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Activity: Cherokee Syllabary

Directions: Challenge yourself! Fill in the missing parts in each row with either the English word, the written Cherokee (syllabary), or the verbal Cherokee (pronunciation). Use your references. These include: your friends, the Cherokee syllabary chart, and the Cherokee pronunciation guide to help you. Good luck!

[Cherokee syllabary chart = language.cherokee.org/media/tmre3lgz/syllabarychart.pdf] [Cherokee pronunciation guide = cherokeespeaks.com/syllabary/#syllabary-characters]

Remember:

One character = one verbal sound. So, if there are 3 characters in the syllabary, there are 3 sounds in the verbal section.

For example:

 $V \otimes is 2$ characters. So, I need 2 verbal sounds = do ya. (English = bean) o is 1 character. So, I need 1 verbal sound = ka. (English = Attention!)

English	Cherokee Syllabary	Verbal Cherokee
1. Hello	1.	1. O si yo
2. Cherokee	2. CWY	2.
3.	3. b√°€∂	3. Si qwo ya
4. Thank you	4.	4. Wa do
5. Please	5. OVAGT	5.
6.	6.	6. Hi 'gi
7. No	7.	7. Tla
8. Good	8.	8. O s da
9.	9. YC	9.
10. Friend	10.	10. O' gi na' li