

Choctaw I Chapter 3

Lesson 1 - Question markers:

Question markers o, ho, and yo, come at the end of a question and the vowel 'o' is underlined to show it has a nasalized sound.

Rules to follow for correct usage of question markers:

1. o - follows a word that ends in a consonant
Ex. Yvmmvt shulush o?
2. ho - follows a verb/number word
Ex. Yvmmvt ofi hannali ho? Are these six dogs?
3. yo - follows descriptive words/adjectives, etc.
4. Ex. Ilvppvvt ofi lusa yo? Is this a black dog?

Use of negation word 'kiyo'.

Keyu and kiyo are pronounced the same. Kiyo will usually come at the end of a sentence to show negation,

Ex. Ilvppvvt ofi lusa. This is a black dog.
 Ilvppvvt ofi lusa kiyo. This is not a black dog.

Listen to the sentence patterns on the outline page.