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Introduction

This open education resource (OER) may be used a supplementary resource to learning the Mohawk language at the beginner level. In the first part of the OER, the basic morphology, of the language is introduced through pronouns, pronoun prefixes, particles, and verb roots. The second part introduces vocabulary builders. Finally, in the third part, basic conversational language is explored.

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PART I

BASICS

1. Pronoun Prefixes

Pronoun prefixes attach to verb roots to specify who is being discussed and what is happening to that person (blue prefixes), what that person is doing (ref prefixes), and what is happening between people (purple prefixes). The charts below are derived from studying Kanatawakhon David Maracle's textbook, *To I'i Tewaweyentehta'n Kanyen'keha* (Let's Learn Mohawk) (2014) and learning resources created by the Onkwawén:na Kentyóhkwa Adult Mohawk Language Immersion Program in Six Nations of the Grand River that follow the root word method that has set the standard for adult immersion. Read more about the effectiveness of this approach in, "The Root-Word Method for Building Proficient Second – Language Speakers of Polysynthetic Languages: Onkwawén:na Kentyóhkwa Adult Mohawk Language Immersion Program" by Tehota'kerá:tonh Jeremy Green and Owennatékhwa Brian Maracle (2018).

BLUE = SOMETHING IS HAPPENING TO SOMEONE

	C STEM -nonhwáktani sick	A STEM -ata'karí:te healthy	I STEM -í:tahs sleeping	E STEM -é:kahs like the taste	O STEM -on'wéhswani enjoying
I	wake	wak	wak	wak	wak
you	sa	s	sen	s	s
he	ro	ro	ro	raw	ra
she	yako	yako	yako	yakaw	yaka
it	yo	yo	yo	yaw	ya
you & I	yonkeni	yonky	yonken	yonken	yonken
someone & I	yonkeni	yonky	yonken	yonken	yonken
you two	seni	tsy	sen	sen	sen
two Ms	roti	ron	rot	ron	ron
two Fs	yoti	yon	yot	yon	yon
you all & I	yonkwa	yonkw	yonkwen	yonkw	yonky
they & I	yonkwa	yonkw	yonkwen	yonkw	yonky
all of you	sewa	sew	sewen	sew	tsy
they Ms	roti	ron	rot	ron	ron
they (Ms/Fs)	yoti	yon	yot	yon	yon

RED = SOMEONE IS DOING SOMETHING

	C STEM -nón:we's like it	A STEM -attókha smart	I STEM -ì:teron reside	E/EN STEM -entórha lazy	O/ON STEM -ónnhe living
I	ke / ik	k	k	k	k
you	hse / ts / it	hs	ts(hs)	hs	hs
he	ra	r	ren	hr	hr
she	ye	yon	ye	yak	yak
it	ka	w	ken	w	y
you & I	teni	ty	ten	ten	ten
someone & I	yakeni	yaky	yaken	yaken	yaken
you two	seni	tsy	sen	sen	sen
two Ms	hni	hy	hn	hn	hn
two Fs	keni	ky	ken	ken	ken
you all & I	tewa	tew	tewen	tew	ty
they & I	yakwa	yakw	yakwen	yakw	yaky
all of you	sewa	sew	sewen	sew	tsy
they Ms	rati	ron	rat / ronn	ronn	ronn
they (Ms/Fs)	konti	kon	kont / konn	konn	konn

PURPLE = PERSON TO PERSON

	C stem	A stem	I stem	E / EN stem	O / ON stem
	-nòn:we's <i>like a person</i>	-aterò:roks <i>watch someone</i>	-i:tenhre <i>pity someone</i>	-ehyà:ra's <i>remember someone</i>	-onnyén:nis <i>make something</i>
I to you	kon	kony	kon	ony	kony
I to him	ri	riy	r	riy	riy
I to her, them, s.o.	khe	khey	khe <u>l</u>	khey	khey
I to you two / s.o. & I to you	keni	ky	ken	ken	ken
I to you all / they & I to you	kwa	kw	kwen	kw	ky
you to me	take	takw	tak	tak	tak
you to him	etshe	etsh	etsh	etsh	etsh
you to her, them	hshe	hshey	hshe	hshey	hshey
you to them&me/you all to me	takwa	takw	takwen	takw	taky
you + I to him	etshiteni	etshity	etshiten <u>l</u>	etshiten	etshiten
you/all + I to her, them, s.o.	yethi	yethiy	yeth	yethiy	yethiy
you two to me, you to s.o. & me	takeni	taky	taken	taken	taken
you two to him	etshiseni	etshitsy	etshisen	etshisen	etshisen
you two/all + I to him	etshitewa	etshisew	etshitewen	etshitew	etshity
you all to him	etshisewa	etshisew	etshisewen	etshisew	etshitsy
he to me	rake	rakw	rak	rakw	rak
he to you	hya	hy	hyen	hyay	hyay
he to him	ro	ro	ro	raw	ra
he to her, them	hshako	hshako	hshako	hshakaw	hshaka
he to us two	hshonkeni	hshonky	hshonken	hshonken	hshonken
he to us all	hshonkwa	hshonkw	hshonkwen	hshonkw	hshonky
she, they to me	yonke	yonkw	yonk	yonkw	yonk
she, they to you	yesa	yes	yesen	yes	yesay
she, they to him	ronwa	ronw	ronwen	ronw	runway
she, they to her	yontate	yontat	yontat	yontat	yontat
she, they to it, her	konwa	konw	konwen	know	konway
she, they to you two/all	yetshi	yetshiy	yetsh	yetshiy	yetshiy
she, they to them (Ms)	ronwati	ronwan	ronwat	ronwat	ronwan
she, they to them (Fs)	konwati	konwan	konwat	konwat	konwan
s.o. + I to him	hshakeni	hshaky	hshaken	hshaken	hshaken
they + I to him	hshakwa	hshakw	hshakwen	hshakw	hshaky
they/s.o. + I to her, them	yakhi	yakhiy	yakh	yakhiy	yakhiy
they to you + I, they + I	yonkhi	yonkiy	yonkh	yonkhiy	yonkiy
they (Ms/Ms&Fs) to her, them	hshakoti	hshakon	hshakot	hshakon	hshakotiy
they (Fs) to her, them	yakoti	yakon	yakot	yakon	yakotiy

Note: a grey letter before the pronoun indicates that this consonant will appear only when a prefix is attached

