

Onöndowa'ga:' Gawë:nö'--Seneca (People of the Great Hill) Language
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Part 1: Ganö:nyök Key Words

Sga:d hëdwa:yë:' ögwa'nigöë'--one we will have, our mind

dëdwadahnö:nyö:'--we give thanks to each other

dëyetinönyö:'--we give thanks to her / them

dëdwanö:nyö:'--we give thanks to it

dësedwanö:nyö:'--we give thanks to him

ha'deyögwe'dage:h--all of the people

etinö'ëh yöëdzade'--Our Mother Earth

o:nëgitgësö'--there are natural springs

o:negahdë:jo:h--flowing streams

ga:negada:nyö'--all that has water in it

ga:negowa:në's--big waters

ha'deogyo'dza:ge:h--all of the grasses

ha'deyonöhgwa'shä:ge:h--all of the medicinal plants

ha'deyoji:yage:h--all of the fruits/berries

ojisdöda'shä'--strawberry

gahadayë'--forest

wahda'--maple tree

ha'deganyo'dage:h--all of the animals

ha'degaji'dage:h--all of the birds

ha'dewënödë:nö:de:' Johehgöh--Three Sisters, Our Life Sustainers

deyoä:wënye:h--stirring wind, breeze

etihso:d hadiwënodaje's--Our grandfathers the thunderers

Hi'önü'--Leader of the Thunderers

sed wahji' è:de:kha:' gähgwä:'--Our Elder Brother, the daytime orb of light (sun)

etihso:d söe:kha:' gähgwä:'--Our Grandmother the night-time orb of light (moon)

gajihö'dëönyö'--there are stars in it (stars)

sed wagowanë:nö' Ganyodaiyo'--Our Great Leader Handsome Lake

ge:ih nyënödi:h Hadiöya'geönö'--Four Beings, Sky Dwellers

Sögwajenö'kda'öh--Our Creator

Da:h ne'hoh dih nøyögwa'nigo'dë:ök--and so let it be that way in our minds

Part 2

Dë'ëh—What?

_____ ni:s šya:söh—you are called
 _____ yeya:söh—she is called
 ögwe'öwe:kha:'—Native way
 Sö:h nä:h në:gë:h?—Who is this?
 akno'ëh---my mother
 hage'nih / ha'nih---my father
 kea:wak---my daughter
 hea:wak---my son

_____ ni:' gya:söh—I am called
 _____ haya:söh—he is called
 ga:nyö'öhkha:'—non-Native/English way
 Sö:h nä:h higë:h?—Who is that?
 sano'ëh---your mother
 ya'nih---your father
 shea:wak---your daughter
 hesha:wak---your son

Part 3

0--da'gwisdë'—nothing	1--sga:d	2--dekni:h	3—sëh	4--ge:ih
5—wis	6--ye:i'	7--dza:dak	8--degyö'	
9--johdö:h	10--washë:h	11--sga:sgae'	12--dekni:sgae'	
13--së:sgae'	14—ge:ih sgae'	15—wis sgae'	16—ye:i' sgae'	
17--dza:dak sgae'	18--degyö' sgae'	19--johdö:h sgae'	20--dewashë:h—	
30--sëh niwashë:h	40—ge:ih niwashë:h	50—wis niwashë:h		

Part 4

Do: niyoisda:'e:h? How many times has it struck metal / What time is it?

niyonö'sgä:ge:h notches / minutes
 niyoisda:'e:h number of strikes on metal / hour
 heyoähdöh after
 nejono:ö' before / lacking
 ha'dewahsë:nöh half past
 ha'dewë:nishë:h midday / noon
 ha'dewahsö:twëh midnight

Part 5

nya:wëh sgë:nö' —I am thankful you are well.	hae' —hello / hi
sgë:nö' nä:h? —Are you well?	ë:h —yes
gadögweta' —I feel well	göhi:yo:h —I feel healthy.
hë'ëh —no	de'sgë:nö' —I am not well
de'gadögwe:ta' —I do not feel well.	aknö'ë:gö's —I have a headache

Part 6

Dë'ëh niyoje:ëh asdeh?—What is happening outside?

osdëö:jö:h —it is raining	o'gyö:jö:h —it is snowing	otho:we' —it is cold
one:nö' —it is warm	odë:hgo:d —it is sunny	gä:ha' —it is windy
ohji'ge' —it is cloudy koh—also	dewënihwahsöh —a succession of lightning flashes	

Part 7

yekönya'ta'geh ---kitchen	adogwa'shä' ---spoon	gadzë' ---plate/dish
gahsigwä: ---fork	gaganya'shä' ---knife	ga:wisda' ---cup
deyohso:d ---bowl	deywisisä:te' ---drinking glass	ganö'dza' ---kettle/pot
Dasgöh ---Hand it to me.	Dasha:h ---Bring it here.	Ho'se:goh ---Go and get it.