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Alphabet

1	a
2	aa
3	b
4	ch
5	ch'
6	d
7	dl
8	dz
9	e
10	ee
11	g
12	gh
13	h
14	hw
15	i
16	ii
17	j
18	k
19	k'
20	kw
21	,
22	l

23	ł
24	m
25	n
26	o
27	oo
28	s
29	sh
30	t
31	t'
32	tl
33	tl'
34	ts
35	ts'
36	w
37	x
38	y
39	z
40	zh

The Ministry

Yá'át'ééh	Hello
_____ yinishyé.	My name is _____.
Díí éí _____ wolyé.	This is (partner's name).
Haash yinilyé.	What is your name?
Haa dóone'é lá nílį?	What is your clan?
_____ -dęę naashá.	I am from _____.
_____ -ísh sidá?	Is _____ home?
Jiihóvah Yá Dahalne'é nishlį.	I am one of Jehovah's Witnesses.
Jiihóvah Yá Dahalne'é niidlį.	The 2 of us are Jehovah's Witnesses.
Diyin God Bizaad baa hashne'.	I am telling about the Bible.
Diyin Bizaadish nił yá'át'ééh?	Do you like the Bible?
Ná bíighah ládąą' díí vídeo nánaashkid ya'?	If it's good with you, I will show you this video, OK?
Hait'áo baa ntsínikees?	What do you think about that?
Ha'át'íí ahiłní?	What is this telling us?
Díí naaltsoos _____ wolyé.	This brochure is called (title of publication).
Díí naaltsoos naa deestsos.	I will give you this paper.
Díí naaltsoos Diyin Bizaad yee nił halne'.	This paper tells us about the Bible.
Kwe'é page 2gi ání:	Here on page 2 it says:
1 Peter wolta'í 5 dóó saad dah shijaa'ígíí 6 dóó 7 kóní:	1 Peter 5:6, 7 says:
Díí naashch'ąą'ígíí baa hwiilne'.	Let's talk about this picture.
Díí hastiin, ha'át'íísh yaa naaghá?	What is this man doing?
Díí kéyah ts'ída yéego hozhóní yee' ya'?	This land is really beautiful, right?
Náá' damóo díí saad dah shijaa'ígíí yíídíiltah.	Next week we will read this paragraph.
T'áash ákó?	Is that OK?
_____ go naa náádeeshdáál.	(day of week) I will come back.
Hágoshįį.	OK then.
Hágoónee'.	Goodbye.

Phrases that may be helpful in Prayers

You may find these phrases helpful in building your own prayers as fitting for different circumstances. Try to build your own phrases to make your prayer your own and express what is in your heart.

Also remember that when you are speaking directly to God, you are asking him to act in the 2nd Person, as in “you will help us”.

Nihizhe'é	Our father
_____ baa ahééh daniidzin.	We are thankful for _____.
Nidine'é nizhónigo baa áhólyá.	You care for your people beautifully.
T'áá shqodí...	Please...
Díí álah naadléhígíí bik'ihojidlíj doo.	Bless this congregation.
T'áá íiyisí nihíká adíílwoł.	Really help us.
Díí bíhwiidoo'áálgíí haleebée baa ntsideiikeesgo nihíká adíílwoł.	Help us really think about this lesson.
_____ nihainíla.	You give us _____.
Jiihóvah díí Diné bizaad íhoo'aahígíí nihá bohónéedząago áníleeh.	Jehovah, make it possible for us to learn Navajo.
_____ bíká adíílwoł.	Help _____ (this person, group).
Jiihóvah oodlą nihidziilgo ánáníhídlééh.	Jehovah, strengthen our faith.
Ni éi tsídá ayóó át'éii nilí.	You are the almighty.
T'áá shqodí _____ bił hóníłqo doo.	Please be with _____.
Jesus be'iiná nihá nineidini'ą.	Jesus gave his life for us.
Anihíilaii	Our creator.
Ni éi t'éiyá t'áá aaníí Diyin God nílí.	You are the only true God.
Ni nda'iilziíhígíí nihá yóó'ahidí'aah.	Our mistakes toward you—throw them away (forgive) for us.
Éi niye' Jesus bizhi' binahjí nich'í' sodadiilzin.	Through your son Jesus' name we pray toward you.
T'áá ákót'ée doo.	So be it. (amen)

Theocratic Terms

Almighty	Aláahgo Ayóó'ábóodziillii
amen	t'áá ákót'ée doo
ancient Israel	atk'idáqá' Israel dine'é
angel	diyingo ndaal'a'í
anointed	God biNítch'i Diyinii bee bik'idahodiinii'
apostle	yil'aadii
I appreciate	baa ahééh nisin
assembly	nitsáago álah nída'oodleel
authority	bee óhólníihii
Babylon the Great	Bábilan Ayóó Át'éego
bad association	doo yá'át'éeheii bee ahééda'diildahígíí
bad people	diné doo yá'áshqonii
baptized	baptize (bhs 185)
believer	oodlání
Bible	Diyin God Bizaad
Bible Principles	diyin bik'ehgo oodáafigíí
Bible student	Diyin Bizaad yihoot'aahii
blessings	ak'ijidlí
book	naaltsoos
Catholic	Éé'nishoodi/Éé'danineezí
charms	ách'áqah naalyéii
christian	oodlání
come in	woshd'éé'
commandment	bee haz'aanii
congregation	álah nadleehígíí
contribution	béeso bee iná'áwo'go
contribution box	tsits'aa' béeso biih ha'níífigíí
convention	nitsáago álah nádleehígíí
creation	áyiilaaígíí

creator	í'ilaii
dead, those who are	ádaadinéé / daneeznánéé
death	ádin / anine / anoonéel
deceive	ana'adlo'
dedication	Jiihóvah baa ádidíft'áaál
demons	nítch'i bida'iiníziinii / demons (bhs 108)
destroyed	íisdjíd
disciple	bídahoot'aahii
discipline	hasht'é' ninádahidiidlóós
divine	diyin
donation	béeso bee iná'áwo'go
door to door	dahooghangóó
earth	nahasdzáán/ nihookáá'
elder	hastói oodlání yá naazíinii
enjoy	baa hoozhqo doo
everlasting life	hool'áágóó iiná
faith	oodlā
faithful and discreet slave	ba'ahódlíigo índa hoyáago naal'a'í
false religion	doo t'áá aaníí oodla' ádaat'éii
family worship	dahooghangi Jiihóvah bá náhoot'aahígíí
field service	dahwiilne'go bideiyínílnísh
flood	tó yílaqad
food shortage	dahodichin
forever	hool'áágóó
forgive us our mistakes	nida'ayiilzígíi nihá yóó'ahidí'aah

fornication	na'ageh bee tsi'na'adá
fruit	tsin bineest'a'
fruitage of the spirit	nítch'i diyinii bineest'a'
Garden of Eden	Dá'ák'eh Íiden
Gentile Times	doo Jew dine'é danilíinii bił hoolzhishígíí
goats	tł'ízí
God	Diyin God
godly devotion	God dadíínóhsin
good	yá'át'éehgo
good news	nizhonígo hane'ígíí
good person	diné yá'át'éehii
Government	nahat'a'
gratitude	ahééh
great crowd	diné doo jołta' aneeláa' da
Great Tribulation	ayóó át'éego ach'í' nahwii'ná
head of family	hooghan nahaz'áágóó á sizíinii
healed	náyíłdzíí'
heaven	yá'aqshdi
holy spirit	God biNítch'i Diyinii
idols	t'óó be'elyaaígíí
immortality	doo daatsaahii
Jehovah	Jiihóvah
Jehovah's Witnesses	Jiihóvah Yá Dahalne'é
Jews	Jew Dine'é
kingdom, God's	God binahat'a'
last days	nihoogháají'
law	bee haz'áanii

life	iiná
love	ayóó'ó'ó'ní
mankind	bíla'ashdla'ii
materialism	naalyéhé ayóó'í'ó'ni
meeting	álah néiidleehígíí
Memorial	Jesus daaztsánígíí Beehániih
methods	ał'aą át'éego choidiil'jįtígíí
ministry	dahwiilne'go bideiyíniłnįsh
Mosaic Law	Moses bee haz'áanii
new personality	iiná ániidíii
obedient ones	ak'eh dahoł'ínígíí
obeyed	bik'eh hoł'jįdgo
old personality	átséédáa' ádanoh't'é
overseers	yik'idadéez'jį'ii
paradise	nahasdzáan bikáá' ayóó áhonóolin
paragraph	saad dahshijaa'ígíí
perfect {without sin}	baąhági át'éii baąh ádingo
persecution	atího'dil'jįgo
pioneer	aláají' nahalne'ii
priest	náá'iiłniihii
prophecy	Diyin Bizaad yaa ch'íhwiiz'ánęę
prophet	Diyin God yá halne'ii
protestants	ée'adaats'íisí
publisher	diné yił nidahalne'ígíí
pure worship	oodla' chin baąh ádinígíí
ransom	niná'ályé
religion	oodla

repentant	ni'iidzíh bik'ehdidiidleet
resurrection	naábididooljah
righteousness	t'áá akógi át'éii
sacred	baa hááh hasin
sacrifice	naá'iisnii'go
salvation	yisdádiikah
savior	yisdá'iiníltii
sermon on the mount	Jesus dziłgháa'di na'neeztáá'
serpant	t'iish
serve Íyou serve himÓ	bá nanil'a'
sign	bee bééhózin
sin ÍmistakeÓ	ni'iidzíh
son of God	God biYe'
song book	sin binaaltsoos
sovereignty	aláahdi nahat'a' bídéet'i'ígíí
spirit	nítch'i
spiritism	álílee k'ehgo
spiritual	nítch'i k'ehgo
spiritual food	nítch'i k'ehgo ch'iyáán
spiritual israel	nítch'i k'ehjí Israel
study	íhooł'aah
subjection	bídahwíínótnííh
tools	bee nideelnishígíí
they believe	deizhdoodlaął
training	bínanihi'di'niltin
truth	t'áá aaníinii
undeserved kindness	ajooba' doo woozbanii
verse	saad dah shijaa'ígíí

violence	doo ts'íid
volunteer	t'áá bini' bik'ehgo ndaalnishígíí
wholeqsouled	t'áá át'é jizíł nt'ée'
witnessing	dayoodląago yaa ndahasne'

Numbers

1 t'áálá'í	11 ła'ts'áadah			1,000 t'áálá'ídi miil
2 naaki	12 naakits'áadah	20 naadiin		1 million t'áálá'ídi miiltsoh
3 táá'	13 táá'ts'áadah	30 tádiin		
4 dǫ́ǫ'	14 dǫ́ǫ'ts'áadah	40 dízdíin		
5 ashdlá'	15 ashdlá'áadah	50 ashdlá'diin		
6 hastáá	16 hastá'áadah	60 hastá'diin		
7 tsots'id	17 tsots'idts'áadah	70 tsots'idiin		
8 tseebíí'	18 tseebííts'áadah	80 tseebí'diin		
9 náhást'éi	19 náhást'éits'áadah	90 náhást'éídiin		
10 neezná		100 neeznádiin		

Number Patterns

20s: naadiin, naadiin ła', naadiin naaki, naadiin táá', . . .

30-99: tádiin dóó ba'aan t'áálá'í, tádiin dóó ba'aan naaki . . .

100-199: neeznádiin dóó ba'aan t'áálá'í (101) and neeznádiin dóó ba'aan tádiin dóó ba'aan t'áálá'í (131)

Starting with 200, “di” is added to the number before neeznádiin, miil, and miiltsoh.

200-999: naakidi neeznádiin dóó ba'aan t'áálá'í (201) and ashdlá'di neeznádiin dóó ba'aan t'áálá'í (501)

1,000–999,999: t'áálá'ídi miil dóó ba'aan dǫ́ǫ'di neeznádiin dóó ba'aan ashdlá'di (1,450)

Ordinal Numbers

Ordinal numbers are numbers like 2nd, 3rd . . . To create ordinal numbers in Navajo, put the word góne' after the number.

For example, áłtsé góne' (1st), naaki góne' (2nd), táá' góne' (3rd)

Dates and Times

Days of the Week

(Note: Since English names for the days of the week are shorter, many people just add “go” to the end of the English days of the week as in “Thursdaygo”).

Sunday	Damóo
Monday	Damóo Biiskaní
Tuesday	Damóo dóó Naakíjǵ
Wednesday	Damóo dóó Tágíjǵ
Thursday	Damóo dóó Dǵǵíjǵ
Friday	Nda’iiníish
Saturday	Damóo Yázhí

Tomorrow: yiskáago or yiskáo

Example: Yiskáo kintahgóó deekai. / Tomorrow we are going to town.

Yesterday: ádáǵdáǵ’

Example: Ádáǵdáǵ’ Tota’góó nsiikai. / Yesterday we went to Farmington.

Last week: Damóo yéǵdáǵ

Next week: Domóo náá’ásdlǵǵ’go, Náá domóo

On a certain day: add góne’ to the day of the week (i.e. Damóo góne’ means “on Sunday”).

Example: Shínaaí nda’iiníish góne’ nihaa doogáát. / My older brother is coming on Friday.

So many days from now: add numbers to yiskáo (i.e. táá’ yiskáo means “3 days from now”).

Example: Ashdla’ yiskáo bá naashnish doo. / I will work for him in five days.

Note: Two days from now is naakiiskáo because of phonetic blending.

Specific day that already past: Say the day of the week and add yéǵdáǵ.

Example: Damóo yázhí yéǵdáǵ sédá rít’éé. / I was home last Saturday

So many weeks from now: Say the number plus -di damóo azlǵǵ’go.

Example: Táadi damóo azlǵǵ’go / In three weeks.

So many weeks ago: Say the number plus damóo yéǵdáǵ.

Example: Naaki damóo yéǵdáǵ’ shicheii bá nishishnish. / I worked for my grandfather two weeks ago.

Nouns

(people, places, or things)

Pronouns

These words correspond to “me”, “you”, “him”, etc. in English.

	Singular (one person)	Duoplural (two people)	Plural (three or more)
1st Person (me)	shí	nihí	danihi
2nd Person (you)	ni	nihí	danihi
3rd Person (him/her/it)	bí		daabí

Example:

“**Shí** éi doo ákósh’t’ij da!” / “I don’t do that sort of thing!”

Nihí aldó’ díi hastiin ahééh niiz’ígíí át’éego ahééh daniidzin doo. / We want to be like the man who thanked Jesus.

Self

Adding **t’áá** ___ corresponds to “of my, his, our, your own accord, free will, or self” in English.

T’áá **shí** / myself

T’áá **bí** / himself

Ádaa, ádá, ádił—These words correspond to “about or concerning oneself” in English (reflexive).

Ádaa áhólyá. / Take care of yourself.

Diné éda’ats’ihígíí bits’aq **ádaa** áhólyá. / Take care to keep yourself from people who could cause trouble.

T’áadoo le’ésh **áda** deiyíniikeed doo? / Can we pray about personal things?

Adił yálti’. / His is talking to (with) himself.

T’áá sáhi—alone, solely, singly, by oneself

T’áá sahdii—alone, apart, separate, different

Łahdaásh **t’áá sáhi** nishłí nínízingo náníldzid leh? / Do you ever feel lonely and afraid?

Nich’ooní k’ad **t’áá sahdii** bił iiná íníł’ínígíí nimá dóo nizhé’é bá nanit’agoda át’éii leh. / It can be difficult for your parents to view you and your mate as an independent family.

Indefinite Pronouns

These correspond to words like “somewhere”, “anyone”, etc. in English

a few	t'áá díkwíí	many/a lot	łání
all of them	t'áá ałtso / t'áá át'é	many/a lot	la'í
all of us	t'áá áníłtso / t'áá ániit'é	several	díkwíishjǫ́
all of you	t'áá ánółtso / t'áá ánóht'é	some direction	háájída
anybody	t'áá háida	some point	háaji'shǫ́
anything/anyone	t'áá bíhólníhí	someone	háishǫ́
both	t'áá áła	something	ha'át'íishǫ́
everything	t'áá ałtsoní	somewhere/toward	háájishǫ́
everywhere	t'áá ałtsogóó	the other one	ła'ígíí
many/a lot	t'óó ahayóí	thing	t'áadoo le'é

Example:

T'áá háida boodłáago baa dzolíhígíí éí doo ádoodjǫ́ da. / Anyone who believes and trusts him will not be destroyed.

Demonstrative Pronouns

Demonstrative pronouns are words like “this”, “that”, “those”, etc..

around here	kq̄	that very one	éíidí
right here	kwe'é	that/those	éí
right there	ákwe'é	this very one	díidí
that one over there	ńléí	this/these	díí

Example:

Díí naaltsoos naa deestsos. / I am going to give you this paper.

