



listen for  
the sound

coming to know the  
nēhiyaw letters

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tānita  
ē ōhci pēhtākwāhki

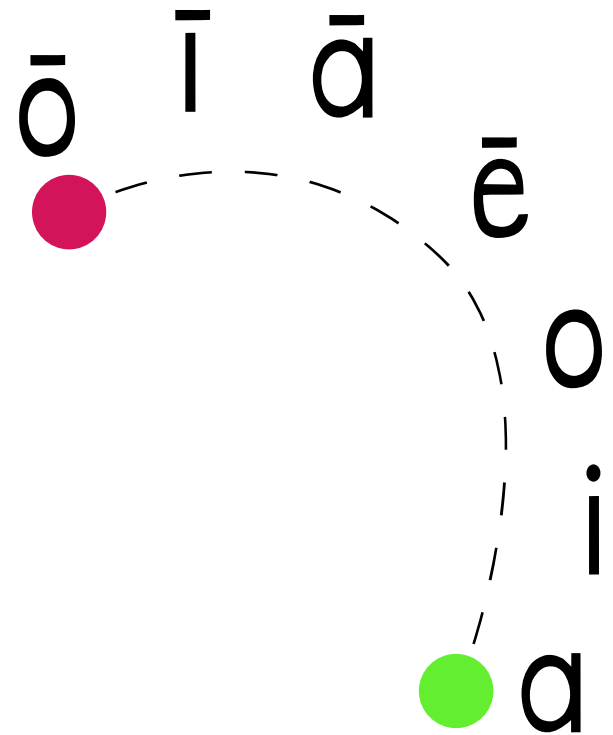
ēw

ēy

ēh

kīhkwāya kitāpacīhtān  
tah pīkiskwēyan

mitōn  
mitēyiniy  
mīpita  
manawēya  
mihkwayaw



a

ha

pa

ya

ca

wa

ta

ma

ka

sa

na

ōw

ōy

ōh

ow

oy

oh

i

hi

pi

yi

ci

wi

ti

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ki

si

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ho

po

yo

co

wo

to

mo

ko

so

no

$\bar{i}w$

$\bar{i}y$

$\bar{i}h$

iw

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hī

pī

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wī

tī

mī

kī

sī

nī

ō

when the semi consonant follows a vowel

hō

h

y

w

pō

yō

a

cō

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pw

pwa

pwō

pwi

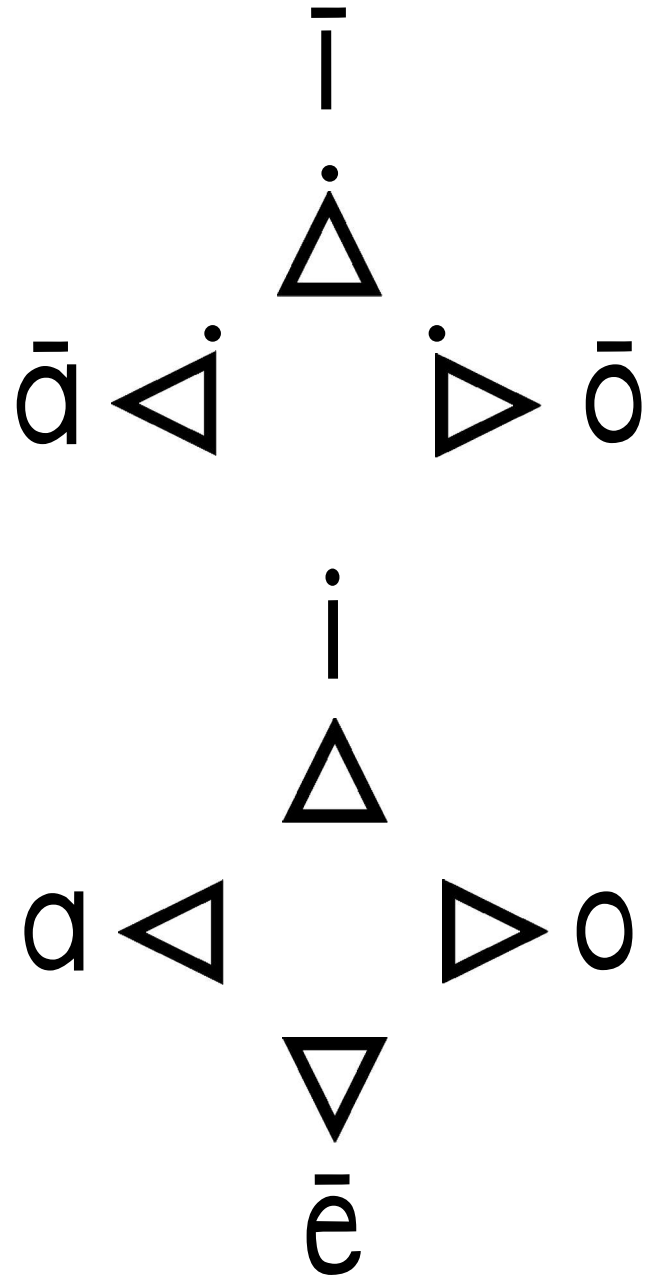
pwī

pwo

pwā

pwē

there are 7 nēhiyaw vowels



there are 10  
nēhiyaw consonants




these consonants can be put into 3 groups

h y w  
semi  
consonants

n s m  
regular  
consonants

g d j b  
k t ch p  
controlled  
consonants

controlled  
positions in a word

		
nikan	tawayihk	naway

CW

cwa

cwō

cwī

cwī

cwo

cwā

cwē

tw

semi consonants

change the sound of vowels they follow

'w' can blend with other consonants to make more sounds

twa

regular consonants

these consonants sound like they do in english

twō

twī

these letters are frontal sounds and they tremble

twī

two

controlled consonants

these consonants have two sounds hard & soft, depending on position of letter in word. hard sounds are shown in small letters

twā twē

if the letter appears at the end it makes a soft sound (regular sound)

n

kw

na

kwa

nō

ni

kwō

kwi

nī

no

kwī

kwo

nā

nē

kwā

kwē

**mw**

**s**

mwā

sā

mwō

mwi

sō

si

mwī

mwo

sī

so

mwā mwē

sā

sē

m

SW

ma

swa

mō

mi

swō

swi

mī

mo

swī

swO

mā

mē

swā

swē

nw

k

nwa

ka

nwō

nwi

kō

ki

nwī

nwo

kī

ko

nwā

nwē

kā

kē

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W

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cī

co

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pa

ha

ho

hi

pō

pi

hi

ho

pī

po

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pē