

## Paiute Language Reference Guide

### Paiute Vowel Sounds

- a - sounds like the a in father – nana, (nah’nah)
- e - sounds like uh or when you say the word just – neme, (nuh’muh) or people
- i - sounds like e in – mubi, (moo’bee) - nose
- o - sounds like oh – pokoadé, (poh’koh’ah’duh) - hill
- u - sounds like oo in food, just a little longer – kuma, (koo’mah) – husband
- ? – called a glottal stop – the hesitant like saying uh’oh

### Greetings

How are you ? - ha?u eh (ha?oo uh)

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Your Name mi?i ne na’ni?a ( me?e nuh nah’nee?ah)

(my name is, Your Name)

Hayu ee nani?a – (ha’you uuh nah’nee’ah)

What is your name?

My father is – uh me naa (nah) or inaa usu (e’nah oo’soo)

My mother is – uh me pia (pe’ah) or ibadi usu (e’ba’de oo’so)

Who is that \_\_\_\_\_ haga usu – (ha’gah oo’soo)

That’s my \_\_\_\_\_ usu i – (oo’soo ee)

### Relatives

Grandfather (maternal) -- togo?o - (toh’goh?oh)

Grandfather (paternal) --- keno?o – (kuh’noh?oh)

Grandmother (maternal) -- mo?a – (moh’ah)

Grandmother (Paternal) — hutsi?i – (hoo’see?ee)

Aunt – pidu – (pee’doo)

Uncle - ?aatsi – (?ah’see)

Brother – saamu – (sah’moo)

Sister – penni?i (puh’nee?e)

Baby – oha?a – (oh’ha?a)

Boy – naatsi – (naa’see)

Girl – tsea?a - (se’ah?a)

Man – nana – (nah’nah)

Woman – mogo?ni – (moh’goh?nee)

### Word List

Wake up ----- tepuni ----- tuh’poo’nee

Get out of bed -yatsiu ----- yah’see’oo

Chief ----- pabi?i ----- pah’be?ee

Warrior ----- papabi?i ----- pah’pah’be?ee

Horse ----- puku ----- poo’koo

Bow ----- ade ----- ah’duh

Arrow ----- aa ----- aah

That’s Cool ---- hutsawa ---- hoot’sah’wah

Yes ----- ahaa ----- ah’haa

No ----- kai ----- kai or kye

### Colors

**Blue** ----- puhi ----- (poo’hee)

**Brown** ----- ikwitsi ----- (eek’we’see)

**Black** ----- tuhu ----- (too’hoo)

**White** ----- toha ----- (toh’ha)

**Red** ----- atsa ----- (ah’sah)

**Yellow** ----- oha ----- (oh’ha)

**Orange** ----- o’ah ----- (o’ah)

**That’s** – usu – (oo’soo)     **Its** – kwikya (kwee’kya)