2. Verbs

Kanyen'keha (the Mohawk language) is verb-based, like other Hodinohsó:ni languages, indicating that life is always in motion. Every word has a root word which are verbs that must be attached to the most appropriate prefix (red, blue, or purple). For example, to say I love him, I would say **rinoronhkhwá**. Ri- indicates 'me to him' and **-nó:ronhkwe** is the root word for love. The list below is just a brief number of verbs to describe our lives used in conjunction with pronoun prefixes and other language components indicating past, present or future tense.

to like (object)	a__-nòn:we'ne
to be called	a__-iátsheke
to know (a fact)	a__-tó:ken'se
to know (be familiar with)	a__-ientéhrha'ne
to be married	a__-niake
to have children	a__-wiraién:ta'ne
to be working	a__-ió'ten
to love	a__-nó:ronhkwe
be somewhere	kak nón:we a__-:sheke
be going	a__-e
to have something	a__-ién:take
to like the taste of	a__-é:ka'we
to be walking	a__-htén:ti
to be elder/adult	aonta__-ién:ta'ne
to be a child	eksà:'a a__-:ton
to be a person	ón:kwe a__-:ton
to be saying	a__-:ron
to write	a__-hiá:ton
tell about	a__-thrória'te
ask	a__-rihwanón:ton
ask about	a__-rihwanón:ton
tell (someone)	a__-hró:ri
be similar, look alike	taons__-tieréhake
be different, be dissimilar	ta__-ttihéhake
to read	a__-wennahnó:ton
to be sick	a__-nonhwákten
be an age	...naonta__-ién:take
be about	aktóntie a__-:sheke
be passed away	a__-tohetstónhake
be dead	a__-heiónhake
be alive	a__-ónhnheke
be a non-Indigenous (White) person	a__-tientatshónhake
be an Indigenous person	a__-onkwehonwéhake
be one's last name	ta__-hsennà:serake
be # of years old	# ta__-ohseriia'kónhake
have as a surname	ta__-hsennà:serake
to have grandchildren	a__-terè:shen
to have children (idiomatic)	a__-wiraién:ta'ne
to hate it	a__-swen
to be mother to	ontate'nistéhna a__-:ton
to be father to	ontate'níhá a__-:ton

to be child of	ontatièn:'a a-__-:ton
to be grandchild of	ontaterè:'a a-__-:ton
to be grandparent to	ontatshótha a-__-:ton
to be uncle to	ontatenonhà:'a a-__-:ton
to be aunt to	ontate'nistéhna a-__-:ton
to be younger sibling to	ontate'kèn:'a a-__-:ton
to be older sibling to	ontathtsi:'a a-__-:ton
to be siblings	kiatake'kèn:'a a-__-:ton
to be cousins	onara'sè:'a a-__-:ton
to be friends, be bf/gf	aténrò:sera a-__-:ton, káskare a-__-:ton
be good friends/Indian friends	watenro'serí:ios a-__-:ton
be related/relatives	ontátenonhkwe a-__-:ton
in a relationship with someone	a-__-terihwísá
to be divorced or separated	ta-__-tekháhsí
to be engaged	a-__-terihwahserón:ni
to be single	a-__-nonhsanónhnhake
to be young	ken' naonta-__-ién:take
to be learning	a-__-teweiénsthake
to be teaching	a-__-rihonnienñíhake
to watch television	tká:ra's a-__-terò:roke
to be eating	ta-__-tskà:hon
to be thirsty	a-__-nia'tatshénhsheke
to be drinking	a-__-hnekihrénhake
to wake up	a-__-ie
to get dressed	a-__-thserón:ni
answer, reply	ta-__-rihwa'será:ko
begin (to do s.t.)	aonta-__-táhsawen
cook	-khón:ni
defecate	-nítaien
do something	ok na-__-ier
eat a meal	te-__-tskà:hon
get up	-tkétsko, te-__-ta'n
happen	ok tha-__-tié:ren
help (physically)	-ié:nawa's
help (supportive)	-ia'takéhnha
hide	-táchseht
listen	-tahónhsatat
look	-tkáhtho
open	-hnhotón:ko, -nontéksi, -te-__-tá:kwariht
prepare	-weiennén:ta'n
rain	-kennó:ron

rest	-toríhsen
say	-:ron
sleep	-:ta'wh
snow	-nieht
study	-téweienst
put away	-teweièn:ton
tidy	te-__-ohtáhrho
get tired	te-__-hwihsénheie
understand	-'nikonhraién:ta'n
urinate	-nistíá:ke
wake up	-ie
wash s.t.	-nóhare
wash oneself	-tia'tóhare
watch	-terò:rok
work	-iò'ten
borrow	-tén:ni
lend	-:ni
buy	-hní:non
buy for s.o.	-hní:non's
buy from s.o.	-hní:non
get/obtain	-ko, -ié:na
go get	-kóha
give	-ion
lend	-ni
sell	-tenhní:non
sell to	-tenhní:non's
steal	-nénsko
trade, switch	te-__-tá:ton
be big	a-__-kowanénhake
be cheap, inexpensive	a-__-tiesénhake
be dark in colour	a-__-hsohkawahon'tsíhake
be dirty, soiled	ta-__-'tsón:take
be dry	a-__-stathénhake
be expensive	a-__-norónhake
be hard	a-__-hnirónhake
be heavy	a-__-ksteke
have a hole	a-__-kahrón:take
be light in colour	a-__-hsohkvara'kénhake
be long	a-__-ónsheke
be bad, evil	a-__-hetkénhake
be short	ken' na-__-onsháhake

stink	a__-kera'ne
be soft	a__-'nhétska'ne
be ugly	a__-hetkénhake
be wet	a__-na'nawénhake
eat s.t.	a__-ke
make soup	a__-tkátston
make a bread product	a__-na'tarón:ni
get full	a__-hta'ne
be good or proficient at	a__-weientehtónhake
small	ken' ni-__-à:'a
afraid	-tshà:nis
angry	-na'khwèn:'on
annoyed	-hkará:rens
awake	-iè:'on
big	-kowá:nen
body type, looks	tsi ni-__-ia'tò:ten
busy	te__-weienhnharà:'on
cold	-wístos
concerned, worried	te__-tate'nikónhrhare
content	-erien'tí:ios
crazy	te__-nonhwarawén:rie
crying	te__-shénthos
dark-skinned	-hnahòn:tsi
depressed	-'nikonhrèn:ton
drunk	-nonhwarahòn:'on
enjoy	-on'wéskwani
famous	-hsennowá:nen
fat	-re'sen
funny	-ia'tasté:ris
good-looking	-onkwe'tí:io
good person	-onkwe'tí:io, t__-rihwaié:ri
happy	-tshennón:ni, -tonhnháhere
heavy	-ia'tákste
hot	-'tarihèn:'on
hungry	-tonhkária'ks
intelligent	-ttókha
jealous	-'nóshas, -ten'kéwhen
lazy	-entóhrha
light-skinned	-hnarà:ken
lonely	-entón:nis
lucky	-tera'swí:io

