Toki Pona

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Vocabulary

a akesi ala alasa ale ali anpa ante anu awen e en esun ijo ike ilo insa jaki jan jelo jo kala kalama kama kasi ken kepeken kili kin kipisi kiwen ko kon kule kulupu kute la lape laso lawa len lete li lili linja lipu loje lon luka lukin lupa ma mama mani meli mi mije moku moli monsi monsuta mu mun musi mute namako nanpa nasa nasin nena ni nimi noka oko olin ona open pakala pali palisa pan pana pi pilin pimeja pini pipi poka poki pona pu sama seli selo seme sewi sijelo sike sin sina sinpin sitelen sona soweli suli suno supa suwi tan taso tawa telo tenpo toki tomo tu unpa uta utala walo wan waso wawa weka wile

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Direct objects

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- sina pona e jan.

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- soweli li moku li lape.
- mi moku e kili e telo.

• ilo moku

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- tomo mi

Adverbs

• mi wile mute e moku.

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- mi wile mute e moku.
- mi lukin lili e suno.

Negation

• mi lape ala.

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- mi lape ala.
- jan ala li toki.

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- len sina li telo ala telo?
- sina ken ala ken lape?

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- sina ken ala ken lape?
- seme li moku e kili mi?

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- len sina li telo ala telo?
- sina ken ala ken lape?
- seme li moku e kili mi?
- sina kama tan ma seme?

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Commands

o lukin e ni!

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- o lukin e ni!
- o weka e len sina!

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Curiosities

• mi mu.

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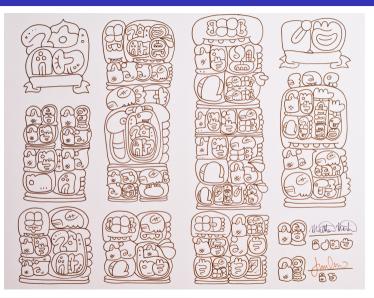
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- wan, tu, mute, ali

sitelen sitelen



sitelen Emoji

<u>@</u>	telo	:ocean:	water
$\overline{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}$	tenpo	:hourglass:	time
•••	toki	:speech_balloon:	language
<u>\$</u>	tomo	:house_with_garden:	indoor constructed space
0,	tu	:fallen_leaf:	two
•	unpa	:eggplant:	sex
0	uta	:lips:	mouth
(utala	:fist:	conflict
~	walo	:full_moon_with_face:	white
*	wan	:maple_leaf:	one
S	waso	:bird:	bird
4	wawa	:zap:	energy
پ	weka	:wind_chime:	away
1	wile	:wolf:	to want

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Thanks!

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- mi pali e tomo toki sin: #tokipona

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