

Some Responses to Yáa Daajindi? "What are People^{>2}Saying? What is the News?"

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<p>Duyáada. (or) Du'yá'da. "Nothing."</p>	<p>[du.yáa.da] (or) [du'.yá'.da] (particle)</p> <p>du- ... -da (or) duu- ... -da "no, not" (clitic, a combination of a proclitic and enclitic) yá' [yá'] (or) yáa [yáa] "what thing, something" (interrogative or indefinite pronoun) Note: People pronounce duyáada in other ways, including [du'.yáa.da] and [duu.yáa.da].</p>
<p>Duyáa dii'sts'ą-da. (or) Duyá' dii'sts'ą-da. "I have not heard anything." "I have heard nothing."</p>	<p>[du.yáa dii's.ts'ą.da] (or) [du.yá' dii's.ts'ą.da]</p> <p>Note: The long vowel [ii] is "creaky" during the last half of its pronunciation prior to [s]. We mark such "creakiness" by inserting a glottal stop ['] following the vowel and prior to [s].</p> <p>du- ... -da (or) duu- ... -da "no, not" (clitic, a combination of a proclitic and enclitic) yá' [yá'] (or) yáa [yáa] "what thing, something" (interrogative or indefinite pronoun)</p>

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	dii'sts'ą [dii's.ts'ą] "I hear him/her/it, I understand him/her/it" (1 st person, imperfective mode, transitive verb)
Yáadńą'ą? (or) Yáa'ńńą'ą "I wonder what?"	[yáad.ń.ńą.'ą] (or) [yáa'.ń.ńą.'ą] Note: In both of these pronunciations, [ń] is a high tone syllabic nasal consonant; its syllable does not have a vowel. yá' [yá'] (or) yáa [yáa] "what thing, something" (interrogative or indefinite pronoun) -dń (or) -ń "wonder, I wonder" (dubitative enclitic) -ńą'ą "evidently, I guess" (modal enclitic)
Yá'shi. "I wonder what?"	[yá'.shi] yá' [yá'] (or) yáa [yáa] "what thing, something" (interrogative or indefinite pronoun) -shi "wonder, I wonder" (dubitative enclitic)
Du bégunsj-da. "I do not know."	[du.bé.gun.sj.da] du- ... -da (or) duu- ... -da "no, not" (clitic, a combination of a proclitic and enclitic) bégunsj [bé.gun.sj] "I know about him/her/it" (1 st person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (O-é-gu-ni-...ł-zł "to know about")

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	<p>bi- "him/her/it" (3rd person pronoun object prefix)</p> <p>-é- "about" (postposition prefix)</p> <p>Note: When bi- is added to a postposition such as -é- that begins with a vowel, the -i- is dropped.</p> <p>gu- seems to be either a 3s space/time pronoun object prefix or a thematic verb prefix associated with "knowledge."</p>