

THE WESTERN APACHE ALPHABET

VOWELS



aasitíni

aa

shitaa'

my father

a

shita'

my forehead



nal'eeli

ee

idee'

cup

e

shi'ide'

my cup



ĩicho

ii

shinii'

my face

i

shini'

my land



óodo

oo

doo...da

not

o

dq'

fly

CONSONANTS

'	o'i'á	evening	glottal stop
b	bésh	knife	
ch	chaa	beaver	
ch'	ch'ah	hat	glottalized ch
d	dó'	fly	
dl	dló'	bird	
dz	dzil	mountain	
g	gaagé	crow	
gh	kéghad	root	
h	hosh	cactus	
hw	nohwí	we, you	
j	bijaa	his ear	
k	kee	shoe, foot	
k'	k'aa'	bullet	glottalized k
kw	da'kwí	how many	
l	iloh	thread	
l	lí'	horse	silent l
m	mé'	baby	
n	nadá'	corn	
s	sis	belt	
sh	shí	me	
t	tú	water	
t'	t'iis	cottonwood tree	glottalized t
tl	godiltli'	forest fire	
tl'	tl'ool	rope	glottalized tl
ts	tséé	rock	
ts'	ts'aal	cradleboard	glottalized ts
w	gową	wickiup	
y	yoo'	beads	

z	zas	snow
zh	zháali	money (change)

'x' is used for 'h' only when the 'h' is syllable initial following 's', and so would be confused with 'sh', as in **γizisxijj** 'he killed it.'

WESTERN APACHE DICTIONARY

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