



**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:jö: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)

**gajihso'dëonyö'**--there are stars in it (stars)

**sed wagowanë:nö' Sganyodaiyo'**--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  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **de'šya:söh**—you are not called  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **yeya:söh**—she is called  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **de'eyasöh**—she is not 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  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **de'gya:söh**—I am not called  
**haya:söh**—he is called  
**da:yasöh**—he is not 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  
**hehsa:wak**—your son

## Part 3

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

**Do:h nigano:ö?**—How much does it cost?

<b>Do:h nisa:wisda:yë?</b> —How much money do you have?	<b>sga:wisda:d</b> ---\$1.00
<b>dega:wisda:ge:h</b> ---\$2.00	<b>niga:wisda:ge:h</b> ---the amount of dollars
<b>sgagwénishä:d</b> ---1 ¢	<b>degagwénishä:ge:h</b> ---2 ¢
<b>niga:gwénishä:ge:h</b> ---amount of cents	<b>gano:ö'</b> ---It's expensive, difficult.
<b>Ogwe:nyö:h ègata'dö:h?</b> —It is possible, I will borrow...?	<b>waje:sëh</b> --- It's cheap.
<b>dewagaja'gi:h</b> ---I'm broke.	



## 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

**heyöähdöh** 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

**hë'ëh**—no      **ha'degaye:i'**---good enough

**gadögweta'**—I feel well      **de'gadögwe:ta'**—I do not feel well.

**yödögweta'**---she feels well.      **de'ödögwe:ta'**---She does not feel well.

**hadögweta'**---He feels well.      **da:dögwe:ta'**---He does not feel well.

## Part 6

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

**Dë'ëh niwënišyo'dë:nö?**---What kind of day was it?

**Dë'ëh niwënišyo'dë:ök?**---What kind of day will it be?

**osdëö:jö:h**—it is raining      **ëyosdëö:di'**--it will rain      **wa'osdëö:di'**--it rained

**o'gyö:jö:h**—it is snowing      **ëyo'gyö:di'**--it will snow      **wa'ogyö:di'**--it snowed

**otho:we'**—it is cold      **ëwötho:wä:t**--it will get cold      **o'watho:wä:t**--it got cold



one:nö'—it is warm	ëgane:nö:'--it will get warm	o'gane:nö:'--it got warm
odë:hgo:d—it is sunny	ëwodë:hgo:dë'--it will be sunny	o'wahdëhgo:dë'--it was sunny
gä:ha'—wind is blowing	dëgä:wë:nye:'--wind will stir	o'gä:ë'--wind blew
ohji'ge'—it is cloudy	koh—also	

## Part 7

yekönya'ta'geh---kitchen	adogwa'shä'---spoon	gadzë'---plate/dish
gahsigwä:---fork	gaganya'shä'---knife	ga:wisda'---cup
deyohso:d---bowl	deyowisä:te'---drinking glass	ganö'dza'---kettle/pot
dasgöh---Hand it to me.	dasha:h---Bring it here.	ho'se:goh---Go and get it.
në:gë:h---this	higë:h---that	neh---the
hae'gwah---also	deyosait---pepper	ojike'da'---salt
owisä:ta'---butter	owä:nö'---sugar	onö'gwa'---milk
Sadöswe'da:nih?--You are hungry?		Agadöswe'da:nih--I am hungry.
Saga'has--you like the taste of it?		Agega'has--I like the taste of it.
De'saga'has--you do not like the taste of it?		Da'agega'has--I do not like the taste if it.
Oga'öh--It tastes good.	De'oga'öh--It does not taste good.	Ëse:k--you will eat it.
Ëge:k--I will eat it.	gaihdo'ya'ka:' dega:hgwa'se:'--Italian pie (pizza)	
ono:hgwa'--corn soup	osae'da'---bean	onëö'--corn   o'wa:'--meat
ga:nya'o:ya'--apple		

## Part 8

gya'di:h---me	šya'di:h---you	yeya'di:h---she
haya'di:h---he	dehniyashe:h----you & I	desniyashe:h---you two
deniyashe:h---two males	dekniyashe:h---two females	deyakniyashe:h---someone & I
dwagwe:göh---you all & I	agwagwe:göh---they & I	swagwe:göh---all of you
hadigwe:göh---they, 3 or more males, OR a mixed group of males and females		
wadigwe:göh---they, 3 or more females	gaya'di:h---it	



