



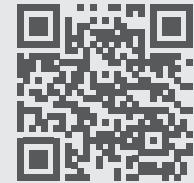
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Peoria Lunar Calendar



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The Peewaalia lunar year is approximately 354 days long and regularly has 12 moons (months). However, approximately every 3 years waawiita kiilhswa ‘Lost Moon’ is added to the end of the lunar year, resulting in 13 moons. Pahsaahkaahkanka neepinwiki ‘summer solstice’ nearing the end of aciakatakiilhswa ‘Hilling The Corn Moon’ results in the appearance of waawiita kiilhswa. This ensures the lunar calendar stays connected with ecological occurrences. Waawiita kiilhswa will not occur in 2024.

A lunar month lasts approximately 29.5 days; therefore, months are alternated from 29 to 30 days to compensate for the half day.

The Peewaalia lunar year begins with cecaahkwa kiilhswa ‘Sandhill Crane Moon’. Peoria Moons (Peoria Months) are named to recognize specific ecological occurrences during the time of year they regularly occur. Naming and timekeeping of the lunar year provides direction for daily life and events such as: planting, crop harvesting, hunting, maintenance and repairs, seasonal preparation, ecological changes, summer solstice, green corn harvest and much more.

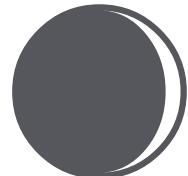
The Peewaalia lunar calendar reflects days in the top left corner; Gregorian dates are located in the lower left corner. Moon ‘kiilhswa’ is our Grandfather and is described as ‘he’ throughout the Peewaalia lunar calendar.

Some terms associated with the Peewaalia lunar calendar

nkotakone poonikišikahki	Monday	kiilhswa	Sun, Moon, Month, Clock
nišakone poonikišikahki.....	Tuesday	kiilhsooki.....	Suns, Moons, Months, Clocks
nihsokone poonikišikahki	Wednesday	waahseekiilhswa	Sun
niiyakone poonikišikahki.....	Thursday	tipehki kiilhswa	Moon
yaalanokone poonikišikahki	Friday	ašiihkiwi	Earth, Land, Dirt, Soil
kaakaathsokone poonikišikahki	Saturday	weehkikihkatwe.....	Peewaalia Lunar New Year
swaahteethsokone poonikišikahki ..	Sunday	peewaalialiaki aacimwiyankwi.....	Peoria Council Meeting
peewaalia	Peoria	kiiwahtekaataawi koteenki.....	Stomp Dance
peewaalia kiilhswaakani	Peoria Lunar Calendar	pahsaahkaahkanka neepinwiki.....	Summer Solstice

keešaakosita kiilhswa

the moon is growing larger,
waxing phase



saakiwa kiilhswa
the moon has sprouted



napale kiilhswa
half moon



waawiyiisita kiilhswa
full moon



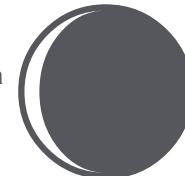
ašiihkiwi

peemineeta kiilhswa

the moon is going along dying,
waning phase



napale neepiki kiilhswa
the moon is half dead



myaalisiwa kiilhswa
the moon is very ill

The Peoria lunar month follows the lunar phases throughout the month as the moon grows and then dies away. The phases of the moon are split between two types of phases: keešaakosita kiilhswa, the moon is growing larger (the waxing phases) and peemineeta kiilhswa, the moon is going along dying (the waning phases).

After peemineeta kiilhswa, when the waning phases end, the moon dies when he goes dark. Soon after (about 3 days later), the moon will sprout again when the first thin sliver of moon is visible. At that time, he will be saakiwa kiilhswa, once again starting a new lunar month.

