

# Lesson of the Day

Future Tense: **hopena chi** – will cook

To show future tense in a Choctaw sentence ‘**achi**’ is placed at the end of the sentence.

Most words preceding ‘**achi**’ are verbs. When the final vowel in the preceding word is ‘**i**’ or ‘**o**’ the vowel must be changed to ‘**a**’ and ‘**chi**’ added to complete the future tense form.

**Joyce ipokni yvt pi hopena chi.**

Joyce’s grandmother will cook for us.

**Ishki yvt chi hopena chi.**

His mother will cook for you.

(the ‘**i**’ in ‘**hopeni**’ is dropped and the ‘**a**’ in ‘**achi**’ replaces it:  
**hopeni achi** --> **hopena chi**)

**Word Meaning:** **ishki** (ish-ke) = his/ her mother

**ipokni** (eh-pohk-ne) = his/ her grandmother

**yvt** (yaht) = subject marker **pi** (p<sup>ehn</sup>) = to or for us

**chi** (ch<sup>ehn</sup>) = to or for you **hopeni** (hoh-poh-nih) = to cook

(changes to **hopena** for future tense) **achi** (ah-ch<sup>ehn</sup>) = will/ shall