Animals

ant (black)	wólázhiní	fish	łóó'
ant (red)	wóláchíí'	frog	ch'ał
bear	shash	giraffe	k'osnízí
beaver	chaa'	goat	tł'ízí
bee	tsís'ná/tł'ézhii	goat (kid)	tł'ízí yázhí
bird	tsídii	gorilla	magítsoh
bobcat	nashdóíłbéí	grasshopper	nahachagii
buffalo	ayaní	horse	łjǐ'
bull	dóolaa	leopard	náshdóítsoh łikizhii
cat	mósí	lion (african)	nashdóítsoh bitsiiji' ditlooígíí
cat (kitten)	mósí yázhí	lizard	na'ashó'ii / dichizhii
chicken	na'ahóóhai	monkey	magí
cow	béégashii	mountain lion	nashdóítsoh
cow (calf)	béégashii yázhí	mouse	na'ats'qosí
coyote	mą'ii	pig	bisóodi
cricket	nahak'ízii	prairie dog	dlóqó'
crow	gáagii	rabbit	gah
deer	bǐłh	sheep	dibé
dog	łééchaqá'í	snake	tł'iish
dog (puppy)	łééchaqá yázhí	squirrel	haazéí'
donkey	télii	turkey	taşhii
eagle	atsá	turtle	ch'ééh digháhii
elephant	chǐłh yee adilohii	wildcat	nashdóí

Plants

alfalfa hay	tł'oh waa'í	grass	ch'il
apple tree	bilasáana bitsin	oak tree	chéch'il/tséch'il
beans	naa'olí	peach	didzétsoh
chili pepper	azee' dích'íí'	pinion tree	chá'ot
corn	naadą́ą'	potatoes	nímasii
cottonwood	t'iis	tomato	ch'il łichíí'í
flowers	ch'ilátah hózhóó	watermelon	ch'ééh jiyáán
grapes	na'atł'o'ii		

Sky

clouds	k'os	sky	yá
dark clouds	k'osdiłhił	sky (dark)	yádiłhił
darkness	chahałtheel	star	só'
earth	nahasdzáán	sun	jíhonaa'éí
moon	ooljée'		

Minerals

abalone shell	diichiłí	ocean	tónteel
canyon	tséyi'	river	tooh
coal	łééjin	rocks	tsé
copper	beesh łichíí'í	sand	séí
dirt	łeezh	silver	béesh łigaii
gold	óola	turquoise	dootł'izhii
mountain	dził	water	tó
mud	hashtłish	water (spring)	tóháádlj

Weather / Seasons

cloudy	k'os	snow	yas/zas
cold day	deesk'aaz	snow (big storm)	yastsoh
fall	akeed	snowing	ńchííl
fog	áhá	spring	daan
hail	nílóh	summer	shǐ
hail (big storm)	nílóhtsoh	sunshine	adinídíín
hot day	deesdoii	thunderstorm	da'di'ńigo nahaltin
muddy	hashtǐ'ish	wind	níyol
rain	nahaltin	winter	hai
sandstorm	teezh bił níyol		

Time of Day

afternoon	ałní'ńi'áądóó bik'ijǐ	noon	ałní'ńi'á
day	jǐ	sunrise	ha'íí'á
evening	i'íí'á	today	dííjǐ
midnight	tǐ'ée ílníí'	tomorrow	yiskáągo
morning	abíní	yesterday	ádáądąą'
night	tǐ'ée'		

Office / School

beads	yoo'	pen	bee'ak'e'alchíhí tóhígíí
chair	bikáá' dah asdáhí	pencil	bee'ak'e'alchíhí
map	atiin bikáá' naashcąą'ígíí	scissors	béesh ahédiłí
notebook	naaltsoos bii' ak'e'achíhí	sink	bii' tá'ídígisí
paper	naaltsoos	table	bikáá' adání

Occupations

baker	bááh íl'íní	interpreter	adiits'a'ii/ata'halne'ii
bank	béeso yaa áhályání	jail	awáalyah
basket weaver	ts'aa íl'íní	judge	ánihwii'aahii
Catholic	bi'éé' daanineezi	lawyer	agha'diit'aahii
chapter house	bii' álah nda'adleehegíí	leader	naat'aanii
christian	oodlání	medicine man	hataa'ii
court	ánahwiit'aahgi	Mormon	gáamalii
cowboy	aka'ii	police	siláo
dentist	awoo' yinaalnishí	preacher	Diyin God Bizaad yaa halne'í
doctor	azee' íl'íní	rug weaver	at'óhí
driver	na'atbaqsii	school	ólta'
farm	da'ak'eh	shepherd	na'nilkaadii
gas station	chidí bitoo' bá i'í'áhí/ chidí bitoo' báhooghan	soldier	siláotsohí
home	hooghan	teacher	na'nitini/bá'ólta'í
house	kin	thief	ani'j'jhii

Transportation

airplane	chidí naat'a'í	school bus	chidíltsoosí
bicycle	dzi'izi	wagon	tsinaabaqs
motorcycle	dzi'itsoh	car	chidí

Birth to Old Age

baby	awée'	men	hastói
boy	ashkii	men (older)	hastóísání
boys	ashiiké	men (young)	dinééh
children	átchíní	woman	asdzání
girl	at'éeéd	woman (older)	asdzáán
girls	at'éeédké	woman (young)	chikééh
man	hastiin/diné	women	sáanii
man (old)	hastiinsání	women (older)	sáaniisání
man (older)	hastiin	women (young)	ch'ikéí

Body Parts

arm	agaan	heart	ajéí
blood	dił	intestine	ach'íí'
body	ats'íís	knee	agod
ear	ajaa'	leg	ajáád
eyes	anáá'	life	iiná
face	anii'	neck	ak'os
fat	ak'ah	nose	áchííh
foot	akee'	shoulder	awos
hand	ála'	stomach	abid
head/hair	atsii'	teeth	awoo'

Clothing

belt	sis	shoes	ké
blouse/shirt	deiiji'ée'	skirt	tl'aakał
coat	éétsoh	socks	yistlé
hat	ch'ah	sweater	ée'naats'qodí
pants	tl'aají'ée'		

Jewelry/Valuables

abalone	diichiłí	necklace / beads	yoo'
bracelet	látsíní	ring	yootsah
bolo tie	azéédéelahí	silver	béesh łigaii
earrings	jaatl'óót	turquoise	dootł'izhii
gold	óola	watch	ná'oolkiłí
money	béeso		

Home

ax	tsénił	jewelry	íłjigo naalyéhé
basket	ts'aa'	knife	béesh
bed	tsásk'eh	napkin/paper towel	naaltsoos bee ádit'oodí
bottle/jar	tózis	purse/wallet	béeso bizis
bowl	asaa'/łeets'aa'	radio	níłch'í halne'é
chair	bikáá' dah asdahí	shade house	chaha'oh
clock	ná'oolkiłí	stove	béesh bii' kq'í
clothes	ée'	table	bikáá' adání
dishes	łeets'aa'	telephone	béesh bee hane'é
electricity	atsiniltł'ish	television	níłch'í naalkidí
fire	kq	tools	bee na'anishí
firewood	chizh	toys	daane'é
food	ch'iyyáaan	water	tó
garden	dá'ák'eh		

Food

apple	bilasáanaa	meat	atsj'
beef	béégashii bitsj'	milk	abe'
bread	bááh	mutton	dibé bitsj'
butter	mandagíiya	potatoes	nímasii
candy	áłk'esdisí	rice	alóós
corn	naadą́ą'	salt	áshjijh
fish	lóó'	stew or soup	atoo'
flour	ak'áán	sugar	áshjijh łikan
fruit	tsin bineest'a'	tea	dééh
fruit juice	tsin bineest'a' bitoo'	tomato	ch'il łichíí'í
fry bread	dah díníilghaazh	tortilla	naneeskaadí
grape	ch'il na'atł'o'ii	water	tó
honey	tsís'ná bitł'izh		

Adjectives

(describe people, places, and things)

These are actually verbs in Navajo, but they serve the function of an adjective in English. Therefore, they always come after the noun they describe.

bad	doo yá'áshóqda	beautiful	nizhóní
bitter	dích'íí'	stink	niłchxon
circular	nazbąs	little	yázhí
dreadful	hóyéé'	daily	t'áá ákwííjǫ
fat	neesk'ah	frozen	yistin
hot weather	desdoi	hot object	sido
lower	wóyahgo	cold object	sik'az
no good	nichxóq'í	hard	ntł'iz
slender	áłts'óózí	firm (solid)	niłdzil
slowly (carefully)	hazhó'ógo	cold weather	deesk'az
small	áłts'íísí	heavy	nidaaz
soft	dit'óódí	large	nitsaa/—tsoh
spoil	díík'qsh	long or tall	nineez
sweet (tasty)	łikan	dirty	t'óó baa'ih
wet	nástléé'	good	yá'át'ééh

Colors

black	łizhin	orange	łitsxo
blue, green, turquoise	dootł'izh	red	łichíí'
brown	dibélchíí'	white	łigai
gray	łibá	yellow	łitso

Postpositions

In English, we may say, “John is talking **to** me.” In this sentence, “**to**” is a **preposition** because it comes *before* “me”. In Navajo, the sentence would be translated this way, “John shich’í’ yálti’.” The “-ch’í’” is the English “to” and comes *after* “shi-” (me), so it is called a **postposition**.

	1st Person (me)	2nd Person (you)	3rd Person (him, her, it)	Duoplural (us, you)
about	shaa	naa	baa	nihaa
about / concerning	shéé	née	bée	nihée
according to	shik'eh	nik'eh	bik'eh	nihik'eh
against	shinahji'	ninahji'	binahji'	nihinahji'
among them			bitah	nihitah
away from / derived from	shits'áá'	nits'áá'	bits'áá'	nihits'áá'
because of	shiniinaa	niniinaa	biniinaa	nihiniinaa
because of	shik'ee	nik'ee	bik'ee	nihik'ee
before in time	shítsé	nítsé	bítsé	nihítsé
behind	shikéé'	nikéé'	bikéé'	nihikéé'
behind	shine'	nine'	bine'	nihine'
between them			bita'	
beyond / more than	shilááh	nilááh	bilááh	nihilááh
equal / beside	shíighah	níighah	bíighah	nihíighah
for	shá	ná	bá	nihá
for (call for, run for)	shiká	níká	bíká	nihíká
for (waiting)	shiba'	niba'	biba'	nihiba'
for a purpose	shiniiyé	niniiyé	biniiyé	nihiniiyé
in exchange for	shik'é	nik'é	bik'é	nihik'é
in front	shiláaji'	niláaji'	biláaji'	nihiláaji'
in presence	shináát	nináát	bináát	nihináát
inside	shii'/shiyi'	nii'/niyi'	bii'/biyi'	nihii'/nihiyi'
less than	shi'oh	ni'oh	bi'oh	nih'i'oh
on	shik'i	nik'i	bik'i	nihik'i
over surface	shikáá'	nikáá'	bikáá'	nihikáá'

through			binikáá	yinikáá
toward	shich'ǵ'	nich'ǵ'	bich'ǵ'	nihich'ǵ'
toward (facing)	shidááh	nidááh	bidááh	nihidááh
under	shiyaa	niyaa	biyaa	nihiyaa
with (by means of)	shee	nee	bee	nihee
with (accompany)	shił	nił	bił	nihıł

Spatial Relationships

above it	bideijígo	beneath	biyaagi
across there	ákónaa	beside it	bíighah / baqah
across	tsé'naa	between	bita'
against	binahjǵ'	edge	bidáa'gi
ahead of . . .	aláajǵ'	left	nishtǵ'ahjí
along side of	booshk'iizh	on top	bikáa'gi / bigháa'gi
behind	bine'	right	nish'náájí
behind	bikée'déé'	straight ahead	náásgóó / k'éhézdón
below	biyaaǵígo		

Particles

(tiny phrases or words that give more information about something else)

In English, these are words such as “like”, “really”, “even though”, “yes”, “no”, etc.. A lot of words in English fall into this category and the same is true of Navajo.

afterward	—dóó bik'íjj'
all right	hágoshíí
almost	k'adéę/k'asdáą
alone	t'áá sáhí
alone, apart, different	t'áá sahdi
already	t'áá íídáą'
also	aldó'
always	t'áá áłajj' / áłajj'
and	dóó
and then	áádóó
at that time(past)	íídáą'
away into invisibility	yóó'
back again (returning)	nát'áą'
backward	t'áájigo
best	alááhdi/agháadi
but	ndi
carefully/slowly	hazhó'ógo
clear/evident	t'áá íishjání
clearly	t'áadoo bahat'aadí
come here	wóshdéé'
different	łahgo át'éego
different kinds	al'ąą
down	wóyah
down	góyaa
even though	azhá....ndi
every	t'áá ákwíí
every once in a while	t'óó náhod'naahgo

everything / everywhere	t'áá altsogo
exactly (really)	ts'ídá
except	t'áá hazhó'ó...téiyá
far off	nízaadgóó
fast, immediately (quickly)	hah
fast (rapidly)	tsííłgo / tsxííłgo
first	áłtsé
for a little while	t'óó kónígháníí
for/because	háálá
forever	hool'áágóó
forward	náás
frequently	t'áá áhąąh
hard / diligently	yéigo / yéego
here (handing someone something)	na'
in (enclosure home or cave)	yah
in addition to it	ba'aan/ba'ąą
in / from several directions, diverging	da'níłts'áą'góó
in some places	łahgóó
in vain / tired	ch'ééh
inside	góne'
isn't it?	ya'
just	t'áá / t'óó
like	—gi át'éego / nahalin / ákot'éego
little bit	t'áá álch'ííłdigo

long ago	alk'idáqá
many	la'í / t'óó ahayóí
many times	la'ídi / t'óó ahayóídi
maybe	sha'shin / daats'í / shíí
merely	t'óó
nearly (about)	k'adéé
new	ániidí
next day	biiskání
no (with force)	dooda
no (normal)	ndaga'
not	doo . . . da
now	k'ad
nowhere	doo háájí da
once	lah
one side	nah / nahji
only (exclusively)	t'éiyá/t'éí
or	doodaii'
other side	lahjí
outside	t'óó
probably	shíí
rarely	laháda
so	áko
sometime	hahgoda
sometimes	lahda
soon, right away, (future)	t'áadoo hodina'í
soon after, done right after (past)	t'áadoo hódína'í
suddenly	t'áadoo hooyání
that's all	t'áá akódí
then	índa
this way	wóshdéé'

today (part already past)	jíí'dáqá'
tomorrow	yiskáago
too	— dó' / al'dó'
truly / really	t'áá aaníí
up	gódei
up at an elevation	dah
upward	dei/deigo
usually	leh
very	ayóó
very, really	t'áá íiyisíí
very good	hózhó
very seriously	t'óó báhádztidgo
when	hahgoshá'
without	t'áá gééd
without / don't	t'ááadoo
yes	aoo'
yesterday	adáqádáqá'

Frames

(A pair of words or partial words placed before and after a thought to change its meaning.)

In English, you can add the word “**not**” to a sentence, and it will turn the meaning of the entire sentence negative.

I did do my homework.

I did **not** do my homework.

A pair of words can also be added in English to add meaning. See how adding “**even though**” can add meaning to two sentences.

I was tired. I studied the Bible.

Even though I was tired, I studied the Bible.

In the Navajo language, a pair of words like “**even though**” are not added together, but around the phrase. Because they begin and end a group of words whose meaning are changed, we call them “frames”. Here are some common examples of frames.

Doo ... da — Changes a positive phrase into a negative. Sometimes, it can reverse a phrase that is already negative.

Shił bééhozin.

Doo shił bééhozin **da**.

Bídin dahóyé.

Doo bídin dahóyé **da**.

I know it.

I do **not** know it.

They are scarce. (lacking)

They are plentiful. (**not** lacking)

Azhá ... ndi — Even though...

Azhá nihich’j’ ndahwii’náago **ndi**, Jiihóvah nihíka’ análwo’.

Even though we are suffering, Jehovah is helping us.

Doolá dó’ ... da — Wow it is!

Deesk’aaz.

Doolá dó’ deesk’aaz **da**.

The weather is cold.

Wow, the weather is cold! Man, it’s cold!

-go ... doo — If ... then... Instead of **doo**, the future “then” can be included elsewhere in the verb.

God yíisíníłts’áago, naa áhályąą **doo**.

Shimá shaa doogáá**go**, Tóta’góó diit’ash.

If you listen to God, He will care for you.

If my mother comes to see me,
we will go to Farmington

Doo ... -góó — If not ... then...

Chidí **doo** nee hóló**góó**, doo kintahgóó díináát da.

If you don’t have a car, you will not go to town.

T’ááká ... yíila’ — See that you do not. You must not.

Acts 1:4—**T’ááká** Jerúsalem bits’ąajj’ dah doohkááh **yíila’**.

Do not leave Jerusalem.

See also Deuteronomy 18:10, 11.

Enclitics

(things that go at the end of words to tell us more about the word)

These are added to the end of words or appear after them to clarify a thought like the “er” in “worker” or “ed” in “worked”.