## Part 9

**knöe's**---I like it

**snöe's**---You like it.

**yenöe's**---She likes it.

**hanöe's**---He likes it.

**hninöe's**---You and I like it.

**sninöe's**---You two like it.

**hinöe's**---Two males like it.

**kninöe's**---Two females like it.

**akninöe's**---Somenone and I like it.

**dwanöe's**---You all and I, we like it.

**hadinöe's**---They like it, 3 or males or a mixed group.

**wadinöe's**---They like it, 3 or more females.

**agwanöe's**---They and I like it.

**swanöe's**---All of you like it.

## Part 10

**ajadawi'shä'**---shirt, dress, or coat

**ahdahgwa'**---shoe(s)

**onö'gö:kha' ahšönyashä'**---under clothes

**gaya:a'**---bag

**gatgwë'da'**---purse, pouch

**waetgëh**---It's bad, ugly.

**gayahdowe'shä'**---pants

**adahdi'shä'**---sock(s)

**atwahashä'**---belt

**ga'ka:a'**---skirt

**wi:yo:h**---It's good.

## Dialogue #1

**Knöe's hi:gë:h ajadawishä'.**

(I like it / that / shirt, dress, coat.)

Waetgëh! De'knöe's!

(It is bad, ugly / I do not like it.)

**Snöe's në:gë:h gayahdowe'shä'?**

(You like it / this / pants?)

Ë:h. Do: nigano:ö'?

(Yes / How much does it cost?)

**Sëh niwashë:h wis niga:wisda:ge:h, sgagwënishä:d koh.**

(35 / dollars / 1 cent / also.)



## Part 11

A-Stem <i>To use something</i>	Habitual (I use it.) (I am using it.) <b>Jawë'öh</b> (always)	Stative (I have used it.) (I had used it.) (I am using it.)	Definite (I used it.) <b>Te:dé'</b> (yesterday) <b>Sö:de'</b> (last night)	Conditional (I could use it.) (I might use it.) (I would use it.) (I should use it.)	Future (I will use it.) <b>Ëyo:hë't</b> (tomorrow) <b>Ëyo:hë't ëyo'gäh</b> (tomorrow night)
<b>Gya'di:h</b> (I)	gajä'dahgwa'	agajä'dahgöh	o'gajä'dak	a:gajä'dak	ëgajä'dak
<b>Šya'di:h</b> (you)	sajä'dahgwa'	sajä'dahgöh	o'sajä'dak	a:sajä'dak	ësajä'dak
<b>Haya'di:h</b> (he)	hajä'dahgwa'	hojä'dahgöh	wa:jä'dak	a:jä'dak	ëojä'dak
<b>Yeya'di:h</b> (she)	yöjä'dahgwa'	gojä'dahgöh	wa'öjä'dak	a:yöjä'dak	ëyöjä'dak
<b>Gaya'di:h</b> (it)	wajä'dahgwa'	ojä'dahgöh	o'wajä'dak	a:wajä'dak	ëwöjä'dak
<b>Dehniyashe:h</b> (You and I)	hnyajä'dahgwa'	ögyajä'dahgöh	e;jajä'dak	a:jajä'dak	ë;jajä'dak
<b>Deyakniyashe:h</b> (someone and I)	agyajä'dahgwa'	ögyajä'dahgöh	wa'agyajä'dak	a:yagyajä'dak	ëyagyajä'dak
<b>Desniyashe:h</b> (you two)	snyajä'dahgwa'	snyajä'dahgöh	esnyajä'dak	aesnyajä'dak	ësnyajä'dak
<b>Deniyashe:h</b> (two males)	yajä'dahgwa'	honöjä'dahgöh	wa:yajä'dak	a:yajä'dak	ë:yajä'dak
<b>Dekniyashe:h</b> (two females)	gyajä'dahgwa'	onöjä'dahgöh	o'gyajä'dak	a:gyajä'dak	ëgyajä'dak
<b>Dwagwe:göh</b> (you all and I)	dwajä'dahgwa'	ögwäjä'dahgöh	edwajä'dak	aedwajä'dak	ëdwajä'dak
<b>Agwagwe:göh</b> (they and I)	agwajä'dahgwa'	ögwäjä'dahgöh	wa'agwajä'dak	a:yagwajä'dak	ëyagwajä'dak
<b>Swagwe:göh</b> (you all)	swajä'dahgwa'	swajä'dahgöh	eswajä'dak	aeswajä'dak	ëswajä'dak
<b>Hadigwe:göh</b> (3 or more men / or a mixed group)	hënöjä'dahgwa'	honöjä'dahgöh	wë:nöjä'dak	aënöjä'dak	ë:nöjä'dak
<b>Wadigwe:göh</b> (3 or more females)	wënöjä'dahgwa'	onöjä'dahgöh	o'wënöjä'dak	a:wënöjä'dak	ëwënöjä'dak



