

GWY S'U'ha'adi DS'4'awi

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Five Noun Classes

The five noun classes are determined by verb words that refer to different shaped entities. Verbs for manipulating entities in some way often encode the shape of the entity which is manipulated.

Gohusdi Asdaya (Solid objects and objects that don't fit in the specific classes)

telephone	dihlinohehdi'i	ICZPIT	kanoheda	ahyidohi	
ball	alsgahldi	DW'as'WI	apple	svgta	R'aw
potato	nuna	ʔ'θ	bowl	unvweda	ʔ'ʔ'w'ʔ
cup	ulisgwada	ʔ'P'ʔ'ʔ			

Gohusdi Wanige'i (Flexible objects)

flag	gadati	S'LI	blanket	tsusgwanvna	ʔ'aw'ʔ'ʔ'θ
bag	degahldi	S'S'WI	rope	sdeyida	as'ʔ'ʔ
shirt	atatsda	DW'ʔ'ʔ	socks	diliyo	ʔ'P'ʔ
	ahnawo	D't'ʔ			

Gohusdi Ehi (Animate objects)

panther	tsvdatsi	C'ʔ'ʔ	possum	utsedsdi	ʔ'ʔ'ʔ'aw'ʔ
spider	kananisgi	ʔ'ʔ'ʔ'aw'ʔ	chipmunk	kiyugi	ʔ'G'S
baby	usdii	ʔ'aw'ʔ'ʔ	girl	agehyutsa	D'P'G'G
squirrel	saloli	ʔ'G'ʔ	[who is jumping	dahltadegv	ʔ'W'W'S'E]

Gohusdi Ama Iyusdi (Liquid objects)

[bottle filled with	gugu atsisdv	JJ D'ʔ'aw'ʔ'ʔ]			
milk	unvdi	ʔ'ʔ'ʔ	soup	ugama	ʔ'S'ʔ'
juice (sour)	tsuntsosdi	ʔ'ʔ'K'aw'ʔ	tea (brewed leaves)	tsugaloga gulsdanvhi	ʔ'S'G'S ʔ'W'aw'ʔ'ʔ'ʔ'
water	ama	D'ʔ'	blood	giga	ʔ'S
[spigot	unugohisdi	ʔ'ʔ'AT'aw'ʔ]			

Gohusdi Gvnahida (Long, rigid objects)

fork	yvgi	BY	spoon	aditohdi	D'ʔ'ʔ'ʔ
knife	ahyelsdi	D'ʔ'W'aw'ʔ	pencil	digohwelodi	ʔ'ʔ'aw'ʔ'ʔ
gun	galogwe	S'G'w	bow	gahlotsadi	S'W'G'ʔ
stick	gansda	S'ʔ'aw'ʔ			

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Questions and Sentences - Answer two questions on quiz.

Do iyusdi hia? What is this?

Do iyusdi 'what Information Question' comes at the start of a question. With the word hia 'this/these', the question asks for the identity of an entity. Information questions ask for unpredictable new information.

Tsadulihatsu ama? Do you want water?

The -tsu 'yes/no Question' marker attaches to the first word of the question. Word order in Cherokee language is remarkably flexible, in part because most of the sentence information is attached to the Verb Word. In this case, Tsadulihatsu ama? Do you want water? contrasts with Amatsu tsaduliha? Is it water that you want? In both cases, the answer is predicatably vv 'yes' or hadi 'no'.

Uwoduhitsu na saloli? Is that squirrel pretty?

Verbs, Adjectives, and Nouns all take Pronouns in Cherokee language. Here, the Adjective uwoduhi 'he/she/it pretty' shows the uw- 'he/she/it' Third Person Singular Pronoun.

Ulisgwada agwaduliha. I want a cup.

Verbs also take Pronouns. Overall, Cherokee language tends to put the Verb Word in sentence-final position. In this case, ulisgwada 'cup' can be replaced with any singular noun. The structure is X agwaduliha. 'I want x.' with the agw- 'I' First Person Singular Pronoun prefixed to the Verb Stem.

Yvgi uduliha agehyutsa. The girl wants a fork.

Language is flexible and allows for different phrasing that subtly modify meaning or serve to indicate personal style. Here, the Agent of the sentence, agehyutsa 'girl', comes in sentence-final position. Compare Yvgi uduliha. 'She wants a fork.' Without an Agent, the Verb Word appears in sentence-final position. Agw-aduliha. 'I want it.' and U-duliha. 'She/He wants it.' provide the minimum information for understanding the interaction between Pronoun and Stem.

Do iyusdi tsaduliha? What do you want?

Do iyusdi 'what Information Question' again indicates a request for specific and unpredictable information - the answer can be almost any concrete entity. There are three Singular Person categories in Cherokee language: I, you alone, he/she/it.

Do iyusdi uduliha agehyutsa? What does the girl want?

Now I, the First Person, am asking you, the Second Person, about a Third Person, agehyutsa 'girl'.

Sakonige digohwelodohdi agwaduliha. I want a blue pencil.

Tsunega diliyo dagwaduliha. I want white socks.

Sakonige 'it blue' Adjective for Third Person Singular. Tsunega 'they white' Adjective for Third Person Plural Inanimate. The Verb Word Agwaduliha. 'I want it.' indicates a Singular Undergoer entity, and Dagwaduliha. 'I want them.' indicates Plural Undergoer.