Area / Space

at/in general area	—di
at/in defined area	—gi
from	—dĕĕ’
from well defined area	—dóó
on the side/direction of	—jí
toward	—góó
up to a point	—jĭ’

Nouns

that/those which	—ii
the one	—í
the particular one	—ígíí

Time

past time	—dáǎ’
when/while	—go

Question

question	—ísh
what about it?	—sha’

Examples:

Tléé’ means night. Tléé’dáǎ’ means last night.

God Bizaad nił yá’át’ééh. / You like the Bible. God Bizaad’ísh nił yá’át’ééh. / Do you like the Bible?

Kin íł’íní / Carpenter (lit. a person who makes houses)

Kin íł’ínígíí / The specific house that was built

Isreal dine’é danilínii / those who are Isrealites (as a group)

Europegi / In the general area of Europe

Ólta’di / At school

Tota’góó deet’áázh. / We are going toward Farmington

Ben náyáago God Bizaad bee bił hodeeshnih. / When Ben comes, I will tell him about the Bible.

How to use a verb chart

Future (has not happened yet)	Singular (1 person only)	Duoplural (2 people only)	Plural (3 or more people)
1st Person (I, me)	I am going to do something I will work	We (you and I) are going to do something Two of us will work	We—you, I and someone else, or many others are going to do something Three of us will work
2nd Person (You)	You are going to do something You will work	You and 1 other person are going to do something You two will work	You and or more people are going to do something You three will work
3rd Person (him, her, it, they, them)	He, she, it (1 person or 1 thing) is going to do something He or She or it will work	They (2 people or 2 things) are going to do something [If there is nothing in this box, use the box to the left <—] The two of them will work	3 or more people or things are going to do something The three of them will work
4th Person (use this for respect or an unknown person)	A person (1) is going to do something One will work	People (only 2) are going to do something [If there is nothing in this box, use the box to the left <—] Two will work	People (3 or more) are going to do something Some will work

Imperfective (is happening now or is not finished yet)	Singular (1 person only)	Duoplural (2 people only)	Plural (3 or more people)
1st Person (I, me)	I am doing something I am working	We (you and I) are doing something We two are working	We (you, I and someone else, or many others) are doing something All of us are working
2nd Person (You)	You are doing something You are working	You and 1 other person is doing something You two are working	You and 2 or more people are doing something You three are working
3rd Person (him, her, it, they, them)	He, she, it (1 person or 1 thing) is doing something He or She or It is working	They (2 people or 2 things) are doing something [If there is nothing in this box, use the box to the left <—] The two of them are working	3 or more people are doing something They are working
4th Person (use this for respect or an unknown person)	A person (1) is doing something One is working	People (only 2) are doing something [If there is nothing in this box, use the box to the left <—] Two are working	People (3 or more) are doing something Some are working.

Perfective (has been completed)	Singular (1 person only)	Duoplural (2 people only)	Plural (3 or more people)
1st Person (I, me)	I did something I worked	We (you and I) did something The two of us worked	We (you, I and someone else, or many others) did something The three of us worked
2nd Person (You)	You did something You worked	You and 1 other person did something You two worked	You and 2 or more people did something All of you worked
3rd Person (him, her, it, they, them)	He, she, it (1 person or 1 thing) did something He or she or it worked	They (2 people or 2 things) did something [If there is nothing in this box, use the box to the left <—] The two of them worked	3 or more people did something They worked
4th Person (use this for respect or an unknown person)	A person (1) did something One worked	People (only 2) did something [If there is nothing in this box, use the box to the left <—] Two worked	People (3 or more) did something Some worked

How to use the white dictionary

In the “Conversational Navajo Dictionary—English to Navajo”, you will see definition that looks like this:

ACT, TO (vb-act) ásht’í, ánit’í, át’í / iit’í, ót’í / ádeiit’í, ádaah’t’í, ádaat’í (nííł) I didn’t do it. Shí doo ásht’íí da.

The list of verbs matches the following verb charts. Each column of the chart is separated by a slash (/) in the entry. The white dictionary does not include 4th Person. The (nííł) following the verbs just gives us the end of the Future variations, but as you’ll see in the verbs in the next section, it isn’t very helpful.

Every dictionary used to create this manual had slightly different spellings of some words, and this manual is far from perfect. However, if you can pronounce the words as shown, you will be understood.

Cont. Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	1—ásht’í	4—íit’í	6—ádéiit’í
2nd Person	2—ánit’í	5—ót’í	7—ádaah’t’í
3rd Person	3—át’í		8—ádaat’í
4th Person	ájít’í		ádajít’í

Notice how the order of verbs matches the order above:

ACT, TO (vb-act) 1—ásht’í, 2—ánit’í, 3—át’í / 4—íit’í, 5—ót’í / 6—ádeiit’í, 7—ádaah’t’í, 8—ádaat’í (nííł) I didn’t do it. Shí doo ásht’íí da.

How verbs change in Navajo

Action words in Navajo will change depending on who is doing the action. The following are “markers” that identify who is doing the action in imperfective verbs (actions that are not complete).*

Me = **sh**

We = **iid**

You (Singular) = **n**

You (Plural) = **oh**

He/she/they = (nothing is put in the verb to mean this)

But, depending on the letters around it, these can look a little different.

Let’s look at the action word that means “working”.

He is working = naalnish (this doesn’t have anything added in, so this is the basic action word)

I am working = naa**sh**nish (add “sh” right before the last syllable; notice this made the “l” drop out)

We are working = ne**iil**nish (add “iid” right before the last syllable; the “d” is usually removed, but sometimes makes other changes)

You (singular) are working - na**n**ilnish (add “n” right before the last syllable; the “i” is added as a just a little glue to make it easy to pronounce)

You (plural) are working = naa**h**ilnish (add “oh” right before the last syllable; notice that “a” sound carries over into the “o”, and the “h” made the “l” change into a “i”. You will see that pattern a lot)

The thing to remember is that the change happens right **before** the last syllable. Look for patterns of how these markers interact with the sounds around them.

*All of these “markers” are for imperfective (incomplete) actions. Future and perfective actions have their own “markers”.

Verbs

(action word)

Absent / Non-existent / Extinct / Zero

ádin or ádaadin (plural)

Examples:

Rev. 21:4—...aniné **ádin** doo, áádóó atínáhodinidleeh **ádin** doo, áádóó cha **ádin** doo índa adinih **ádin** doo... / death will be no more, mourning (things that bother us, our distresses) will be no more, crying will be no more, suffering will be no more...

Nihí'ée' **ádaadin**. / Our clothes don't exist anymore. (they aren't missing—they are totally gone)

Shílééchaq'í **ádin**. / My dog is dead. (He isn't missing or lost—he's not coming back.)

Act / To Do

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	ádeeshníł	ádii'níł	ádadii'níł
2 nd Person	ádííníł	ádoohníł	ádadoohníł
3 rd Person	ádooníł		ádadooníł
4 th Person	ázhdooníł		ádazhdooníł

Cont. Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	ásht'į	íit'į	ádéiit'į
2 nd Person	ánít'į	óht'į	ádaaht'į
3 rd Person	át'į		ádaat'į
4 th Person	ájít'į		ádajít'į

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	ásdzaa	íidzaa	ádéiidzaa
2 nd Person	íinidzaa	óohdzaa	ádaahdzaa
3 rd Person	ádzaa		ádadzaa
4 th Person	ájiidzaa		ádajiidzaa

Example:

Háálá **íinidzaa**? / What did you do?

Háishą' **át'į**? / Who is he?

Afraid of it / them

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	béédeesdzíít	béédiildzíít	béedadíildzíít
2nd Person	béedííldzíít	béedoołdzíít	béedadoołdzíít
3rd Person	yéedoołdzíít		yéedadoołdzíít
4th Person	béézhdooldzíít		béédazhdooldzíít

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	binásdzid	binéiildzid	béédeiildzid
2nd Person	béeníldzid	bináldzid	béédaałdzid
3rd Person	yináldzid		yéedaaldzid
4th Person	bééjíldzid		béédajíldzid

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	béésísdzííd	béésiildzííd	béédasiildzííd
2nd Person	béésíníldzííd	béésoołdzííd	béédasoołdzííd
3rd Person	yinásdzííd		yéedaasdzííd
4th Person	bééjísdzííd		béédajísdzííd

Examples:

This verb is used with the postposition bi- and béé, but it can be used with shi-, ni-, shéé, néé, etc..

Béégashii **binásdzid**. / I am afraid of cows.

T'áa ídââ', ni éi **shéésíníldzííd**. / Back then you were afraid of me.

Alive, to be

(Add doo or nt'êé' after the verb to make it future or past, see Imitate as an example.)

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	hinishná	hinii'ná	dahinii'ná
2nd Person	hiníná	hinohná	dahinohná
3rd Person	hiiná		dahiiná
4th Person	jiiná		dajiiná

Example:

God yísiníłts'ââ' áko hool'áágóo **hinínáa** doo. / Listen to God and live forever.

Arrive / come / go (one way trip)

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	deesháát	diit'ash	diikah
2 nd Person	díínáát	dooh'ash	doohkah
3 rd Person	doogáát	doo'ash	dookah
4 th Person	jidoogáát	jidoo'ash	jidookah

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	nishááh	niit'aash	niikááh
2 nd Person	nínááh	noh'aash	nohkááh
3 rd Person	yíghááh	yi'aash	yíkááh
4 th Person	jíghááh	jí'aash	jíkááh

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	níyá	niit'áázh	niikai
2 nd Person	yíníyá	noo'áázh	noohkai
3 rd Person	níyá	ní'áázh	yíkai
4 th Person	jíníyá	jíní'áázh	jíkai

Examples:

Jesus éí háádéé **níyá?** / Where did Jesus come from?

Ádą́ą́dą́ą́' naa **niit'áázh**. / Yesterday, we came to you.

Yiską́ Joe baa **deesháát**. / I am going to Joe's tomorrow.

to Ask, question

(Add pronoun like “-bí-” inside the word at the first glottal stop to indicate that 1st or 2nd Person are asking “him”. See Conversational Navajo Dictionary under “to ask him”, pg. 39)

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	na’ídídéeshkíł	na’ídídíilkił	nda’ídídíilkił
2 nd Person	na’ídídííłkił	na’ídídóołkił	nda’ídídóołkił
3 rd Person	na’ídídóołkił		nda’ídídóołkił
4 th Person	na’ízhídídóołkił		ndazhídídóołkił

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	na’ídíshkid	na’ídíilkid	nda’ídíilkid
2 nd Person	na’ídíłkid	na’ídółkid	nda’ídółkid
3 rd Person	na’ídíłkid		nda’ídíłkid
4 th Person	na’ízhdíłkid		ndazhdíłkid

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	na’ídééłkid	na’ídíilkid	nda’ídíilkid
2 nd Person	na’ídííníłkid	na’ídółkid	nda’ídółkid
3 rd Person	na’ídééłkid		nda’ídééłkid
4 th Person	na’ízhdééłkid		ndazhdééłkid

Example:

Háida **nabidídííłkił**. / You will ask for directions.

Nabídíłkidgo níl náhodoolnihígíí t’áadoo bąą tsíł nílíní. / When asking a question, be patient and wait for the answer. (don’t be fast about it)

Ask, request it

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yídéeshkił	yídíikił	deídíikił
2nd Person	yídíikił	yídóohkił	deídóohkił
3rd Person	yídóokił		deídóokił
4th Person	jíídóokił		deízhdóokił

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yínishkeed	yíníikeed	deíníikeed
2nd Person	yíníikeed	yínóhkeed	deínóhkeed
3rd Person	yókeed		dayókeed
4th Person	jókeed		dajókeed

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yíkeed	yíníikeed	dayíníikeed
2nd Person	yíníikeed	yínóokeed	dayínóokeed
3rd Person	yiyííikeed		dayííikeed
4th Person	jííikeed		dajííikeed

Example:

1 John 5:14—Diyin God t'áá bí íinízinii bik'ehgo ha'át'íhída bí**dayíníikeed**go nihididoots'íłgíí nihíł béédahózin... / No matter what we ask according to his will, he hears us.

To Be (characteristic)

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	ánisht'é	ániit'é	ádaniit'é
2nd Person	ánít'é	ánóht'é	ádanóht'é
3rd Person	át'é		ádaat'é
4th Person	ájít'é		ádajít'é

Examples:

Tó **át'é**. / It is water.

Chidí **ádaat'é**. / They are cars.

Shibéeso **át'éé** nt'éé. / It was my money.

Internet bii' ákódaat'éhígíí bits'aqá **ánít'é**. / We should avoid those sites. (away from it you are)

To Be (role)

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	nishł́	niidlł́	daniidlł́
2nd Person	nílł́	nohlł́	danohlł́
3rd Person	niłł́		daniłł́
4th Person	jilł́		dajilł́

Examples:

Jiihóvah Yá Dahalne'é **niidlł́**. / We two are Jehovah's Witnesses.

Jiihóvah éí Ánihiilaii **niłł́**. / Jehovah is our Creator.

To Respect

Add **shił, nił, nihił, bił, yił, hoł** to the "to Be" verb

Examples:

Brothers nihik'i dadéez'ł́ígíí **hoł niłł́**. / She always respected the brothers who were overseers.

Leviticus 19:3—T'áá ánółtso nihimá ında nihizhé'é **nihit daniłł́j** doo. / Each of you should respect your mother and your father.

Become / Becoming / Became

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	deeshleet	diidleet	dadiidleet
2 nd Person	dííleet	doohleet	dadoohleet
3 rd Person	dooleet		dadooleet
4 th Person	jidooleet		dazhdooleet

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	yishleeh	yiidleeh	deiidleeh
2 nd Person	nileeh	wohleeh	daohleeh
3 rd Person	yileeh		daleeh
4 th Person	jileeh		dajileeh

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	sélíí'	siidlíí'	dasiidlíí'
2 nd Person	sínííí'	soolíí'	dasoolíí'
3 rd Person	silíí'		dazlíí'
4 th Person	jizlíí'		dajizlíí'

Repetitive	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	náshdleeh	néiidleeh	ndéiidleeh
2 nd Person	náníidleeh	náhdleeh	ndáhdleeh
3 rd Person	nádleeh		ndéidleeh
4 th Person	ńjidleeh		ndájidleeh

Examples:

God bik'is **dííleet**go át'é. / You can be God's friend

1914 yihahgo Jesus Naat'áanii **silíí'**. / Jesus began to rule as King in 1914.

Díí álah **néiidleeh**ígíí hazhó'ó átséedi bá hasht'e' ánída'diil'jighgo éí nihá yá'át'éeh doo. / It's beneficial to prepare well before this meeting.

Believe / to be a believer / to have faith

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	iideeshdląął	iidiidląął	da'iidiidląął
2nd Person	iidíídląął	iidoohdląął	da'iidoohdląął
3rd Person	iidoodląął		da'iidoodląął
4th Person	iizhdoodląął		da'iizhdoodląął

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	iinishdlą	iiniidlą	da'iiniidlą
2nd Person	iinídlą	iinohdlą	da'iinohdlą
3rd Person	oodlą		da'oodlą
4th Person	ajoodlą		da'joodlą

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	iisisdląąđ	iisiidląąđ	da'iisiidląąđ
2nd Person	iisínídląąđ	iisoohdląąđ	da'iisoohdląąđ
3rd Person	oosdląąđ		da'oosdląąđ
4th Person	ajoosdląąđ		da'joosdląąđ

Examples:

T'áá'aanígo **da'oodlánígíí**. / True believers.

T'óó **iinishdlą** jiniigo éi doo bíghah da. / Merely professing to have faith is not enough.

to Believe it

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	yideeshdląą	yidiidląą	deidiidląą
2 nd Person	yidiídląą	yidoohdląą	deidoohdląą
3 rd Person	yidoodląą		deidoodląą
4 th Person	jidoodląą		dajiidoodląą

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	yinishdlą	yiniidlą	deiniidlą
2 nd Person	yinidlą	yinohdlą	deinohdlą
3 rd Person	yoodlą		dayoodlą
4 th Person	joodlą		dajoodlą

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	yisidląą	yisiidląą	deisiidląą
2 nd Person	yisínidląą	yisoohdląą	deisoohdląą
3 rd Person	yoosdląą		dayoosdląą
4 th Person	joosdląą		dajoosdląą

Example:

Joodląąago beijólihígíí ha'át'íí áhyíłní? / What does it mean to have faith?

Jesus yee' **yinishdlą**, doo t'óó dii'niid da doo. / We cannot simply say 'I believe in Jesus'.

to Bless

Add the pronoun **shi-**, **ni-**, **bi-**, **yi-**, **nih-** before **-k'ihojidlí** to indicate who is being blessed. For example, in prayer one might say:

T'áá shqodí, **shik'ihojidlí** doo. — Please bless me.

Díí áłah nádlee'hígíí **bik'ihojidlí** doo. — Bless this congregation.

T'áá shqodí **nihik'ihojidlí** doo. — Please bless us.

Jiíhóvah áłah nádlee'hígíí **yik'ihojidlí**. — Jehovah blesses the congregation.

