

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
	dð	dz
	tθ'	ts'
Fricatives:	θ	x
	ð	ɣ
Labialized:		k ^w k ^{w'}
		g ^w
		x ^w
		ɣ ^w
Nasals	n	
Laterals	dl	
	tł t'ł	
	lł	
Liquids	ɹ	
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	
e	ə o
ɛ	ʌ
	a ʊ

Vowel length is contrastive.

I. Word List

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| 1. | [t ^h e:s] | 'ashes' |
| | [t ^h e:s neðaw] | 'The ashes are warm' |
| 2. | [k'it'uze] | 'birch bark' |
| | [k'it'uze beł'a ts'i hestsī] | 'I am making a canoe from birch bark' |
| 3. | [seba:ɹ] | 'my stomach' |
| | [seba:ɹ netʃa] | 'my stomach is big' |

4.	[dɛlzen] [seké: dɛlzen]	'black' 'my shoes are black'
5.	[ts'i] [ts'i jé: zíneki]	'canoe, boat, porcupine' 'you can travel in a canoe'
6a.	[fi] [fi netʃá]	'dog' 'the dog is big'
6b.	[fi] [fi hí]	'it used to be' comparison of 6a & 6b
7.	[ní] [ni bɛk'ɪ nájde:]	'earth' 'I am living on earth'
8.	[jɛ] [jɛ yízi nájde]	'house' 'I am staying in the house'
9.	[deniə] [deniə kátʰez:é:]	'moose' 'I hunted for moose'
10.	[játúɛ] [játúɛ kátʰez:é:]	'deer' 'I hunted deer'
11.	[et:ʰɛn] [et:ʰɛn kátʰez:é:]	'caribou' 'I hunted caribou'
12.	[gʌ] [gʌ kátʰez:é:]	'rabbit' 'I hunted rabbit'
13.	[dlíɛ] [dlíɛ kaniðí]	'squirrel' 'I trapped squirrel'
15.	[tsá] [tsá kátʰez:é:]	'beaver' 'I hunted beaver'
16.	[z:ɛn] [z:ɛn kátʰez:é:]	'muskrat' 'I hunted muskrat'
17.	[nāgí:ðə] [nāgí:ðə kátʰez:é:]	'fox' 'I hunted fox'
18.	[dɔ:di]	'she said this'
19.	[dɔ:di]	'nothing'
20.	[yú:]	'clothing'
21.	[z:ɔʃ] / [z:ó:ʃ]	'ball'
22.	[sɛʃá]	'my cousin'
23.	[sɛlá]	'my hand'
24.	[sɛʔá sɛʔá belá belá tʰɛʔá:θ]	'Its my fault that my dad's cousin cut his / her hand.'
25.	[k'ɛsʔé:zi:]	'ashes'

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