



OSAGE WORDS AND PHRASES

The Osage Nation was moved to Oklahoma in the early 1800s. The Osage people were able to adapt to the land and create a strong culture that still exists in Oklahoma today. Although many people in the modern Osage Nation speak English, the older generations still speak traditional Osage.

Use this worksheet to learn some traditional Osage words and phrases. Practice speaking them with your friends and family!

GREETINGS

Hello (M) = hawé (*ha-wey*)

Hello (F) = havé (*ha-vey*)

NUMBERS

One = wiŋ (*wimsth-thei*)

Two = thonbá (*la-om-ba*)

Three = thábthiŋ (*la-abrie*)

Four = dóba (*doe-ba*)

Five = satta (*sacht-a*)

ANIMALS

Dog = shongah (*shon-geh*)

Horse = kawa (*ka-wa*)

Bear = wasape (*wa-sap-aye*)

Racoon = myka (*me-kao*)

Fish = ho (*ho*)

Turtle = ke (*keh*)

Bird = wahika (*wa-jing-ka*)

Owl = wapoke (*wa-po-ka*)

Squirrel = Zyka (*sang-a*)

EVERYDAY WORDS

Hat = óolake (*o-lan-ke*)

Water = níi (*nee*)

Sky = mahah (*ma-ha*)

Mouth = iha (*aye-ha*)

Day = hompahe (*om-pah*)

Man = Nyka (*ney-ka*)

Hand = shagah (*sha-geh*)

Hair = paha (*ba-hu*)

Ice = nonha (*na-heh*)

Mother = enah (*aye-na*)

**italicized pronunciations are purely phonetic and not actual interpretations of the words*