Buy it

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	nahideeshnih	nahidiilnih	nadahidiilnih
2nd Person	nahidííłnih	nahidoołnih	nadahidoołnih
3rd Person	neidiyootnih		nadeidiyootnih
4th Person	nizhdiyootnih		ndazhdiyootnih

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	nahashniih	nahiilniih	nadahiilniih
2nd Person	nahíłniih	nahołniih	nadahoolniih
3rd Person	nayiiłniih		nadayiiłniih
4th Person	njiilniih		ndajiiłniih

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	naháłnii'	naheelnii'	nadaheelnii'
2nd Person	nahíníłnii'	nahoolnii'	nadahoolnii'
3rd Person	nayiiisnii'		nadayiiisnii'
4th Person	njiisnii'		ndajiiisnii'

Examples:

Boaz íłłnı́, Ádá **nahíłniih**. / He told Boaz, "Buy it for yourself."

Nihí áłłsédáą ch'iyáán **nidahidiilnih** biniyé niikai. / We came here the first time to buy food.

Care for

(To show what is being cared for, add **shaa**, **naa**, **baa**, **yaa**, **nihaa**, **aa** before the verb.)

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	áhodeeshyaꞤ	áhodiilyaꞤ	ádahodiilyaꞤ
2 nd Person	áhodíilyaꞤ	áhodoolyaꞤ	ádahodoolyaꞤ
3 rd Person	áhodoolyaꞤ		ádahodoolyaꞤ
4 th Person	áhozhdoolyaꞤ		ádahozhdoolyaꞤ

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	áháshyá	áhwiilyá	ádahwiilyá
2 nd Person	áhólyá	áhołyá	ádahółyá
3 rd Person	áhályá		ádahályá
4 th Person	áhójílyá		ádahójílyá

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	áhosisyaꞤ	áhosiilyaꞤ	baa ádahosiilyaꞤ
2 nd Person	áhosínílyaꞤ	áhosoolyaꞤ	áhodasoolyaꞤ
3 rd Person	áhoosyaꞤ		ádahoosyaꞤ
4 th Person	áhojisyꞤ		ádahojisyꞤ

Examples:

Jiihóvah **nihaa áhályá**. / Jehovah takes care of us.

Jiihóvah bibee haz'áanii éi nihaa **áhodoolyaꞤ**go át'é. / Jehovah's standards can protect us.

Jiihóvah, t'áá shqꞤdí, díí álah nadleehii baa **áhodiilyaꞤ**. / Please Jehovah, take care of this congregation.

Comprehend it / understand

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	bik'idi'deeshtjĩt	bik'idi'diitjĩt	bik'idadi'diitjĩt
2nd Person	bik'idi'díitjĩt	bik'idi'doohťjĩt	bik'idadi'doohťjĩt
3rd Person	yik'idi'dootjĩt		yik'idadi'dootjĩt
4th Person	bik'idizh'dootjĩt		bik'idazh'dootjĩt

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	bik'i'diishtjĩh	bik'i'diitjĩh	bik'i'da'diitjĩh
2nd Person	bik'i'diitjĩh	bik'i'dohtjĩh	bik'i'da'dohtjĩh
3rd Person	yik'i'diitjĩh		yik'i'da'diitjĩh
4th Person	bik'izh'diitá		bik'i'dazh'diitjĩh

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	bik'i'diitá	bik'i'diitá	bik'i'da'diitá
2nd Person	bik'i'dinitá	bik'i'dootá	bik'i'da'dootá
3rd Person	yik'i'diitá		yik'i'da'diitá
4th Person	bik'izh'diitá		bik'i'dazh'diitá

Examples:

Doo **bik'i'diishtjĩh** da. I don't understand it.

Isaiah 6:9—Ts'ídá doo **bik'idadi'doohťjĩt** da. / You (3 or more) will not understand.

Job 38:4—**Bik'idi'nitá**ago bee shĩt hó'ne'. / Tell me if you understand.

Cry

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	deeshchah	diichah	dadiichah
2nd Person	díichah	doohchah	dadoohchah
3rd Person	doochah		dadoochah
4th Person	jidoochah		dazhdoochah

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yishcha	yiicha	deiicha
2nd Person	nicha	wohcha	daohcha
3rd Person	yicha	yicha	daacha
4th Person	jicha	jicha	dajicha

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yícha	yiicha	deiicha
2nd Person	yínícha	woocha	daoocha
3rd Person	yícha		dáácha
4th Person	jíícha		dajíícha

Examples:

Héigar neezdáago dóó yéego **jíícha**. / Hagar sat down and wept bitterly.

to Depend on him

(Change the **ba-** or **ya-** to show who is being depended upon. See also “**to Trust**”.)

	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	ba’ííníshí	ba’íínííí	bada’íínííí
2nd Person	ba’ííníí	ba’íínóhí	bada’íínóhí
3rd Person	ya’ólí		yada’ólí
4th Person	ba’jólí		bada’jólí

Example:

T’áá áłtsojį’ Jiihóvah **bada’ííníídlíí** doo. / In all situations, we must rely on Jehovah.
John **na’ólí**. / John is depending on you.

Destroy / Use up

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	ádeeshdjił	ádiildjił	ádadiildjił
2 nd Person	ádííłdjił	ádoołdjił	ádadoołdjił
3 rd Person	íidoołdjił		ádeidoołdjił
4 th Person	ázhdoołdjił		ádazhdoołdjił

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	ášhdijih	íildijih	ádeildijih
2 nd Person	áníłdijih	áłdijih	ádaałdijih
3 rd Person	ííłdijih		ádeildijih
4 th Person	ájíłdijih		ádajíłdijih

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	áséłdjid	ásiildjid	ádasiildjid
2 nd Person	ásíníłdjid	ásoołdjid	ádasoołdjid
3 rd Person	íisdjid		ádeisdjid
4 th Person	ájísdjid		ádajísdjid

Examples:

Ana'í akée'di **ádooldjił**íi éí aniné. / The last enemy death will be brought to nothing.

Jiihóvah diné doo yá'ádaashxóonii yęę **íisdjid**. / Jehovah destroyed the wicked.

Ndi t'áá' anáhineezdee'go **ádabi'disdjid**ii doo bitahí daniidłji da. / We do not shrink back to destruction.

Die

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	dadeestsaał	díníi'néét	dadíníi'néét
2nd Person	dadíitsaał	dínóohnéét	dadínóohnéét
3rd Person	dadootsaał	dínóonéét	dadínóonéét
4th Person	dazhdootsaał	dízhnóonéét	dadízhnóonéét

Imperfective this can mean to be sick	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	daastsaaḥ	nii'né	danii'né
2nd Person	danitsaaḥ	nohné	danohné
3rd Person	daatsaaḥ	niné	daniné
4th Person	dajitsaaḥ	jininé	dajininé

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	dasétsá	nee'ná	danee'ná
2nd Person	dasínítsá	sinooná	dasinooná
3rd Person	daaztsá	neezná	daneezná
4th Person	dajiztsá	jineezná	dajineezná

Examples:

Áádóó kééhat'ínígíí doo ła' **daastsaaḥ** didooniit da. / No resident will say I am sick.

Háálá baąhdóó ííníyáą' bijjidi t'áa aaníí **dadíitsaał**. / For in the day you eat from it, you will positively die.

to Discuss

(To show what is being discussed, add the pronoun **shaa**, **naa**, **baa**, **yaa**, **nihaa** before the verb.)

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	ńdéesht'jłł	ńdíit'jłł	ńdadíit'jłł
2 nd Person	ńdíit'jłł	ńdóoht'jłł	ńdadóoht'jłł
3 rd Person	ńdóot'jłł		ńdadóot'jłł
4 th Person	ńízhdóot'jłł		ńdazhdóot'jłł

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	ńásht'j	ńéiit'j	ńdadéiit'j
2 nd Person	ńánít'j	ńáht'j	ńdaht'j
3 rd Person	ńát'j		ńdaat'j
4 th Person	ńjít'j		

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	ńísíst'jłłd	ńísiit'jłłd	ńdasiit'jłłd
2 nd Person	ńísínít'jłłd	ńísoot'jłłd	ńdasoot'jłłd
3 rd Person	yíníst'jłłd		yidaníst'jłłd
4 th Person	ńjíst'jłłd		ńdajist'jłłd

Examples:

Video baa **ńídadíit'jłł**. / We will discuss the video.

Ańdahzt'i'ígíí hazhó'ó baa **ńídóoht'jłł** biniyé bá náhool'aah. / Set an appropriate time for the two of you to discuss the problem.

Béeso baa **ńáht'jłł**go nant'a. / As a couple, it may be difficult to talk about money.

Drink it

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	deeshdlǫ́t	diidlǫ́t	dadiidlǫ́t
2 nd Person	díídlǫ́t	doohdlǫ́t	dadoohdlǫ́t
3 rd Person	yidoodlǫ́t		deidoodlǫ́t
4 th Person	jidoodlǫ́t		dazhdoodlǫ́t

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	yishdlá	yiidlá	deiidlá
2 nd Person	nidlá	wohdlá	daahdlá
3 rd Person	yidlá		deidlá
4 th Person	jidlá		dajidlá

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	yishdláá'	yiidláá'	deiidláá'
2 nd Person	yínídláá'	woohdláá'	daoohdláá'
3 rd Person	yoodláá'		dayoodláá'
4 th Person	joodláá'		dajoodláá'

Examples:

Gohwééh ła' **deeshdlǫ́t**. / I am going to drink some coffee.

Áko dzizljhgo, t'áadoo **joodláá'** da. / After tasting it, he refused to drink it.

Matt. 6:31—Éí bąą', Ha'át'íí lá dadiidlǫ́t lá? doodaii', Ha'át'íí lá **dadiidlǫ́t** lá? dodaii', Ha'át'íí lá bee hadadiniit'ée dooleet lá? t'áadoo dadohníigo ádił nídahodotchił. / So never be anxious and say, "What are we to eat?" or, "What are we to drink?" or, "What are we to wear?"

Eat it

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	deeshííł	diidííł	dadiidííł
2 nd Person	dííyííł	doosííł	dadoosííł
3 rd Person	yidooyííł		deidooyííł
4 th Person	jidooyííł		dazhdooyííł

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	yishá	yiidá	deiidá
2 nd Person	niyá	wosá	daasá
3 rd Person	yiyá		deiyá
4 th Person	jiyá		dajiyá

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	yíyáá'	yiidáá'	deiidáá'
2 nd Person	yíníyáá'	wooyáá'	daooyáá'
3 rd Person	yiyíyáá'		dayíyáá'
4 th Person	jííyáá'		dajíyáá'

Examples:

Tsin bineest'á' **yiidá** biniyé dá'ák'ehgi naazkaadígíí nihaa deet'á. / We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden.

Ndi atsj' éí dił t'áá bii' hólqogo doo **dadoohsííł** da. / You must not eat meat with its blood.

Matt. 6:31—Éí baqá', Ha'át'íí lá **dadiidííł** lá? doodaii', Ha'át'íí lá dadiidííł lá? dodaii', Ha'át'íí lá bee hadadiniit'ée dooleet lá? t'áadoo dadohnígo ádił nídahodotchií. / So never be anxious and say, "What are we to eat?" or, "What are we to drink?" or, "What are we to wear?"

to Endure adversity, to be Patient

(Add **shich'j'**, **nich'j'**, **bich'j'**, **yich'j'**, or **nihich'j'** to point to what is being endured.)

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	ha'ííníshní	ha'ííníilní	hada'ííníilní
2 nd Person	ha'íínílní	ha'íínólní	hada'íínólní
3 rd Person	ha'ólní		hada'ólní
4 th Person	ha'jólní		hada'jólní

Examples:

Romans 12:12—Nihich'j' nidahwii'náago bich'j' **hada'íínólní**. / Endure under tribulation.

1 Corinthians 13:7—Ayóó'ó'ó'níiní ... t'áá ałtsoní yich'j' **ha'ólní**. / Love endures all things.

1 Corinthians 4:12—Atídanihi'diljigo **hada'ííníilní**. / When persecuted, we patiently endure.

Exist / Have

(Add **shee**, **nee**, **bee**, **nihee** before the word **hóló** to have something)

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	honishłó	honiidló	dahoniidló
2 nd Person	honíló	honohłó	dahonohłó
3 rd Person	hóló		dahóló
4 th Person	hojíló		dahojíló

Examples:

Háálá hwee dahinii'ná, áádóó nidahii'ná, índa **dahoniidló**. / We have life and move and exist.

Hool'áágóó nihił **honishłó** doo. / I will be with you forever.

Béeso ła' **shee hóló**. / I have some money.

Fix it

(See **Make**. Add **hasht'e** before the verb Make.)

Going to go

SI Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	déyá	deet'áázh	deekai
2 nd Person	díníyá	dishoo'áázh	disoohkaí/doohkai
3 rd Person	deeyá	deezh'áázh	deeskai
4 th Person	jideeyá	jideezh'áázh	jideeskai

Examples:

Háágóó **díníyá**? / Where are you going?

Mary dóó John béeso bá hooghangóó **deezh'áázh**. / Mary and John are going to the bank.

Happen

á, **kó**, and **ákó** can be propounded to these words. See examples to discern differences.

Future	Imperfective	Perfective	Repetative
hodooníít	hat'í	hóót'íjd	náhoot'íjh

Examples:

Níléidishá' haa **hat'í**? / What is going on over there?

Haa **hóót'íjd**? / What happened?

Ólta'di naasháago **áhóót'íjd**. / I was at school when **it** happened.

Jó **kóhóót'íjd** . . . / **This** is what happened . . .

T'áá nináháhááh bik'eh **ákónáhoot'íjh**. / It happens **that way** every year.

Happy / Well

(Add doo or nt'éé' to the verb to make it future or past, see Imitate as an example.)

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	shił hózhó	nihıł hózhó	nihıł dahózhó
2 nd Person	nił hózhó	nihıł hózhó	nihıł dahózhó
3 rd Person	bił hózhó		bił dahózhó
4 th Person	hoł hózhó		hoł dahózhó

Diné éi Diyin God yaa deidzólíhígíí t'áá ałtso **bił dahózhó**. / Happy are all those who take refuge in Jehovah.

Níla' bee binishínílnishii bik'é adíyíłtgo **nił hózhó** doo. / You will eat what your hands worked hard to produce and you will be happy.

Hear it / Understand by hearing

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	dideest'ᑭᑦ	didiits'ᑭᑦ	dadidiits'ᑭᑦ
2nd Person	didíits'ᑭᑦ	didoohs'ᑭᑦ	dadidoohs'ᑭᑦ
3rd Person	yididoots'ᑭᑦ		deididoots'ᑭᑦ
4th Person	jididoots'ᑭᑦ		dazhdidoots'ᑭᑦ

Impefective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	diists'a'	diits'a'	dadiits'a'
2nd Person	dinits'a'	doohts'a'	dadoohs'a'
3rd Person	yidiits'a'		deidiits'a'
4th Person	jidiits'a'		dazhdiits'a'

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	diséts'ᑭᑦ	disiits'ᑭᑦ	dadisiits'ᑭᑦ
2nd Person	disínits'ᑭᑦ	disoots'ᑭᑦ	dadisoots'ᑭᑦ
3rd Person	yidiizts'ᑭᑦ		deidiizts'ᑭᑦ
4th Person	jidiizts'ᑭᑦ		dazhdiizts'ᑭᑦ

Example:

Jiihóvah nihsodizin **yidiits'a'** / Jehovah hears our prayers.

Help

Literally means “to run out of sight”. Use **shíká**, **níká**, **nihíká**, **bíká**, **yíká**, **áká** to indicate who is being helped (for whom one is doing the running).

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	adeeshwoł	ahidi’niilchéét	adiijah
2nd Person	adíílwoł	ahidí’nóolchéét	adoohjah
3rd Person	adoolwoł	ahidí’nóolchéét	adoojah
4th Person	azhdoolwoł	ahizhdí’nóolchéét	azhdoojah

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	iishyeed	ahi’niilchééh	iijeeh
2nd Person	anilyeed	ahi’nołchééh	oohjeeh
3rd Person	iilyeed	ahi’nilchééh	iijeeh
4th Person	ajilyeed	ahizh’nilchééh	ajijeeh

Repetative	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	anáshwo’	anáhi’niilchééh	anéijah
2nd Person	anáníłwo’	anáhi’nołchééh	anáhhah
3rd Person	análwo’	anáhi’nilchééh	anájah
4th Person	ańjílwo’	anáhizh’nilchééh	áńjijah

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	eeshwod	ahi’niilcháą’	iijée’
2nd Person	ííníłwod	ahi’noolcháą’	oojée’
3rd Person	eelwod	ahi’noolcháą’	iijée’
4th Person	ajoolwod	ahizh’noolcháą’	ajíijée’

Example:

Nihik’isóó **nihíká anájah**. / Our brothers are helping us.

Luke 10:40—**Bíká anilyeed** shá bidiní. “Tell her to come and help me.”

