Chapter 2

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2.1 Syllabary Writing Practice

Exercise 2.1. Do the dictation exercise for the seven letters “D”, “R”, “T”, “ᔕ”, “ᔑ”, “i” and “S”. Be sure to say the name of the letter each time you *start* writing it. Remember to keep the tip of your tongue against your lower front teeth as you say aloud each letter. Penmanship paper, if not provided, can be obtained at your nearest school supplies store.[1]

In Figure 2.1 on the next page you will find step by step diagrams showing how to write each letter.[2] **Do not write out the English pronunciation next to each letter**. If you do, you will cripple your ability to read and write the Syllabary.

2.2 Vocabulary Review

Exercise 2.2. Translate into English (Answers on page 129):

1. ni

[1]We recommend that you obtain penmanship paper that is composed of bright tablet paper, is landscape oriented, that has seven writing lines.

[2]These are only a starting point. It is normal for each person to develop their own writing style after awhile.

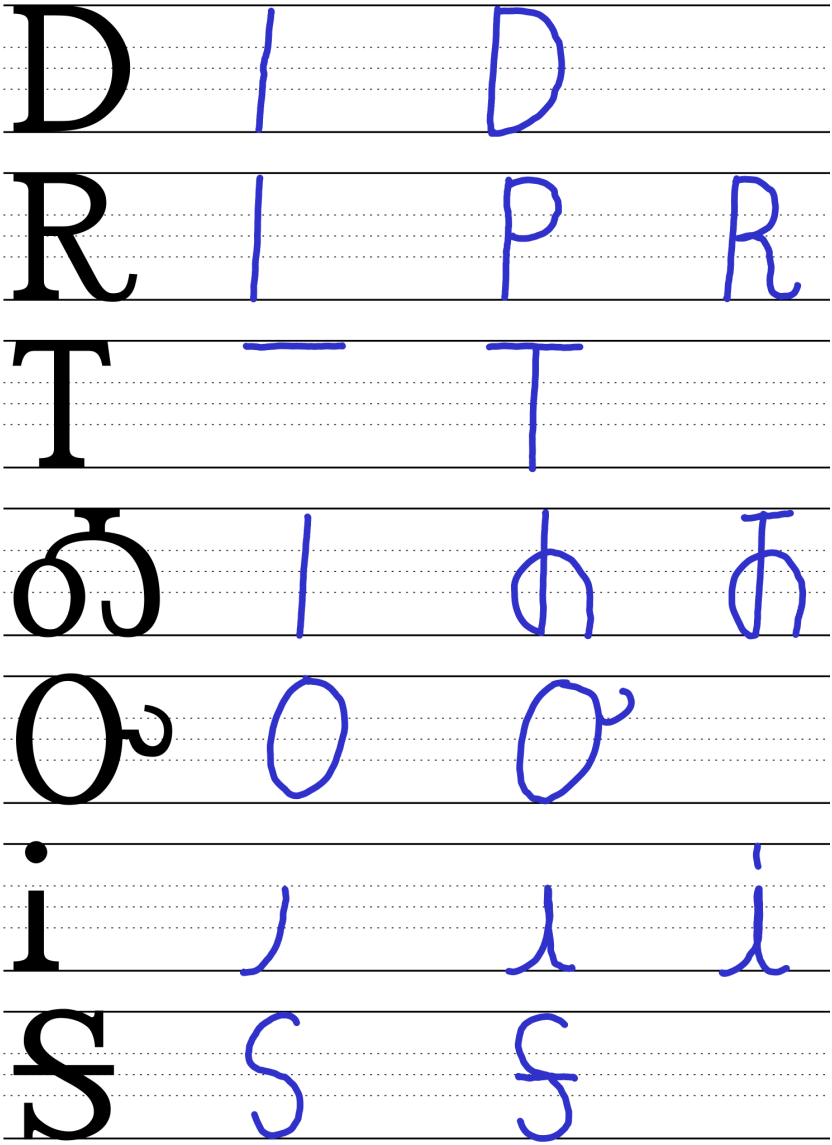

Figure 2.1: “D”, “R”, “T”, “ఠ”, “Ơ”, “i”, and “Ꞩ”

2. osiyo

   _____

3. yonega

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4. howa

   _____

5. tla

   _____

6. vv

   _____

7. vsgigi

   _____

8. ayo

   _____

9. jalagi

   _____

Exercise 2.3. Translate into Cherokee, do not write out pronunciation marks. (Answers on page 129):

1. look at that!

   _____

2. ouch!

   _____

3. hello

   _____

4. really?

   _____

5. All right.

   _____

6. no.

   _____

7. Cherokee.

_____

8. yes.

_____

9. English.

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2.3 Syllabary Speaking Practice

Keeping your tongue against your lower front teeth and moving your lips as little as possible, sound out each of the characters on the Syllabary on page 9 along with the audio from Chapter 1.

2.4 Vocabulary

2.4.1 Other

Exercise 2.4. Add the following vocabulary to your existing vocabulary flash cards. With your study group, practice saying the Cherokee for the English, and the English for the Cherokee with the flash cards.

ᏣᎳᎩ	Pronunciation	Yonega Translation
ᎠᎩᏕᏁ	a-gi-ga-ge	Red

2.4.2 Greetings, Exchanges, and Interjections

Exercise 2.5. Add the following vocabulary to your existing vocabulary flash cards. With your study group, practice saying the Cherokee for the English, and the English for the Cherokee with the flash cards.

ᏣᎳᎩ	Pronunciation	English Translation
ᏙᏱᏗ	do-hi-ju	How are you?
ᏙᏱᏘ	do-hi-quu	I am well.
ᏂᏱᏝᏲ	ni-hi:-na-hv	You?

Exercise 2.6. Add the following vocabulary to your existing vocabulary flash cards. With your study group, practice saying the Cherokee for the English, and the English for the Cherokee with the flash cards.

ᏣᎳᎩ	Pronunciation	English Translation
ᏥᏍᏓ	o-s-da	Good
ᎤᏂᏆ	u-yo?i	Bad

Exercise 2.7. Add the following vocabulary to your existing vocabulary flash cards. With your study group, practice saying the Cherokee for the English, and the English for the Cherokee with the flash cards.

ᏣᎳᎩ	Pronunciation	English Translation
ᏅᏫᏓᏁᏕᏆ	do-na-da-go-hv-i	See you later. (To one person.)
ᏅᏓᏓᏁᏕᏆ	do-da-da-go-hv-i	See you all later.
ᏆᏨᏅᏃᏆ	i he' do lv i'	You come around again.
ᏆᏓᏅᏃᏆ	i da' do lv i'	You all come around again.

2.5 Exercises

Exercise 2.8. Keeping your tongue against your lower front teeth and moving your lips as little as possible, speak aloud the Syllabary on page 10 using the Syllabary sounds found on the disk for Chapter 1.

Exercise 2.9. Do the dictation review exercises for the seven letters "D", "R", "T", "Ꮵ", "Ꭴ", "i" and "Ꮝ". Be sure to say the name of the letter each time you *start* writing it.