

2026 Peewaalia Kiilhswaakani

Peoria Lunar Calendar



Inohkinki Illinois Homelands



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The Peewaalia lunar year is approximately 354 days long and regularly has 12 moons (months). However, Waawiita Kiilhswa 'Lost Moon' is added to the end of the lunar year in a repeating cycle. The cycle of Waawiita Kiilhswa begins when he first appears. After his first appearance, he will appear again in 3 years, then again 3 years later, and finally 2 years after that. Then the cycle starts again, following the 3-3-2 pattern. As a result, there are 13 moons in those lunar years. Pahsaahkaahkanka neepinwiki 'summer solstice' nearing the end of Aciikatakiilhswa 'Hilling The Corn Moon' results in the appearance of Waawiita Kiilhswa at the end of the lunar year. This ensures the lunar calendar stays connected with ecological occurrences. Waawiita Kiilhswa will not occur in the 2026 Peewaalia lunar year.

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'. The beginning of this moon/month is usually late January or February. 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. Peoria Tribal Offices are closed for days marked in **red**. Moon 'tipehki kiilhswa' is our Grandfather and is described as 'he' throughout the Peewaalia lunar calendar.

Some terms associated with the Peewaalia lunar calendar

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

Keešihwiwa 'Creator' has crafted breathtaking beauty in Inohkinki 'Illinois Homelands', and this beauty is captured in every image of the 2026 Peewaalia Kiilhswaakani.



keešaakosita kiilhswa

the moon is growing larger,
waxing phase



saakiwa kiilhswa
the moon has sprouted



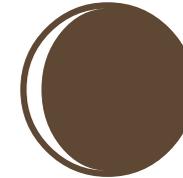
napale kiilhswa
half moon



waawiyiisita kiilhswa
full moon



napale neepiki kiilhswa
the moon is half dead



myaalisiwa kiilhswa
the moon is very ill

peemineeta kiilhswa

the moon is going along dying,
waning phase



ašiihkiwi

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 Kiilhswa
Sandhill Crane Moon

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leepanki 'it is cold weather'

Cecaahkwa Kiilhswa

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Sandhill Crane Moon

nkotakone poonikiishikahki monday	niišakone poonikiishikahki tuesday	nihšokone poonikiishikahki wednesday	niiyakone poonikiishikahki thursday	yaalanokone poonikiishikahki friday	kaakaathsokone poonikiishikahki saturday	swaahteethokone poonikiishikahki sunday
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13 3/2	14  3/3	15 3/4	16 3/5	17 3/6	18 Peewaaliaki aacimwiyan kiiwahtekaataawi koteenki 3/7	19 Daylight Savings Time Begins 3/8
20 3/9	21 3/10	22  3/11	23 3/12	24 3/13	25 3/14	26 3/15
27 3/16	28 3/17	29 3/18				

A winter landscape featuring a snow-covered river with a small waterfall. The sky is a mix of dark grey and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. Bare trees line the banks of the river. A decorative border of white diamonds and dots runs along the top edge of the image.

Tahkinkamiaahkwa Kiilhsua

Cold Water Moon

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peenkihšinka 'the sun sets'

A decorative border at the bottom of the image consisting of a series of white and brown triangles pointing upwards.

Tahkinkamiaahkwa Kiilhswa 2026

Cold Water Moon

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26 4/13	27 4/14	28 Tax Day 4/15	29 4/16	30 4/17		



Moocapinka Kiilhswa
Resting Moon

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saakipakahki *'the leaves sprout'*

Moocapinka Kiilhswa

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Resting Moon

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Moonahakiilhswa
Plowing Moon

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iihkipakahkiki *'the land turns green'*

Moonahakiilhsua

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Plowing Moon

nkotakone
poonikiišikahki
monday

niišakone
poonikiišikahki
tuesday

nihsokone
poonikiišikahki
wednesday

niiyakone
poonikiišikahki
thursday

yaalanokone
poonikiišikahki
friday

kaakaathsokone
poonikiišikahki
saturday

swahteethsokone
poonikiišikahki
sunday

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30 6/15	6/9	6/10	6/11	6/12	6/13	6/14



Aciikatakiilhswa
Hilling the Corn Moon

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peehkateekia 'flowers'