Is. 41:13—T’ádoo nił yé’í; **níká adeeshwoł**. Do not be afraid, I will help you.

Imitate / Copy it

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	beesh'íí doo	beel'íí doo	bedeel'íí doo
2nd Person	benil'íí doo	bool'íí doo	beda'ol'íí doo
3rd Person	yeil'íí doo		yedaal'íí doo
4th Person	bijil'íí doo		bidajil'íí doo

Impefective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	beesh'í	beel'í	bedeel'í
2nd Person	benil'í	bool'í	beda'ol'í
3rd Person	yeil'í		yedaal'í
4th Person	bijil'í		bidajil'í

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	beesh'íí nt'éé'	beel'íí nt'éé'	bedeel'íí nt'éé'
2nd Person	benil'íí nt'éé'	bool'íí nt'éé'	beda'ol'íí nt'éé'
3rd Person	yeil'íí nt'éé'		yedaal'íí nt'éé'
4th Person	bijil'íí nt'éé'		bidajil'íí nt'éé'

Example:

Heb. 13:7—Áko bida'oodlá yéé **bida'ol'íí** le'. / Imitate their faith.

Jesus **benil'í**. / Imitate Jesus.

Jesus **benil'íí** doo. / You will imitate Jesus.

Kind / to be merciful, good

(Can be used with **shaa**, **naa**, **nihaa**, **baa**, **yaa**, **aa** to denote who is receiving kindness)

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	jiideeshbaaᑭ	jiidiibaaᑭ	dajiidiibaaᑭ
2 nd Person	jiidííbaaᑭ	jiidoohbaaᑭ	dajiidoohbaaᑭ
3 rd Person	jiidoobaᑭ		dajiidoobaᑭ
4 th Person	jiizhdoobaᑭ		dajiizhdoobaᑭ

Usual, Customary	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	jiinishba' / jooshba'	jiiniiba'	dajiiniiba'
2 nd Person	jiiníba'	jiinohba'	dajiinohba'
3 rd Person	jooba'		dajooba'
4 th Person	jijooba'		dajijooba'

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	jiiséba'	jiisiiba'	dajiisiiba'
2 nd Person	jiisíníba'	jiisooba'	dajiisooba'
3 rd Person	joozba'		dajoozba'
4 th Person	jijoozba'		dajijoozba'

Example:

Jesus éí bíla'ashdla'ii ayóó'ájó'ní dóó baa a'ááh jinízin nt'ée'. **Jooba'** dóó ayóó bá áhwiinit'íí nt'ée'. / Jesus was a man who loved people and cared for them. He was kind and easy to talk to.

Nich'ooní yéigo baa **jiiníba'** / Really be kind to your mate.

Know / to have knowledge / to find out

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	shił bééhodoozjį́	nihį́ł bééhodoozjį́	nihį́ł béédahodoozjį́
2 nd Person	nił bééhodoozjį́	nihį́ł bééhodoozjį́	nihį́ł béédahodoozjį́
3 rd Person	bił bééhodoozjį́		bił béédahodoozjį́
4 th Person	hoł bééhodoozjį́		hoł béédahodoozjį́

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	shił bééhózin	nihį́ł bééhózin	nihį́ł béédahózin
2 nd Person	nił bééhózin	nihį́ł bééhózin	nihį́ł béédahózin
3 rd Person	bił bééhózin		bił béédahózin
4 th Person	hoł bééhózin		bił béédahózin

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	shił bééhoozin	nihį́ł bééhoozin	nihį́ł béédahoozin
2 nd Person	nił bééhoozin	nihį́ł bééhoozin	nihį́ł béédahoozin
3 rd Person	bił bééhoozin		bił béédahoozin
4 th Person	hoł bééhoozin		hoł béédahoozin

Example:

Diné bizaad **shił bééhózin**. / I know Navajo.

Ecc. 9:5—Háálá dahinánii dadínóonéelgo **bił béédahózin**. ndi daneeznáanii éí t'áadoo **bił béédahóziní** da... For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing at all...

Know / to know someone / to get acquainted with someone

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	bééhodeesjį́	bééhodiilzjį́	béédahodiilzjį́
2 nd Person	bééhodíísjį́	bééhodoosjį́	béédahodoosjį́
3 rd Person	yééhodoosjį́		yéédahodoosjį́
4 th Person	bééhozhdoosjį́		béédahozhdoosjį́

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	bééhasin / bééhonisin	bééhoniilzin	béédahoniilzin
2 nd Person	bééhonísin	bééhonohsin	béédahonohsin
3 rd Person	yééhósin		yéédahósin
4 th Person	bééhojísin		béédahojísin

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	bééhosésjį́	bééhosiilzjį́	béédahosiilzjį́
2 nd Person	bééhosínísjį́	bééhosoosjį́	béédahosoosjį́
3 rd Person	yééhoosjį́		yéédahoosjį́
4 th Person	bééhojoosjį́		béédahojoosjį́

Examples

John 17:3—Ádo iiná doo ninít'í'ii éí díí, ni t'éiyá t'áá aaníí Diyin God níłjįgo **néédahodoosjį́**, índa Jesus Christ yiníł'a'ígíí áldó' **yéédahodoosjį́**. / This means everlasting life, their coming to know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. (béé can become néé to say 'come to know you'.)

Hastiin nilínígíí éí asdzání hazhó'ó **yééhoosjį́**dgo ayóó'áyó'níi yileeh. / As the man gets to know the woman better, he comes to love her.

Learn it

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	bíhwiideesh'áát	bíhwiidiil'áát	bídahwiidiil'áát
2 nd Person	bíhwiidíí'áát	bíhwiidoo'áát	bídahwiidoo'áát
3 rd Person	yíhwiidoo'áát		yídahwiidoo'áát
4 th Person	bíhwizhdoo'áát		bídahwiizhdoo'áát

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	bíhoosh'aah	bíhwiil'aah	bídahwiil'aah
2 nd Person	bíhoo'aa	bíhoo'aa	bídahoo'aa
3 rd Person	yíhoo'aa		yídahoo'aa
4 th Person	bíhojiil'aah		bídahojiil'aah

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	bíhoo'áá'	bíhwiil'áá'	bídahwiil'áá'
2 nd Person	bíhwiini'áá'	bíhoo'áá'	bídahoo'áá'
3 rd Person	yíhoo'áá'		yídahoo'áá'
4 th Person	bíhojiil'áá'		bídahojiil'áá'

Example:

Ha'át'íísh bits'áádóó **bídahwiil'aah**? / What are we learning from it?

Diyin Bizaad éí t'áá aaníigo God bits'áádéé'. Yíniłta', **bíhoo'aah**, dóó ayóó'íini'nii doo, nó'ni God. Díí God neiniłahígíí baa ahééh nínizin, dóó binałiltsaadgo **bíhoo'aah**. / The Bible truly is a book from God. He wants you to read it, study it, and love it. Be thankful for this gift, and keep studying it.

Lie

(You can add doo or nt'ée' to the verb to make it future or past, see Imitate as an example.)

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	shiyooch'ííd	nihiyooch'ííd	danihiyooch'ííd
2nd Person	niyooch'ííd	nihiyooch'ííd	danihiyooch'ííd
3rd Person	biyooch'ííd		dabiyooch'ííd
4th Person	hayooch'ííd		dahayooch'ííd

Example:

Diyin God éi doo diné át'ée dago doo **biyooch'ííd** da. / Jehovah does not tell lies.

John 8:44—**Biyooch'ííd**go t'áá bí át'éei yee ádaa yálti', háálá **biyooch'íídii** nilí, áádóó **wooch'ííd** yizhé'é nilí. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own disposition, because he is a liar and the father of the lie.

Live, to Reside

(You can add doo or nt'ée' to the verb to make it future or past, see Imitate as an example.)

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	kééhasht'íí	kééhwiit'íí	kéédahwiit'íí
2nd Person	kééhót'íí	kééhoht'íí	kéédahoht'íí
3rd Person	kééhat'íí		kéédahat'íí
4th Person	kééhojit'íí		kéédahojit'íí

Example:

Hái éi náasdi nahasdzáán ayóí áhonólingo **kéédahat'íí** doo? / Who will live in the future Paradise?

Psalms 37:29—T'áá ákogi ádaaníílii hool'áágóó kéyah bíi' dadooleeł, áádóó ákwii hool'áágóó **kéédahat'íí** doo. / The righteous will possess the earth, and they will live forever on it.

to Listen to it

There are many variations for the word listen. See “to Listen” on page 83 and “to Understand it (Hearing)” on page 124 of the Conversational Navajo Dictionary. As you find words having to do with listening, write them down for future use. All combinations cannot be listed here.

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yíidéests'ííł	yíídíilts'ííł	dayíídíilts'ííł
2nd Person	yíídíilts'ííł	yíídóolts'ííł	dayíídóolts'ííł
3rd Person	yíídóolts'ííł		dayíídóolts'ííł
4th Person	yíízhadóolts'ííł		deízhadóolts'ííł

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yíísínísts'áá'	yíísíníilts'áá'	deísiníilts'áá'
2nd Person	yíísíníilts'áá'	yíísínóolts'áá'	deísinóolts'áá'
3rd Person	yíyíísts'áá'		deiyíísts'áá'
4th Person	jííista'áá'		dajííista'áá'

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yííilts'áá'	yíilts'áá'	dayíilts'áá'
2nd Person	yííníilts'áá'	wóolts'áá'	dawóolts'áá'
3rd Person	yííilts'áá'		dayíilts'áá'
4th Person	jííilts'áá'		dajííilts'áá'

Example:

God **yíísíníilts'áá'**. / Listen (you) to Jehovah.

Ákondi Jiihóvah éí sodizin yínízinígíí **yíyíísts'áá'**. / But Jehovah will listen to us only if we talk to him in the way he approves.

God **yíísínísts'áá'** doo nínízingo, Diyin God Bizaad bik'idi'yíitjįhgo yíníłta' doo. / [If “I am listening to God” you are wanting,] you must read and understand the Bible.

to Look at it

(See “to See it / look at it”)

to Look like it

(See “to Resemble”)

Love him or her

(Add doo or ní'ěě' to the verb to make it future or past, see Imitate as an example.)

There are many variations for the word love. As you find words having to do with love, write them down for future use. All combinations cannot be listed here.

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	ayóó'íínish'ní	ayóó'íínii'ní	ayóó'ádeínii'ní
2nd Person	ayóó'ííní'ní	ayóó'íínóh'ní	ayóó'ádeínóh'ní
3rd Person	ayóó'áyó'ní		ayóó'ádayó'ní
4th Person	ayóó'ájó'ní		ayóó'ádajó'ní

Example:

David éí Jiihóvah **ayóó'áyó'ní**. / David loves Jehovah.

1 John 4:8—Diyin God **ayóó'ó'ó'níinii** nilj. God is love.

Who is feeling love and who is receiving love are included inside the verb is words like these:

ayóó'ániínish'ní—I love you (Judges 16:15)

ayóó'áshííní'ní—You love me (John 21:15; 17:26)

ayóó'áda'ahíínóh'ní—you all love each other (Hebrews 13:1)

ayóó'ánó'ní—he or she loves you (bhs 205)

ayóó'ádeínii'ní—we love him or them

John 13:34, 35—Bee haz'áanii ániidíi nihaa dinish'aahgo ánihidishní, **Ayóó'áda'ahíínóh'níi** dooleet; t'áa **ayóó'ádaníhíínish'ní** yéęgi át'éego, nihí ałdo' **ayóó'áda'ahíínóh'ní**. **Ayóó'áda'ahííóh'níigo** shídahool'aahii danohłjigo diné t'áa ałtso bił béeedahózin doo.

Rev 1:5—Ayóó'ánihijó'níigo... / to him who loves **us**. (*he* [God 4th person for *respect*] loves **us**)

Ruth 4:15—háálá nizháá'áád ayóó'ánó'níinii niyáázh tsosts'id dooígí biláahgo ná yá'át'éehii aschj. / who loves **you** and is better to you than seven sons. (she [3rd person] loves **you**)

John 14:21—áko ayóó'áshijó'nínígíí éí shiTaa' ayóó'áhó'níi doo, shí ałdó' ayóó'áhósh'níi doo... / whoever loves **me** will be loved by my Father, and I will love him... (ayóó'áshijó'nínígíí—someone loves **me**) (ayóó'áhó'níi—he loves **them** [an unknown 4th person]) (ayóó'áhósh'níi—I love them)

Make it / Create it

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	ádeeshíít	ádiilníít	ádadiilníít
2 nd Person	ádíííít	ádoohíít	ádadoohíít
3 rd Person	íidoolíít		ádeidoolíít
4 th Person	ázhdoolíít		ádazhdoolíít

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	áshlééh	íilnééh	ádeilnééh
2 nd Person	ánílééh	óhílééh	ádaahlééh
3 rd Person	íílééh		ádeilééh
4 th Person	ájílééh		ádajilééh

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	áshłaa / íishłaa	íilyaa	ádeiilyaa
2 nd Person	íinilaa	áłaa / óołaa	ádaahłaa
3 rd Person	áyilaa		ádayilaa
4 th Person	ájilaa		ádajilaa

Example:

Ch'iyáánish **ánílééh**? / Are you making food?

God éi áłtsé ła' ayóó'át'éiiigo nítch'i nílįįgo **áyilaa**...Jiihóvah t'óó'ahayóigo diyin ndaal'a'í áłdó' **áyilaa**.

Sq', eel'áhígíí dóó nahasdzáán t'áá'áłtso bibáá' hólónígíí Jiihóvah God **áyilaa**. Jiihóvah éi Ádam łeezh bits'áądóó yee **áyilaa**. / God Yíísíníłts'áą' brochure, pages 6 and 7 is all about the making (creating) verb.

to Fix it: Add **hasht'e** before the verb.

Áko łą'í béédahosésįįdgo baa hózhó, éi bibe'iina' **hasht'e' dayiilaago** binahjį' da'íłta'. / And I am so grateful to have met **many who made changes** in their lives to be able to receive this training.

Séitan bits'áądóó dadeezt'i'ii, ha'át'íi biniinaa Jiihóvah t'ah doo hasht'e **néiidleeh** da? / Why has Jehovah not fixed the problems caused by Satan?

Make it (repetitively or habitually)

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	ásh'í	íí'í	ádeíí'í
2nd Person	ání'í	ó'í	ádaó'í
3rd Person	íí'í		ádeí'í

Example

God ayóó'ánó'níigo ííshjání **íí'í**. God makes his love for you clear.

Náásdi áhoot'ée dooígi Jiihóvah ííshjání **íí'í**. / Jehovah reveals (makes it clear) the future to us.

Ps. 145:16—Níla' aq ánéinil'jijhgo hináanii t'áa altso nináneel'ájji' deinízinii yee hwiíh danil'jigo **ání'í**. / You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

to Maintain it

	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	íínisin	ííníilzin	ádeíníilzin
2nd Person	íínisin	íínóhsin	ádeínóhsin
3rd Person	áyósin		ádayósin
4th Person	ájósin		ádajósin

Example:

Jiihóvah ayóó'ííní'níigi bidziilgo **íínisin**. / Keep your love for Jehovah strong.

Ahé'áskéegi hait'éego bidziil **ájósin** doo? / How can a couple keep their marriage strong?

Obey

(**bik'eh** can be replaced with postpositions like **shik'eh** and **nik'eh** to render the thought “obey me” and “obey you”. Add doo or nt'éé' to the verb to make it future or past, see Imitate as an example.)

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	bik'eh honish'í	bik'eh honiil'í	bik'eh dahoniil'í
2nd Person	bik'eh honí'í	bik'eh hono'í	bik'eh dahono'í
3rd Person	yik'eh ho'í		yik'eh daho'í
4th Person	bik'eh hojí'í		bik'eh dahojí'í

Example:

Bishchíini doo **yik'eh dahó'í** da doo. / They will be disobedient to parents.

Ádam dóo Íiv God doo **bik'eh hojí'í** da nt'éé'. Adam and Eve disobeyed God.

Jiihóvah bibee haz'ánii **bik'eh honiil'í**jigo éi nihe'iina' yá'át'éehgo siláa doo. Too have a good life, we need to obey Jehovah's laws.

to Praise

Use **shaa**, **naa**, **baa**, **yaa** to indicate who is receiving the praise. “Ádaa” corresponds to “bragging” in English (praising oneself).

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	hodeeshnih	hodii’nih	dahodii’nih
2nd Person	hodíínih	hoodoohnih	dahodoohnih
3rd Person	hodoonih		dahodoonih
4th Person	hozhdoonih		dahozhdoonih

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	hashnih	hwii’niih	dahwii’niih
2nd Person	hóniih	hohniih	dahohniih
3rd Person	haniih		dahaniih
4th Person	hojiniih		dahojiniih

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	hosénih	hosii’nih	dahosii’nih
2nd Person	hosíníni	hosoonih	dahoosoonih
3rd Person	haznih		dahaznih
4th Person	hojiznih		dahojiznih

Jesus álah nídaadleehii yaa **haznih**. / Jesus commended the congregations.

