Negation

Practice writing the negative form of the following words. Be aware of the two different kinds of negation:

 1.) Negation of Verbs – gesdi yi- + Verb

Ex.: tsaduliha 🡺 gesdi yitsaduliha

‘You want it’ 🡺 ‘You don’t want it’

 2.) Negation of Nouns, Adjectives & Adverbs – gesdi \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ yigi

Ex.: gigage’i gaskilo’i 🡺 gesdi gigage’i yigi.

For each of the following, negate the underlined word.

1. tsihliha \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

‘I’m sleeping’

1. uwetige’i dinehltohdi \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

‘a purple toy’

1. tskwiya gawonisgo’i na atsutsa! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

‘That boy talks too much!’

1. oginatadegi’a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

‘she and I are thirsty’

1. uyo’i tsalagi tsuniwonisgo’i! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

‘They always speak bad Cherokee!’

1. udohiyu waka hawiya agilvkwodi! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

‘I really like beef!’ (/cow meat)

\*Bonus – negate ‘waka hawiya’! ;-) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. udohiyu galitsohida na utsesdi! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

‘That possum’s really fat!’

1. Aliheligatsu na agehyutsa? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

‘Is that girl happy?’

1. Agiyosiha! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

‘I’m hungry!’

1. Dagiyawega! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

‘I’m tired.’ (sgigi?) ;-)

Answer Key

1. tsihliha \_gesdi yitsihliha\_

‘I’m sleeping’

1. uwetige’i dinehltohdi \_\_gesdi uwetige’i yigi.\_\_\_\_

‘a purple toy’

1. tskwiya gawonisgo’i na atsutsa! \_\_\_gesdi tskwiya yigi.\_\_

‘That boy talks too much!’

1. oginatadegi’a \_\_\_gesdi yoginatadegi’a\_\_\_\_\_

‘she and I are thirsty’

1. uyo’i tsalagi tsuniwonisgo’i! \_\_\_\_gesdi uyo’i yigi.\_\_\_\_\_\_

‘They always speak bad Cherokee!’

1. udohiyu waka hawiya agilvkwodi! \_\_\_gesdi yagilvkwodi.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

‘I really like beef!’ (/cow meat)

\*Bonus – negate ‘waka hawiya’! ;-) \_\_gesdi waka hawiya yigi! (Aaayye!)\_\_\_

1. udohiyu galitsohida na utsesdi! \_gesdi galitsohida yigi. (Poor li’l guy!)\_\_

‘That possum’s really fat!’

1. Aliheligatsu na agehyutsa? \_\_gesdi yaliheliga yigi.\_\_\_\_\_

‘Is that girl happy?’

1. Agiyosiha! \_\_\_gesdi yagiyosiha.\_\_\_\_\_

‘I’m hungry!’

1. Dagiyawega! \_\_\_\_gesdi yidagiyawega.\_\_\_\_\_\_

‘I’m tired.’ (sgigi?) ;-)