

Fort Peck Community College
-Native American Studies Department-

Fort Peck Community College Orthography			
a	As in	Tall	Tabá
e	As in	Ten	Hekdá
i	As in	Teen	Shikná
o	As in	Okay	Shkoshkóbena
u	As in	Cool	Yumní
b	As in	Bat	Bizbízhana
ch	As in	Chill	Chába
d	As in	David	Dóba
g	As in	Good	Gitéza
• □	As in	“K” with a scraping sound (fricative)	Ga□Á
h	As in	hot	Hokwá (m)
△	As in	Loch Lomond (fricative)	Wa△bé
j	As in	Joe	Júsina
k	As in	Keep	Kadá
m	As in	Montana	Maká
n	As in	Now	Néchi
p	As in	Pan	Pedá
s	As in	Super	Sakná
sh	As in	Shoe	Shaknó□a
t	As in	Toe	Timáhen
w	As in	What	Wasté
y	As in	Yellow	YudídA
z	As in	Zip	Zipzíbena
zh	As in	Leisure, measure	Zhokíya

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ą	Nasalized ą	Hąbí
į	Nasalized į	Įchá□A
ų	Nasalized ų	ŲknúshdA

•	Denotes glottal stop (a slight pause after the symbol)	
K•ú	K•oo	To give
Chup•ó	Choop•oh	To be foggy
Wachís•a	Wahchees•ah	A dancer

Plural

ayúptA	ayúptabi	She answer	They answer
banázhj	banázhji	Push upright	They push upright
chábákmikma	chábákmikmabi	A wagon	Wagons
cham•úzhjtga	cham•úzhjtgabi	An onion	Onions
Negative			
akdágA	adkágeshj	To run	He doesn't run
basísA	basíseshj	To sew/stitch	She doesn't sew
chjgÁ	chjgeshj	To want	She doesn't want
dayÁ	dayeshj	To be good	He is not good

Stress Marker			
abé	ah-bEH	Branch of a tree	
bahá	bah-hAH	A hill	
chamní	chahm-nEE	A cactus bud	
duká	doo-kAH	But, should	
Ablaut			
- capitol "A" on the end of a word denotes the change from an "A" to the letter "I" -			
apÁ	ApjktA	Apjkteshj	
akdágA	AkdágjktA	Akdágjkteshj	
badídA	BadídjktA	Badídjkteshj	
chjgÁ	ChjgjktA	Chjgjkteshj	
gaksÁ	GaksjktA	Gaksjkteshj	
hokúwA	hokúwjktA	hokúwjkteshj	
iyéyÁ	iyéyjktA	iyéyjkteshj	
ksuyÁ	ksuyjktA	ksuyjkteshj	
maksÁ	maksjktA	maksjkteshj	
nųwÁ	nųwjktA	nųwjkteshj	
ógiyA	ógiyjktA	ógiyjkteshj	
shkádA	shkádjktA	shkádjkteshj	
tapá	tapjktA	tapjkteshj	
wódA	wódjktA	wódjkteshj	
yúdA	yúdjktA	yúdjkteshj	
No ablaut Indicated by a small "a"			
ayúshtą	ayúshtakta	ayúshtakteshj	
bazházha	bazházhakta	bazházhakteshj	
eyá	eyákta	eyákteshj	
gąchą	gąchąakta	gąchąakteshj	
jtéja	jtéjakta	jtéjakteshj	

Future tense marker

- kt -			
agú	=	to bring (she or he)	agúkt = she will bring it
bapsú	=	to pour she or he)	bopsúkt = she will pour
cheyA	=	to cry (she or he)	cheyjkt = she will cry
gamnÁ	=	to cut meat (she or he)	gamnjkt = she will cut the meat
Past tense marker - zhéħą or ch●ehą -			
Mnógedu zhéħą		Last summer	
Háyakenach●ehą wá hihą		It snowed in the morning	
Wiyódaha zhéħą wódabi		They ate at noon	
Pdáyeduch●ehą tatąga iyáme ibi		Last fall they hunted buffalo	

Fricative □	
Ga□Á	to make (she or he)
Ho□ą	a fish
Bo□Á	to blow (she or he)
Che□á	a pot, kettle
Fricative △	
Wa△bé	Tea
△u△ná△yabi	Coffee
Wa△chĵkja Wakbá	Poplar, MT
△óda	The color gray

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vowels	i	i	i	i
	j	i	j	j
	e	e	e	e
	a	a	a	a
	ą	ą	ą	ą
	o	o	o	o
	u	u	u	u
	ų	ų	ų	ų
unaspirated	b	b	b	p
	d	d	d	t
	j	j	j	c
	g	g	g	K
ejective	p•	p?	p'	p'
	t•	t?	t'	t'
	c•	c?	c'	c'
	k•	k?	k'	k'
aspirated	p	p	p	p'
	t	t	t	t'

	ch	ch	c	c'
	k	k	k	k'
voiced	b	b	b	b
	d	d	d	d
	j	j	j	j
	g	g	g	g
fricative	△	X	h	h
	□	ʒ	ǰ	ǰ
	sh	sh	š	š
	zh	zh	ž	ž
glottal	•	?	·	·