Aciikatakiilhsua

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Hilling the Corn Moon

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14 6/29	15 6/30 	16 7/1	17 7/2	18 7/3	19 Independence Day 7/4	20 7/5
21 7/6	22 7/7	23 7/8 	24 7/9	25 7/10	26 7/11	27 7/12
28 7/13	29 7/14					



Takwaakikiilhswa
Harvest Season Moon

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mahkoteewi 'prairie'

Takwaakikiilhswa

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Harvest Season Moon

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27 8/10	28 8/11	29 8/12	30 8/13			



Mihšiiwia Kiilhswa
Elk Moon

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pihkwaahkionki 'on the hill top'

Mihšiiwia Kiilhswa

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Elk Moon

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18 8/31	19 9/1	20 9/2	21 9/3	22 9/4 	23 9/5	24 9/6
25 Labor Day 9/7	26 9/8	27 9/9	28 9/10	29 9/11		



Šaašakolia Kiihswa
Fires Burning Moon

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peehki kiišikahki 'it is nice weather'

Šaašakolia Kiilhswa

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Fires Burning Moon

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24 10/5	25 10/6	26 10/7	27 10/8	28 10/9	29 10/10	30 10/11



Aamaleekiilhsua Deer Rutting Moon

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nantonamahwitaawi! 'let's go hunting!'



Aamaleekiilhsua

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Deer Rutting Moon

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29 11/9						



Pinaweekiilhsua
Antler Shedding Moon

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aahsanteeki neehi tikawi aalahkwahki *'it is sunny and a little bit cloudy'*

Pinaweekiilhsua

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Antler Shedding Moon

nkotakone poonikiishikahki monday	niišakone poonikiishikahki tuesday	nihsokone poonikiishikahki wednesday	niiyakone poonikiishikahki thursday	yaalanokone poonikiishikahki friday	kaakaathsokone poonikiishikahki saturday	swahteethsokone poonikiishikahki sunday
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Pipoonwekiilhswa
Winter Moon

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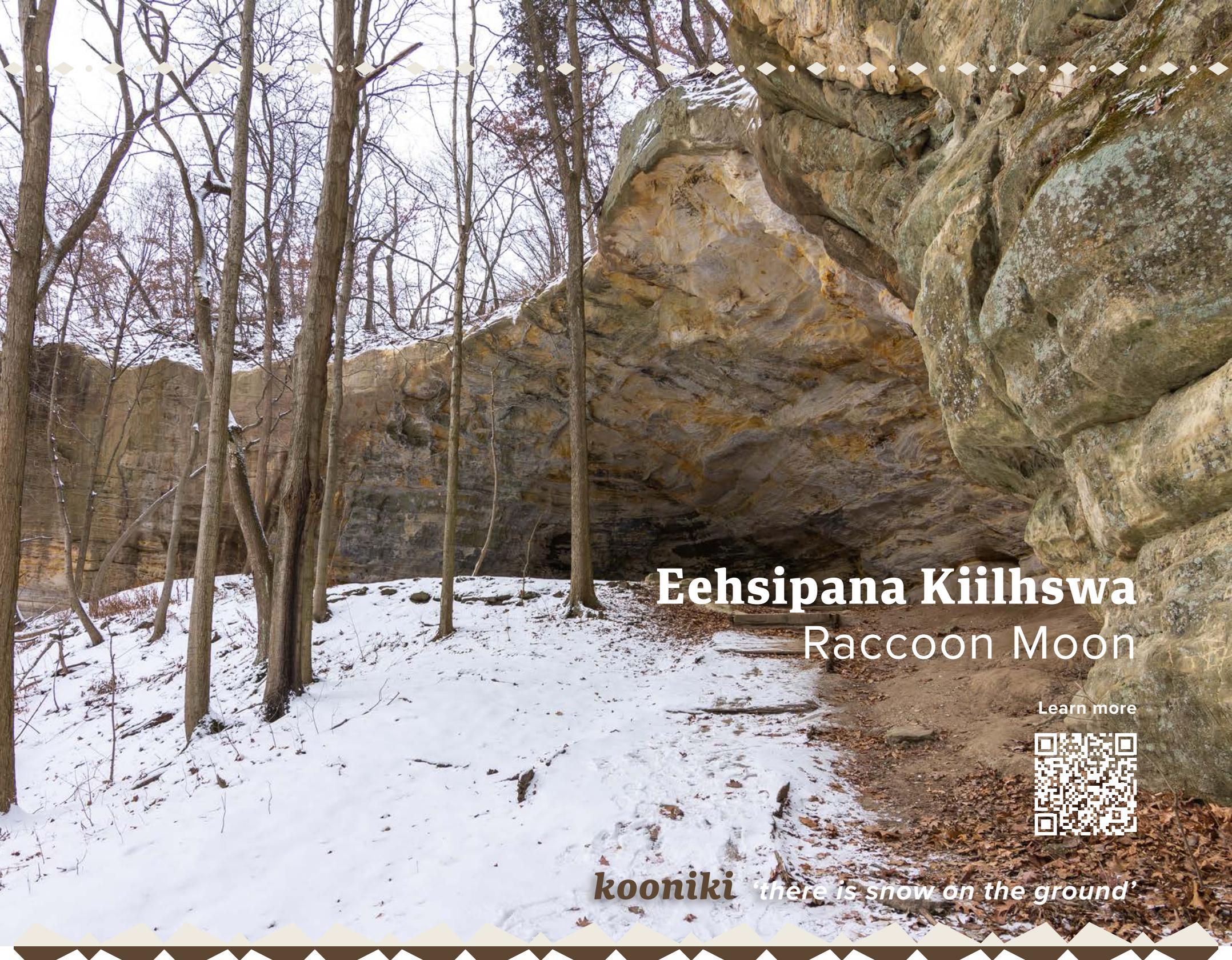
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Pipoonwekiilhswa