## Part 12

A-Stem <i>To fish</i>	Habitual (I fish.) (I am fishing.) <b>Jawë'öh</b> (always)	Stative (I have fished.) (I had fished.) (I am fishing.)	Definite (I did fish.) <b>Te:dé'</b> (yesterday) <b>Sö:de'</b> (last night)	Conditional (I could fish.) (I might fish.) (I would fish.) (I should fish.)	Future (I will fish.) <b>Ēyo:hë't</b> (tomorrow) <b>Ēyo:hë't ēyo'gäh</b> (tomorrow night)
<b>Gya'di:h</b> (I)	gidzo'ia:s	agidzo'ia:göh	o'gidzo'ia:k	a:gidzo'ia:k	ēgidzo'ia:k
<b>Šya'di:h</b> (you)	sidzo'ia:s	sëdzo'ia:göh	o'sidzo'ia:k	a:sidzo'ia:k	ēsidzo'ia:k
<b>Haya'di:h</b> (he)	hëdzo'ia:s	hodzo'iagöh	wë:idzo'ia:k	aëdzo'ia:k	ë:idzo'ia:k
<b>Yeya'di:h</b> (she)	yedzo'ia:s	godzo'iagöh	wa'edzo'ia:k	a:yëdzo'ia:k	ëyedzo'ia:k
<b>Gaya'di:h</b> (it)	gëdzo'ia:s'	odzo'iagöh	o'wëdzo'ia:k	a:wëdzo'ia:k	ëwëdzo'ia:k
<b>Dehniyashe:h</b> (You and I)	hnidzo'ia:s	öknidzo'ia:göh	ehnidzo'ia:k	a:hnidzo'ia:k	ëhnidzo'ia:k
<b>Deyakniyashe:h</b> (someone and I)	aknidzo'ia:s	öknidzo'ia:göh	wa'aknidzo'ia:k	a:yaknidzo'ia:k	ëyaknidzo'ia:k
<b>Desniyashe:h</b> (you two)	snidzo'ia:s	snidzo'iagöh	esnidzo'ia:k	aesnidzo'ia:k	ësnidzo'ia:k
<b>Deniyashe:h</b> (two males)	hidzo'ia:s	honidzo'ia:göh	wa:nidzo'ia:k	a:anidzo'ia:k	ë:nidzo'ia:k
<b>Dekniyashe:h</b> (two females)	knidzo'ia:s	onidzo'ia:göh	o'knidzo'ia:k	a:knidzo'ia:k	ëknidzo'ia:k
<b>Dwagwe:göh</b> (you all and I)	dwëdzo'ia:s	ögwëdzo'iagöh	edwëdzo'ia:k	aedwëdzo'ia:k	ëdwëdzo'ia:k
<b>Agwagwe:göh</b> (they and I)	agwëdzo'ia:s	ögwëdzo'iagöh	wa'agwëdzo'ia:k	a:yagwëdzo'ia:k	ëyagwëdzo'ia:k
<b>Swagwe:göh</b> (you all)	swëdzo'ia:s	swëjidzo'ia:göh	eswëdzo'ia:k	aeswëdzo'ia:k	ëswëdzo'ia:k
<b>Hadigwe:göh</b> (3 or more men / or a mixed group)	hënidzo'ia:s	honidzo'ia:göh	wë:nidzo'ia:k	aënidzo'ia:k	ë:nidzo'ia:k
<b>Wadigwe:göh</b> (3 or more females)	wënidzo'ia:s	onidzo'ia:göh	o'wënidzo'ia:k	a:wënidzo'ia:k	ëwënidzo'ia:k