cross, nasty, mean	-hétken
need	te-__-tonhwentsó:ni
poor	-:ten
pregnant	-wirahnninòn:re
ready, prepared	-tateweiennentà:on
rich	-hwistowá:nen
sad	-'nikonhráksens
short	ken' ni-__-hneniésha
shy	-tshé:aron
sick	-nonhwáktni
sleepy	-serénhtara's
smiling, laughing	-iéshon
strong	-'nikonhkátste, -'shátste, te-__-hwi'shátste
stubborn, determined	-nontsistahní:ron
surprised	-nehrakò:on
talking	-hthare
tall	-hnén:ies
skinny	-tí:wen
thirsty	-nia'táthens
thrilled, ecstatic	-'nikonhrinekèn:on
have time	-náktote
tired	te-__-hwihsenhé:ion
ugly, homely	-hétken
unlucky	-teraswáksen
well, healthy	-kwátshe
waiting	-hrhá:re, te-__-nèn:raien
weak, sickly	-tsì:ios, -tsi'ióhtare
working	-ió'te
spread out, spread around	te-__-renia'tonhátie
setting	-héhrha
in	-a
in (liquid or abstract), be part of	-o, -re
standing (of an object)	-:niote
hanging over	-hren'tónhkhwa
hanging down, suspended	-háhrha
inserted, wedged in	te-__-hsiharáhtha
standing (animate)	-te
sitting (animate)	-tskote
lying down (animate)	-ia'tiόn:ni
in (animate)	-ià:ti
break (apart, into pieces)	te-__-kháhsions, te-__-hrihtánions

hear	-thón:te, -hrón:kas
listen	-tahónhsate
listen to s.o.	-wennaráhhkwa, -hónhsate
obey, listen to	-tewennaráhhkwa
do (with or to s.t.)	tsí ni-__-iéhrha
insert, wedge into	-ð:roks
leave behind, let go	-ties
put s.t. in s.t.	-éta'as
put up onto s.t.	-héhrha
set down	-iens
stand up an object	te-__-tástha, -hniótha
bite	-tekhwákwas
sniff	-teswáhtha
bleed	-nekhwà:'on
hit (tap, strike)	-hwà:'e
touch	ken' nie-__-iéhrha
grab	-ié:nas
rub	-rakén:rie
scratch	-tké:ton
sore	-hkará:rens
itchy	-rónhkwani
injured	-karewáhton

3. Pronouns

Free Pronouns

Free pronouns can exist, or have their own meaning, without a sentence

i:i me / I / us

í:se you

raónha he / him

akaónha she / her

aónha it

ronónha them (males / males and females)

onónha them (females only)

Bound Pronouns

Bound pronouns can only exist in conjunction with the context of a sentence. In other words, these pronouns have no meaning alone.

yonkyá'ts they to me (name)

yesaya'ts they to you (name)

ronwaya'ts they to him (name)

yontátya'ts they to her (name)

konwaya'ts they to it (name)

ronwatí:ya'ts they to them (name)

konwati:ya'ts they to them (name) – female only

4. Question Words

Ónhka Who?

Oh nahò:ten What?

Ka'nón:we Where?

Kátke When?

Oh nontyé:ren Why?

To nihá:ti How many of them?

PART II

VOCABULARY BUILDERS

5. Animals, Birds, Insects

ohkwá:ri bear

tsyanì:to beaver

tsihstekeriyà:kon bison / buffalo

orhyó:ken chipmunk

kén:reks cougar / lynx

ohskennón:ton deer

atená:ti elk

tsítsho fox

anonhwaráweron groundhog

tehahonhtané:ken jackrabbit

ska'nyónhsa moose

tsinó:wén mouse

anò:kyen / anókyen muskrat

waniheyà:tha opossum

tawí:ne otter

anèn:taks porcupine

kwa'yén:a rabbit

atí:ron raccoon

tsinowen'kó:wa rat

onkwe'tá:ko squirrel, black / grey

aró:sen squirrel, red

anì:tas skunk

ò:nyare snake

kanyáhten snapping turtle

a'nó:wara turtle

okwáho wolf, coyote

teríteri / terí:teri blue jay

kanekwenhtárhá cardinal

tsiktsiré:re chickadee

ká:ka / tsyò:ka'we (East) crow

só:ra(k) duck

atonnyon'kó:wa / á:kweks (East) eagle

katsihnekwárha goldfinch

káhonk goose, Canada

ohkwé:sen grouse

karhakón:ha / atónnyon hawk

ohá:kwaron(t) heron

raónraon hummingbird

tawístawis killdeer, sandpiper

tsyonya'tarèn:ton loon

tsihstékeri great horned owl

tekáhstyá'ks parrot

orí:te pigeon, dove

tsiskó:ko robin

tsyohwátstakahwe seagull

kanatakón:ha sparrow, house

onahsakèn:ra swan

skaweró:wane / skawiró:wane (East) turkey

kenheyón:taks turkey vulture

karontároks woodpecker

ohstò:kwa beak

otsi'é:ra claws

okò:tsya crest

ohstò:sera feather (generic)

