

# TOKI PONA

AN ESSENTIAL DICTIONARY

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WORDS

a

*interj* ah, ha, uh, oh, ooh, aw, well (emotion word)

akesi

*n* non-cute animal, reptile, amphibian

ala

*mod* no, not, none, un-  
*n* nothing, negation, zero  
*interj* no!

alasa

*vt* gather, hunt

ale, ali

*n* everything, anything, life, the universe  
*mod* all, every, complete, whole

anpa

*n* bottom, lower part, under, below, floor, beneath  
*mod* low, lower, bottom, down

ante

*n* difference  
*mod* different  
*conj* otherwise, or else  
*vt* change, alter, modify

anu

*conj* or

awen

*vi* stay, wait, remain  
*vt* keep  
*mod* remaining, stationary, permanent, sedentary

e

*sep* (introduces a direct object)

en

*conj* and (used to coordinate head nouns)

esun

*n* market, shop

ijo

*n* thing, something, stuff, anything, object  
*mod* of something  
*vt* objectify

ike

*mod* bad, negative, wrong, evil, overly complex, (figuratively) unhealthy  
*interj* oh dear! woe! alas!  
*n* negativity, badness, evil  
*vt* to make bad, to worsen, to have a negative effect upon  
*vi* to be bad, to suck

ilo [sounds like icky]  
*n* tool, device, machine, thing used for a specific purpose

insa  
*n* inside, inner world, centre, stomach  
*mod* inner, internal  
[inside]

jaki  
*mod* dirty, gross, filthy  
*n* dirt, pollution, garbage, filth  
*vt* pollute, dirty  
*interj* ew! yuck!  
[yucky]

jan  
*n* person, people, human, being, somebody, anybody  
*mod* human, somebody's, personal, of people  
*vt* personify, humanize, personalize

jelo  
*mod* yellow, light green  
[yellow]

jo  
*vt* have, contain  
*n* having  
*kama* receive, get, take, obtain

kala  
*n* fish, sea creature

kalama  
*n* sound, noise, voice  
*vi* make noise  
*vt* sound, ring, play (an instrument)

kama  
*vi* come, become, arrive, happen, pursue actions to arrive to (a certain state), manage to, start to  
*n* event, happening, chance, arrival, beginning  
*mod* coming, future  
*vt* bring about, summon  
[come up]

kasi  
*n* plant, leaf, herb, tree, wood

ken  
*vi* can, is able to, is allowed to, may, is possible  
*n* possibility, ability, power to do things, permission  
*vt* make possible, enable, allow, permit  
*cont* it is possible that

kepeken  
*vt* use

	<i>prep</i> with
kili	<i>n</i> fruit, pulpy vegetable, mushroom
kin	<i>mod</i> also, too, even, indeed (emphasizes the word(s) before it)
kipisi	(yet undefined entry in the official word list)
kiwen	<i>mod</i> hard, solid, stone-like, made of stone or metal <i>n</i> hard thing, rock, stone, metal, mineral, clay
ko	<i>n</i> semi-solid or squishy substance, e.g. paste, powder, gum
kon	<i>n</i> air, wind, smell, soul <i>mod</i> air-like, ethereal, gaseous
kule	<i>n</i> colour, paint <i>mod</i> colourful <i>vt</i> colour, paint
kulupu	<i>n</i> group, community, society, company, people <i>mod</i> communal, shared, public, of the society
kute	<i>vt</i> listen, hear <i>mod</i> auditory, hearing
la	<i>sep</i> (between adverb or phrase of context and sentence)
lape	<i>n, vi</i> sleep, rest <i>mod</i> sleeping, of sleep
laso	<i>mod</i> blue, blue-green
lawa	<i>n</i> head, mind <i>mod</i> main, leading, in charge <i>vt</i> lead, control, rule, steer
len	<i>n</i> clothing, cloth, fabric
lete	<i>n</i> cold <i>mod</i> cold, uncooked <i>vt</i> cool down, chill
li	<i>sep</i> "(between any subject except mi and sina and its verb; also used to introduce a new verb for the same subject)"
lili	

