

Lesson of The Day

5/5 Dialogue: A previous Lesson asked the question, “Are you cold?” This Lesson answers that question.

Speaker 1: **Chi hochowa ho?** Are you cold?

Speaker 2: **Sv hochowa chiyyohmi!** I am really cold!
(with emphasis)

Word Meaning: **chi** (che) = you

chiyyohmi (chee-yoh-mee) = really (emphasis)

hochowa (hoh-choh-wah) = cold (body temperature)

ho (hohn) = question marker **sv** (sah) = I am

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.
2. **ho** – follows a verb.
3. **yo** – follows descriptive words/adjectives, numbers, etc.

In previous lessons, we learned the Choctaw word for ‘**I**’ is ‘**li**’ and is preceded by a verb.

The use of ‘**chi**’ also means ‘**you**’ and is in the second person singular form. This usage shows how ‘**you – chi**’ is affected by an action or adjective.

Ex. Ofi yvt chi haklo tuk. The dog heard you.
Chi chaha. You are tall.

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