- o'náhsha** feather (wing, tail)
- onerahóntsha** wing
- óweya** wing
- tsi'nhontstókhi** ant
- katsikhe'tón:nis / kahsehstón:nis** bee (honey)
- o'nó:wa** beetle
- nikontinyaréhsha** blackfly
- otskwárhe** bullfrog
- tsiktsinón:nawen** butterfly
- orwharà:ne** caterpillar
- tsiríksirik / taráktarak** cricket
- tewatsrókwas** firefly
- otá:wek** flea
- tsiks** fly
- tsikerentányaks** frog
- tsihstá:rare** grasshopper
- otsì:non** lice, louse
- okaryahtà:ne** mosquito
- ohó:wa** moth
- otsihskayonnì:tha** slug
- takwa'áhson** spider
- tsikhnenñà:taks** toad
- yakonere'rholáhos / otsi'nahkontahkwà:ne** wasp, hornet, bee
- ohséhton** woodtick
- otsi'nonwanhèta** worm
- ohskawí:yak** bass
- ohwén:ta** catfish
- oyenhè:ta** perch

tsikónhses pike

ohyé:karon(t) trout, salmon

skakahráksen walleye, pickerel

tsyonnhó:wane whale

tyawerón:ko eel

o'néhtara egg(s)

okawè:tshera fin(s)

watonryéhtha gill(s)

ótsta scale(s)

o'táhsa tail

teka'nón:ten alligator / crocodile

tsikera'wíhstak / yakohónhtariks bat

onotsta'kó:wa elephant

kanyá:rehs giraffe

tó:lis lizard, salamander

katsi'nòn:taks / katsi'nonhtakskó:wa monkey / gorilla

kanonwakón:ha kwéskwes hippopotamus

yohna'tà:tsheronte kangaroo

takohskó:wa lion, tiger

6. Colours

Onekwénhtara (Red)

Kanekwenhtarahòn:tsi (Dark red)

Kanekwenhtararà:ken (Light red)

Akiarèn:ta (Orange)

Otsi:nekwar (Yellow)

Katsi'nekwararà:ken (Light yellow)

Óhonte (Green)

Kahontarà:ken (Light green)

Oròn:ia (Blue)

Karonhiahòn:tsi (Dark blue)

Karonhiarà:ken (Light blue)

Oharennáhta (Purple)

Waharennahtarà:ken (Mauve)

Wahsén:rate (Pink)

Wahsenrate'tsherarà:ken (Pale pink)

Athéhsa (Brown)

Watehsarà:ken (Tan)

Kahòn:tsi (Black)

Ata'kenhróhkwa (Grey)

Wata'kenhrohkwarà:ken (Light gray)

Karà:ken (White)

7. Days & Months

Days

Awentatokenhtí:ke Sunday

Awententaón:ke Monday

Ratironhia'kehronón:ke Tuesday

Soséhne Wednesday

Okarihstiiáhne Thursday

Ronwaia'tanontaktóhne Friday

Awentákta Saturday

Months

Tsiothorhkó:wa January

Enníska February

Ennískó:wa March

Onerahtókha April

Onerahtohkó:wa May

Ohiaríha June

Ohyarihkó:wa July

Seskéha August

Seskehkó:wa September

Kenténha October

Kentenhkó:wa November

Tsiothórha December

8. Environment

Kahonwé:ia Boat

Kahswén:kara Board, shelf, plank

Ókwire Bush, shrub, whip, tree

O'tá:ra Clay, clan, pottery, chimney

Otshà:ta Cloud

O'kèn:ra Dirt, dust, soil

Ohrón:wa Ditch, furrow

Kanhóha Door

Ata'èn:ra Fence

Kahéhta Field, garden

Ohswén:kara Floor

Kárha Forest, woods

Óhonte Grass, vegetation

O'nià:ra Hill

Kaniá:tara Lake

Onhwéntsia Land, earth, soil

Ónerahte Leaf

Onón:ta Mountain

Onawà:tsta Mud

Kahná:wa Rapids

Kahiónha River, stream

Oháha Road, street

Ostèn:ra Rock, sidewalk, pavement

Áhskwá Roof, bridge, porch, deck

Onehsarónhkwa Sand

Karonhià:ke Sky, heaven

Óniehte Snow

Kanekó:ta Stairs, ladder

Kaná:wa Swamp, marsh, wetland

Kaná:ta Town, village, city

Karón:ta Tree, log, tree trunk

Kérhite Tree

Ahsónhta Wall

9. Food

ohsahè:ta bean(s)

otsíhkwa beet(s)

kanà:taronk butter

owihstóhsra bread

ó:nenhste corn

o'nhónhsa egg(s)

kéntsyonk fish

kákhwa food (ready-to-eat)

káhik fruit

atennà:tshera groceries, lunch

o'wà:ronk meat

onòn:ta milk

ohsò:kwa nut(s)

onékwa pea(s)

ohnennà:ta potato(es)

ohtè:ra root, carrot

onòn:tara soup

onon'ónsera squash

otsikhè:ta sugar, candy

ohné:ka water, liquid

sewahyó:wane apple(s)

kaien' kwararihton bacon

yona'tarakà:ronte bagel

teyatagyà:kton banana

orhóhtseri beans (fresh, green/yellow)

kahwatstón:ni (-hwatst- = foam) beer

shá:yehse blackberry

karha'takéha (-rh- = forest) blueberry

otsi'tsyakáthe broccoli

teyona'taratsikhè:tare cake

otsì:nekwar nikahterò:ten carrots

takóhs aókhwa / aotíkhwa cat food

ohstawinakáhte (-hstawin- = stalk) celery

yonekwarahní:ron (-nekwar- = curds) cheese

é:ri / eri'kó:wa cherry(ies)

kitkit tanon onon'onsta chicken and dumplings

tehatikahrati:ronte raotíkhwa chinese food

ohso'kwákeri / ohsahe'tákeri coffee

nikana'tarà:sas cookies

kana'taronkhón:we corn bread

onenhstóhkwa corn soup

onenhste'ón:we corn, flint corn

kanenhstóhare corn, lyed corn

ó:nenhste corn, sweet corn

tó:kwahre cranberry

onon'onserákeras cucumber

ohshérha dough

tewahserí:ye (-ahseriye't- = string) doughnuts

kanenhón:ta dried corn soup

othè:sera flour

tekarihstó:yen (-rihst- = stove) fried bread, scone (stove-top)

kahnenña'takeri:ten fried potatoes

wahyákeri fruit juice (apple cider, strawberry drink)

teyokháhon garlic

onénhare (-nенh- = seed) grape(s)

kèn:ye gravy

teka' wahraiehston teiohiaka:nion wahstehton goulash

teka'wahrahríhton hamburg (ground meat)

awenhétsha hot dog, baloney, sausage

kanenryo'kóhare (-nennyo'kw- = frozen snow) ice cream

kahnekinekénhton juice (squeezed)

