

## UNIT 6 LEVEL 1 CURRICULUM INTRODUCTION

This curriculum contains the objectives and vocabulary for the Unit 6 Level 1. It presupposes that students have had Oneida classes completing Units 1-5, Levels 1-4.

The objective of this curriculum is to familiarize the student with basic sets of vocabulary that are the building blocks for the later years. They should be taught in order as the Units and Levels have been scaffold for learning. It is important that the Teacher continually reviews past vocabulary to include with the new vocabulary.

Nearly all of the basic sets include cue questions or commands that provide the context for the student to provide a response. We have also added in the pronouns you, me, her, him and the it form when teaching the verbs. The teacher should be careful to use a variety of methods to ensure that the students are really learning the basic sets rather than responding automatically to some cue.

At the [oneidanation.org/language](http://oneidanation.org/language) website you will find primarily first language Oneida speakers covering the vocabulary. We have tried to provide you with first language speakers as much as possible. They will also provide models for the correct pronunciation.

Certain lessons also require the use of other prepared materials such as coloring books, posters, story books and worksheets that can be found on the website.

Many people have worked on the preparation and testing of this curriculum for the Oneida Language Project. The Ukwehuwenéha aetwatwánu·táhkwe? (The Real People we are speaking our language) and the Administration of Native Americans is proud to support your language revitalization efforts.

The basic sets of vocabulary have been built upon each other in Unit 6 Levels 1-4. Although there may be typos and some spelling errors in this document we did the best we could to create a clean document for you to learn the Oneida language. May your language journey be exciting and fulfilling. Tane

**Unit 6 Level 1**

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## Oneida Spelling System

### VOWELS:

Oneida has six vowel sounds. Unlike English each letter stands for one and only one sound. Here are the letters and the sounds they represent.

- “A” has the sound of the ‘a’ in ah or father
- “E” has the sound of the ‘e’ in egg or eight
- “I” has the sound of the ‘i’ in ski or machine
- “O” has the sound of the ‘o’ in hope or low

The remaining two vowels are nasalized. That means they are pronounced more through the nose than the usual English sounds. Roughly then;

- “U” has the sound of the ‘un’ in tune
- “Λ” has the sound of the ‘on’ in son.

### CONSONANTS:

Most of the consonants have the same sound as they usually do in English.

This is true for:

H, L, N, W, and Y

The letters “T”, and “K”, and “S” each have two pronunciations depending on the other sounds near them.

“T” normally has the sound of the ‘t’ in city, water, stove.

Notice in those words ‘t’ sounds more like ‘d’. If a ‘k’, ‘h’, or ‘s’ follows then the ‘t’ has the usual English sound as in top.

“K” normally has a g-like sound as in skill but if a ‘t’, ‘s’, or ‘h’

follows, if sounds like the usual English ‘k’ as in skill.

S” often has a sound halfway between the ‘s’ in sea and the z-like sound of the ‘s’ in was. When it comes between two vowels it always has the z-like sound and when it comes before or after ‘h’, then it has the sound of the ‘s’ in sea.

#### OTHER SYMBOLS USED IN WRITING ONEIDA:

“ ʔ ” is used to represent a special consonant sound (called a glottal stop) that English doesn’t have. The sound is made by quickly stopping the flow of air in the throat, a kind of catch.

“ ˈ ” this symbol is written above a vowel to indicate the stressed syllable in a word.

“ ˙ ” this symbol is used after a vowel to indicate the vowel is lengthened or dragged out a bit. (Vowels marked with both the dot and the stress mark have a slightly falling tone.)

“ \_ ” underlined sounds are whispered and not said aloud.

This, then, is the Oneida alphabet used in this booklet.

A, E, H, I, K, L, N, O, S, T, U, W, Y, ʌ, ʔ

Some special combinations are:

#### OTHER SYMBOLS USED IN WRITING ONEIDA: (cont)

“tsy” or “tsi” has the ‘j’ sound as in jam, or judge

“tshy” or “tshi” has the ‘ch’ sound as in church

“sy” has the ‘sh’ sound as in shoe or hush

## BASIC VERB

Every Oneida verb has a pronoun prefix attached to the front of the verb stem. There are three classes of these prefixes: **transitive**, subjective, and objective classes of these prefixes: transitive, subjective, and objective.

