

LESSON 2 : Greetings and Introductions

Greetings and introductions between Lakota people are different depending on who is speaking. The following are different forms of introductions which you may hear from time to time.

I. Male Strangers

John emaciyapi yelo.
Taku eniciyapi hwo?
John emacipyapi yelo.
Taku eciyapi hwo?
Hecetu. Jim eciyapi.

My name is John.
What is your name?
My name is John.
What is his name?
That's right. His name is Jim.

Female Strangers

Mary emaciyapi ye.
Taku eniciyapi he?
Mary emaciyapi ye.
Taku eciyapi he?
Helen eciyapi ye.
Hecetu. Helen eciyapi ye.

My name is Mary.
What is your name?
My name is Mary.
What is her name?
Her name is Helen.
That's right. Her name is Helen.

Caje Kin tokel eciyapi he/hwo?
Mary eciyapi ye/yelo.
Caje kin tokel ewicakiyapi
he/hwo?
Hena Mary na Helen ewicakiyapi
ye/yelo?
Mary miye. (yelo)
Nis, nituwe he/hwo?
Mary miye. (yelo)
He ins tuwe he/hwo?
He Helen e.

What is his/her name?
His/her name is Mary.
What are their names?
Their names are Mary and
Helen.
I am Mary.
You, who are you?
I am Mary.
Who is that?
That is Helen.

II. Villages and Surrounding Towns

Tutktel ti he/hwo?
Pahin Sinte el ti ye/yelo.

Where does he/she live?
He/she lives at Porcupine.

Tuktel Mary ti he/hwo?
 Mary Pejuta Haka el ti ye/yelo?
 Tuktel tipi he/hwo?
 Pajola Otonwahe el tipi ye/yelo
 Tuktel Mary na Helen tipi he/hwo?

Where does Mary live?
 Mary lives at Medicine Root.
 Where do they live?
 They live at Martin.
 Where do Mary and Helen live?

Lena otonwahe heca:

Owatoksu Otonwahe
 Tahca Wakpa Otonwahe
 Wanyeca Otonwahe
 Wazi Paha, or
 Waziahhanhan Owakpamni
 Inyan Sala Otonwahe
 Pajola Otonwahe
 Mni Kata Otonwahe
 Inkpata Otonwahe
 Sunkpa Waksa Otonwahe
 Peji Hota Otonwahe
 Casmu Ska Otonwahe
 Pte Taiopa Otonwahe
 Panke Ska Wakpa Otonwahe
 Casmu Okahmi Otonwahe
 Mni Luzahan Wakpa Otonwahe
 Ogllotake Otonwahe
 Capa Wakpa Otonwahe

These are towns:

Rushville, NE
 Gordon, NE
 Hay Springs, NE
 Pine Ridge Agency, SD

Batesland, SD
 Martin, SD
 Hot Springs, SD
 White Clay, NE
 Oelrichs, SD
 Edgemont, SD
 Smithwick, SD
 Buffalo Gap, SD
 Scottsbluff, NE
 Alliance, NE
 Rapid City, SD
 Crawford, NE
 Chadron, NE

Lena wicoti heca:

Makasan Wakpa
 Wazi Paha, or
 Waziahhanhan Owakpamni
 Canpe Opi
 Oyuhpe
 Pahin Sinte

These are villages on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Oglala
 Pine Ridge
 Wounded Knee
 Manderson
 Porcupine

Pejuta Haka	Kyle
Casmu Ska, or	Batesland
Inyan Sala Otonwahe	
Wanbli Hohpe	Wanblee
Wagmiza Wakpala	Allen
Sunkmanitu Tanka Wakpala	Wolf Creek
Blo Ok'e	Potato Creek
Paha Zizipela	Slim Buttes
Makosica	Rockyford
Wakpa Waste, or Ogle Luta	Red Shirt Table

Verbal Conjugations

<u>eciyapi</u>	<u>called or named, he/she is called</u>
emaciyapi	I am called or named
eniciyapi	you are called or named

Mary emaciyapi.	My name is Mary.
Nis, taku eniciyapi he/hwo?	You, what is your name?

<u>ti</u>	<u>to live or dwell at</u>
wati	I live or dwell at
yati	you live or dwell at
ti	he/she lives or dwells at

tipi	they live or dwell at
yatipi	you all live or dwell at
untipi	we all live or dwell at

Tuktel yati he?	Where do you live?
Miye Pahin Sinte el wati.	I live at Porcupine.

<u>hi</u>	<u>to arrive at (here)</u>
wahi	I arrive
yahi	you arrive
hi	he or she arrives

hipi	they arrive
yahipi	you all arrive
unhipi	we all arrive

Tokiya tanhan yahi he/hwo? Where did you come from?
 Tahca Wakpa tanhan wahi
 ye/yelo.

un
 waun
 yaun
 un

to be
 I am
 you are
 he/she is

unpi
 yaunpi
 unk' unpi

they are
 you all are
 we all are

Tuktel yaun he/hwo?
 Oyuhpe el waun ye/yelo?

Where are you staying?
 I am staying at Manderson.

Vocabulary

eciyapi
 taku
 hecetu
 caje

called, named
 what
 that is the way; that is right
 name

tokel
 kin
 hena
 miye

how, in what way
 the
 those
 I, myself

tuwa
 tuktel
 ti
 nis

who
 where
 to live in a place
 you

niye
 tanhan
 tokiya
 el

you, yourself
 from
 where
 at, to

hi
 un
 na
 niye

to arrive
 to be
 and
 you, yourself

Additional Dialogue

Lakota iya ye/yo.

Speak Lakota.

Niye Lakota iya ye/yo.
Iyuhe Lakota iyapi ye/yelo.

You speak Lakota.
All of you speak Lakota.

Eya ye/yo.
Ake eya ye/yo.
Hotanka eya ye/yo.
Ake iyuha hotanka eyapi ye/yelo.

Say it.
Say it again.
Say it louder.
All of you say it again louder.

Hecetu he/hwo?
Han, hecetu ye/yelo.
Hecetu he/hwo?
Hiya, hecetu sni ye/yelo.

Is that right?
Yes, that's right.
Is that right?
No, that's not right.

Le Lakotiya tokeske eyapi

How do they say this in Lakota?

he/hwo?
Hecel eyapi...
Pilamaya ye/yelo.

They say...
Thank you.

This is the conclusion of Lesson 2. If you feel you haven't mastered the material, you may stop the tape and go back to the beginning of the lesson. Repeat until mastery of the material is achieved.