tekara'wihstà:sere lasagna

teyohyahyò:tsis lemon

kahneka'shátste liquor

wáhta óhses maple syrup

awerhóhsera / otsíhkwa mushroom(s)

otsíhkwa oatmeal, cornmush, pudding

á:nenk onions, bulb

o'nyónkhseri onions, green

otsì:nekwar niwahyò:ten orange

ora'wíhsta / ánekok pancakes

tekakenhwhará:'on peach(es)

kátshe káhik pear(s)

teyotskara'kó:wa pepper

teyonon'onserahyò:tsis pickles (dill)

tekahswà:ne (-hsw- = back) pie

kahonteskó:wa pineapple

teyotena'tarahwenón:ni pizza

wíhson káhik plum

watenenhstatákwas popcorn

skanekwenhtará:yen raspberries

teyohstawinahyò:tsis (-hstawiñ- = stalk) rhubarb

watenon'ónkwas / kanatsyakèn:ra (east) rice (white)

tekahsahe'tayéhston salad (bean)

teka'nhonhsayéhston salad (egg)

tewahayayéhston salad (fruit)

tekahontayéhston / tekanerahtayéhston salad (garden)

tekahnenna'tayéhston / tekanerahtayéhston salad (potato)

kiokiakton' kowa salmon

teyohyò:tsis salt

teyo'wahrahyò:tsis salt pork

tekana'tarà:sere sandwich

teka'nhonhsawen:rie scrambled eggs

kahnekákon / teyohnekatsikhè:tare soda pop

wahseriyè:to (-ahseriye't- = string) spaghetti

yontekhwakon'onhstáhkwa spices

niyohontéhsha strawberry

kanerahtanawénhton / ti tea

watena'taratsha'áhton / kana'tarahon'tsíhston toast

teyohyakháhon tomatoes

ohontehshón:'a / ase'shón:'a / kahehta'kéha (-heht- = garden) vegetables

teyohnekahyò:tsis vinegar

wahyá:ris watermelon

katsi'tsyákeri (-tsi'tsy- = flower) wine

Descriptions

wá:tonte baked

yotskà:rat bitter, sour

teyohnekontyéhton boiled

yotsha'áhton burnt

yotenóhare clean

yó:ri cooked

yowíhsto cool, cold

yawékon delicious

yore'senhtsherón:ni fattening

kakerì:ten fried, deep-fried

yonennyo'kwanóhston frozen

wenserákon / kaserákon good-smelling

yawenhyé:nare greasy

yo'taríhen hot

yotatén:ron left-over

yonnyà:ton made from / with

yohskénrhonte moldy

okáhte raw

watè:skonte roasted, fried

yótken / yótkon rotten

teyohyò:tsís salty

teyothská:rat spicy, hot

yohetkén:'on spoiled

yò:te strong taste, smell

teyotsikhè:tare sweet

yó:kwit unappetizing, disgusting

yohné:kare watery

Meal Time

orhen'ké:ne í:yeks breakfast

entye lunch

okara'snéha supper

10. Kinship

Older Male Relatives

rake'níha my father

ya'níha your father

ro'níha his father

shako'níha her father

shonkwa'níha our father

etshisewa'níha your father

rakenohá:'a my uncle

yanohá:'a your uncle

ronohá:'a his uncle

shakonohá:'a her uncle

shonkwano'há:'a our uncle

etshisewanohá:'a your uncle

rakhsótha my grandfather

yahsótha your grandfather

rohsótha his grandfather

shakohsótha her grandfather

shonkwahsótha our grandfather

etshisewahsótha your grandfather

rakhtsí:'a my older brother

yahtsí:'a your older brother

rohtsí:'a his older brother

shakohtsí:'a her older brother

shonkwahtsí:'a our older brother

etshisewahtsí:'a your older brother

Younger Male Relatives

riyén:'a my son

etshyén:'a your son

royén:'a his son

ronwayén:'a her/their son

etshiteniyén:'a my and your son

etshisewayén:'a your son

riyonhwatén:'a my nephew

etshonhwatén:'a your nephew

raonhwatén:'a his nephew

ronwayonhwatén:'a her/their nephew

etshitenonhwatén:'a me and your nephew

etshisenonhwatén:'a your nephew

riyateré:'a my grandson

etshateré:'a your grandson

roteré:'a his grandson

ronwateré:'a her/their grandson

etshityateré:'a me and your grandson

etshitsyateré:'a your grandson

ri'kén:'a my younger brother

etshe'kén:'a your younger brother

ro'kén:'a his younger brother

ronwa'kén:'a her/their younger brother

etshiteni'kén:'a me and your younger brother

etshiseni'kén:'a your younger brother

Older Female Relatives

ake'nihsténha my mother

sa'nihsténha your mother

ro'nihsténha his mother

ako'nihsténha her mother

onkwa'nihsténha our mother

sewa'nihsténha mother of all of you

akhsótha my grandmother

sahsótha your grandmother

rohsótha his grandmother

akohsótha her grandmother

onkwahsótha our grandmother

sewahsótha grandmother of all of you

akhtsí:'a my older sister

sahtsí:'a your older sister

rohtsí:'a his older sister

akohtsí:'a her older sister

onkwahtsí:'a our older sister

sewahtsí:'a older sister of all of you

Younger Female Relatives

kheyén:'a my daughter

sheyén:'a your daughter

shakoyén:'a his daughter

yontatyén:'a her/their daughter

yethiyén:'a me and your daughter

yetshiyén:'a your daughter

kheyonhwatén:a my niece

sheyonhwatén:a your niece

shakaonhwatén:a his niece

yontatonhwatén:a her/their niece

yethiyonhwatén:a me and your niece

yetshiyonhwatén:a your niece

kheyateré:a my granddaughter

sheyateré:a your granddaughter

shakoteré:a his granddaughter

yontatateré:a her/their granddaughter

yethiyateré:a me and your granddaughter

yetshiyateré:a your granddaughter

khe'kén:a my younger sister

she'kén:a your younger sister

shako'kén:a his younger sister

yontate'kén:a her/their younger sister

yethi'kén:a me and your younger sister

yetshi'kén:a your younger sister

Cousins & Friends

onkyara'sé:a my cousin

tsyara'sé:a your cousin

ronara'sé:a his (M/F) cousin

(y)onara'sé:a her (F) cousin

onkwara'séhson our cousin

sewara'séhson your cousin

onkyatén:ron my friend

tsyatén:ron your friend

ronatén:ron his (M/F) cousin

(y)onatén:ron her (F) cousin

onkwaterróhson our cousin

sewatenróhson your cousin

onkyátshi my female friend

