

Lesson of The Day

Negation of the verb form ‘**ak-o**,’ means “**I, not.**” ‘**Ak**’ is prefixed before a verb (**ak+verb**) and the last vowel of the word is converted to an ‘**o**,’ (**ak+verb+o**) unless the verb already ends in an ‘**o**,’ then it remains the same.

Base word: **impa** = eat (ak+**impa**+o) → **akimpo** = I did not eat

Vocabulary: **akimpo** – I did not eat

Akimpo kisha. I have not eaten yet.

Ninakash akimpo tuk. I did not eat last night.

Word Meaning:

akimpo (ah-kihm-poh) = I did not eat

kisha (kihn-shah) = not yet

ninakash (nih-nahk-ahsh) = last night

tuk (tohk) = past tense marker

Choctaw has two forms of negation. The first one simply negates by adding ‘**kiyo**’ to the end of the sentence. *Example:* Impa li tuk kiyo. I did not eat.

The ‘**ak-o**’ negation shows a change of state, often translated in the past tense.

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