

Lesson of The Day

Nanta ish hopona chi?

What will you cook?

Tobi honi la chi.

I will boil (cook) beans.

In English we say we are going to cook beans, but in Choctaw we state how we are going to cook beans which is to 'honi' (boil) the beans.

Underlined vowels are nasalized.

Word Meaning:

nanta (nahn-ta) = what **ish** (esh) = you

hoponi (ho-po-ni) = to cook **li** (le) = I

achi (ah-ch^enh) = future tense marker

tobi (toh-bi) = beans **honi** (ho-ne) = to boil

In the first sentence, **hoponi** changes to **hopona** and in the second sentence **li** changes to **la**. This change occurs in order to accommodate the future tense marker '**achi**.' The letter -**a** from '**achi**' attaches to the preceding word, ex., (**hopona chi** and **la chi**).

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