tsyátshi your female friend

yonatshí'ó:kon her female friend

onkwatshí'ó:kon our female friend

sewatshí'ó:kon your female friend

Multiple Family Members

yonkyén:'a my parents

yesayén:'a your parents

ronwayén:'a his parents

shakotiyén:'a her parents

yonkhiyen'okón:'a our parents

yetshiyen'okón:'a your parents

kheyen'okón:'a my children

sheyen'okón:'a your children

shakoyen'okón:'a his children

yontatyen'okón:'a her children

yethiyen'okón:'a our children

yetshiyen'okón:'a your children

yonkhsótha my grandparents

yesahsótha your grandparents

ronwahsótha his grandparents

yontathsótha her grandparents

yonkhihsotokón:a our grandparents

yetshihsothokón:a your grandparents

kheyatere'okón:a my grandchildren

sheyatere'okón:a your grandchildren

shakotere'okón:a his grandchildren

yontatatere'okón:a her grandchildren

yethiyatere'okón:a our grandchildren

yetshiyatere'okón:a your grandchildren

akhtsì:son my older siblings

sahtsì:son your older siblings

rohtsì:son his older siblings

akohtsì:son her older siblings

onkwahtsì:son our older siblings

sewahtsì:son your older siblings

khe'ken'okón:a my younger siblings

she'ken'okón:a your younger siblings

shako'ken'okón:a his younger siblings

yontate'ken'okón:a her younger siblings

yethi'ken'okón:a our younger siblings

yetshi'ken'okón:a your younger siblings

yonkenohà:son my uncles

yesanohà:son your uncles

ronwanohà:son his uncles

yontatenohà:son her uncles

yonkhinohà:son our uncles

yetshinohà:son your uncles

kheyonhwaten'okón:a my nephews and nieces

sheyonhwaten'okón:a your nephews and nieces

shakaonhwaten'okón:'a his nephews and nieces

yontatonhwaten'okón:'a her nephews and nieces

yethiyonhwaten'okón:'a our nephews and nieces

yetshiyonhwaten'okón:'a your nephews and nieces

teyakwatate'ken'okón:'a my siblings

tesewatate'ken'okón:'a your siblings

tehontate'ken'okón:'a his siblings

tehontate'ken'okón:'a her siblings

onkwara'séhson my cousins

sewara'séhson your cousins

ronara'séhson his cousins

ronara'séhson her cousins

onkwatenróhson my friends

sewatenróhson your friends

ronatenróhson his friends

ronatenróhson her friends

11. Location

Cities & Towns

Tsi tkanatáhere Brantford

Tsi teyohserò:ron Buffalo

Kharató:ní Caledonia

Tyohsarhóntyon Detroit

Anonhwahrore'tsherakayòn:ne Dundas

Tsi thatinatón:ni Guelph

Ohrón:wakon Hamilton

Ka'taróhkwen Kingston

Tekahyonhó:ken London, Ontario and Paris, Ontario

Tyohtyà:ke Montreal

Tewa'ken'hà:ke New Credit

Kanón:no New York City

Tsi tewa'sénhtha Niagara Falls

Tsi yetsyenhayentáhkwa / Tsiyatentáhkwa Ohsweken village

Kanà:tsyo Ottawa

Tsi teyotenenhsà:kton St. Catherines

Ohswé:ken Six Nations Grand River Territory

Tsi tkarón:to Toronto

Ranatakaryáhsne Washington, D.C.

Koráhne Canada

Wahstonhronòn:ke United States

Wehikhóhne Mexico

Onhwentsyakayòn:ne Europe

Tyorhen'shakà:ke England

Ken'taherè:ke Scotland

O'seronni'onwè:ke France

Ratihnahon'tsíhne Africa

Tehatikahratirontè:ke Japan, China, Korea

Places

tsi teká:tens / tekaténhnsne airport, at a/the ~

tsi tehonttsihkwa'ekstáhkwa arena, at a/the ~

tsi thatitsyénhayens band office, at a/the ~

tsi yehwihestayentáhkwa bank, at a/the ~

tsi thatihnekírha bar, at a/the ~

tsi teyehwíhstayens casino, at a/the ~

tsi yonterennayentáhkwa / ononhsatokénhti (East) church, at a/the ~

tsi thatiya'tarò:roks community hall

tsi thonwati'nikòn:rhare ratiksa'okón:a day care centre

ranawirakwatakwáhsne dentist's office, at a/the ~

rotshinahkèn:ke / ratetsyènhshne (East) doctor's office, at a/the ~

tsi yeyakotyéhtha dump / landfill, at a/the ~

ronhswa'thà:ke fire station, at a/the ~

tsi yontya'takariyohstáhkwa gym, at a/the ~

tsi tyakenheyontayentáhkwa / tsi tehshakotitysèn:tha (East) hospital, at a/the ~

tsi tyonnonhwétstha hotel, at a/the ~

tsi yontatenhotónhstha jail, at a/the ~

tsi yehyatohserayentáhkwa library, at a/the ~

kanonhséhsne / tsi tkanónhses longhouse, at a/the ~

tsi yontenhninon'tha'kó:wa mall, at a/the ~

tsi teyó:ya'ks / teyoyá'kshne movie theatre, at a/the ~

shakotiyenáhsne / karihtòn:ke (East) police station, at a/the ~

tsi yehyatohseratahkwáhtha post office, at a/the ~

tsi waterennótha radio station, at a/the ~

onkwehonwè:ne / kanonhstá:ton reserve, at a/the ~

tsi teyontska'hónhkwa restaurant / dining room, at the ~

tsi yontaweya'táhkwa / tsi yontaterihonnyenní:tha / tsi yonterihwayenhstáhkwa (East) school, at a/the ~

tsi thonwatíhsnye's rotiksten'okón:a senior's home

tsi yontenhninòn:tha store, at a/the ~

kaná:takon town, in ~

Onkwawennáhne Onkwawenna immersion program

tsi ronkénnyes to the fair/gambling

tsi ratihwístayens to the casino

tsi rontké:rons to the market

tsi rontekhwahní:nons to the grocery store

tsi onkyatenrón:ke to my friends (m) place

tsi yonkyatenrón:ke to my friends (f) place

tsi tsyaterón:ke to your friend's place

tsi yontaweya'táhkwa to school

tsi teyontska'hónhkwa to the restaurant

tsi yehwistayentáhkwa to the bank

tsi tewatén:nyote to a wedding

tsi ronten'wéhshens to a party

tsi tekanonnyáhkwen to a dance

tsi kahehtahserón:ni to a park

tsi teyoya'áksne to the movies

tsi tewakenónhsote to my place

tsi tisanónhsote to your place

tsi thonónhsote to his place

tsi tyakonónhsote to her place

tsi thotinónhsote to their place

tsi tyotinónhsote to their place (f)