waahseekiilhswa

keešaakosita kiilhswa the moon is growing larger waxing phase

saakiwa kiilhswa the moon has sprouted (first thin sliver visible) .. the new moon

waakhšinka kiilhswa crescent moon

napale kiilhswa half moon..... first quarter phase

naawi waawiyiisita kiilhswa..... he is almost a full moon..... waxing gibbous moon

waawiyiisita kiilhswa full moon

peemineeta kiilhswa the moon is going along dying waning phase

kiinte waawiyiisita kiilhswa he was just a full moon waning gibbous moon

napale neepiki kiilhswa the moon is half dead last quarter phase

myaalisiwa kiilhswa the moon is very ill (only a sliver left) waning crescent phase



cecaahkwa kiilhsawa sandhill crane moon

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cecaahkwa kiilhsa

2024

sandhill crane moon

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The background image shows a serene winter scene. A river flows from the foreground towards the center of the frame. The banks of the river are covered in a layer of white snow. Bare trees stand along the snowy banks, their branches reaching upwards. In the distance, a hillside is visible, also covered in snow and bare trees. The sky is clear and blue.

tahkinkamiaahkwa kiilhs wa
cold water moon

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tahkinkamiaahkwa kiilhsawa 2024

cold water moon

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A photograph of a green wheelbarrow with a black tire and a metal frame, leaning against a light-colored stone wall. To the right of the wheelbarrow are several garden tools: a rake, a broom, a shovel, and a pitchfork. A small basket sits on top of the wall to the right.

moocapinka kijlhswa resting moon

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moocapinka kiilhswa

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resting moon

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A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's legs and feet as they use a wooden-handled shovel to turn over dark brown soil. The background is blurred, showing more of the field and some greenery.

moonahakijilhswa

plowing moon

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moonahakiilhswa

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plowing moon

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aciikatakiilhswa
hilling the corn moon

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hilling the corn moon

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takwaakikiilhswa
harvest season moon

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takwaakikiilhsawa

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harvest season moon

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mihšiiwia kiilhswa
elk moon

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mihšiiwia kiilhswa

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elk moon

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šaašaakolia kijlhswa
fires burning moon

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šaašaakolia kiihswa

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fires burning moon

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aamaleekijilhswa deer rutting moon

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aamaleekiiilhswa

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deer rutting moon

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pinaweekeitlhwaa
antler shedding moon

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pinaweekeeilhsawa

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antler shedding moon

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winter moon

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A close-up photograph of two raccoons resting on a mossy log. One raccoon is in the foreground, looking directly at the camera, while the other is behind it, partially obscured. They have their characteristic black and tan fur patterns and long whiskers.

eehsipana kiilhswa raccoon moon

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raccoon moon

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peewaaliaatweenki

Peoria language pronunciation guide

Vowels

Symbol	peewaalia - Peoria example word	Sound in English
a.....	<u>akima</u> (chief)	<u>cot</u> , <u>pot</u>
aa.....	<u>alaankwia</u> (rainbow)	<u>ball</u> , <u>fall</u>
e.....	<u>alenia</u> (man)	<u>wet</u> , <u>net</u>
ee.....	<u>neewe</u> (thank you)	<u>fade</u> , <u>blade</u>
i.....	<u>tipeewe</u> (good, gladly, pleasing)	<u>jig</u> , <u>wig</u>
ii.....	<u>niiwi</u> (four)	<u>bee</u> , <u>feed</u>
o	<u>koteewi</u> (fire)	<u>no</u> , <u>go</u>
oo	<u>owiši</u> (in this direction, this way)	<u>goose</u> , <u>moose</u>

For double vowels aa, ee, ii, oo, the length of the vowel sound is drawn out longer. Single vowels a, e, i, o are said at normal vowel sound length.



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Vowels Practice Words

Peewaalia.....	English
akincikooni.....	number
akincikoona.....	numbers
nkoti	one, 1
niišwi	two, 2
nihswi.....	three, 3
niiwi.....	four, 4
yaalanwi	five, 5
kaakaathswi	six, 6
swaantheethswi	seven, 7
palaani.....	eight, 8
nkotimeneehki.....	nine, 9
mataathswi	ten, 10