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Winter Moon

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26 1/4/27	27 1/5/27	28 1/6/27	29 1/7/27			



Eehsipana Kiilhswa Raccoon Moon

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kooniki *'there is snow on the ground'*



Eehsipana Kiilhswa

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Raccoon Moon

nkotakone poonikiišikahki monday	niišakone poonikiišikahki tuesday	nihšokone poonikiišikahki wednesday	niiyakone poonikiišikahki thursday	yaalanokone poonikiišikahki friday	kaakaathšokone poonikiišikahki saturday	swahteethšokone poonikiišikahki sunday
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Additional Learning

Peoria language important phrases

Greetings

aya.....	hello, hi (general greeting)
aya eeweemilaani.....	Hello my relative
tipeewe neeyolaani.....	It's good to see you
neehahkinko kiiyaw.....	Is it well with yourself?
neehahki niyaw.....	It's well with myself
aya eeweemilakakoki.....	Hello my relatives
tipeewe neeyolakakoki.....	It's good to see you (plural)

Departure Phrases

neeyolaani kati.....	I will see you later
neeyolakakoki kati.....	I will see you(plural) later
kinšimi kati neeyolaani.....	I will see you soon
waapanke kati neeyolaani.....	I will see you tomorrow



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Niila Peewaalia
I am Peoria

Questions

taaniši kiilhswa iišihšinki..... How is the moon phase?

keetwi noonki kiilhswa..... What moon/month is he (now)?

keetwi noonki kaahkiihkwe..... What is today?

keetwi noonki poonikiišikahki.. What is the day of the week (today)?



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Daily Terms & Phrases

iihi..... yes

moohci..... no

teepaalilaani..... I love you

teepaalilakakoki..... I love you(plural)

wiihsinitaawi..... Let's eat!

mihši neewe..... thank you very much (big thanks)

nahi nipaalo..... Sleep well!



Niiloona
Peewaaliaki
We (exclusive) are Peoria

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Peewaaliaataweenki

Peoria language pronunciation guide

Vowels

Symbol	Peewaalia - Peoria example word	Sound in English
a	<u>a</u> kima (chief)	<u>c</u> ot, <u>p</u> ot
aa	al <u>a</u> ankwia (rainbow)	<u>b</u> all, <u>f</u> all
e	al <u>e</u> nia (man)	<u>w</u> et, <u>n</u> et
ee	<u>n</u> ee <u>w</u> e (thank you)	<u>f</u> ade, <u>bl</u> ade
i	<u>t</u> i <u>p</u> ee <u>w</u> e (good, gladly, pleasing)	<u>j</u> ig, <u>w</u> ig
ii	<u>n</u> i <u>i</u> wi (four)	<u>b</u> ee, <u>f</u> eed
o	<u>k</u> o <u>t</u> ewi (fire)	<u>n</u> o, <u>g</u> o
oo	<u>o</u> o <u>w</u> i <u>š</u> i (in this direction, this way)	<u>g</u> oose, <u>m</u> oose

