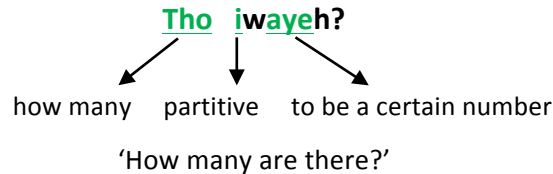


## Tho iwayeh?

'How many are there?'

### Counting animals and objects

The Wendat verb that we use for counting is **-(a)ye-**. We also use the **partitive** (a verbal prefix).



In order to count **animals** in Wendat, we have to count the number of bodies. The noun root for body **-ia't-** is incorporated in the verb for counting, which we find in both the question and the answer. We can ask this question in the following way:

**Tho iyäa'tayeh?** 'How many bodies are there?'

There are three types of responses to this question:

- 1 animal      **skäa'tat [name of the animal]**      'there is one body'
- 2 animals     **teyää'tayeh [name of the animal]**      'there are two bodies'
- 3 animals or +    **[number] iyäa'tayeh [name of the animal]**    'there are so many bodies'

In order to count **objects** in Wendat, we enumerate the objects in question by incorporating the noun root **-rihw-** 'matter, thing' in the question as well as in the responses:

**Tho iyarihwayeh?** 'How many things are there?'

- 1 object      **skarihwat [name of the object]**      'there is one object'
- 2 objects     **teyarihwayeh [name of the object]**      'there are two objects'
- 3 objects or +    **[number] iyarihwayeh [name of the object]**    'there are so many objects'

Here are some vocabulary words in Wendat that will allow you to practice counting animals and objects:

- ohskënon-ton' 'deer'
- tio'ngentsihk 'snake'
- yäniennonh 'dog'
- decha 'cat'
- kwiskwis 'pig'
- yahonhk 'Canada goose'
- entiron' 'raccoon'
- iyondie' 'duck'
- yarenhsa' 'cord, necklace'
- yahiatonhkwa' 'pencil, pen'
- yahiatonhcha' 'paper, book'
- yängwahi'tsa' 'doll'
- a'tatonhcha' 'basket'
- orhonhcha'tihrih 'cradleboard'
- a'enda' 'bow'
- ou'nda' 'arrow'

## Exercises

**No. 1** Write the number of animals in Wendat.

a) two raccoons

---

b) one duck

---

c) four cats

---

d) three snakes

---

e) seven deer

---

f) two dogs

---

g) ten Canada geese

---

**No. 2** Write the number of objects in Wendat.

a) a basket

---

b) forty-two books

---

c) a cradleboard

---

d) three dolls

---

e) five necklaces

---

**Tho iwayeh? (4)**

'How many are there?' (Part 4)

f) twelve arrows

---

g) eight baskets

---

**No. 3** Choose the right translation of the Wendat phrase.

a) Ahsenh wihch iskare' iyää'tayeh **tio'ngentsihk**.

1. 50 snakes
2. 15 snakes
3. 5 snakes

b) Teyää'tayeh **iyondie'**.

1. 2 ducks
2. 200 ducks
3. 12 ducks

c) Skat ha'tewen'ndia'weh ndahk iskwahsenhchare' en'tron' iskare' iyää'tayeh **kwiskwis**.

1. 49 pigs
2. 119 pigs
3. 149 pigs

d) Ahchienhk iwahsenh ahchienhk iskare' iyää'tayeh **entiron'**.

1. 33 raccoons
2. 53 raccoons
3. 30 raccoons

e) Tewahcharayeh iyää'tayeh **yahonhk**.

1. 20 Canada geese
2. 220 Canada geese
3. 2 000 Canada geese

**No. 4** Choose the Wendat phrase that corresponds to the amount of objects indicated.

- a) 26 pencils
1. Ndahk iwahsenh wahia' iskare' iyarihwayeh **yahiatonhkwa'**.
  2. Tëndih tewahsenh wahia' iskare' iyarihwayeh **yahiatonhkwa'**.
  3. Tëndih tewahsenh wihch iskare' iyarihwayeh **yahiatonhkwa'**.
- b) 1 bow
1. Skat iyarihwayeh **a'enda'**.
  2. Teyarihwayeh **a'enda'**.
  3. Skarihwat **a'enda'**.
- c) 1 000 papers
1. Skwahcharat iyarihwayeh **yahiatonhcha'**.
  2. Skat ha'tewen'ndia'weh iyarihwayeh **yahiatonhcha'**.
  3. Ahsenh iyarihwayeh **yahiatonhcha'**.
- d) 72 necklaces
1. En'tron' ha'tewen'ndia'weh tsoutare' iskwahsenhchare' tëndih teskare' iyarihwayeh **yarenhsa'**.
  2. Tsoutare' iwahsenh **yarenhsa'**.
  3. Tsoutare' iwahsenh tëndih teskare' **yarenhsa'**.
- e) 51 dolls
1. Wihch iwahsenh skat iskare' iyarihwayeh **yängwahi'tsa'**.
  2. Wihch iwahsenh ndahk iskare' iyarihwayeh **yängwahi'tsa'**.
  3. Wihch iwahsenh a'tere' iskare' iyarihwayeh **yängwahi'tsa'**.

## Answer Key

**No. 1** Write the number of animals in Wendat.

- a) Teyäa'tayeh entiron' 'there are two raccoons'
- b) Skäa'tat iyondie' 'there is one duck'
- c) Ndahk iyäa'tayeh decha 'there are four cats'
- d) Ahchienhk iyäa'tayeh tio'ngentsihk 'there are three snakes'
- e) Tsoutare' iyäa'tayeh ohskënonton' 'there are seven deer'
- f) Teyäa'tayeh yäniennonh 'there are two dogs'
- g) Ahsenh iyäa'tayeh yahonhk 'there are ten Canada geese'

**No. 2** Write the number of objects in Wendat.

- a) Skarihwat a'tatonhcha' 'there is one basket'
- b) Ndahk iwahsenh tëndih teskare' iyarihwayeh yahiatonhcha' 'there are 42 books'
- c) Skarihwat orhonhcha'tihrih 'there is one cradleboard'
- d) Ahchienhk iyarihwayeh yängwahi'tsa' 'there are three dolls'
- e) Wihch iyarihwayeh yarenhsa' 'there are five necklaces'
- f) Ahsenh tëndih teskare' iyarihwayeh ou'nda' 'there are twelve arrows'
- g) A'tere' iyarihwayeh a'tatonhcha' 'there are eight baskets'

**No. 3** Choose the right translation of the Wendat phrase.

- a) 2 : 'there are 15 snakes'
- b) 1 : 'there are two ducks'
- c) 3 : 'there are 149 pigs'
- d) 1 : 'there are 33 raccoons'
- e) 3 : 'there are 2000 Canada geese'

**No. 4** Choose the Wendat phrase that corresponds to the amount of objects indicated.

- a) 2 : 'there are 26 pencils'
- b) 3 : 'there is one bow'
- c) 1 : 'there are 1000 papers'
- d) 3 : 'there are 72 necklaces'
- e) 1 : 'there are 51 dolls'