*mod* small, little, young, a bit, short, few, less  
*vt* reduce, shorten, shrink, lessen

linja  
*n* long, very thin, floppy thing, e.g. string, rope, hair, thread, cord, chain

lipu  
*n* flat and bendable thing, e.g. paper, card, ticket

loje  
*mod* red

lon  
*prep* be (located) in/at/on  
*vi* be there, be present, be real/true, exist, be awake

luka  
*n* hand, arm

lukin  
*vt* see, look at, watch, read  
*vi* look, watch out, pay attention  
*mod* visual(ly)  
[looking]

lupa  
*n* hole, orifice, window, door  
[sounds like loop]

ma  
*n* land, earth, country, (outdoor) area

mama  
*n* parent, mother, father  
*mod* of the parent, parental, maternal, fatherly  
[sounds like momma]

mani  
*n* money, material wealth, currency, dollar, capital  
[money]

meli  
*n* woman, female, girl, wife, girlfriend  
*mod* female, feminine, womanly  
[Mary]

mi  
*n* I, we  
*mod* my, our  
[me]

mije  
*n* man, male, boy, husband, boyfriend  
*mod* male, masculine, manly

moku  
*n* food, meal  
*vt* eat, drink, swallow, ingest, consume

moli  
*n* death

*vi* die, be dead  
*vt* kill  
*mod* dead, deadly, fatal

monsi  
*n* back, rear end, butt, behind  
*mod* back, rear

mu  
*interj* woof! meow! moo! etc. (cute animal noise)  
[moo]

mun  
*n* moon  
*mod* lunar  
[moon]

musi  
*n* fun, playing, game, recreation, art, entertainment  
*mod* artful, fun, recreational  
*vi* play, have fun  
*vt* amuse, entertain

mute  
*mod* many, very, much, several, a lot, abundant, numerous, more  
*n* amount, quantity  
*vt* make many or much  
[multi]

namako  
*n* food additive, accessory, something extra  
*vt* season, embellish, stimulate

nanpa  
*n* number  
*oth* -th (ordinal numbers)  
[number]

nasa  
*mod* silly, crazy, foolish, drunk, strange, stupid, weird  
*vt* drive crazy, make weird

nasin  
*n* way, manner, custom, road, path, doctrine, system, method

nenā  
*n* bump, nose, hill, mountain, button

ni  
*mod* this, that

nimi  
*n* word, name

noka  
*n* leg, foot

o  
*sep* O (vocative or imperative)  
*interj* hey! (calling somebody's attention)

oko

*n* eye  
[similar to oculist]

olin

*n* love  
*mod* love  
*vt* to love (a person)

ona

*n* she, he, it, they  
*mod* her, his, its, their

open

*vt* open, turn on

pakala

*n* blunder, accident, mistake, destruction, damage, breaking  
*vt* screw up, fuck up, botch, ruin, break, hurt, injure, damage, spoil, ruin  
*vi* screw up, fall apart, break  
*interj* damn! fuck!

pali

*n* activity, work, deed, project  
*mod* active, work-related, operating, working  
*vt* do, make, build, create  
*vi* act, work, function

palisa

*n* long, mostly hard object, e.g. rod, stick, branch

pan

*n* grain, cereal

pana

*vt* give, put, send, place, release, emit, cause  
*n* giving, transfer, exchange

pi

*sep* of, belonging to

pilin

*n* feelings, emotion, heart  
*vi* feel  
*vt* feel, think, sense, touch  
[feeling]

pimeja

*mod* black, dark  
*n* darkness, shadows  
*vt* darken

pini

*n* end, tip  
*mod* completed, finished, past, done, ago  
*vt* finish, close, end, turn off

pipi

*n* bug, insect, spider

poka  
*n* side, hip, next to  
*prep* in the accompaniment of, with  
*mod* neighbouring