Consonants

Symbol	peewaalia - Peoria example word	Sound in English
c.....	<u>ciikamwaki</u> (twins)	<u>charley</u> , <u>chuck</u>
h	nintee <u>hi</u> (my heart)	<u>heart</u> , <u>happy</u>
k.....	<u>kociihsa</u> (bean)	<u>kind</u> , <u>key</u>
l.....	nipa <u>al</u> o (You go to sleep!)	<u>sleep</u> , <u>low</u>
m.....	<u>miicioni</u> (food)	<u>meal</u> , <u>mouth</u>
n	<u>noohsa</u> (my father)	<u>new</u> , <u>now</u>
p	<u>peewaalaki</u> (Peoria people)	<u>person</u> , <u>people</u>
s.....	<u>saakiciki</u> (they sprout)	<u>sprout</u> , <u>song</u>
š.....	kii <u>šikwi</u> (sky)	<u>shoe</u> , <u>shovel</u>
t	<u>taanaaha</u> (where about, when)	<u>tip</u> , <u>top</u>
w.....	<u>ni<u>wiiwa</u></u> (my wife)	<u>we</u> , <u>wind</u>
y.....	<u>kiyo<u>šia</u></u> (elder man, old man)	<u>yard</u> , <u>yarn</u>

Consonants Practice Words

Peewaalia.....	English
ceeki.....	all
iihi	yes
keetwi	what, what thing
leepwaankia	teacher
mayaawi teepi	very good, good job
ninkwihsse	Son! (addressing form)
poonilo	You stop! (instruction)
siipiwi	river
aapooši.....	again, also
teepi	ability, enough, sufficient. 'Quit That! (when said as instruction)'
neewe	thank you
aya.....	hello, hi (general greeting)



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Consonant Clusters & Other Sounds

Symbol. peewaalia - Peoria example word.....Sound in English

mp **wiimpi** (bone marrow).....slumber, cucumber

nc..... **ceekonci** (on both sides, on all sides)..injure, conjoin

nk..... **noonki** (now).....finger, linger

nsmahkoonsa (young bear, little bear)bronze, bonzai

nš**kinšimi** (soon, swiftly).....treasure, measure
(with an "n" sound before
the "zh" sound) {nzh}

nt **wiintanto** (You read it!)fender, bender

mVs **misikhwa** (hail).....**miz** {mVz}

as an example {sound}

mVš **moošaki** (always, continuously, all the time) **moozh** {mVzh}

as an example {sound}

nVs **ahkwaniſwa** (young girl).....**niz** {nVz}

as an example {sound}

nVš **naaši** (You fetch him/her! You get him/her!).**naazh** {nVzh}

as an example {sound}

Consonant Clusters & Other Sounds Practice Words

Peewaalia..... English

ampenilo Lift me up! (instruction)

miincipi corn

iinka..... Mom / Mother! (addressing form)

weenswiaani..... I am called/named (my name is)

pinšiwa bobcat

nintaane Daughter! (addressing form)

miisaakani toilet

miišimaaha long ago, a long time ago

lenaswa buffalo

taaniši..... how, where to

V = any Peoria vowel



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Preaspirated Consonants

Symbol	peewaalia - Peoria example word	Sound in English no comparison sounds in English
hc.....	<u>pihcita</u> (little bird)	preaspirated hc
hk.....	<u>ahki</u> (garden, field).....	preaspirated hk
hp	<u>eehpiši</u> (when, ago, time).....	preaspirated hp
hs.....	<u>mihsi</u> (piece of firewood).....	preaspirated hs
hš.....	<u>mihšiiwia</u> (elk)	preaspirated hš
ht	<u>eehtwaani</u> (I have it, I put it)	preaspirated ht

Preaspiration (preaspirated “h”) is like a sound of a small puff of air or breath of air (like an “h” sound) before the consonant written.



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Preaspirated Consonants Practice Words

Peewaalia.....	English
moohci	no, not
noohkwa.....	Grandmother! (addressing form)
waahpyaani	I arrive here
noohsa	Dad / Father! (addressing form)
mehša.....	Grandfather! (addressing form)
wilahtoolo	You put it away! You put it in its place! (instruction)



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Resting Moon



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Harvest Season Moon



mihšiiwia kiilhswa
Elk Moon



šaašaakolia kiilhswa
Fires Burning Moon



aamaleekiiilhswa
Deer Rutting Moon



pinaweekeekiilhswa
Antler Shedding Moon



pipoonwekiilhswa
Winter Moon



eehsipana kiilhswa
Raccoon Moon