mī-wa -sin      kih-      ci      kī- si- ko-was-      kīhk  
 --- --      --- -- °      -- ◁·      --- --      --- --      --- -- -- ◁·      --- -- x

Tā-pwe      ki-ta      mī-yo      kī- si- kaw  
 --- √·      --- --      --- --      --- -- -- °

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

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

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

Tā-pwe      ki-ta      mī-yo      kī-si-kāk  
 --- √·      --- --      --- --      --- -- --

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14. Check your answers with the song on page 10 of introduction. How is your memory now on what you have learned today?

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What is the sound of (y) when it is used at the end of a syllable?

\_\_\_\_\_

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The (y) can be used before a vowel, at the end of a syllable, or at the end of a word.

When (y) is used at the end of a syllable, it sounds like the (y) in yes or yet.

The (y) at the end of a syllable belongs to the sound of the syllable before it, but it is written with the syllable which follows it.

When the (y) is used at the end of a word, it may sound as (y) in yet, or as (uy) in buy, or it may sound different than both of these sounds.

The final (y) is written ( ) in syllabics.

The words we learned today are:

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