Sáanii bahastiin dóó ba’álchíní baa **dahaniih**. / A wife wins the admiration of her husband and children.

Psalms 139:14—Bits’aaq hasti’go áádóó t’óó bik’e’ayóigo áshiinilaagíí baq naa **hashnih** doo. / I praise you because in an awe-inspiring way I am wonderfully made.

Jiihóvah sodizin yidiits’a’ii níliinii baa **hóniih**. / Praise Jehovah, the hearer of prayer.

Pray

Use “bich’j” or related postpositions to convey the thought of praying to someone.

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	sodideeszjįt	sodidiilzjįt	sodadiilzjįt
2nd Person	sodidíilzjįt	sodidoolzjįt	sodadidoolzjįt
3rd Person	sodidoolzjįt		sodadidoolzjįt
4th Person	sozhdidoolzjįt		sodazhdidoolzjįt

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	sodiszin	sodiilzin	sodadiilzin
2nd Person	sodíilzin	sodolzin	sodadolzin
3rd Person	sodilzin		sodadilzin
4th Person	sozhdilzin		sodazhdilzin

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	sodeeszín	sodiilzin	sodadiilzin
2nd Person	sodííníilzin	sodoolzin	sodadoolzin
3rd Person	sodoolzin		sodadoolzin
4th Person	sozhdoolzin		sodazhdoolzin

John nihá **sodidoolzjįt**. / John will pray for us.
 Jiihóvah **bich’j sodadiilzin**. We (all of us) pray to Jehovah.

Protect / defend / guard it

(See “to walk about / round trip / live”. Add **shich’ááh**, **nich’ááh**, **bich’ááh** or **yich’ááh** to the walk verb [literaly to stand in front of, in his way, obstructing])

Read it

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yídéeshtah	yídíiltah	dayídíiltah
2nd Person	yídíiltah	yídóoltah	dayídóoltah
3rd Person	yídóoltah		dayídóoltah
4th Person	jíídóoltah		deízhdóoltah

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yínishta'	yíníilta'	deíníilta'
2nd Person	yíníлта'	yínóлта'	deínóлта'
3rd Person	yóлта'		dayóлта'
4th Person	jóлта'		dajóлта'

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yíilta'	yíilta'	dayíilta'
2nd Person	yííníлта'	wóolta'	dawóolta'
3rd Person	yíyíilta'		dayíilta'
4th Person	jíilta'		dajíilta'

Example:

Diyin God Bizaad **yínishta'**. / I am reading the Bible.

Luke 10:26—**Yíníлта'** goshq' ha'át'íí nĩní? How do you read?

Read / study / go to school

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	íídéeshtah	íídíiltah	da'íídíiltah
2nd Person	íídíiltah	íídóoltah	da'íídóoltah
3rd Person	íídóoltah		da'íídóoltah
4th Person	íízhdóoltah		da'íízhdóoltah

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	íínishta'	ííníilta'	da'ííníilta'
2nd Person	ííníлта'	íínóлта'	da'íínóлта'
3rd Person	óлта'		da'óлта'
4th Person	ajóлта'		da'jóлта'

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	ííлта'	íilta'	da'íilta'
2nd Person	ííníлта'	óolta'	da'óolta'
3rd Person	ííлта'		da'ííлта'
4th Person	ajíilta'		da'jíilta'

Example:

Yéigo **ííníлта'**. You study hard

Release it from the grasp, to let go of it

Replace the **bi-** at the beginning with **shi-**, **ni-**, or **nihee-** to indicate who is being released.

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	bidideeshchił	bididiichił	bidadiiichił
2 nd Person	bididíichił	bididoohchił	bidadidoochił
3 rd Person	yididoochił		yidadidoochił
4 th Person	bizhdidoochił		bidazhdidoochił

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	bidishchííd	bidiichííd	bidadiichííd
2 nd Person	bidíchííd	bidohchííd	bidadohchííd
3 rd Person	yidichííd		yidadichííd
4 th Person	bizhdichííd		bidazhdichííd

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	bidíichid	bidiichid	bidadiichid
2 nd Person	bidíínichid	bidoohchid	bidadoohchid
3 rd Person	yidíichid		yidadíichid
4 th Person	bizhdíichid		bidazhdíichid

Example:

John 8:33—Ákosha' ha'át'éego, **Nihéedadidoochił**, diní? / How is it you say, "You will become free'?"

Séitan éi bíla'ashdla'ii nabího'dinitaahgo, Jiihóvah bik'ehgo oodálgíi **bidazhdidoochił** ní. Ákondi Job yéigo nabího'dineestáq'go t'áadoo **yidíichid** da. Éi bee Séitan biyooch'iidgo ájiilaa. / By keeping integrity (not letting go of it) to Jehovah while under severe trial, Job successfully answered Satan's challenge that humans will not remain faithful (will let go of Jehovah's way of life) to God if put to the test.

Remember it

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	béédeeshnih	béédéiilnih	béedadéiilnih
2 nd Person	béedíilnih	béedoolnih	béedadoolnih
3 rd Person	yéedoolnih		yéedadoolnih
4 th Person	béézhdoolnih		béedazhdoolnih

Imerfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	béenáashniih	béenéiilniih	béedéiilniih
2 nd Person	béenílniih	béenáálniih	béedaaálniih
3 rd Person	yéenáálniih		yéedaaálniih
4 th Person	bééjílíniih		béedajílniih

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	béenááashnii'	béenéiilnii'	béedéiilnii'
2 nd Person	béenílnii'	béenááálnii'	béedááálnii'
3 rd Person	yéenááálnii'		yéedááálnii'
4 th Person	bééjoolnii'		béedajoolnii'

Example:

Nagháidéé' Jiihóvah nihíká eelwod yéé **béédéiilniih** doo. / Remember how Jehovah helped us in the past.

Ecclesiastes 12:1—T'ah ániid nanináhídáá' Ániilaii **béenílniih**. / Remember then, your Grand Creator in the days of your youth.

Luke 17:32—Lat be'asdáá **béedaaálniih**. / Remember the wife of Lot.

to Resemble (to look like it)

	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	nahonishłín	nahoniidlin	ndahoniidlin
2nd Person	nahonílin	nahonohłín	ndahonolin
3rd Person	nahalin		ndahalin
4th Person	nahojílin		ndahojílin

Example:

Psalm 23:1—Bóhólníihii éi dibé **nahonishłingo** shaa áhályá. / Jehovah is my Shepherd. (Jehovah cares for me like a sheep.)

Lázaras yee' doo áji'niihgóó ajłhosh **nahalin** nt'ée'. / It was as if Lazarus were in a deep sleep.

Rule / Be in charge

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	shóhólníih	nihóhólníih	
2nd Person	nóhólníih	nihóhólníih	
3rd Person	bóhólníih		
4th Person	ohólníih		

Example:

Bóhólníihii. / The one in charge, the one who has authority. Diyin God Bizaad uses this for God.

1 John 5:19—Doo yá'áshqóqóó naagháii nihokáa'gi t'áá át'ée nt'ée' bee **bóhólníihgo** atdó' nihił béédahózin. / The whole world is ruled by the wicked one.

Run

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	deeshwoł	ahidíníłchéét	diijah
2 nd Person	dííłwoł	ahidínóolchéét	doohjah
3 rd Person	doolwoł	ahidínóolchéét	doojah
4 th Person	jidoolwoł	ahizhdínóolchéét	jidoojah

Progressive	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	yishwoł	ahiniilchéét	yijah
2 nd Person	yíłwoł	ahinoolchéét	wohjah
3 rd Person	yilwoł	ahinoolchéét	yijah
4 th Person	joolwoł	ahizhnoolchéét	joojah

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	nishwod	ahininiilcháá'	nijéé'
2 nd Person	yíníłwod	ahininoolcháá'	noojéé'
3 rd Person	yíłwod	ahineelcháá'	níjéé'
4 th Person	jilwod	ahizhneelcháá'	jiníjéé'

Example:

John 20:2—Áko dash**diilwod**go, Sáíman Peter áádóó ła' íhooł'aahii... / So, she came running to Simon Peter and to the other disciple.

Acts 8:30—T'áá áko Philip áadi **yíłwod**,... / Philip ran alongside...

Say

Adding an “a” before this verb carries the idea of “Thus, he said . . .”

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	dideeshniit	didiiniit	dadidiiniit
2nd Person	didíiniit	didoohniit	dadidoohniit
3rd Person	didooniit		dadidooniit
4th Person	jididooniit		dazhdidooniit

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	dishní	dii'ní	dadii'ní
2nd Person	díní	dohní	dadohní
3rd Person	ní		daaní
4th Person	jiní		daniní

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	díiniid	dii'niid	dadii'niid
2nd Person	díini	dooniid	dadooniid
3rd Person	díiniid		dadíiniid
4th Person	jidíiniid		dazhdíiniid

Example:

Peter **ádíiniid**, “ . . . ” / Peter said, “ . . . ”

Jesus **áhodiíiniid**... Jesus said to them...

Ndi shí **ánihidishní**...However I say to you...

See it / look at it

(See also **Watch / Look at**)

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	díneesh'jít	díníil'jít	dadíníil'jít
2nd Person	díníít'jít	dínóot'jít	dadínóot'jít
3rd Person	yidínóot'jít		deidínóot'jít
4th Person	jidínóot'jít		dazhdínóot'jít

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	nísh'j	níil'j	daníil'j
2nd Person	nínít'j	no't'j	dano't'j
3rd Person	yinít'j		deinít'j
4th Person	jinit'j		dazhnít'j

Progressive	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yish'j	yii'j	
2nd Person	yíní'j	woh'j	
3rd Person	yoo'j		
4th Person	joo'j		

Perfective bidi'néel'jít	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	néel'jít	níil'jít	daníil'jít
2nd Person	nínít'jít	nóot'jít	danóot'jít
3rd Person	yinéel'jít		deinéel'jít
4th Person	jinéel'jít		dazhnéel'jít

Example:

Nihiwebsite **díníít'jít**. / Look at our website.

Táá shòqdí díí na'alkidígíí **dadínóot'jít**. / Please, everyone watch this video.

to Serve, to take orders

Use **shá**, **ná**, **nihá**, **bá**, **yá** or **á** to indicate who is being served.

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	naash'a'	neil'a'	ndeil'a'
2 nd Person	nanil'a'	naal'a'	ndaal'a'
3 rd Person	naal'a'		ndaal'a'
4 th Person	njil'a'		ndajil'a'

Example:

Jiihóvah bá **naash'a'**. / I am serving Jehovah

T'óó ahayóí diyingo **ndaal'a'í** dahóló. / There are many angels (holy servants).

Sitting

(This verb can be used to describe someone being at home.)

SI Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	sédá	siiké	nahísíitá
2 nd Person	sínídá	sooké	nahísóotá
3 rd Person	sidá	siké	naháastá
4 th Person	jizdá	jiské	njíistá

Example:

John baa níyáago, doo **sidáa** da. / John wasn't home when I went to his house.

Maryísh **sidá**? Is Mary home?

Sit down

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	dínéeshdaat	díníihkeet	díníibjį́t
2nd Person	díníidaat	dínóohkeet	dínóohbjį́t
3rd Person	dínóodaat	dínóokeet	dínóobjį́t
4th Person	jídínóodaat	jídínóokeet	jídínóobjį́t

Imerfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	nishdaah	niikeeh	diniibjį́h
2nd Person	nídaah	nohdeeh	dinoohbjį́h
3rd Person	nidaah	nikeeh	dinibjį́h
4th Person	jinidaah	jinikeeh	jidinibjį́h

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	nédá	neeké	dineebin
2nd Person	nínídá	nooké	dinoobin
3rd Person	neezdá	neezké	dineezbin
4th Person	jineezdá	jineezké	jidineezbin

Example

Heb 12:2—índa Diyin God bibikáá'dóo nahat'áii binish'náájígo dah **neezdá**. / He sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

T'áá shqodi, dah **dinoohbjį́h**. / Please sit down.

Speak / make a speech

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	hadeesdzih	hadiidzih	hadadiidzih
2nd Person	hadíídzih	hadoohdzih	hadadoodzih
3rd Person	hadoodzih		hadadoodzih
4th Person	hazhdoodzih		hadazhdoodzih

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	haasdziih	haiidziih	hadeiidziih
2nd Person	hanidziih	haahdziih	hadaahdziih
3rd Person	haadziih		hadaadziih
4th Person	hajidziih		hadajidziih

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	haasdzíí'	haiidzíí'	hadasiidzíí'
2nd Person	háínídzíí'	haoohdzíí'	hadsoohdzíí'
3rd Person	haadzíí'		hadaasdzíí'
4th Person	hajoodzíí'		hadajoodzíí'

Example:

Diné k'ehjí bee nich'į **haasdziih** doo. T'áásh áko? / I will speak to you in Navajo. Is that ok?

Hadoohdzíhígíí. Speaker, the one giving a talk.

Standing, to be

(Not to be used for to stand up. See “**stand up, to**” in the Conversational Navajo Dictionary, page 112)

SI Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	sézǫ́	siidzǫ́	nisiidzǫ́
2 nd Person	síníizǫ́	soozǫ́	nisoozǫ́
3 rd Person	sizǫ́		naazǫ́
4 th Person	jizǫ́		nijíizǫ́

Example:

Hastóí oodláńí yá **naazíiníi** / Elders (The men standing for the believers)

Jiihóvah biNahat’a’ bikée’ **nisiidzǫ́**. We are loyal to (we stand by) Jehovah’s Kingdom.

Strong

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	shidziil	nihidziil	danihidziil
2 nd Person	nidziil	nihidziil	danihidziil
3 rd Person	bidziil		dabidziil

Example:

Prov. 18:10—Bóhólníihii bízhi’ éí kin **nídzilgo** yaa’áii nahalin. The name of Jehovah is a strong tower.

Rev. 7:12—...hódzá, ahééh hasin, ɬ́ ídlǫ́, óhónííh índá **adziil**,... and the wisdom and the thanksgiving and the honor and the strength...

Suffer / Experience problems

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	ti'hwiideeshnih	ti'hwiidii'nih	ti'dahwiidii'nih
2 nd Person	ti'hwiidíínih	ti'hwiidoohnih	ti'dahwiidoohnih
3 rd Person	ti'hwiidoonih		ti'dahwiidoonih
4 th Person	ti'hwiizhdoonih		ti'dahwiizhdoonih

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	ti'hooshnííh	ti'hwii'nííh	ti'dahwii'nííh
2 nd Person	ti'hoonííh	ti'hoohnííh	ti'dahoohnííh
3 rd Person	ti'hoonííh		ti'dahoohnííh
4 th Person	ti'hojoonííh		ti'dahojoonííh

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	ti'hwiisénii'	ti'hwiisii'nii'	ti'dahwiisii'nii'
2 nd Person	ti'hwiisíníinii'	ti'hwiisoonii'	ti'dahwiisoonii'
3 rd Person	ti'hooznii'		ti'dahooznii'
4 th Person	ti'hojooznii'		ti'dahojoozii'

To Experience Problems	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	shich'j' nahwii'ná	nihich'j' nahwii'ná	nihich'j' ndahwii'ná
2 nd Person	nich'j' nahwii'ná	nihich'j' nahwii'ná	nihich'j' ndahwii'ná
3 rd Person	bich'j' nahwii'ná		bich'j' ndahwii'ná
4 th Person	ach'j' nahwii'ná		ach'j' ndahwii'ná

Examples:

2 Tim. 3:1 — Nihoogháahjij' yookáaľgo yéego **ach'j' nahwii'náa** doo. In the last days critical times hard to deal with will be here.

1 Peter 2:23 — ...**ti'hooznii'** yéędą́' t'áadoo il hóótyée da,... when he was suffering, he did not threaten...

Talk

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yádeeshtih	yádiiltih	yádadiiltih
2nd Person	yádííłtih	yádoołtih	yádadoołtih
3rd Person	yádoołtih		yádadoołtih
4th Person	yázhdoołtih		yádazhdoołtih

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yáshti'	yéiilti'	yádeiilti'
2nd Person	yáníłti'	yáłti'	yádaałti'
3rd Person	yáłti'		yádaałti'
4th Person	yájíłti'		yádajíłti'

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yááłti'	yéiilti'	yádeiilti'
2nd Person	yéíníłti'	yáoołtih	yádaoołti'
3rd Person	yááłti'		yádááłti'
4th Person	yájííłti'		yádajííłti'

Example:

Diné k'ehjísh **yáníłti'**? / Do you talk Navajo?

to Teach, to coach, to give instructions

(The pronouns **-shí-**, **-ni-**, **bi-**, **-nihi-** are added inside the verb to indicate who is being taught. Add **bee** or **yee** to point to what lesson is being taught.

