

BASIC PHRASES IN BORICUA TAINO & SUGGESTED PRONUNCIATION: Lets Learn Taino Together Class Notes
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BEGINNING CONVERSATIONAL PHRASES:

Mabrika - Welcome (our peoples famous last words) - Mah-bree-kah

Tai Mautía - Good Morning - Tai mao-tee-ya

Taí Guey - Good Day (Good Sun) - Tai Gway

Taí Karaya - Good Evening (Good Moon) - Tae Kah-rahee-ya

Hahōm: Thank you - Hah home

Bomatúm: Thank you very much - Boh-mah-toom

Aíta: Your Welcome - Ayee-tah

Da ka: I am - Dah-Kah

Han/Hí: Yes - Hahn or Hee (short/abrupt ee sound)

Mahto: No - Mah-toe

Chali Yu Karaya Bo-Happy Full Moon: Chah-lee Yoo Kah-rah-yah Boh

Chali Heiti Karaya Bo-Happy New Moon: Chah-lee Heh-ee-tee Kah-rah-yah Boh

Numbers:

Heketí- 1 - Heh-keh-tee

Yamocá - 2 - Yah-moe-kah

Yamocún -3 - Yah-moh-koon

Yamocobix - 4 - Yah-moh-koh-bish or Yah-moh-koh-bis

Yamoncobre - 5 - Yah-mon-koh-breh

Greeting Exercise:

Boricua Heketi :

Taí Mautía (Good Morning)

Taíguey! (Good Sun)

Taí Karaya (Good Moon)

Boricua Yamoca:

Cát-būto? (How are you?)

Da-ca _____ cát-būto?

- 1) Taí (good)
- 2) Chalí (happy/joyful)
- 3) Nacan (Balanced)
- 4) Butí (blue/sad)

Boricua Heketi:

Da-ca _____ cát-būto?

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Boricua Heketi:

Cát bū írí ka? (What is your name?)

Boricua Yamoca:

Da Irí-ka _____ (My name is _____)

