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toki pona

Developed by linguist Sonja Lang, toki pona is a language with ~130 words.

It uses only 14 IPA phonemes: *a e i o u j k l m n p s t u w*

Basic Sentences

The particle *li* separates the subject from the predicate.

ni>ʔ – The cat is eating.

ʔ>ʔ – People sleep.

There is no verb “to be.” The part after *>* (predicate) can be a noun or an adjective.

ʔ>ʔ – Fruits are food.

ʔ>u – Water is good.

If the subject is *P* or *ʔ* alone, the *>* is always omitted.




Pʔ – I eat.

ʔu – You are good.

body

-  **insa**
inside, center, between,
middle; organ, stomach
-  **kute**
ear; hear, listen
-  **lawa**
head, mind; lead;
leader; rule
-  **luka**
hand, arm; 5
-  **lukin**
look, see, examine; eye;
try
-  **monsi**
behind, back, rear
-  **nen**
nose, bump, hill, button
-  **noka**
foot, leg; roots, lower
part
-  **pilin**
heart, feeling (emotion,
sense)
-  **selo**
outer layer, skin, peel,
shell, bark; boundary
-  **sijelo**
body, physical state,
torso
-  **sinpin**
vertical surface, wall;
front, face
-  **uta**
mouth, lips

people

-  **jan**
person, somebody
-  **kulupu**
group, community,
company, collection,
team
-  **mama**
parent, caretaker;
creator
-  **meli**
female, feminine
-  **mi**
(1st-person) I, me, we,
us
-  **mije**
male, masculine
-  **ona**
(3rd-person) he, she, it,
they, ...
-  **sina**
(2nd-person) you, y'all
-  **tonsi**
nonbinary; transgender

necessities

-  **esun**
market, shop; trade,
buy, sell
-  **len**
cloth, fabric; hidden,
private



mani
money, currency;
valuables



misikeke
medication, medical
practice



moku
eat, drink; food



pan
bread, grain, potato,
pasta, rice



tomo
building, room, tent,
shelter



wile
want, must, need

critters



akesi
reptile, amphibian,
scaly animal



kala
fish, marine animal



kijetesantakalu
raccoon, procyonid,
musteloid



pipi
insect, bug, spider, tiny
crawling creature



soweli
land animal, beast



waso
bird, flying animal,
winged animal

sight



jelo
yellow, yellowish color



kule
color; aspect of sense,
timbre, pitch, flavor,
texture; queer



laso
blue, green, turquoise,
indigo



loje
red, reddish color



lukin
look, see, examine; eye;
try



pimeja
black; dark, unlit; dark
color



sitelen
image, picture, symbol,
writing



walo
white; light-colored,
bright color

state



ante
different, change,
changed, other



awen
stay, remain, wait;
protect, save; to
continue



kama
arrive, summon; future;
become



ken
can, may, ability;
possible; allow, enable;
to be able to



open
begin, start; turn on;
opening



pini
finish, stop; turn off;
close, end, final



tawa
motion, walking, flight,
travel; going to, for;
from the perspective of



tenpo
time, moment, period,
duration



weka
away, absent, distant;
remove, rid

activity



alasa
hunt, forage, seek,
attempt, try



esun
market, shop; trade,
buy, sell



jo
have, hold, carry,
contain



kalama
to make noise; sound



kepeken
using, with, by means of



kipisi
cut, split, slice; piece,
part



ku
to interact with Toki
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lape
sleep, rest



pali
work, create, take
action on



pana
give, send, emit,
provide



pu
to interact with Toki
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Good by Sonja Lang



sitelen
image, picture, symbol,
writing



su
to interact with the
illustrated story book
series produced by
Sonja Lang



toki
talk, communicate; tale;
language



unpa
sex, to have sexual
relations



utala
fight, compete, battle;
challenge

elements



kasi
plant, vegetation; herb,
leaf



kili
fruit, vegetable



kiwen
hard object, stone, rock,
metal



kon
air, breath, wind; spirit,
soul



lete
cold, cool, frozen; raw



ma
earth, land, soil;
country, territory



mun
moon, night sky object,
star



seli
hot, warm; heat, fire;
burn



soko
mushroom, fungus,
lichen



suno
sun, light source; light,
glow



telo
water, liquids, drinks; to
wash, to clean

things



ijo
thing, object, matter



ilo
tool, machine, device,
instrument



leko
square, cube, block,
brick



linja
long and flexible thing,
rope, hair, line, string



lipu
flat object, paper,
document, card,
website



lupa
door, window, hole, pit,
portal



namako
spice, ornament; extra,
additional



nen
nose, bump, hill, button



palisa
long hard object, rod,
stick



poki
container, bag, bowl,
box, cup



sike
circle, sphere; cycle,
orbit, year



supa
horizontal surface, bed,
floor, table, platform,
stage














ideas


























jasima
mirror, reflection,
opposite







moli
death, dead, dying; kill,
murder

	monsuta monster, fear, scary, threat, danger
	musi entertainment, fun, game, art, amusing, interesting
	nasin method, doctrine; road, way
	nimi word, name
	olin love, bond, compassion, respect
	pakala damage, break, harm; mistake
	pilin heart, feeling (emotion, sense)
	sewi up, top, above; divine, sacred, supernatural; awesome, inspiring
	sona knowledge, information; know; wisdom, skill
	tenpo time, moment, period, duration
	utala fight, compete, battle; challenge
	wawa amazing; power, energy; intense
	wile want, must, need












	ante different, change, changed, other
	ike bad, negative, unpleasant, cringe, complex, harmful, unneeded
	jaki disgusting, unclean, toxic
	kiwen hard object, stone, rock, metal
	ko clay, dough, something pliable, powder, sand
	lawa head, mind; lead; leader; rule
	lili little, small, short; few; young
	namako spice, ornament; extra, additional
	nasa strange, unusual, silly, unexpected; drunk
	pona good, positive, pleasant, simple, friendly, useful, peaceful, based
	sama same, similar; sibling, peer; as, like
	sin new, fresh; another, extra
	suli big, heavy, large; important; adult
	suwi sweet; cute, innocent, adorable

(multiple subject marker)	
	kin too, also
	
	la (context marker)
	li (predicate marker)
	lon located at; real, true, exist
	pi (regroups modifiers)
	seme (question marker); what, which
	tan by, from, because; origin, cause
	taso only, exclusively; but, however

evoke

	a (emphasis/emotion interjection); ah, oh, haha, eh, um
	mu (animal noise/onomatopoeia)
	n (thinking interjection); hm, uh
	o (vocative/imperative marker), must, ought, should, could, would




locating

	anpa bottom, underside; below; defeat, humble, lowly
	insa inside, center, between, middle; organ, stomach
	lon located at; real, true, exist
	monsi behind, back, rear
	ni this, that, these, those
	poka side, hip; next to, near
	poki container, bag, bowl, box, cup
	selo outer layer, skin, peel, shell, bark; boundary
	sewi up, top, above; divine, sacred, supernatural; awesome, inspiring
	sinpin vertical surface, wall; front, face
	weka away, absent, distant, remove, rid

counting

	ala not, nothing, no; 0; (negation); (yes-no question)
	ale all, everything, entirety; any; 100
	luka hand, arm; 5
	mute many, several; very; 20
	nanpa number, -th
	tu 2; separate, divide, split
	wan 1; combine, join, mix

connection

	anu (possibility marker), or
	e (direct object marker)
	en

descriptions