Vowels

Woodland Cree (Y Dialect) uses four vowels to make the four long vowel sounds and three short vowel sounds.

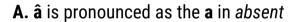
Short Vowels: a, i, and o

- **A.** a is pronounced as the u in the word putt
- I. astam come here IV. ôta here (locative)
- V. ana that one (animate) II. awas go away
- III. api sit down
- - VI. nâta go get it (inanimate) III. kinosîw fish VI. pîsim sun
- **B.** i is pronounced as the i in pin
- L iskotîw fire IV. iskwîsis girl
- II. pisiw lynx V. nipâ sleep (imp.)

- C. o is pronounced as the o in nook
- I. okimâw leader IV. poko it is a must
- II. otina take it (inan.) V. pipon winter
- III. mîciso eat (imp.) VI. postiska put it on (inanimate)

Long Vowels: a, î, ô, and e. (ê)

Long vowels are written with a circumflex * above the vowel.



- IV. **â**pihtaw in the centre (locative) I. **â**mô bee
- V. mit**â**taht ten II. n**â**pîsís boy
- III. **â**skaw sometimes VI. mit**â**s pants
- **B.** î is pronounced as the i in machine
- I. îsis seashell IV. tîpakohp seven
- II. mînísa berries V. pîtâ bring it (inanimate)
- III. kîsik sky VI. pihpihciw robin

- C. ô is pronounced as o sound in mood
 - IV. minôs cat I. **ô**si boat
- II. ôhô owl V. pôtâcikanís whistle
- III. m**ô**swa moose VI. p**ô**na make a fire (imp.)
- **D. e** is pronounced as the **e** in *café*. This letter is not used in Woodland Cree of Northern Alberta but is included as it is used in the Plains Cree Language.
- I. ekosi there; so then... (ay-ko-si)
- II. tâpwe truly, really (tâ-pway)
- III. peyak one (pay-ak)

