

Lesson 1 · Greetings and Introductions

Seven things you will be able to say by the end of this class.

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1 Listen, and say it out loud

Follow Theresa. Every time you say a word out loud, tick one box. Three boxes, three times.

NAKODA	SAY IT LIKE	ENGLISH	SAID IT
1 Ába wašté	/ Umm-baah Wah-shtay /	Hello!	☐ ☐ ☐
2 Dokén yá ʉ hé	/ Doh-ken Yah-oo Hay /	How are you?	☐ ☐ ☐
3 Dayá wá ʉ	/ Duh-yah Wah-oo /	I'm fine	☐ ☐ ☐
4 Né duwé hé	/ Neh Do-wehh Hay /	What's your name?	☐ ☐ ☐
5 Né miyé	/ Neh Me-yeah /	My name is ____	☐ ☐ ☐
6 Pinámaya	/ Pee-nom-my-ya /	Thank you	☐ ☐ ☐
7 Áké Wacímnagikte	/ Ah-kay Wah-chim-nah-gink-tah /	Goodbye	☐ ☐ ☐

THE HOOK IS PART OF THE LETTER

The small open hook under **a**, **ʉ** and **Á** is called an ogonek. It tells you the vowel is nasal. A word without its hook is a different word, so copy them exactly.

2 Match

Write the letter of the English meaning beside each Nakoda expression.

Né miyé _____

A Hello!

Dokén yá ʉ hé _____

B How are you?

Áké Wacímnagikte _____

C I'm fine

Ába wašté _____

D What's your name?

Pinámaya _____

E My name is ____

Dayá wá ʉ _____

F Thank you

Né duwé hé _____

G Goodbye

3 The conversation

Find a partner. One of you is A, the other is B. Run it twice, then swap roles and run it twice more. Speak out loud, even if you stumble — stumbling is how it works.

WHO NAKODA

ENGLISH

A Ába wašté !

Hello!

B Ába wašté ! Dokén yá ʉ hé ?

Hello! How are you?

A Dayá wá ʉ. Né duwé hé ?

I'm fine. What's your name?

B Né miyé _____. Níš ?

My name is _____. And you?

A Né miyé _____. Pinámaya.

My name is _____. Thank you.

B Áké Wacímnagikte !

Goodbye!

4 Say your own name

Write the sentence with your name in it, then say it out loud three times.

Né miyé _____**Né miyé** _____**Né miyé** _____

5 Take it home tonight

Teach one expression to somebody at home. A language stays alive because people speak it to each other.

I taught _____ the word _____