



TOKI PONA VOCABULARY v1



What is toki pona?

toki pona is a constructed language with a vocabulary of just over 120 words. It was created by Sonja Lang in 2001 and as of late 2022, has over two thousand speakers. I've included the most essential words here that are not grammatical particles.

What is sitelen pona?

sitelén pona is the most used writing system for toki pona besides the latin alphabet. It's a logography, so each word gets one symbol. It's helpful to learn toki pona and sitelen pona at the same time, which is what this resource is for!

	a ahl huh... hm? eh... hal wow. oh!		kalama make noise, sound, music; ex: humm, whir, static, pop, ripping paper		linja line, string, rope, flexible long thing, hair, worm		musi fun, entertaining, game, play; ex: Minecraft, tennis, music, the Mona Lisa		pimeja shadow, darkness, night, blackness		sona know, information; know how		wan united, married; one
	akesi lizard, reptile, amphibian; ex: snake, frog, lizard		kama arrive; become		lipu paper, book, document, collection of writing, website, file		mute many, amount, very		pini finished, completed, passed, over, deactivate turn off, close		soweli land mammal, fluffy animal, animal that runs; ex: ostrich, deer, cat		waso bird, flying creature; ex: airplane, eagle, bat
	ala no, not, nothing		kasi plant; ex: tree, bush, orchid, vine, root, cactus		loje reddish, orangeish		nanpa number, mathematical, code; marks ordinal numbers		pipi bug-like creature, worm, creepy crawly; ex: crab, butterfly, ant, spider		suli big, important, long, tall, adult		wawa strong, powerful, energetic, intense, electricity, confident
	alasa hunt, forage, search for; try		ken ability, permission, allow, possibility; be able		lon exist, reality, truth, in the context of, at, during		nasa weird quality, intoxicated, unexpected; ex: neurodivergent, queer, kink, eccentric, drunk, high		poka hip, side, nearby, riverbank, vicinity; contextual		suno sun, light source, brightness, day, light; ex: lamp		weka away, beyond, far, remove, steal, leave, ignored
	ale/ali all, everything		kepeken using		luka hand, arm, fingers, prehensile organ, touch with hand		nasin road, path, way, method, doctrine, religion; ex: highway 48, communism, Taoism		poki box, container, grouping, label ex: chest, pocket, coathook		supa table, chair, bed, flat furniture, surface for putting things on		wile want, desire, wish, tendency, intention; ex: hunger, sleepiness, greed
	anpa under, beneath; shame, defeat, beat		kili edible plant; fruit, veggie		lukin eye, look, see, read, watch; try		nena mountain, bump, protrusion, nose; ex: spike, button, nob, hook, hill, cyst		pona good, positive quality; ex: useful, soothing, easy, challenging		suwi sweet, cute, fragrant, innocent		tonsi trans person, nonbinary, gender non-conforming, not cisgender, etc
	ante different, alter, changed, other		kiwen hard substance, ex: rock, wood, glass, ice, metal, hard plastic		lupa hole, trench, divot, window, passageway; ex: bagel hole		ni this; that, yonder (demonstrative)		pu to interact with Toki Pona; the Language of Good (by Sonja Lang)		tan from, because; origin, reason		namako spice, herb, extra, garnish, additional, ornamental, the cherry on top; ex: paprika, the word "namako"
	awen stay, remain, protected; continue		ko semisolid, paste, powder, sticky, fluffy, squishy; ex: slug, sponge, halva, glue, stuffing, clay, sand		ma earth, ground, place, location; ex: country, city, campus		nimi name, word, sentence		sama similar, same, sibling, peer		taso but, however; alone, only, sole		kin also, in addition
	esun buy, sell, trade, swap, shop, market		kon unseen agent; air, gas, essence, spirit, meaning		mama parent, caretaker, ancestor, familial		noka leg, foot, organ of locomotion; ex: table legs, wheels, music stand, mobility aid		seli fire, heat, cook, chemical reaction		tawa towards, for, from the perspective of; moving, motion		monsuta spooky, scary, monster; ex: Mike Wazowski, arachnophobia
	ijo thing, something, being, action		kule color; sensory quality; pitch, flavor pallet, texture		mani currency, large domesticated land animals used for trade ex: goats, wampum, pennies		olin respect, appreciate, love, admire		selo skin, bark, outer layer, protective barrier		telo liquid water, fluid, changing shape like a liquid		tenpo situation, era, time, duration, moment
	ike bad, worsen, negative quality; ex: too hard, oversimplified, useless		kulupu group, community, society, plural system		meli woman(ish), feminine		ona they, it, any third person pronoun		seme what? which? who?		tenpo situation, era, time, duration, moment		toki talking, communicating, giving information, language; ex: french, scold, tell
	ilo tool, instrument, machine, utensil; ex: AI, computer, plough, engine, spoon		kute ear; hear, listen		mi I, we, me, us, my, our		open beginning, start, activate, turn on		sewi above, up, high, divine, sacred, god		tomo home, house, room, shelter, living space		tu cut, double, separated; two
	insa interior, contents, internal organ or component ex: lungs, motherboard		lape sleep, rest, break, hiatus		mije man(ish), masculine		pakala damaged, mistake, fuck up, break		sijelo body, form, shape, material		tomo home, house, room, shelter, living space		tu cut, double, separated; two
	jaki yucky, dirty, filth, shit, sick, disease		laso blueish, greenish, blueish purpleish		moku eat, consume, food, nutrients		pali work, make		sike circle, round, cycle; yearly		tu cut, double, separated; two		unpa to have sex with, sex, erotic
	jan person, being; ex: Marsha P Johnson, chief, Sonja Lang, worker, friend		lawa head, mind, leader, control, guide, regulate		moli die, kill		palisa stick, pole, rod, long inflexible object		sin new, anew, again, young, fresh		unpa to have sex with, sex, erotic		uta mouth, oral opening, feeding organ
	jelo yellowy colors		len woven, fabric, cloth, clothing, cover, hide, hidden		monsi back, ass, space behind		pan grain, starchy, bread		sina you, y'all, your, y'all's		uta mouth, oral opening, feeding organ		utala war, battle, fight, vigorous practice, rigorous test taking
	jo hold, carry, bring; have, own		lete cold		mu animal noise; ex: woof, meow, awoo, ribbit, plate shattering, baa		pana emit, give, set in motion; ex: teach, throw		sinpin face, front, in front, foremost; wall		utala war, battle, fight, vigorous practice, rigorous test taking		walo whiteish, light color
	kala fish, swimming creature; ex: whale, submarine, angler fish		lili small, young, few		mun stars, moon, celestial body; ex: saturn, alpha centuri, the andromeda galaxy		pilin emotion, feel, touching, opinion		sitelén picture, movie, image, symbols; draw, write; ex: semicolon;		walo whiteish, light color		lipamanka the creator of this resource https://lipamanka.github.io
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