all consonants: I mnvyhksdtjrczss mm II nn jj
all vowels: e a o iu ay ee oy oo
word-beginning-and-middle consonants: I y h k d trc
word-middle-and-ending consonants: II ss mm
word-middle-only consonants: nn (jj)
word-anywhere consonants: m n v s j z
word-beginning-and-middle vowels: e i u
word-ending vowels: ay ee oy oo
word-anywhere-vowels: o a

Consonants are pronounced more or less like in English, except that c is IPA [q], j is closer to 'zh' than 'dzh', and the $r$ is tapped or briefly rolled.

Doubled consonants are held longer / pronounced doubly.
Long vowels are as in English; a and o are clean.
The $i$ is the $i$ in 'bit', e is the e in 'bet', and $u$ is close to the $u$ in 'push'.
When i or u come before another vowel, they sound closer to their clean sounds (especially i) and sometimes partially diphthong.

Any non-double C can be followed by y (and then a vowel).
$k$ very rarely goes before u or o; c never goes before e, i , or y , but instead changes to k .
jj only shows up when pluralizing a word that ends in $j$ ( $v$ and $z$ pluralize with vya and zya).
ay ee oy oo only show up at the end of a word, unless compound or suffix(es).
y is the only C that can follow another C , and not a double one.
A double consonant (including (C)y) can never follow a long vowel, nor start a word.
i and ee don't follow y; y rarely follows i or ee, but it can.
When compounding, epenthetic $y$ or a if needed; if consonant doubles, double or add $y$.
Established compounds often merge similar sounds.
word order fairly freeish
SOV by default
left-branching syntax by default
dependent marking
mostly postpositions
not many prefixes, but suffixes and compound words yes
no noun classes
no indefinite article
adjectives and direct adverbs same thing (AD1); adverbial modifiers of adjs and advs different thing (AD2)
initial syllable reduplication on verbs (keep stress the same if short vowel) marks ongoing (some flex/choice in when to use it)
initial syllable reduplication on nouns (can change stress) is associative (includes associates)
mid-word syll reduplication (VC if possible, to rhyme) (keep stress) is kinda silly speech, adds 'ish'
more or less
zero relativizer - word order
single negative, double reverses meaning (as in english)
indefinite pronouns are interrogative-based, as are noninterrogative references
subordinators suffix to verb
ergative-absolutive in main clauses (absolutive unmarked); kee is intransitive (as is cua)
verbs don't inflect for subject
noun modifiers (AD1) agree in plural, but second-order (AD2) don't
AD1 can be nouns directly (zero derivation); 'the person or thing that is this AD1'
AD1 can also be stative verbs with zero derivation, 'to be this AD1'
when a case applies with a noncentral meaning, redundancy with postposition
'I've been here for five years' (for example) is 'I am here since 5 years' (often with verbal reduplication)
a fair number of loanwords, but not suffixes.

Word Parts Order:<br>root-derivation-inflection

## Noun Phrase Parts Order:

article demonstrative genitive numeral comparative ad2 ad1 noun-honorific

## Verb Sequence Parts Order:

ad2 ad1 topverb-neg baseverb-neg

## Sentence Parts Order, although this is loose if morphology makes it clear:

(conjunction) subject oblique object (oblique) (secondaryobject) VS ad2phrase(time manner place, noun-postposition)

| I | la | my | lav, lava (for plural obj.) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| we (inc) | lay | our (inclusive) | layv, layva |
| we (exc) | loy | our (exclusive) | loyv, loyva |
| you (noble) (sing) | cos | your (noble) (singular) | cosav, cosava |
| y'all (noble) | cossa | y'all's (noble) <br> you (commoner) (sing) | so | | your (commoner) (sing) |
| :--- |
| y'all (incl. commoner) | soy | y'all's (including at least one soyv, sovya |
| :--- |
| commoner) |

These suffixes only apply to the words in this table, can't be added to arbitrary words

| some-, any- | -(a)hoo | something | runahoo | never | luayua |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| -ever, any- | -(a)lo | someone | veehoo | nondescript | ullúa |
| no- | -(y)ua | somewhere | esahoo | noway | cayúa |
| every- | -(e)mee | somehow(ish) | ullahoo | none | jissúa |
| same- | -(a)noy | wherever | esalo | nothing | runúa |
| else- | -(a)da | whyever | moylo | no one | veeua |
|  |  | whenever | lualo | nowhere | esúa |


| which (AD1) | o | however(ish) <br> everyway | ullalo <br> camee | nowhy <br> sameish <br> everymuch | jissemee <br> ullanoy |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| what (thing) | run | elsehow | cada |  |  |
| who | vee | everything | runemee | all of it | jissemee |
| where | es | samething | runnoy | always | luamee |
| why | moy | sameone | veenoy |  |  |
| when | lua | sameplace | esanoy |  |  |
| how (ish) | ull | elsewhere | esada |  |  |
| how (via) | ca | elsewhy | moyda |  |  |
| how much/far jiss | elsewhen | luada |  |  |  |

in casual speech when talking about multiple third-persons people often just literally add numbers to them to disambiguate (he-one, she-two...) jovo, joynes, zayall, zayvo, hanes, hayall...

## Suffixes

## general:

having, like -ful but milder: -(e)z
without, -less: -(e)lya
tending, inclined: -(u)ka
-ify, become: -(o)mm
cause to be (rarely used): -(a)ma
-ify, cause to become: -(o)mma
-ist, worker: -(i)za
piece, part of: -(a)ree
abstract nounify, -ness: -(e)mo
diminutive: -(e)tee
augmentative: -(y)oo
AD1ify / present participle: -(a)n
past participle: -(o)van
future participle: -(u)man
AD2ify: -(a)ho
stuff, material: -(a)voo

## verbs:

reciprocal: -(o)do
future: -(u)m
imperative: -(i)ss
past: -(o)v
irrealis/unknown/subjunctive/kipi: (a)j
the act of (nounify): -(y)ay
negative: -(y)ua
nouns:
ergative: -(a)m
genitive (of): -(e)n
possessive (only used with proper names and pronouns, otherwise use genitive): -(a)v
dative (nonplaces): -(e)II
lative (places): -(a)nya
locative (at/in): -(a)s
ablative (from, starting at): -(a)nim
instrumental -(a)ca
reflexive (pronouns only): -(a)ra
comitative (pronouns only): -(a)na
plural: -(y)a
Suffixes are generally pretty regular, but the plural varies depending on phonetics of the base word. After a vowel, it's (usually) 'ya': after 'yo', it changes the o to an a so that the word ends in 'ya'; if a word ends in 'ya', there's no change, and plural and singular are indistinguishable. After a single consonant that can double, it doubles it and adds an 'a'; after one that can't double, it adds 'ya'. After a double C, or a long-V-then-single-C, or 'ay', or 'oy', it just adds an 'a'; if it's followed by an -(a) suffix, that suffix then starts with -ya instead of skipping the a.

