

Catawba Word	Pronunciation	English Word
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Greetings/Basics

yáwab kuri		good morning
nemusáh		I love you

Numbers

dúyi		zero
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Weather/Seasons

yarera		spring
yareraharé		it is spring
yáre		summer
wasii?, wásii (kučere)		autumn; fall leaf
wásihare		autumn; fall is here
wayá , uwáya		winter, snow time
uwaya hure		winter has come
wayarečičure, wayačičure		winter time
wáyehu-utkaniré		winter; (long fall)
nūti		sun, moon
namá		cloud
namuharé		cloudy
huksaré nu?waré		it is going to rain
húksu		rain
huksaré		it is raining
wáwamaḥú		hail
wasásaharé		it is hailing
hiiyé		wind
wa?áre		snow
hiyeswaḥare		there is a storm coming
yáh?yáh?re		lightning
tiririheré		thunder

Body Parts

iska		head
riit		shoulder
watap		knees

ipa iča		toes
ituu?		eyes
dúksuu?		ears
sumuu?		mouth
pisuu?		nose

Common Classroom Objects

siwekure		flower
simpakatrĭ		scissors
suti		door
hinda		picture
yénepisa		chair
yapsanuya		board (for table)
suuk		house
tápahwas suukhere		school (reading house)

Family

čiči, yaksu		mother
nane		father
mbará		brother
haču		sister
isču		grandma
tatéwa		grandpa

Food

nuče		beans
kusta		bread
yaye		water
tri-i		fruit
yahah		greens
watáb		mpor
witiki		potato
witiki čuwá		potato
kusta ičuwá		corn
kusta ičuwá-nu		corn

Animal Words

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dapehiiyi	duh-peng-hee-ying	alligator
nimé?	nee-meng	bear
kučín	koo-chin	bird
tiinde	teen-deh	blue jay
araráy	ah-ruh-rong-ee	bullfrog
apké	up-keng	cat
yiiwase?	yee-wuh-seh	catfish
widé, wité	wee-day	cow, bull, buffalo
iisé?	ee-seng	crayfish
widebúye	wee-deh-bo-yay	deer
tási	tong-see	dog
kasá(sapε)	kuh-song	duck
hičaru	hee-cha-roo	eagle
yī	yee	fish
ahá?(sure)	ah-hong (ksoo-reh)	goose (wild)
yúmba	yoom-buh	hoot owl
witsakway	weet-sah-kwa-ee	horse
wapiire?	wuh-pee-reng	lizard
wáks	wonks	opossum
huhú	hoong-hoong	owl
witkará	weet-kuh-rong	pig, hog
dabawá?	dah-bah-wong	rabbit
ičigné	ee-chig-nay	raccoon
ya?swá	yak-swong	rattlesnake
dapeyamuhε	duh-peng-yah-moo-heng	red fox
wiispakpak	wees-puck-puck	robin
iinsui	een-soo-ee	skunk
ya?	ya/	snake
paya	pah-yong	squirrel
kayá?	kah-yah	turtle
kusédak	koo-say-duck	whooping crane
tásisure	tong-see-soo-reh	wolf
wačak	wah-chuck	woodpecker

Adjectives

harúhere		soft
čararé		hard
hičewa		dull
hiče		sharp