

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to introduce themselves in Oneida, understand basic greetings, and use simple phrases in conversation. This will lay the foundation for further exploration of the Oneida language and culture.

Materials and Prep

- Notebook and pen for taking notes
- Access to a computer or tablet for online resources (optional)
- Printed vocabulary list of basic Oneida words and phrases
- Audio recordings of Oneida pronunciation (if available)
- A comfortable space for practicing speaking and listening

Activities

• Introduction to Oneida Sounds

Start with listening to audio recordings of Oneida words and phrases. Focus on the pronunciation and intonation. Repeat after the recordings to practice speaking the language.

• Vocabulary Flashcards

Create flashcards with Oneida words on one side and their English translations on the other. Use these cards to quiz yourself and enhance memory retention.

• Role-Playing Conversations

Pair up with a family member or stuffed animal to practice introducing yourself and using greetings in Oneida. This will help build confidence in speaking.

• Oneida Cultural Exploration

Research and discuss Oneida culture, traditions, and history. Relate the language to its cultural context, emphasizing the importance of language in preserving heritage.

Talking Points

- "Hello" - *Shekóli*
- "My name is [Your Name]" - *Niá:wen [Your Name] é:ne*
- "How are you?" - *Tsí:niyuk?*
- "I am fine" - *Ni:yo*
- "Thank you" - *Niá:wen*
- "Goodbye" - *Yá:wi*
- "Please" - *Yáh*
- "Yes" - *É:wi*
- "No" - *É:ne*