

DAKOTA LANGUAGE

Lessons

Dakota Language: Lesson 1

- ▶ **Dakota – Friend or ally**
- ▶ **Mni Sóta Maçoce – Land where the waters reflect the skies**
- ▶ **Oçeti Šakowiŋ– Seven Fires or Seven Council Fires; refers to the larger confederation of tribes**

Dakota Language: Lesson 1

The names of the bands that comprise the Oceti Šakowiŋ are:

- ▶ **Bdewakaŋtuwaŋ (also spelled Mdewakaŋtuwaŋ) - The Spirit Lake People**
- ▶ **Waŋpekute - The Shooters Among the Leaves People**
- ▶ **Waŋpetuŋwaŋ - The People Dwelling Among the Leaves**
- ▶ **Sisituŋwaŋ - People of the Fish Village(s)**
- ▶ **Ihanktuŋwaŋ - Dwellers at the End**
- ▶ **Ihaŋktuwaŋna - Little Dwellers at the End**
- ▶ **Tituŋwaŋ - Dwellers on the Plains**

Dakota Language: Lesson 2

- ▶ **Dakota – Friend or ally**
- ▶ **Dematanhan ye/do – I am from (here)**
- ▶ **Mitakuye Owas'in – All my relations; we are all relatives**
- ▶ **Mni Sóta Maçoce - Land where the waters reflect the skies**
- ▶ **Mni Wiconi – Water is life**
- ▶ **Wicooyake – Historical or personal stories**
- ▶ **Females: Mni Sóta dematanhan ye. I am from Minnesota.**
- ▶ **Males: Mni Sóta dematanhan do. I am from Minnesota.**

Dakota Language: Lesson 3

- ▶ **Mitakuye owas'in** – All my relations; we are all relatives
- ▶ **Mni Sóta Maçoce** – Land where the waters reflect the skies
- ▶ **Dematanhan ye/do** – I am from (here)...
- ▶ **Emakiyapi ye/do** – They call me
- ▶ **Females:** _____ emakiyapi ye.
- ▶ **Males:** _____ emakiyapi do.

Dakota Language: Lesson 4

- ▶ **Dakota wicoḥ'an** – Dakota ways of living; lifeways
- ▶ **Emakiyapi ye/do** – They call me
- ▶ **Mitakuye owas'in** – All my relations; we are all relatives
- ▶ **Wóuṅsida** – Humility
- ▶ **Waṅsida** - Compassion
- ▶ **Wóbdiheic'iya** – Positiveness
- ▶ **Wóohoda/Oho'da** – Respect
- ▶ **Wóksape** – Wisdom

Dakota Language: Lesson 4

- ▶ **Wóokiya – Helpful**
- ▶ **Wówaçin̄ya – Dependable**
- ▶ **Wóinina – Silence**
- ▶ **Wóohitika – Courage**
- ▶ **Wówaçin̄taŋka – Patience**
- ▶ **Wówaditika – Bravery**

Dakota Language: Lesson 4

- ▶ **Tehiṅda – Cherish, Value, Love**
- ▶ **Wówahba – Gentleness**
- ▶ **Wówicake – Honesty**
- ▶ **Ohaṅwašte – Generosity**
- ▶ **Wówaśake – Strength**

Dakota Language: Lesson 5

- ▶ **Dakota wicoŋ'aŋ – Dakota ways of living; lifeways**
- ▶ **Ikçe Wicaŋta– Common man, common people or person**
- ▶ **Mitakuye owas'in – All my relations; we are all relatives**

Dakota Language: Lesson 6

- ▶ **Bdote/mdote – Place where two waters meet; confluence**
- ▶ **Caŋsayapi – They paint the trees red; place where the Lower Sioux community is located**
- ▶ **Çaske – First-born son; Chaska**
- ▶ **Ikçe wicašta – Common people/person**
- ▶ **Mni haħa – Waterfall, or curling waters; Minnehaha**
- ▶ **Mni Sóta Maħoce - Land where the waters reflect the skies**
- ▶ **Winuna – First-born daughter; Winona**

Dakota Language: Lesson 7

- ▶ **Mitakuye owas'in** – All my relations; we are all relatives
- ▶ **Mni Sóta Maḵoce** – Land where the waters reflect the skies
- ▶ **Tiwahe** - Family
- ▶ **Tiospaye** - Extended family
- ▶ **Oyate** - Nation, community, people

Dakota Language: Lesson 8

- ▶ **Dakota lapi Teunhiŋdapi – We cherish the Dakota language**
- ▶ **Mitakuye owas'in – All my relations; we are all relatives**
- ▶ **Mni Sóta Maŋoce – Land where the waters reflect the skies**

Dakota Language: Lesson 9

- ▶ **Dakota wicoŋ'aŋ – Dakota ways of living; lifeways**
- ▶ **Ikçe Wicaŋta– Common man, common people or person**
- ▶ **Mitakuye owas'in – All my relations; we are all relatives**
- ▶ **Mni Sóta Maŋoce – Land where the waters reflect the skies**
- ▶ **Teuŋhiŋdapi – They cherish it**
- ▶ **Wicooyake – Historical or personal stories**

Dakota Language: Lesson 10

- ▶ **Dakota – Friend or ally**
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- ▶ **Dematanhan ye/do – I am from (here)...**
- ▶ **Emakiyapi ye/do – They call me**
- ▶ **Ikçe Wicaṣta– Common man, common people or person**
- ▶ **Mitakuye owas'in – All my relations; we are all relatives**
- ▶ **Mni Sóta Maḵoce – Land where the waters reflect the skies**

Dakota Phrases:

- ▶ **Haŋ - Yes or Hello (Female)**
- ▶ **Hau - Yes or Hello (Male)**
- ▶ **Hiya - No**
- ▶ **Haŋ/Hau mitakuyapi - Hello my relatives**
- ▶ **Wašte - good**
- ▶ **Šice - bad**
- ▶ **Nína wašte - Very good**

Dakota Phrases:

- ▶ Héćetu - That's right
- ▶ Tuwe sdodya he? - Who knows? Does someone know?
- ▶ Sdodwaye - I know
- ▶ Sdodwaye šni - I don't know
- ▶ Ҫo – Cool, good, attractive, cute, right, delicious, snazzy, great
- ▶ Pidamaya (ye/do) – I am grateful to you; thank you
- ▶ Pidamayayapi (ye/do) – I am grateful to you all (plural)