

SPEAK NAVAJO

The Navajo language is a difficult language that uses tones as well as unusual pronunciations. It has been simplified here for children. Vowels are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in father; *ai* as in eye; *ay* as in hay; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *ih* as in tip; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot; *uh* as in cup. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

Phrase

Hello

Please

Thank you

Yes

No

Goodbye

Pronounce it

yah-ah-TAY

tah-SHOHN-dih

ah-HEH-heh

oh^{*}

doh-dah

hah-GOH-neh (literally OK)

*The apostrophe (') indicates a glottal stop; cut short the syllable preceding it.

COUNTING IN NAVAJO

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one	TAH-thlah-ih	six	hahs-TAHN
two	nah-KEE	seven	tsohs-TSID
three	tah	eight	tsay-BEE
four	deen'*	nine	nah-hahs-TEY
five	ahsh-DLAH	ten	nehz-NAH

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SING IN NAVAJO

JESUS LOVES ME

Jee sus ah yoh ah shoh nih
ay bih zahd yay shith hahl neh
ahth chihn nih gee ah nihsh teh
doh sihd zeel dah ay bihd zeel

Jee-sus ah yoh ah-shoh-nih
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Jee-sus ah yoh ah-shoh-nih
bih zahd yay shihth hahl neh

Squeeze hyphenated syllables into a single note.