



**GWY SChaaJ 231**

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# Tsisdu Nole Wahya

Rabbit and the Wolves Full Version

Discourse Connectors (013 Handout)

Imperfective Stems

# Word Categories

Particles – Stable sound forms

Adjectives – Inflected for Person and Number

Nouns – Inflected for Person and Number

Verbs – Person, Number, Tense/Aspect

# Adjectives

## Sample Adjectives in Tsisdu nole Wahya

itsei	new
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osda	good
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sdaya	hard
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# Adjectives

Adjective modifies Noun, specifies sub-category

itsei                  new

Galgisodisgvi itse kanogida.

I was practicing a new song.

# Adjectives

Adjective modifies Verb, Adjective = Adverb

osda          good

Anigtahahno osda duhnogisdi.

They knew that the rabbit could sing well.

# Adjectives

Adjective modifies Verb, Adjective = Adverb

sdaya      hard

Sdayahno ditsihnogisdi.

You all have to sing loud

# Nouns

Concrete, time stable entities.

tsisdu	rabbit
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wahya	wolf
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tsogesi	field
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# Nouns

Deverbal (derived from verb), time stable entities.

kanogida	a song
alsgida	a dance

# Verbs

Most complicated. Structure:

Prepronominals      d- Event Plural

Pronouns      agi-, etc.

Reflexive/Reciprocal

**Verb Base**      specific meaning

Verb Stem      Impf, Prf, Prsnt, etc.

Verb Final      -vi, -ei, -esdi, -oi, etc.

# Verbs

Danihnogisgei. They were singing.

d- Event Plural Prepronominal

ani- Third Person Plural Pronoun

**-hnogi- 'sing' Base** specific verb meaning

sg- Imperfective Stem

-ei Unexperienced or Reportive Final

# Particles – A Mixed Bag

Words that are NOT Adjectives, Nouns, or Verbs.

Words that do NOT inflect for Person, Number, Tense, etc.

# Particles

Particles connect discourse.

Particles connect phrases.

Particles specify reference.

Particles indicate time.

Particles indicate space.

# Particles connect discourse.

**ZṶṶṶṶṶṶ** Nogwusgini ‘for now’

Nogwusgini, unadehlohos \*nedohvna gesv,  
unagtenole.

When they found that he wasn’t there, they  
looked for him.

[\*correct ... nedohvna gesv ...

‘that he wasn’t there’ on handout]

# Particles connect discourse.

**Zwəy h** Nogwusgini ‘for now’

Nogwusgini gesv dagiyawega. For the present, I am tired.

nogwu ‘now’

-sgini ‘this’ or some kind of indicator

# Particles connect phrases.

Zɔ nole 'and'

Galgisodisgvi itse kanogida **nole** alsgida.

I was practicing a new song and dance.

tsisdu **nole** wahya rabbit and wolf/wolves



# Particles connect phrases.

D4ZZ aseno 'but'

Unihyagisdihno unadulisgvi.

They wanted to eat it [rabbit].

Asenohno uniniyv, hia duwoselei tsisdu,

But when they had caught him, the rabbit  
told them this, ...

# Particles connect phrases.

D4ZZ aseno 'but'

Asenohno hia iyitsadvnti.

Therefore/But, you have to do this.

# Particles specify reference.

AD Hia ‘this, these’

Hia duwoselei tsisdu, ...  
the rabbit told them this

Hia svgta agwaduliha.

I want this apple.

# Particles specify reference.

ΘD Na/naa 'that one'

Kanvsidvhno naa ahei.

There was a stump sitting nearby.

# Particles specify reference.

ΘD Na/naa 'that one'

Na'a atsutsa uyosiha.

That boy is hungry.

# Particles specify reference.

ioᎠY      Vsgi 'that mentioned'

Howahno, uniyelvne vsgi yunadvndi.  
The wolves agreed to do that.

# Particles specify reference.

ioᎠY      Vsgi 'that mentioned'

Vsgi sogwili akilvdisgoi.

She/He rides that horse.

# Particles indicate time.

Zᵱ Nogwu ‘now’

Nogwu, undvne tsisdu.

Now, the rabbit said.



# Particles indicate time.

Zᵱ Nogwu ‘now’

Nogwu idalena!

Let’s start now.

# Particles indicate space.

- TΘ Ina 'far'

Ina igada ganulv uhyakv nole kanvsitvi.

In the high grass and in the stump.

Ina Anigilvtsi anadiho.

They say France is far away.

# Vsgi Nigaa!

Vsgi nigaa! That's all.

A small selection of the Particles in the Cherokee language. Particles are a Closed Class – we should be able to list all of them. This is a 'profitable' area for further research.