

LENAPE LANGUAGE LESSONS 1.1

Level 1, Lesson 1

Monday: New Number Word/ Conversation

Tuesday: New Color Word/Conversation Review

Wednesday: New Living Word (animate)/Conversation Review/Aptonahanne Lesson

Thursday: New non-living word (inanimate)/Word Review/Aptonahanne Review/Story

Friday: Test/Song of the month/Game of the month

New Number Word

kweti (*kwuh-tee*) = one

Conversation

He! (*hay*) = Hello!

Kulamalsi hech? (*kool-uh-mahl-see huch*) = How are you?

Nulamalsi (*nool-uh-mahl-see*) = I am fine.

TUESDAY

New Color Word: Practice the pronunciation of the following color words.

seke (*seek-ay*) = It is black

seksu (*seek-soo*) = He or she is black

Conversation Review - Practice the following conversation:

He! (*hay*) Hello!

Kulamalsi hech? (*kool-uh-mahl-see huch*) = How are you?

Nulamalsi. (*nool-uh-mahl-see*) = I am fine.

WEDNESDAY

New living (animate) word - Read the worksheet **Crow 1.1** to your child. Review the animate word for black and have your child color the crow black. Always encourage creativity. If the child wants to add other "rainbow colors" to the crow. That's fine! Have your child pronounce the words for "crow" and "crows".

ahas (*ah-hahs*) = crow

ahasak (*ah-hah-sahk*) = crows

Conversation Review - Practice the following conversation:

He! (*hay*) Hello!

Kulamalsi hech? (*kool-uh-mahl-see huch*) = How are you?

Nulamalsi. (*nool-uh-mahl-see*) = I am fine.

Aptonahanne (Flow of words) Lesson - Explain the following to your child:

1. One thing that makes Lenape different from English is that words are often whole thoughts. The word "**kulamalsi**" means "You are fine/well". "**Nulamalsi**" means "I am fine/well". It is the same with the color words. "**Seke**" means "It is black". "**Seksu**" means "He or she is black."

2. Add the word "**hech**" to a Lenape sentence to make it a question.

"**Kulamalsi**" means "You are fine/well." If you add "**hech**", you are saying, "Are You well?"

3. In Lenape, some words are thought of as living words and some are thought of as non-living words. Most of the time it is just common sense. Words that describe living things have certain endings on them and words that describe non-living things have other endings. The colors are a good example. You will see how this works as we learn more colors!

THURSDAY

New non-living (inanimate) word - Hand out the "Shirt" coloring page for you child to color. Practice the pronunciation of the words for "shirt" and "shirts".

hempes (*hem-buhs*) = shirt

hempsa (*hemp-sah*) = shirts (*This word also means "clothes" in general*)

Word Review - Practice the following words:

kweti = one

seke = It is black

seksu = He or she is black

ahas = crow

ahasak = crows

Aptonahanne Review - Let's use the new words we have learned and try putting them together. Try saying and understanding these phrases:

kweti ahas *one crow*

kweti hempes *one shirt*

Say to your child, "**wulit!**" which means "very good!" as he/she masters these phrases.

Read a Story

Read the Story "Rainbow Crow" to your child.

FRIDAY

Game of the month

Play the game "Uno" with your child. This will teach numbers and colors. For now say the numbers and colors in English. As we learn the Lenape words for the colors and numbers, we will play the game using Lenape. Each time you or your child plays a card, say the number and color on the card. Substitute the Lenape words for numbers and colors as you learn them.

Song of the month - All songs can be found in the "Children's Songs in Lenape Book." Sing the song "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes" to your child in English, then in Lenape. Point to the parts of the body as you sing this song. At the end of this month you will know the Lenape words for: head, shoulder, knee, toe, eye, ear, mouth, nose, arm, hand, leg, foot!

Test

1. Ask your child to say "Hello" in Lenape. (*answer: He!*)
2. Say "**Kulamalsi hech?**"
Ask your child to respond. (*answer: nulamalsi*)
3. Ask your child to ask how you are. (*answer: Kulamalsi hech?*)
Reply to your child. (*Nulamalsi.*)
4. Ask your child to say the Lenape word for each of the following:
crow (*ahas*)
crows (*ahasak*)
one (*kweti*)
it is black (*seke*)
he/she is black (*seksu*)
shirt (*hempes*)
shirts (*hempsa*) *also means "clothes"*
5. Have your child say the following in Lenape:
one crow (*kweti ahas*)
one shirt (*kweti hempes*)

Say "**Wulit!**" to your child (woo-leet) – means “good”. Once your child has mastered the material in this lesson, proceed to lesson two. The lessons are designed as weekly lessons, but always let your child take things at his/her own pace taking time to master one lesson before proceeding to the next. For best results, follow the weekly plan day by day. Each weekly lesson will be designed the same way. It is good for the child to get into the routine. **It is important to use these words in your daily life as much as possible.**