

Choctaw I Chapter 2

Lesson 1 – Subject Markers

In Chapter 1, ilvppvt, and yvmmvt were placed at the beginning of a sentence to create short sentences.

Example: Ilvppvt ofi. This is a dog.

Yvmmvt katos lusa. That is a black cat.

Remember: Choctaw does not have a word to match the English articles 'a', 'is', or 'the', however, for correct English grammar we insert them where needed when translating to English.

Subject Markers – In this chapter we will begin to identify **ilvppvt** and **yvmmvt**, as subject markers. These subject markers will be placed after the noun or noun phrase to identify 'who' or 'what' the subject is and prepares you for more information about the subject.

Noun or noun phrase subject marker
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Example: ofi lusa ilvppvt this black dog
Ofi lusa ilvppvt balili. This black dog runs/ is running.

Noun or noun phrase subject marker
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Example: katos tohbi yvmmvt that white cat
Katos tohbi yvmmvt impa. That white cat eats/ is eating.