

SMSC Dakota Iapi Akiçiyapi 2025

Adult Beginner 18+

The intention of the **Adult Beginner Category** is to show a basic understanding of intro level and basic Dakota Language. It is to encourage beginner adult learners that may just be starting their language learning journey. **All** dialects are accepted.

Please choose the appropriate competition level based on your own or your students' knowledge. You must have a **3-person team** to participate. **All** members of your team must **equally** participate throughout the challenge.

Round 1

Kahoot

- Your team will play a Kahoot on provided devices. It will be based on this packet.
- A Kahoot is an interactive game-based learning platform.
- Points are based on how fast you correctly answer.

Round 2

Introduction Q&A

- One person on your team will give a short introduction (see Example 1 on Page 3).
- Each person will be asked a question about themselves (see Example 2 on Page 4).

Round 3

- See list of words on Page 5.
- Part 1: Use the verb waxyakA (see Example 3 on Page 6).
- Part 2: Use the verb watedakA (see Example 4 on Page 6).
- No one word responses!

Round 4

Odowaŋ (Song)

- Your team will be asked to sing a song in Dakota. You will get more points if your whole team participates. You must face the audience as you sing.
- It can be a traditional song, or an English song translated to Dakota.
- You will be judged on your use of the language, not on your singing voice.
- See Page 7 for some examples.

SMSC Orthography

<u>Dakota Letters</u>	<u>Comparative Sound</u>	<u>Dakota Wicóie</u>	<u>Translation</u>
A a	ah	ate	father
B b		bopta	to dig turnips
C c	soft c (unaspirated)	cíci	monster
Č č	hard ch (aspirated)	čanje	heart
C' c'	glottal stop	ic'i	to oneself
D d		de	this
E e	ayyy	étunwanj	look at
G g		ówanj wašte	beautiful
Ĝ ĝ	guttural g	ĝi	brown
H h		hánpa	moccasin
Ĥ ĥ	guttural h	hóta	gray
I i	eee	ina	mother
K k	soft k (unaspirated)	kéyapi	gossip
Ķ ķ	hard k (aspirated)	kéya	turtle
K' k'	glottal stop	k'u	to give
M m		mahed	inside
N n		núnpa	two
Nj nj	nasal "n"	unj	to be
O o		oyate	nation
P p	soft p (unaspirated)	pápa	jerky
P̣ p̣	hard p (aspirated)	póge	nose
P' p'	glottal stop	p'o	fog
S s		sápa	black
Ś ś	shh	śákpe	six
S' s'	glottal stop	s'a	often
Ś' ś'	glottal stop	was'aka	strong
T t	soft t (unaspirated)	táku	what/thing
Ṭ ṭ	hard t (aspirated)	ťánka	big
T' t'	glottal stop	t'a	dead
U u	oo	śúnka	dog
W w		wahpe	leaf/tea
Y y		yanjka	to sit
Z z		zi	yellow
Ž ž	buzzing "sh" and "z"	wózupi	to plant

*We also use "md" instead of "bd". Although all dialects are accepted.

Round 2

Example 1

This is just an example of an introduction. Your answer can be different than the examples.

Dakota

Hau/Haŋ mitakuyepi!
 Čaŋtewašteya napečiyuzapi.
 Ina waye (Your mother's name) eciyapi do/ye.
 Ate waye (Your father's name) eciyapi do/ye.
 Dakota ia (Your Dakota name or birth order name) de miye do/ye.
 Wašicu ia (Your English name) emakiyapi do/ye.

English

Hello my relatives.
 I shake your hand with a good heart.
 My mother is called (Your mother's name) .
 My father is called (Your father's name) .
 In Dakota I am (Your Dakota name or birth order name) .
 In English I am called (Your English name) .

Male Birth Order Names		Female Birth Order Names	
<u>Dakota</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Dakota</u>	<u>English</u>
Časke	First born son	Winuna	First born daughter
Hepaŋ	Second born son	Hapaŋ	Second born daughter
Hepi	Third born son	Hapstiŋ	Third born daughter
Čataŋ	Fourth born son	Waŋske	Fourth born daughter
Hake	Fifth born son	Wihake	Fifth born daughter

Ťiwahe (Family)

<u>Dakota</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Dakota</u>	<u>English</u>
Wínyañ	Woman	Ťuŋwiŋ	Aunt
Wičašta	Man	Uŋkaŋna	Grandfather
Ina	Mother	Ķúŋši	Grandmother
Ate	Father	Čuŋkši	Daughter
Dekši	Uncle	Čiŋkši	Son

Example 2

Judges will ask one of the following questions in Dakota to the members of each team and you must answer in Dakota. These are the exact questions you will hear but your answer can be different than these examples. (Q: Question) (A: Answer)