12. Mohawk Clans

Tsi Niyonkwen'tarò:ten our clans

Turtle Clan

wakenyáhten I am of the turtle clan
sanyáhten you are of the turtle clan
ronyáhten he is of the turtle clan
yakonyáhten she is of the turtle clan
yonkeninyáhten we (you & I / someone & I) are of the turtle clan
seninyáhten you two are of the turtle clan
rotinyáhten two (Ms) are of the turtle clan
yotinyáhten two (Fs) are of the turtle clan
yonkwanyáhten you all and I are of the turtle clan
sewanyáhten all of you are of the turtle clan
rotinyáhten they (Ms) are of the turtle clan
yotinyáhten they (Fs) are of the turtle clan

Wolf Clan

wakathahyón:ni I am of the wolf clan
sathahyón:ni you are of the wolf clan
rothahyón:ni he is of the wolf clan
yakothahyón:ni she is of the wolf clan
yonkyathahyón:ni we (you & I / someone & I) are of the wolf clan
tsyathahyón:ni you two are of the wolf clan
ronathahyón:ni two (Ms) are of the wolf clan
yonathahyón:ni two (Fs) are of the wolf clan
yonkwathahyón:ni you all and I / they and I are of the wolf clan
sewathahyón:ni all of you are of the wolf clan
ronathahyón:ni they (Ms) are of the wolf clan
yonathahyón:ni they (Fs) are of the wolf clan

Bear Clan

wakhskaré:wake I am of the bear clan
sahskaré:wake you are of the bear clan
rohskaré:wake he is of the bear clan

yakohskaré:wake	she is of the bear clan
yonkenihskaré:wake	we (you & I / someone & I) are of the bear clan
senihskaré:wake	you two are of the bear clan
rotihskaré:wake	two (Ms) are of the bear clan
yotihskaré:wake	two (Fs) are of the bear clan
yonkwahskaré:wake	you all and I / they and I are of the bear clan
sewahskaré:wake	all of you are of the bear clan
rotihskaré:wake	they (Ms) are of the bear clan
yotihskaré:wake	they (Fs) are of the bear clan

Asking About Clans

Sateryén:tare ken oh niwaki'tarò:ten? Do you know what kind of clan I am?

Oh nisen'tarò:ten? What kind of clan are you?

Oh naho'tarò:ten? What kind of clan is he?

Oh niyako'tarò:ten? What kind of clan is she?

Oh niyonkeni'tarò:ten? What kind of clan are you and I / someone and I?

Oh niseni'tarò:ten? What kind of clan are you two?

Oh nihoti'tarò:ten? What kind of clan are they (two Ms)?

Oh niyoti'tarò:ten? What kind of clan are they (two Fs)?

Oh niyonkwen'tarò:ten? What kind of clan are you all and I / they and I?

Oh nisewen'tarò:ten? What kind of clan are all of you?

Oh nihoti'tarò:ten? What kind of clan are they (Ms)?

Oh niyoti'tarò:ten? What kind of clan are they (Fs)?

13. Numbers

Énskat one

Tékeni two

Áhsen three

Kaié:ri four

Wísk five

là:ia'k six

Tsiá:ta seven

Sha'té:kon eight

Kióhton nine

Oié:ri ten

Áhsen iawén:re thirteen

Kaié:ri iawén:re fourteen

Wísk iawén:re fifteen

là:ia'k iawén:re sixteen

Tsiá:ta iawén:re seventeen

Sha'té:kon iawén:re eighteen

Kióhton iawén:re nineteen

Tewáhsen twenty

Áhsen niwáhsen thirty

Kaié:ri niwáhsen fourty

Wísk niwáhsen fifty

lá:ia'k niwáhsen sixty

Tsiá:ta niwáhsen seventy

Sha'té:kon niwáhsen eighty

Kióhton niwáhsen ninety

Tewen'nyá:we hundred's number marker

14. People

Eksa'okón:'a Children

Raksá:'a Boy

Yeksá:'a Girl

Eksá:'a Child

Tehníksá:'a 2 Boys / 1 Boy + 1 Girl / 2 Kids

Tekeniksá:'a 2 Girls

Ratiksa'okón:'a Boys / Kids (3+)

Kontiksa'okón:'a Girls (3+)

Ratinekenhteron'okón:'a & Kontiya'tese'okón:'a Young People

Ranekénhteron Young man

Yeya'taséha Young women

Tehnikekénhteron Two young men

Tekeniya'taséha Two young women

Ratinekenhteron'okón:'a Young men (3+)

Kontiya'tase'okón:'a Young women (3+)

Onkwe'shón:'a People

Rón:kwe Man

Yakón:kwe Women

Ón:kwe Human / Person

Tehnón:kwe 2 Men / 1 Man + 1 Women / 2 Adults

Tekenón:kwe 2 Women

Ronnón:kwe Men / Men + Men / Adults (3+)

Konnón:kwe Women (3+)

Rokstén:ha Elder man

Akokstén:ha Elder women

Tehotikstén:ha 2 Elderly Men / 1 Elderly Man + 1 Elderly Women / 2 Elders

Teyotikstén:ha 2 Elderly Women

Rotiksten'okón:a Elderly Men / Elderly Women + Men/Elders (3+)