### Transitive Pronoun Prefixes

Some verb stems require transitive pronoun prefixes. These prefixes include a pronoun both for the doer of the verb action and for the receiver of the action. Consider the following examples from the vocabulary sample.

kunolúhkwa	ku- is the pronoun prefix in which I is the doer and you is the receiver I love you
shukwayaʔtísu	shukwa- is the prefix in which he is the doer and us is the receiver he has created us · the creator
shehlo·lí	she- is the prefix in which you is the doer and her or them is the receiver (you) tell her or (you) tell them (In English commands the subject you is understood, but in Oneida it is always expressed in the prefix.)
hetshlo·lí	hets- is the prefix in which you is the doer and him is the receiver (you) tell him!
ʌskyaʔtakénhaʔ kʌ	-sk- is the pronoun prefix in which you is the doer and me is the receiver. (The ʌ- at the beginning is a prepronominal prefix that marks future tense.) will you help me?

A summary of some transitive pronoun prefixes so far:

sk-	you to me
ku-	I to you
she-	you to her or them khe- I to her or them
hets-	you to him i- I to him
shukwa-	he to us

These prefixes can be attached to various compatible stems to create words such as the following:

sknolúhkwa	you love me
shenolúhkwa	you love her / you love them
hetsnolúhkwa	you love him
shukwanolúhkwa	he loves us
khenolúhkwa	I love her / I love them
inolúhkwa	I love him

Most terms for relatives in Oneida are transitive verbs. So, from the vocabulary sample:

Iyáha	<b>i-</b> is the prefix (see above) and the verb stem means be a parent to
Iyáha	means I am a parent to him · my son
kheyáha	<b>khe-</b> is the prefix and the verb stem means be a parent to
kheyáha	means I am a parent to her · my daughter or I am a parent to them · my children
aksótha	<b>ak-</b> is the prefix in which she is the doer and me is the receiver aksótha means she is grandparent to me · my grandmother
laksótha	<b>lak-</b> is the prefix in which he is the the doer and me is the receiver laksótha means he is grandparent to me · my grandfather

Some other examples of transitive pronoun prefixes:

△hetsyaʔtakénhaʔ kΛ	will you help him?
△shukwayaʔtakénhaʔ kΛ	will he help us?
Skyaʔtísu	you have made me
Sheyáha	your children or your daughter
Shukwayáha	our father

Subjective and objective pronoun prefixes

When a verb stem does not require a transitive prefix (typically when there is not both a doer and a receiver), then the stem requires either the subjective set of pronoun prefixes or the objective set. The difference between them is a matter of selection more than meaning and it is not predictable from knowing the meaning of the stem. Nothing obvious you know about English will help you predict whether an Oneida verb stem will take subjective or objective prefixes. From the vocabulary sample the verb know and the verb be happy both require objective prefixes. Here is a collection of several objective prefixes:

Objective pronoun prefixes:

wak-	I
sa-	you
yako-	she, or someone
lo-	he

And here are some examples of how they attach to verb stems:

wakanúhte	I know
sanúhte	you know
yakonúhte	she knows
lonúhte	he knows

wakatunháhehle	I am happy
satunháhehle	you are happy
yakotunháhehle	she is happy
lotunháhehle	he is happy

The verb like requires subjective prefixes such as the following:

Subjective pronoun prefixes:

k-	I	s-	you
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## UNIT 6 LEVEL 1

### OBJECTIVES

1. Review of:
  - A. Verbs describing getting up in the morning.
  - B. Names of foods
  - C. Greetings
  - D. Verbs describing noon meal.
  - E. The student will review twenty-six names.
  - H. Review Relatives Unit 1 levels 2-3
2. The student will know and be able to use the Serial/present tense of the transitive verb “to see.”
3. The student will be able to read and understand the Brown Bear book as well as develop confidence in their verbal responses.
4. The student will work on mastering intonation, rhythm, patterns and stress points while reading the Oneida language.
5. To increase student’s linguistic and literacy skills and abilities by learning basic grammatical structures and writing systems.

#### “To See” Serial/present form

Kuyatkáthos	I see you
Kheyatkáthos	I see her
Hiyatkáthos	I see him
Katkáthos	I see her/it
Skwatkáthos	You see me
Sheyatkáthos	You see her
Hetsatkátos	You see him
Satkáthos kλ	Do you see it

Yesatkáthos	She sees you
Yukwatkáthos	She sees me
yutatkáthos	She sees her/herself
luwatkáthos	She sees him
yutkáthos	She sees it

yatkáthos	he sees you
lakwatkáthos	he sees me
shakotkáthos	he sees her
lotkáthos	he sees him
latkáthos	he sees it

satkáthos	it sees you
wakatkáthos	it sees me
yakotkáthos	it sees her
lotkáthos	it sees him
yotkáthos	it sees it

SatewyΛtétha Ukwehuwehnéha satwΛnutáhkwé?

You practice speaking your language

1. Skwatkáthos kΛ

Do you see me?

Á·Λ Kuyatkáthos

Yes, I see you.