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	n'dínéeshtijł	n'díníitijł	nda'díníitijł
2nd Person	n'díníitijł	n'dínóohtijł	nda'dínóohtijł
3rd Person	n'dínóotijł		nda'dínóotijł
4th Person	nizh'dínóotijł		nizhda'dínóotijł

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	na'nishtin	na'niitin	nda'niitin
2nd Person	na'nítin	na'nohtin	nda'nohtin
3rd Person	na'nitin		nda'nitin
4th Person	nazh'nitin		ndazh'nitin

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	na'nétáą'	na'neetáą'	nda'neetáą'
2nd Person	na'nínítáą'	na'noohtáą'	nda'noohtáą'
3rd Person	na'neeztáą'		nda'neeztáą'
4th Person	nazh'neeztáą'		ndazh'neeztáą'

Example:

Diyin Bizaad dóó Jiihóvah Yá Dahalne'é álah nádleełgi hódzə' yee **nanihinitin**. / He teaches us wisdom through the Bible and the congregation.

Ha'át'íi biniyé áłchíní ak'eh dahót'ijı dooígı bee **nabinítin** doo. / Teach your children to understand why they need to be obedient.

Ndi, Jesus éi Diyin Bizaad yii'déé' naneeztáą'. / Instead, Jesus often taught from God's Word.

Teach him, her, them, it

(Add **bee** or **yee** to point to what lesson is being taught.)

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	ndínéeshitjįł	ndíníitjįł	ndadíníitjįł
2nd Person	ndíníitjįł	ndínóotjįł	ndadínóotjįł
3rd Person	neidínóotjįł		ndeidínóotjįł
4th Person	nizhdínóotjįł		ndazhdínóotjįł

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	nanishtin	naniitin	ndaniitin
2nd Person	nanítin	nanohtin	ndanohtin
3rd Person	neinitin		ndeinitin
4th Person	nazhnitin		ndazhnitin

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	nanétáą'	naneetáą'	ndaneetáą'
2nd Person	nanínítáą'	nanohtáą'	ndanohtáą'
3rd Person	neineeztáą'		ndeineeztáą'
4th Person	nazhneeztáą'		ndazhneeztáą'

Example:

Shighan haz'ąągi ha'át'íí lá bee **ndínéeshitjįł**go Jiihóvah deiniidląągi bidziilgo íidoolíí? / What will I teach my family that will strengthen our faith in Jehovah?

Isa. 54:13—Áádóó na'álchíní t'áá altso éí Bóhólníihii **nabidínóotjįł**. / And all your sons will be taught by Jehovah.

Tell

(Put **shaa**, **naa**, **nihaa**, **baa**, **yaa**, or **aa** in front of the verb to tell about something)

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	hodeeshnih	hodiilnih	dahodiilnih
2 nd Person	hodíilnih	hodoolnih	dahodoolnih
3 rd Person	hodoolnih		dahodoolnih
4 th Person	hozhdoolnih		dahozhdoolnih

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	hashne'	hwiilne'	dahwiilne'
2 nd Person	hólne'	hołne'	dahołne'
3 rd Person	halne'		dahalne'
4 th Person	hojilne'		dahojilne'

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	hweeshne'	hwiilne'	dahwiilne'
2 nd Person	hwíinílné'	hoolne'	dahoolne'
3 rd Person	hoolne'		dahoolne'
4 th Person	hojoolne'		dahojoolne'

Example:

Jiihóvah Yá **Dahalne'**é daniidlí / We (3) are Jehovah's Witnesses.

Yít nidaalnishígíí dóó yít kééhat'íinii Diyin Bizaad bee bíł **hojilne'** doo. / One is witnessing to neighbors and workmates.

Revelation 12:10 éí naaki ał'aa át'éego áhóót'íjdgo yaa **halne'**. Áłtsé, Jesus éí God biNahat'a' biNaat'áanii ábi'diilyaa. / Revelation 12:10 describes two very important events. First, God's Kingdom begins to rule with Jesus Christ as King.

Adding “**shil**”, “**nił**”, “**nihił**”, “**bil**”, “**yil**” to “to tell” becomes to explain it.

Hwii' sizíinii t'ah hináa danízingo łá' dayoodłá. Díí hazhó'ó bee **nił hodoolnih** biniyé Endnotes 17 dóó 18 níníł'í. / Some people believe that the soul or spirit keeps living. For more information (explain it to you), see endnotes 17 and 18.

Ha'át'íishíí bíhwiil'áá'shíí t'áá'íidáá łá' da **bil hodiilnih** niidzin łeh—t'áá'áníltso éí nizhónigo hane' bíniidlíjgo baa hwiilne' łeh. / You will want to share (explain) with others what you have learned—we all enjoy telling good news.

Think

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	ntsídeeskos	ntsídiikos	ntsídadiikos
2 nd Person	ntsídííkos	ntsídoohkos	ntsídadoohkos
3 rd Person	ntsídookos		ntsídadookos
4 th Person	ntsízhdookos		ntsídazhdookos

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	ntséskees	ntsíikees	ntsídeiikees
2 nd Person	ntsíníkees	ntsóohkees	ntsídaahkees
3 rd Person	ntsésees		ntsídaakees
4 th Person	ntsíjikees		ntsídajikees

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	ntsísékeez	ntsíiikééz	ntsídasiikééz
2 nd Person	ntsísíníkééz	ntsísookééz	ntsídasookééz
3 rd Person	ntsézkééz		ntsídaazkééz
4 th Person	ntsíjizkééz		ntsídajizkééz

Example:

Haash yit'áo bee **ntsíníkees**? / What (how) do you think about it?

Jesus éi t'áá álahájj' a'oh ájit'éego ádaa **ntsíjikees** nt'éé'. / Jesus was always humble. (thinking low about himself)

Trust

(Put **shaa**, **naa**, **nihaa**, **baa**, **yaa**, or **aa** in front of the verb to indicate who is being trusted. See also “**to Rely on**”.)

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	jiideeshłiit	dziidiiliit	dadziidiiliit
2nd Person	dziidíłiit	dziidoohłiit	dadziidoohłiit
3rd Person	dziidooliit		dadziidooliit
4th Person	dziizhdooliit		dadziizhdooliit

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	jóshłi	dziíníli	dadziíníli
2nd Person	dziíníli	dziínóhłi	dadziínóhłi
3rd Person	dzólí		dadzólí
4th Person	ijólí		dajólí

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	dziiséli’	dziisiili’	dadziisiili’
2nd Person	dziisíníli’	dziisooli’	dadziisooli’
3rd Person	dzoozli’		dadzoozli’
4th Person	dzijoozli’		dadzijoozli’

Example:

Nijéi t’áá át’é bee Bóhólníihii baa **dziíníli** / Trust in Jehovah with all your heart.

Diyin God nihee lá asłj’go hane’ yá’át’éehii baa nidahwiilne’go yee nihaa **dzoozli’**. / We have been approved by God to be entrusted with the good news.

to Understand it

(See “[to Comprehend it](#)”)

Use

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	choideesh'jít	choidiil'jít	chodeidiil'jít
2nd Person	choidíí'jít	choidoo'jít	chodeidoo'jít
3rd Person	choidoo'jít		chodeidoo'jít
4th Person	choizhdoo'jít		chodazhdoo'jít

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	choinish'í	choiniil'í	chodeiniil'í
2nd Person	choinít'í	choinoo'í	chodeinoo'í
3rd Person	choyoo'í		chodayoo'í
4th Person	choijoo'í		chodeijoo'í

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	choisé'jíd	choisiil'jíd	chodeisiil'jíd
2nd Person	choisíní'jíd	choisoo'jíd	chodeisoo'jíd
3rd Person	choyoos'jíd		chodayoos'jíd
4th Person	chojoos'jíd		chodajoos'jíd

Example:

David éí Jiihóvah nihaa jooba'ígíí bik'i'didoot'íí biniyé saad bee na'ach'aqahígíí **choyoos'jíd**. / David used figures of speech to illustrate Jehovah's mercy.

Jesus éí Naat'áanii jizl'j'go God bibee adziilii **chojoos'jíd** yéęgi át'éego chonáazhdoo'jít / Jesus through his miracles demonstrates how he will use his power as King

Walk about / Round trip / Live

When used with **baa** / **yaa** it carries the idea of doing something. It should not be used with **shaa** or **naa**.

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	ndeeshaaŋ	ndiit'ash	ndiikah
2 nd Person	ndíínaaŋ	ndooh'ash	ndoohkah
3 rd Person	ndoogaaŋ	ndoo'ash	ndookah
4 th Person	nizhdoogaaŋ	nizhdoo'ash	nizhdookah

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	naashá	neiit'aash	neiikai
2 nd Person	naniná	naah'aash	naahkai
3 rd Person	naaghá	naa'aash	naakai
4 th Person	nijighá	niji'aash	nijikai

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	nséyá	nishiit'áázh	nsiikai
2 nd Person	nisíníyá	nishoo'áázh	nsoohkai
3 rd Person	naayá	naazh'áázh	naaskai
4 th Person	nijiyá	nijizh'áázh	nijiskai

Example:

Háádéésh **naniná**? / Where are you from?

Ha'át'íish yaa **naaghá**? / What is he doing?

Thomas éi kodóo doo ólta'góo **nídeeshaaŋ** da nízín. / Thomas doesn't want to go to school today.

Adááđáá kintahgóo **nsiikai**. / We (3) went to town yesterday.

To Protect, or stand in the way

Add **shich'ááh**, **nich'ááh**, **bich'ááh** or **yich'ááh** to the walk verb (literally to stand in front of, in his way, obstructing).

Examples:

Jiihóvah bidiyingo naal'a'í chohooŋ'jigo bidine'é yá **yich'ááh ndaakai**. / Jehovah uses his angels to protect his people.

Ne'oodlā' bidziil doogo Diyin Bizaad bíhoo'aah, dóo Jiihóvah bich'j' sodílzín áko **nich'ááh naagháa** doo. / Build your faith by studying the bible, and pray for Jehovah's protection.

to Want

Can also mean “to feel (emotionally)” by removing **yi-** from the 3rd Person verbs.

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	díneesjį́	díníidzjį́	dadíníidzjį́
2 nd Person	díníizjį́	dínóozjį́	dadínóohzjį́
3 rd Person	yidínóozjį́		deidínóozjį́
4 th Person	jidínóozjį́		dazhdínóozjį́

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	nisin	niidzin	daniidzin
2 nd Person	nínizin	nohsin	danohsin
3 rd Person	yínizin		deinízin
4 th Person	jinízin		daznínizin

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	niizǫ́	niidzǫ́	daniidzǫ́
2 nd Person	ninizǫ́	noozǫ́	danoozǫ́
3 rd Person	yiniizǫ́		deiniizǫ́
4 th Person	jiniizǫ́		dazhnizǫ́

Example:

Jiihóvah éí doo ła' dazhdootsaat da **nínizin**. / Jehovah does not want anyone to die.

Martha éí k'ad yee' doo bíghah da **jiniizǫ́**. / Martha felt that it was too late.

Add “**baa áko-**” or “**yaa áko-**” to the want verb to take note of, recognize, or acknowledge

Yaa ákoniizǫ́ - took note of, acknowledged.

Baa ákoniidzin - we (2) recognize, acknowledge.

Baa ákonínizin - you recognize, acknowledge.

Add “**baa ahééh**” or “**yaa ahééh**” to the want verb to feel thankfulness for something.

Diyin Bizaad éí t'áa aaníigo God bits'áádeé'. Díí God neiniłáhígíí **baa ahééh nínizin**, dóó bínahíłtsaadgo bíhoo'aah. / The Bible is truly from God. Be thankful for this gift and keep studying it.

Add to **shaa**, **naa**, **baa**, **yaa**, or **nihaa** “**aa a'ááh**” to feel compassion or mercy.

Psalms 103:13— T'áa azhé'é ba'álchíní **yaa a'ááh níninigi** át'éego Bóhólníihii dabiidísinii **yaa a'ááh nínin**. / As a father shows mercy to his sons, Jehovah has shown mercy to those who fear him.

Watch / Look at

(See also **See / to Look at**)

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	shidoonáál	nihidoonáát	danihidoonáát
2 nd Person	nidoonáát	nihidoonáát	danihidoonáát
3 rd Person	bidoonáát		dabidoonáát
4 th Person	hodoonáát		dahodoonáát

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	shináát	nihináát	danihináát
2 nd Person	nináát	nihináát	danihináát
3 rd Person	bináát		dabináát
4 th Person	hanáát		dahanáát

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	shíináát	nihíináát	danihíináát
2 nd Person	níináát	nihíináát	danihíináát
3 rd Person	bíináát		dabíináát
4 th Person	hóónáát		dahóónáát

Example:

Habakkuk 1:3—Nida'iit'chxqoh índa t'áa na'níle'dii áhoonííí t'éí **shináát** baa ooldah. / Why are destruction and violence before me?

Genesis 6:5—Doo Bóhólnííhii **bináát** t'éiyá da, nidi diné atdó' **bináát** ha'át'íhida it nilj nilíinii bidadiilkaal. / Not only in the sight of Jehovah, but also in the sight of men.

Díí **nináát** naaskidígíí éí hait'éego níká eelwod? / How has watching this video helped you?

Work

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	ndeeshnish	ndiilnish	ndadiilnish
2nd Person	ndíílnish	ndoolnish	ndadoolnish
3rd Person	ndoolnish		ndadoolnish
4th Person	nizhdoolnish		ndazhdoolnish

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	naashnish	neiilnish	ndeilnish
2nd Person	nanilnish	naaʔnish	ndaʔnish
3rd Person	naalnish		ndaalnish
4th Person	nijilnish		ndajilnish

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	nishishnish	nshiilnish	ndashiilnish
2nd Person	nishínílnish	nshoolnish	ndashoolnish
3rd Person	naashnish		ndaashnish
4th Person	nijishnish		ndajishnish

Example:

Haye' naakigo ákwe'é bił **nijilnish**. / His two sons are working there with him.

David éí biye' dóó bik'is ya'ólíhígíí, honahaz'ąągo hak'ijj' **naashnish**. / David's son and a trusted friend conspired against David.

Classificatory Verbs

Classificatory verbs refer to verbs whose stem (last syllable) depends on the type of object. For example, there is not a general word for “give” in Navajo. As the examples will show, the appropriate verb must be used to describe both the action and the object.

Handling Verbs

The following chart is a list of the stems only. They must be paired with the appropriate prefixes. A chart of common prefixes is provided after this chart.

* In first person duplural and plural, t’ is placed before the stem

** In first person singular and second person duplural for future and imperfective the stem begins with “h” (i.e. nishheeh and doohhéét). In first person duplural and plural the stem starts with “g” instead of “y” (i.e. niigí and diigéét).

*** Four of these stems have an initial “l” (also known as “l” classifier). The “l” must be used except for when it is preceded by “sh”. In that case, “sh” becomes “s” followed by the verb stem without the “l” (deesh + łtsos = deestsos). In the first person duplural, “l” is used instead of “l” (nii + łtsóós = niiltsóós).

**** After the “sh” in first person singular, “l” becomes “l” (deesh + léét = deeshléét). In first person duplural and plural the “l” classifier is used and stem initial “l” becomes “y” (ndii(l) + lá = ndiilyá). In second person duplural future and imperfective “l” becomes “l” (i.e. doohléét).

Stems

Future	Imperfective	Continuous	Perfective	Examples
-‘áát(*)	-‘aah	-‘á	-‘á	bulky, round, hard – bottle, book, car, ball, one shoe
-yéét(**)	-yeeh	-yé	-yí	pack, handled by hand or trailer – load of sheep, bundle of wood
-jih	-jááh	-jaah	-jaa’	plural separable objects – sand, bugs, seeds, armful of kittens
-łjít(***)	-łjiid	-łjid	-łjid	anything carried by back – baby, load, backpack
-łjot	-łjoot	-łjoot	-łjool	non-compact matter – wool, hay
-káát	-kaah	-ká	-ká	something in open vessel – pail, box, basket, pan, dish
-léét(****)	-lé	-lé	-lá	slender, flexible object – rope, string, necklace, bolo tie, unknown object
-nił	-níł	-jaah	-nił	plural objects (2 or 3) – puppies, books, ropes
-łtéét	-łteeh	-łté	-łtj	one animate object – baby, sheep
-łtjít	-łtjih	-tin	-tá	slender stiff object – pole, branch, key
-łłoh	-łteeh	-łteeh	-łléé’	mushy matter – mud, mortar, mush
-łtsos	-łtsóós	-łtsoos	-łtsooz	flexible, flat object – paper, cloth, sheet, blanket

Give it, bring it, arrive carrying it, take it

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	deesh-	dii-	dadii-
2nd Person	díí-	dooh-	dadooh-
3rd Person	yidoo-		deidoo-
4th Person	jidoo-		dazhdoo-

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	nish-	nii-	danii-
2nd Person	ní-	noh-	danoh-
3rd Person	yí-		déi-
4th Person	jí-		dají-

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	ní-	nii-	danii-
2nd Person	yíní-	noo-	danoo-
3rd Person	yiní-		deiní-
4th Person	jiní-		dazhní-

Examples:

Díí naaltsoos naa deestsos. / I will give you this paper. (Person receiving the object is represented by shaa, naa, baa, yaa, nihaa)

Jiihóvah iiná nihaa yinílá. / Jehovah gave us life. (This is often said, “Jiihóvah iiná nihainílá or niheiinílá because “ha-yi” is often pronounced “hai” and “he-yi” becomes “hei”).