(Y)otiksten'okón:a Elderly Women

Describing The Amount of People

shayá:ta one male

tsyeyá:ta one female

tehniyáhsen two males

tekeniyáhsen two females

ahsen nihá:ti three males

ahsen nikón:ti three females

kayé:ri nihá:ti four males

kayé:ri nikón:ti four females

wísk nihá:ti five males

wísk nikón:ti five females

yá:'ya'k nihá:ti six males

yá:'ya'k nikón:ti six females

tyá:ta nihá:ti seven males

tyá:ta nikón:ti seven females

sa'té:kon nihá:ti eight males

sa'té:kon nikón:ti eight females

tyóhton nihá:ti nine males

tyóhton nikón:ti nine females

oyé:ri nihá:ti ten males

oyé:ri nikón:ti ten females

énhksa yawén:re nihá:ti eleven males

énhksa yawén:re nikón:ti eleven females

tewáhsen énhksa nihá:ti twenty-one males

tewáhsen énh ska nikón:ti twenty-one females

áhsen niwáhsen énh ska nihá:ti thirty-one males

áhsen niwáhsen énh ska nikón:ti thirty-one females

15. States of Being

Wakhterón:ni I am afraid

Wakena'khwén:'on I am angry

Tewakeweiénhare I am busy

Tewake'nikón:hrhare I am concerned/worried

Wake'nikonhrí:io I am content

Tewakanonhwarawénrie I am crazy

Wake'nikonhrén:ton I am depressed

Wakon'wéhskwani I enjoy doing s.t.

Wakhsté:rihst I am funny

Konkwe'tí:io I am a good person

Wakatshennón:ni I am happy

Tewaken'nikon'rowà:nen I am intelligent

Wakaterién:tare I am aware (know)

Kienté:ri I know s.t specific

Kentórha I am lazy

Waké:kahs I like the taste of it

Kentón:nis I'm lonesome

Wakatera'swí:io I am lucky

Ikhseróhen I am nasty/mean

Wake'nikonhrahserón:ni I am pleased

Wakataweieennentà:'on I am ready/ prepared

Wake'nikonhráksen I am sad

Kattókha I am smart/ clever

Wake'nikonrahní:ron I am stubborn

Wakenehrákwas I am surprised

Wakatonháhere I am thrilled

Wakenáktote I have time

Wakatera'swáksen I am unlucky

Wakerhá:re I am waiting

Tewakatonhwentsió:ni I am want/need

Iohsté:rihst It's funny

lotshennónnia't It's a happy thing

Io'nikonhrória't It's surprising

Ionà:kwat It's maddening

Io'nikonhráksa't It's saddening

Ionehrákwat It's surprising

Teiohwihshenhé:iat It's tiring

Teio'nikonhrhá:rat It's worrisome

Ióthteron It's dangerous

PART III

CONVERSATIONAL MOHAWK

16. Conversation: Eating A Meal

Satonhkaria'ks ken? Are you hungry?

Hen, katonhkaria'ks. Yes, I am hungry

I:iah sotsi arok tekatonhkaria'ks. No, not hungry yet

I:sehre ken taikiatskahon:na? Do you want to go eat?

Hao' Ki:nio Yes, lets go!

O:nen ni:i wakekhwenta:on I have already eaten

Naho:ten ni:se' enseke? What will you eat?

Naho:ten ensneki:ra? What do you want to drink?

_____ **en:keke** I will eat _____(food)

_____ **ni:i enkhneki:ra** I will drink _____(drink)

Iah teio:ri ki:ken _____ This (food) is not cooked all the way

lotshon ki:ken _____ This (food) is burnt

Wenserakon ki:ken _____ This (food) smells good

Kahnekakon ki:ken _____ This (drink) is good

Se:kas ken ne _____ Do you like the taste of (food)?

Hen, wakekas ne _____ Yes I like the taste of (food)

I:iah tewakekas ne _____ No I don't like the taste of (food)

Enseke ken ne _____ (food/drink)? Did you try the (food/drink)?

lawekon ken? Is it good?

17. Conversation: Basic Greetings

Shé:kon, skennenkó: ken? Still, is everything peaceful? (Hello, how are you?)

Shé:kon, yoyanerátye ken? Again, is it going well?

Skennen'kó:wa ní:i. Great peace for me too. (I am well)

Nok ní:se? And you?

Yoyanerátye. It is going well.

Oh nahò:ten yesá:ya'ts? What is your name?

Oh nahò:ten ronwá:ya'ts? What is his name?

Oh nahò:ten yontátya'ts? What is her name?

Oh nahò:ten ronwatí:ya'ts? What is their name?

Nok ne raónha? And him?

Nok ne akaónha? And her?

Nok ne ronónha? And them?

Jane yónkyá'ts. Jane is my name.

John ronwá:ya'ts. John is my name.

Sosán yontátya'ts. Susan is my name.

Smith ronwatí:ya'ts. Their name is Smith.

Ó:nen ki'wáhi. Now, then. (Bye, then.)

Ó:nen. Bye

18. Conversation: Introducing Yourself

___ **yónkyats** ___ is my name

___ **wakhsenná:sere** ___ is my last name

___ **na'tewakohseriyá:konh** ___ is my age

Kateweyénhstha kateweyénhstha I am studying the Mohawk language.

ónkha níse? Who are you?

19. Conversation: Common Questions & Phrases

Oh nahò:ten ne thí:ken? What is that?

Oh nahò:ten ne kí:ken? What is this?

Oh nahò:ten nen' né:'e? What is it?

Ónhka ne thí:ken? Who is that?

Ónhka ne kí:ken? Who is this?

Ónhka nen' né:'e? Who is it?

Ka'nón:we ká:yen? Where is it? (Where does it lay?)

Yeksá:'a ken? Is it a girl?

Yeksá:'a ken, ne thí:ken? Is that a girl?

Yeksá:'a ken, ne kí:ken? Is this a girl?

Ne yeksá:'a wáhi? It is the girl, is it not?

Kèn:tho ká:yen. It is here.

E'tho ká:yen. It is there.

Yeksá:'a táhnon raksá:'a. A girl and a boy?

Oh nahò:ten wahsì:ron? What did you say?

Oh ni:ioht tsi enshi:ron ____? How do you say _____?

Seshi:ron Say it again

Oh naho:ten ken:ton ne ____? What does _____ mean?

Ka'non:we ne ____? Where is the _____?

Wake'nikonhrayén:ta's I understand

Yah tewake'nikonhrayén:ta's I don't understand

Wakateryén:tare I know

Yah tewakateryén:tare I don't know

í:kehre I want

yah té:kehre I don't want

satsí:ron! say it again!

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