



Dakota Language: I'm From Minnesota Worksheet

Mni Sóta Maḵoce are the words used by Dakota to describe this land as the Land Where the Waters Reflect the Clouds. Mni (sometimes one will see Mini, this is also a correct spelling) means water; Sóta means clear, but not perfectly so, slightly clouded or sky-colored; and Maḵoce means a place, land, or country.

1. How do you say Minnesota in Dakota? Practice saying “Mni Sóta Maḵoce”

2. How do you say you're from Minnesota in Dakota?

In Dakota, we say:

Vanessa: *Mni Sóta Maḵoce demataḥaḥ ye.* I am from where the waters reflect the clouds (Minnesota).

Or

Vanessa: *Mni Sóta demataḥaḥ ye.* I am from Minnesota.

Glenn: *Mni Sóta demataḥaḥ do.* I am from Minnesota.

Notice there is a different ending for females and male in Dakota. “Ye” is used by females, and “Do” is used by males.

3. Now you try! Practice telling someone else that you are from Minnesota in Dakota.