<u>Dakota</u>	<u>English</u>
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<p>Q: Tóked eniciyapi he?</p> <p>A: _____ emakiyapi do/ye.</p>	<p>Q: What is your name?</p> <p>A: My name is _____.</p>
<p>Q: Dakóta heniça he?</p> <p>A: Hañ/Hau, Dakóta hemaça. (<i>k'aiš</i>) Hiya, Dakóta hemaça šni.</p>	<p>Q: Are you Dakóta?</p> <p>A: Yes, I am Dakóta. (<i>or</i>) No, I am not Dakóta.</p>
<p>Q: Tókiya henitañhañ he?</p> <p>A: <u>(Mni Sóta Makoçe)</u> hematañhañ.</p>	<p>Q: Where are you from?</p> <p>A: I am from <u>(Minnesota)</u>.</p>
<p>Q: <u>(Relative)</u> yaye tóked eciyapi he?</p> <p>A: <u>(Relative)</u> waye _____ eciyapi do/ye.</p>	<p>Q: What is your <u>(Relative's)</u> name?</p> <p>A: My <u>(Relative's)</u> name is _____.</p>
<p>Q: Tóked yaun he?</p> <p>A: <u>(Tañyañ waun)</u>.</p>	<p>Q: How are you?</p> <p>A: <u>(I am well)</u>.</p>

Round 3

Wóyawa (Numbers)

<u>Dakota</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Dakota</u>	<u>English</u>
Wáñca	1	Šákpe	6
Núñpa	2	Šakowiñ	7

Yámni	3	Šahdoǵaŋ	8
Tópa	4	Napciŋwaŋka	9
Záptaŋ	5	Wikcemna	10

Owapi (Colors)

<u>Dakota</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Dakota</u>	<u>English</u>
Ša	Red	Ska	White
Sápa	Black	Ġi	Brown
Ťo	Blue	Hóta	Grey
Zi	Yellow	Staŋ	Purple
Ťoto	Green	Šazi	Orange

Wamakaškaŋ (Living Beings)

<u>Dakota</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Dakota</u>	<u>English</u>
Waŋmdi	Eagle	Šuŋkawakaŋ	Horse
Ġéya	Turtle	Ťataŋka	Buffalo
Maŋo	Bear	Ťáhca	Deer
Ćapa	Beaver	Hehaka	Elk
Ihmu	Cat	Hogaŋ	Fish
Šuŋka	Dog	Ćetaŋ	Hawk
Ptaŋ	Otter	Mdóza	Loon
Ġahiŋ	Porcupine	Šuŋǵidaŋ	Fox
Maštiŋca	Rabbit	Šuŋktokca	Wolf
Ťa	Moose	Wića	Raccoon

Wóyute k'a Wóyatke (Food & Drink)

<u>Dakota</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Dakota</u>	<u>English</u>
Aǵuyapi	Bread	Psiŋ	Wild rice
Mdo	Potato	Pšiŋ	Onion
Ťaspaŋ	Apple	Wamnaheza	Corn
Witka	Eggs	Wahaŋpi	Soup
Omnica	Beans	Ťado	Meat
Ťípsiŋna	Wild Turnip	Ćaŋpa	Chokecherry
Ġežutasapa	Coffee	Haŋpi	Juice
Asaŋpi	Milk	Mni	Water
Wahpe	Tea	Kaŋopapidaŋ	Pop

Part 1

You will need to know the following verb and its conjugations. You will be asked what you see, and you will need to respond accordingly. These are just examples, your answer can be different.

waṅyakA	to see
Waṅyake	He/She see/saw
Waṅmdake	I see
Waṅdake	You see

Example 3

Q: Táku waṅdaka he?

A: Ihmu ska waṅmdake.

Q: Táku waṅdaka he?

A: Táhca śákpe waṅmdake.

Part 2

You will need to know the following verb and its conjugations. You will be asked what you like, and you will need to respond accordingly. These are just examples, your answer can be different.

waštedakA	to like something
Waštedake	He/She likes
Waštewadake	I like
Wašteyadake	You like
Waštewadake śni	I don't like

Example 4

Q: Wóyute kiṅ he wašteyadaka he?

(image of food item shown)

A: Haṅ/Hau, _____ waštewadake.

(k'aiš)

A: Hiya, _____ waštewadake śni.

Q: Wóyatke kiṅ he wašteyadaka he?

(image of drink item shown)

A: Haṅ/Hau, _____ waštewadake.

(k'aiš)

A: Hiya, _____ waštewadake śni.

Round 4

Odowaṅ (Song Examples)

Happy Birthday

O Christmas Tree

Túnpi anpetu wašte

Túnpi anpetu wašte

Túnpi anpetu wašte

Túnpi anpetu wašte

O wazičan, O wazičan

Adetka waš'agya nažin

Mdoketu adetka tofoya

Waniyetu ihuñniya

O wazičan, O wazičan

Adetka waš'agya nažin

Itsy Bitsy Spider

Uñktomi cístiñna mnibosdi adi

Amagazu ka uñktomi hiñhpaye

Wihinape ka maka apusya ka

Ake uñktomi cístiñna mnibosdi adi

Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes

Pa hiñyete huḗahu sipa, huḗahu sipa

Pa hiñyete huḗahu sipa, huḗahu sipa

išta nuḡe i poḡe

Pa hiñyete huḗahu sipa, huḗahu sipa