Keep it, have it (use the perfective stem)

	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	sél-	sii-	dasii-
2nd Person	sínít-	soo-	dasoo-
3rd Person	yiz-		deis-
4th Person	jiz-		dajis-

Example:

Tó álahjǵ' sél'á, hooghandi. / I always keep water at my home.

Choose it, pick it up

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	ńdideesh-	ńdidii-	ńdadidii-
2nd Person	ńdidí-	ńdidooh-	ńdadidooh-
3rd Person	ńeididoo-		ńdeididoo-
4th Person	ńízhidoo-		ńdazhdidoo-

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	ńdish-	ńdii-	ńdadii-
2nd Person	ńdii-	ńdooh-	ńdadooh-
3rd Person	ńeidii-		ńdeidii-
4th Person	ńízhdii-		ńdazhdii-

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	ńdii-	ńdii-	ńdadii-
2nd Person	ńdini-	ńdoo-	ńdadoo-
3rd Person	ńeidii-		ńdeidii-
4th Person	ńízhdii-		ńdazhdii-

Examples:

Jiihóvah bi'Ye' Jesus Christ néidiitǵǵo Naat'áanii ájiilaa. / Jehovah chose Jesus Christ to be King.

Walk around with it, Carry it (use continuative stem)

	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	naash-	neii-	ndeii-
2 nd Person	nani-	naah	ndaah-
3 rd Person	nei-		ndei
4 th Person	nji-		ndaji-

Example:

Diyin Bizaad naash'á. / I carry a Bible with me.

To be in position, placed in position (use perfective stem)

Attach “si-“ to the perfective stem for one object. Attach “naaz-“ to the perfective stem for multiple objects (Note: “-ítsooz” because it is siltsooz for singular and plural, for jaa’ use shijaa’ and naazhjaa’).

Examples:

Atiin baq̄hgi tsé ayóí áníłtso léi’ si’á. / There is a big rock lying in the road.

Naalyéhé bá hooghandi ńjį’ biyéél ni’góó naaznil. / At the trading post, there a bunch of saddles lying on the floor.

Save it

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	yisdádeesh-	yisdádii-	yisdádadii-
2 nd Person	yisdádií-	yisdádoo-	yisdádadoo-
3 rd Person	yisdéidoo-		yisdádeidoo-
4 th Person	yisdázhdoo-		yisdádazhdoo-

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	yisdásh-	yisdéii-	yisdádeii-
2 nd Person	yisdání	yisdáh-	yisdádaah-
3 rd Person	yisdéí-		yisdádei-
4 th Person	yisdají-		yisdádaji-

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	yisdáá- (yisdéí-)	yisdéii-	yisdadeii-
2 nd Person	yisdéíni-	yisdáoo-	yisdádadaoo-
3 rd Person	yisdáyíi-		yisdádayó--
4 th Person	yisdájíi-		yisdádajó-

Examples:

Aniné bits'ąąjį yisdáníhidoohni. / Rescue us from death.

Note: The act of someone saving themselves or getting to safety is expressed by adding the stems of the walking verb for Arrive/Come/Go to the prefixes above. The prefixes above can be combined with verb of motion (i.e. running, sailing, rolling, etc.) to express how one saved himself. In the Navajo Bible, it appears that walking stems are used the most.

Examples:

Dibáá' shi'niithjigo shimá sání bighandi yisdááyá. / I was dying of thirst, but I saved myself by going to my grandmother's house.

Éi diné t'áá altso yisdádookah índa t'áá aaníinii bił béeadahodoozjįł yó'ní. / God wants all men to be saved and learn the truth.

Drop or lower an object, Falling object(s)

As there is not a simple word for “give” in Navajo, there is not a simple word for “drop” or “lower” an object. Furthermore, there is also a set of prefixes for objects that fall unintentionally. One must be aware of the type of object that was dropped, lowered, or fell and express that in the complete verb.

Stems (drop or lower)

Future	Imperfective	Perfective	Examples
-niit	-lne'	-lne'	bulky, round, hard – bottle, book, car, ball, one shoe
-yééł	-yeeh	-yí	pack, handled by hand or trailer – load of sheep, bundle of wood
-ldas	-ldaas	-dááz'	plural separable objects – sand, bugs, seeds, armful of kittens
-ljoł	-ljool	-jool	non-compact matter – wool, hay
-kááł	-kaah	-lkaad	something in open vessel – pail, box, basket, pan, dish
-ldił	-ldeet	-ldéél	slender, flexible object – rope, string, necklace, bolo tie, unknown object
-nił	-nííł	-nil	plural objects (2 or 3) – puppies, books, ropes
-ltééł	-lteeh	-lt'e'	one animate object – baby, sheep
-lt'eeł	-lt'eeh	-lt'e'	slender stiff object – pole, branch, key
-tłoh	-tlee h	-tléé'	mushy matter – mud, mortar, mush
-'ał	-'áád	-'ah	flexible, flat object – paper, cloth, sheet, blanket

Drop it or lower it

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	ndeesh-	ndii-	ndadii-
2nd Person	ndíí-	ndooh-	ndadooh-
3rd Person	neidoo-		ndeidoo-
4th Person	nizhdoo-		ndazhdoo-

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	naash-	neii-	ndeii-
2nd Person	nani-	naah-	ndaah-
3rd Person	nei-		nde-
4th Person	nji-		ndaji-

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	náá-	neii-	ndeii-
2nd Person	néíní-	naoo-	ndaoo-
3rd Person	nayíí		ndeiz-
4th Person	njíí-		ndajiz-

Examples:

Tsé bikáádéé' t'óót shich'í' nayíí'déél. / While on the rock, he dropped a rope down to me.

Carry object inside, Put out of sight, Lose it/Get rid of, Knock it over

These actions are based on the same set of verb prefixes. Therefore one must choose the appropriate particles and verb stem as the examples will show. To convey the idea of carrying something inside an enclosure (house, cave, etc.) the word “yah” is put before the prefix and the appropriate handling stem from [Classificatory Verb Stems](#) is attached to the end of the prefix (i.e. yah iijooł – I carried the hay inside). In order to say that something is put out of sight (animal in coral, person in jail), “yah” is put before the prefix and a stem from [Verb stems for Drop or Lower](#) is attached to the end of the prefix (i.e. shidibé yah iilt’e’ – I put the sheep away). To say someone lost something, attach “yóó” to the beginning of the prefix and attach the appropriate stem from [Verb stems for Drop or Lower](#) to the end of the prefix (i.e. shidibé yóó’iilt’e’ – I lost my sheep). To say someone knocked something over, follow the same steps for lose it, but replace “yóó” with “naa” (i.e. béégashii naa’íilt’e’ – I knocked the cow over on its side).

Prefixes

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	adeesh-	adii-	adadii-
2nd Person	adíí-	adooh-	adadooh-
3rd Person	iidoo-		adeidoo-
4th Person	azhdoo-		adazhdoo-

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	iish-	ii-	adeii-
2nd Person	ani-	ooh-	adaah-
3rd Person	ii-		adei-
4th Person	aji-		adaji-

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	íí-	ii-	adasii-
2nd Person	ííní-	oo-	adasoo-
3rd Person	ayíí-		adeiz-
4th Person	ajíí-		adajiz-

Examples:

Ak’áán yah iistsóós rít’éé’ bighánídláád. / I was carrying the sack of flour inside when I put a hole in it.

Ak’ah łizhini yóó’íiká. / I got rid of the oil.

John éi bidibé yah ayíilt’e’. / John put his sheep in the corral.

Nileets’áá’ naa’ííikaad. / I knocked over your dishes.

Stems (falling unintentionally)

The verbs that begin with **ha** refer to something that falls out of an enclosure like a box, pocket, or hand unintentionally. To indicate that something fell from someone's hand by accident, use **-lák'e** before the appropriate verb. The “-” is replaced with **shí, ní, bí,** or **nihí** to indicate whose hand the object fell.

Future	Imperfective	Perfective	Examples
ndoolts'it hadoołts'it	naalts'íid halts'íid	naalts'id haalts'id	bulky, round, hard – bottle, book, car, ball, one shoe
ndoołhesh hadoołhesh	naałhéeesh haałhéeesh	náałhéezh háałhéezh	pack, handled by hand or trailer – load of sheep, bundle of wood
ndínóodah hadínóodah	nanidééh hanidééh	naníidee' haníidee'	plural separable objects – sand, bugs, seeds, armful of kittens
ndoojot hadoojoł	naajoot haajoot	náajool háajool	non-compact matter – wool, hay
hadookał	haakaad	háakaad	something in open vessel – pail, box, basket, pan, dish
ndoodit hadoođit	naadeet haadeet	náádeél háádeél	slender, flexible object – rope, string, necklace, bolo tie, unknown object
ndínóodah hadínóodah	nanidééh hanidééh	naníidee' haníidee'	plural objects (2 or 3) – puppies, books, ropes
hadoołlish	haałlíish	háałlizh	one animate object – baby, sheep falls out or is born
ndookqs	naakeęs	náákéęz	slender stiff object – pole, branch, key
ndoołhesh hadoołhesh	naałhéeesh haałhéeesh	náałhéezh háałhéezh	mushy matter – mud, mortar, mush
hadoopah	haanééh	háána'	flexible, flat object – paper, cloth, sheet, blanket

Examples:

Chá'ot biyaagi chaha'oh sédáá nt'éét neeshch'íi' ła' shik'iji' **naníidee'**. / I was sitting under a shade tree and some nuts fell on me.

Ch'ééh jiyání táa'go naháłnii' nt'éé' **shíłák'e haníidee'** ch'é'étiingi. / I bought three watermelons, but I dropped them in the doorway.

Eating Verbs

These verbs are used in place of the general eating verb “yishá, etc.” when the speaker is describing eating/chewing foods of a particular texture that he or she really enjoys. When something is extremely yummy, you can use the verbs below. Otherwise, just use the word “**to Eat**”.

Hard Object(s)

(Nuts, corn on cob)

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	deesh’ał	diit’ał	dadiit’ał
2nd Person	díí’ał	dooh’ał	dadooh’ał
3rd Person	yidoo’ał		deidoo’ał
4th Person	jidoo’ał		dazhdoo’ał

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yish’aal	yiit’aal	deiit’aal
2nd Person	ni’aal	woh’aal	daah’aal
3rd Person	yi’aal		dei’aal
4th Person	ji’aal		daji’aal

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yí’aal	yiit’aal	deiit’aal
2nd Person	yíní’aal	woo’aal	dao’aal
3rd Person	yiyíí’aal		dayíí’aal
4th Person	jíí’aal		dajíí’aal

Meat

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	deeshghaṭ	diilghaṭ	dadiilghaṭ
2 nd Person	díilghaṭ	dooṭghaṭ	dadootghaṭ
3 rd Person	yidoolghaṭ		deidoolghaṭ
4 th Person	jidoolghaṭ		dazhdoolghaṭ

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	yishghaṭ	yiilghaṭ	deilighaṭ
2 nd Person	niighaṭ	woṭghaṭ	daaṭghaṭ
3 rd Person	yilghaṭ		deilighaṭ
4 th Person	jilghaṭ		dajilighaṭ

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	yishghal	yiilghal	dayiilghal
2 nd Person	yínilghal	woolghal	daoṭghal
3 rd Person	yoolghal		dayoolghal
4 th Person	joolghal		dajoolghal

Bulky, Round Object(s)

(apple, loaf of bread)

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	deeshkiŋ	diilkiŋ	dadiilkiŋ
2 nd Person	dííłkiŋ	dootkiŋ	dadootkiŋ
3 rd Person	yidoolkiŋ		deidoolkiŋ
4 th Person	jidoolkiŋ		dazhdoolkiŋ

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	yishkeed	yiilkeed	deiilkeed
2 nd Person	niilkeed	wolkeed	daalkeed
3 rd Person	yilkeed		deilkeed
4 th Person	jilkeed		dajilkeed

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1 st Person	yishkid	yiilkid	deiilkid
2 nd Person	yíníłkid	wootkid	daootkid
3 rd Person	yoolkid		dayoolkid
4 th Person	joolkid		dajoolkid

Leafy, Flat Object(s)
(herbs, grass, lettuce, hay)

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	deeshchosh	diilchosh	dadiilchosh
2nd Person	dííłchosh	doolchosh	dadoolchosh
3rd Person	yidoolchosh		deidoolchosh
4th Person	jidoolchosh		dazhdoolchosh

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yishchozh	yiilchozh	deilchozh
2nd Person	niłchozh	wolchozh	daalchozh
3rd Person	yilchozh		deilchozh
4th Person	jilchozh		dajilchozh

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yilchozh	yiilchozh	deilchozh
2nd Person	yíníłchozh	woolchozh	daoolchozh
3rd Person	yiyííłchozh		dayííłchozh
4th Person	jííłchozh		dajííłchozh

Mushy Object(s)

(applesauce, blue mush)

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	deests'ah	diilts'ah	dadiilts'ah
2nd Person	díilts'ah	doołts'ah	dadoołts'ah
3rd Person	yidoołts'ah		deidoołts'ah
4th Person	jidoołts'ah		dazhdoołts'ah

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yists'ééh	yiilts'ééh	deiilts'ééh
2nd Person	niłts'ééh	wolts'ééh	daałts'ééh
3rd Person	yilts'ééh		deiłts'ééh
4th Person	jilts'ééh		dajilts'ééh

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yíłts'ee'	yiilts'ee'	deiilts'ee'
2nd Person	yíníłts'ee'	woolts'ee'	daoołts'ee'
3rd Person	yiyíłts'ee'		dayíłts'ee'
4th Person	jíilts'ee'		dajíilts'ee'

Plural Object(s)
(berries, eggs, skittles)

Future	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	deeshdił	diildił	dadiildił
2nd Person	dííldił	dooldił	dadooldił
3rd Person	yidooldił		deidooldił
4th Person	jidooldił		dazhdooldił

Imperfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yishdeet	yiildeet	deiildeet
2nd Person	niildeet	woildeet	daaldeet
3rd Person	yildeet		deildeet
4th Person	jildeet		dajildeet

Perfective	Singular	Duoplural	Plural
1st Person	yishdéeł	yiildéeł	deiildéeł
2nd Person	yíníldéeł	wooldéeł	daooldéeł
3rd Person	yooddéeł		dayooddéeł
4th Person	jóóldéeł		dajooddéeł

Additional Help

Difficulty Level	Reference Material	Comments
★	Conversational Navajo Workbook: An Introductory Course for Non-Native Speakers by Garth A. Wilson	A good beginners guide to the language
★	Conversational Navajo Dictionary: English to Navajo by Garth A. Wilson	An essential dictionary to begin translating into Navajo
★★	Navajo-English Dictionary (Hippocrene Dictionary) [1994] by Leon Wall & William Morgan	Translates common, simple Navajo words to English. Because there are so many variations in verbs, exact matches are difficult to find.
★★	Navajo Made Easier: A Course in Conversational Navajo by Irvy W. Goossen	An older book that appears to have been hand-typed, it teaches Navajo by means of lessons. The index at the back does not point to page numbers, but to the numbered lessons. It teaches the basics, verbs, and conversation.
★★★	Navajo/English Dictionary of Verbs by Alyse Neundorf	A book of verb charts. A basic understanding of verb charts is necessary. Many of the verbs might not be used in the ministry, but would help build a vocabulary for everyday conversation.
★★★★	By Irvy W. Goossen - Dine Bizaad: Speak, Read, Write Navajo by Irvy W. Goossen	A book designed for a classroom setting that dives right into the linguistic building blocks of the language. You begin learning Navajo conversational phrases and common cultural gestures in chapter 1. By chapter 6, you'll read how a "semeliterative prefix causes a /d/ classifier to affect the stem-initial consonant." There is no index, so it's difficult to find anything specific.
★★★★	The Navaho Language [1972] by Robert W. Young & William Morgan	"The H dictionary." This book is in the public domain and can be downloaded as a PDF. It dissects the language and explains how words are constructed. The verbs are alphabetized in Navajo by the stem. For example, choideesh'jįt (I will use it) can be found under ĮįŁ. It contains an English to Navajo dictionary at the back that will point you to the correct stem and subheading.
★★★★★	The Navajo Language: A Grammar and Colloquial Dictionary by Robert W. Young	"The granddaddy dictionary" is 1,069 pages long and not for the faint of heart. It contains at least three sections. The first explains Navajo language structure. Another is a massive dictionary of Navajo words alphabetized by first-person singular in the order of the alphabet at the front of this manual. Another section is an English to Navajo dictionary.