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STORY IN CHEROKEE

“ᎡᎦᏔᏂᏓᏯᏗ, ᏑᏢᎦᏔᏗ, ᏑᏦᏔᏗ, ᏢᏔᏑᏓᏗ, ᏑᏢ᎔, ᏑᏢᎦᏔᏗ, ᏑᏦᏔᏗ, ᏢᏔ�ᏓᏗ, ᏑᏢᎦᏔᏗ.”

Raigyn Mayes, CW DAP-KW

The Cherokee syllabary as invented by Sequoyah consists of six vowels, modified by seven consonants. Every syllable ends with a vowel sound, and each character is the invariant representative of the same sound, with the exception of the sounds that are aspirated. The language is unique in that it can be written by the Sequoyah characters or by the English letter phonetics and still convey the same meaning.

The vowel pronunciations are as follows: a, as in ah; e, as in eee; i, as in iee; o, as in oo; u, as in uue. The consonants are pronounced as they are in English. The consonant, g, in the syllable ‘ga’ is always pronounced with the g sound, all other syllables beginning with ‘g’ can be interchanged with the ‘k’ sound. The syllables beginning with ‘t’ are pronounced with a sound between ch and j in English. The consonants ‘r’ and ‘d’ are properly pronounced with a sound somewhere between the two. The syllable ‘to’ can be pronounced ‘te’ or ‘die’.

Practice Cherokee Greetings

Hello. How are you? I am fine.
Luethje. "That's the local food.

Luethje and Annette Mankiller are planning to open a barbeque sauce

By Britteny Bennett

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