2. Yutkáthos kΛ saná·alohle?

Does she see your hat?

Á·Λ yutkáthos akwaná·alohle?

Yes, she sees my hat.

3. Yutatatkáthos kΛ SheyÁha né· Akohsótha? Does your daughter see her  
Grandma?

Á·Λ yutakáthos Akohsótha

Yes, she sees her grandma.

4. Lotkáthos kΛ Lo·níha?

Does your son see his Dad?

Á·Λ lotkáthos Lo·níha

Yes, he sees his Dad

5. Yotkáthos kΛ Takós né· otsi·nówΛ?

Does the cat see the mouse?

TókΛΛa?

I don't know.

6. Sheyatkáthos kÁ Aknulhá

Do you see my mom?

Á·Λ kheyatkáthos Sanulhá

Yes, I see your mom.

7. Hetsatkáhos kÁ i·kÁ·ha

Do you see my younger brother?

Á·Λ Hiyatkáthos hetse·kÁha

yes, I see your younger brother.

**Watahsókwas Ohkwa·lí, Watahsókwas Ohkwa·lí, Náhte? Satkáthos**  
**Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You**  
**See?**

1. watahsókwas ohkwa·lí, brown bear náhte? satkáthos katkáthos onikwáhtala? otsi?táha tewakká·nehle?	watahsókwas ohkwa·lí, brown bear what do you see? I see a red bird looking at me
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2. onikwáhtala? otsi?táha red bird náhte? satkáthos katkáthos otsí·nkwal talu?kó· tewakká·nehle?	onikwáhtala? otsi?táha red bird what do you see? I see a yellow duck looking at me
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3. otsí·nkwal talu?kó· yellow duck náhte? satkáthos katkáthos olú·ya? kohsa·tás tewakká·nehle?	otsí·nkwal talu?kó· yellow duck what do you see? I see a blue horse looking at me
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4. olú·ya? kohsa·tás blue horse náhte? satkáthos katkáthos awΛ·lá· kwale·lé· tewakká·nehle?	olú·ya? kohsa·tás blue horse what do you see? I see a green frog looking at me
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5. awΛ·lá· kwale·lé· green frog náhte? satkáthos	awΛ·lá· kwale·lé· green frog what do you see?
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katkáthos ohalaná·ta? takó·s                    I see a purple cat  
tewakká·nehle?                                    looking at me

6. ohalaná·ta? takó·s    purple cat    ohalaná·ta? takó·s                    purple cat  
náhte? satkáthos                                    what do you see?  
katkáthos owískla? é·lhal                    I see a white dog  
tewakká·nehle?                                    looking at me

7. owískla? é·lhal                    white dog    owískla? é·lhal                    white dog  
náhte? satkáthos                                    what do you see?  
katkáthos o?swá·ta? siksik                    I see a black sheep  
tewakká·nehle?                                    looking at me

8. o?swá·ta? siksik                    black sheep    o?swá·ta? siksik                    black sheep  
náhte? satkáthos                                    what do you see?  
katkáthos otsi?nkwalano·lú kátsi                    I see a gold fish  
tewakká·nehle?                                    looking at me

9. otsi?nkwalano·lú kátsi gold fish                    otsi?nkwalano·lú kátsi    gold fish  
náhte? satkáthos                                    what do you see?  
kheyatkáthos yakolihunyΛ·níhe?                    I see her a teacher  
teyukká·nehle?                                    she's looking at me

10. shelihunyΛ·níhe?                    teacher    shelihunyΛ·níhe?                    teacher  
náhte? satkáthos                                    what do you see?  
latiksa?shúha kheyatkáthos                    the children I see them  
teyukká·nehle?                                    they're looking at me

11. swaksaʔshú <u>ha</u>	all you children	swaksaʔshú <u>ha</u>	all you children
náhteʔ	swatkáthos		what do you all see?
yakwatkáthos			we see
watahsókwas	ohkwa·lí		a brown bear
onikwáhtalaʔ	otsiʔtá <u>ha</u>		a red bird
otsi·nkwal	talúʔkó·		a yellow duck
olú·yaʔ	kohsa·tás		a blue horse
awΛ·lá·	kwale·lé·		a green frog
ohalaná·taʔ	takó·s		a purple cat
owísklaʔ	é·lhal		a white dog
oʔswá·taʔ	siksik		a black sheep
otsiʔnkwalano·lú	kátsi		a gold fish
okhaleʔ	yakolihunyΛ·níheʔ		and a teacher
teyukhiká·neh <u>le</u> ʔ			they're looking at us
né· kwí·	náhteʔ		that is indeed what
yakwatkáthos			we see.