Chipewyan belongs to the Northern branch of the Athabaskan family and is spoken in and around northern Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. In 1982 there were a reported 8000 speakers. The speaker here is a female in her thirties.

**Chipewyan Consonants:**

- **Stops:**  
  - t  
  - k  
  - d  
  - g  
  - t'  
  - k'  
- **Affricates:**  
  - tθ  
  - ts  
  - dθ  
  - dz  
  - tθ'  
  - ts'  
- **Fricatives:**  
  - θ  
  - x  
  - δ  
  - y  
- **Labialized:**  
  - kʷ  
  - k̂  
  - gʷ  
  - xʷ  
  - yʷ  
- **Nasals:**  
  - n  
- **Laterals:**  
  - dl  
  - tʃ  
  - tɬ  
  - lɭ  
- **Liquids:**  
  - l  
- **Glides:**  
  - j  
  - w

Because of the small size of this sample, many of these sounds are not exhibited. It seems that allophonically, consonants can be long.

**Chipewyan Vowels:**

- i  
- u  
- ɪ  
- ə  
- o  
- ɛ  
- ɐ  
- ʌ  
- a  
- ɒ

Vowel length is contrastive.

**I. Word List**

1. [tʰɛːs]  
   [tʰɛːs nɛːˈdaw]  
   ‘ashes’  
   ‘The ashes are warm’
2. [kʰɪˈtʊʐɛ]  
   [kʰɪˈtʊʐɛ bɛtˈu tsɬ i hɛstɭ]  
   ‘I am making a canoe from birch bark’
3. [sɛbɔːɾ]  
   [sɛbɔːɾ nɛtɭu]  
   ‘my stomach’  
   ‘my stomach is big’
4. [delzen] \(\text{[skeː: delzen]}\) ‘black’
5. [tši] \(\text{[tsʃ ʃʃe: zineki]}\) ‘my shoes are black’
6a. [hill] \(\text{[iʃ nɛtʃa]}\) ‘canoe, boat, porcupine’
6b. [hill] \(\text{[iʃ lिल]}\) ‘you can travel in a canoe’
7. [ni] \(\text{[ni ñeκi ɲɛdে]}\) ‘dog’
8. [je] \(\text{[je yɪɿi ɲɛdε]}\) ‘the dog is big’
9. [d nominal] \(\text{[d nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘it used to be’
10. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kšɛzɛː]}\) ‘I am living on earth’
11. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘I am staying in the house’
12. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘I hunted for moose’
13. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘I hunted deer’
14. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘I hunted caribou’
15. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘I hunted rabbit’
16. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘squirrel’
17. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘I trapped squirrel’
18. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘beaver’
19. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘I hunted beaver’
20. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘I hunted muskrat’
21. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘fox’
22. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘she said this’
23. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘nothing’
24. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘clothing’
25. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘ball’
26. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘my cousin’
27. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘my hand’
28. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘its my fault that my dad’s cousin cut his / her hand’
29. [nominal] \(\text{[nominal kʃɛzɛː]}\) ‘ashes’

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