poki  
*n* container, box, bowl, cup, glass  
[box]

pona  
*n* good, simplicity, positivity  
*mod* good, simple, positive, nice, correct, right  
*interj* great! good! thanks! OK! cool! yay!  
*vt* improve, fix, repair, make good  
[bonam]

pu  
*(yet undefined entry in the official word list)*

sama  
*mod* same, similar, equal, of equal status or position  
*prep* like, as, seem

seli  
*n* fire, warmth, heat  
*mod* hot, warm, cooked  
*vt* heat, warm up, cook

selo  
*n* outside, surface, skin, shell, bark, shape, peel

seme  
*oth* what, which, wh- (question word)

sewi  
*n* high, up, above, top, over, on  
*mod* superior, elevated, religious, formal

sijelo  
*n* body, physical state

sike  
*n* circle, wheel, sphere, ball, cycle  
*mod* round, cyclical

sin  
*mod* new, fresh, another, more  
*vt* renew, renovate, freshen

sina  
*n* you  
*mod* your

sinpin  
*n* front, chest, torso, face, wall

sitelen  
*n* picture, image  
*vt* draw, write

sona



*n* knowledge, wisdom, intelligence, understanding  
*vt* know, understand, know how to  
*vi* know, understand  
*kama* learn, study

soweli  
*n* animal, especially land mammal, lovable animal

suli  
*mod* big, tall, long, adult, important  
*vt* enlarge, lengthen  
*n* size

suno  
*n* sun, light

supa  
*n* horizontal surface, e.g furniture, table, chair, pillow, floor

suwi  
*n* candy, sweet food  
*mod* sweet, cute  
*vt* sweeten  
[sweet]

tan  
*prep* from, by, because of, since  
*n* origin, cause

taso  
*mod* only, sole  
*conj* but  
[that's all]

tawa  
*prep* to, in order to, towards, for, until  
*vi* go to, walk, travel, move, leave  
*n* movement, transportation  
*mod* moving, mobile  
*vt* move, displace  
[towards]

telo  
*n* water, liquid, juice, sauce  
*vt* water, wash with water

tenpo  
*n* time, period of time, moment, duration, situation

toki  
*n* language, talking, speech, communication  
*mod* talking, verbal  
*vt* say  
*vi* talk, chat, communicate  
*interj* hello! hi!

tomo  
*n* indoor constructed space, e.g. house, home, room, building

tu            *mod* urban, domestic, household

tu            *mod* two  
*n* duo, pair  
*vt* double, separate/cut/divide in two  
[two]

unpa        *n* sex, sexuality  
*mod* erotic, sexual  
*vt* have sex with, sleep with, fuck  
*vi* have sex

uta         *n* mouth  
*mod* oral

utala      *n* conflict, disharmony, competition, fight, war, battle, attack, blow, argument, physical or verbal violence  
*vt* hit, strike, attack, compete against

walo        *mod* white, light (colour)  
*n* white thing or part, whiteness, lightness  
[sounds like wall, which is often white]

wan         *mod* one, a  
*n* unit, element, particle, part, piece  
*vt* unite, make one  
[one]

waso        *n* bird, winged animal

wawa      *n* energy, strength, power  
*mod* energetic, strong, fierce, intense, sure, confident  
*vt* strengthen, energize, empower

weka      *mod* away, absent, missing  
*n* absence  
*vt* throw away, remove, get rid of

wile        *vt* to want, need, wish, have to, must, will, should  
*n* desire, need, will  
*mod* necessary

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## PARTS OF SPEECH

- *n* head noun
- *mod* modifier (adjective or adverb)
- *sep* separator
- *vt* verb, transitive (normally used with **e**)
- *vi* verb, intransitive
- *interj* interjection
- *prep* quasi-preposition
- *conj* conjunction
- *kama* compound verb preceded by **kama**
- *cont* context word used before **la**
- *oth* special, other word

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