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



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Consonants

Symbol	Peewaalia - Peoria example word	Sound in English
c	<u>ç</u> iikamwaki (twins)	<u>ç</u> harley, <u>ç</u> huck
h	nintee <u>h</u> i (my heart)	<u>h</u> ear, <u>h</u> appy
k	<u>k</u> ociihsa (bean)	<u>k</u> ind, <u>k</u> ey
l	nipaa <u>l</u> o (You go to sleep!)	<u>s</u> leep, <u>l</u> ow
m	<u>m</u> iicioni (food)	<u>m</u> eal, <u>m</u> outh
n	<u>n</u> oo <u>h</u> sa (my father)	<u>n</u> ew, <u>n</u> ow
p	<u>p</u> ee <u>w</u> aaliaki (Peoria people)	<u>p</u> erson, <u>p</u> eople
s	<u>s</u> aakiciki (they sprout)	<u>s</u> prout, <u>s</u> ong
š	kii <u>š</u> ikwi (sky)	<u>š</u> oe, <u>š</u> ovel
t	<u>t</u> aanaaha (where about, when)	<u>t</u> ip, <u>t</u> op
w	ni <u>w</u> i <u>i</u> wa (my wife)	<u>w</u> e, <u>w</u> ind
y	ki <u>y</u> o <u>š</u> ia (elder man, old man)	<u>y</u> ard, <u>y</u> arn



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Consonant Clusters & Other Sounds

Symbol..Peewaalia - Peoria example word	Sound in English
mp wi <u>mp</u> i (bone marrow)	sl <u>um</u> ber, cuc <u>um</u> ber
nc..... ceek <u>nc</u> i (on both sides, on all sides).....	<u>inj</u> ure, <u>con</u> join
nk noon <u>k</u> i (now)	<u>fi</u> nger, <u>li</u> nger
nsmahkoo <u>ns</u> a (young bear, little bear).....	<u>bron</u> ze, <u>bon</u> zai
nški <u>nš</u> imi (soon, swiftly)	<u>nzh</u> sound (as in an "n" sound plus the "zh" sound of the "s" in treas <u>ure</u> , meas <u>ure</u>)
nt wi <u>nt</u> anto (You read it!).....	<u>f</u> ender, <u>b</u> ender
mVs..... <u>mi</u> sikhwa (hail).....	as in the example <u>miz</u> (sound <u>m vowel z</u>)
mVš..... <u>mo</u> ošaki (always, continuously, all the time).....	as in the example <u>moozh</u> (sound <u>m vowel zh</u>)
nVs..... ahkw <u>an</u> iswa (young girl)	as in the example <u>niz</u> (sound <u>n vowel z</u>)
nVš <u>na</u> aši (You fetch him/her! You get him/her!)	as in the example <u>naazh</u> (sound <u>n vowel zh</u>)

V = any Peoria vowel



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Preaspirated Consonants

Symbol	Peewaalia - Peoria example word.....	Sound in English no comparison sounds in English
hc.....	pi <u>hc</u> ita (little bird).....	preaspirated hc small puff or breath of air plus c consonant (ch) sound
hk	ah <u>hk</u> i (garden, field).....	preaspirated hk small puff or breath of air plus k consonant (k) sound
hp	ee <u>hp</u> iši (when, ago, time)	preaspirated hp small puff or breath of air plus p consonant (p) sound
hs.....	mi <u>hs</u> i (piece of firewood)	preaspirated hs small puff or breath of air plus s consonant (s) sound
hš.....	mi <u>hš</u> iwiwa (elk).....	preaspirated hš small puff or breath of air plus š consonant (sh) sound
ht	ee <u>ht</u> waani (I have it, I put it)	preaspirated ht small puff or breath of air plus t consonant (t) sound

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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