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<p>Bidáõ'kaõde</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>Bidáõ'kahéõde</p> <p>"The People whom We Met"</p> <p>"The People whom We Came Upon"</p>	<p>[bi.dáõ'.kaõ.de]</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>[bi.dáõ'.ka.héõ.de]</p> <p>Note: [õ'] is a high tone glottalized nasal consonant.</p> <p>bidáõ'ka [bi.dáõ'.ka] "we^{>2} came in front of them", "we^{>2} came upon them" (1st person plural, perfective mode, intransitive verb)</p> <p>Note: See bidáõ'ká "we^{>2} will come upon them" (1st person plural, imperfective mode, intransitive verb)</p> <p>-õde, -éõde, -néõde, or -héõde "the people of" (an enclitic that can create a name for a group of people)</p> <p>Note: Bidáõ'kahéõde was a sub-group or band of Chiricahua Apache People that lived in the Mogollon Mountains and Tularosa Mountains. They traveled between the San Francisco River in the West and the Gila River to the southeast.</p> <p>Note: In the historical literature, Bidáõ'kahéõde are sometimes called Bedonkohe or some other similar name.</p>
<p>Chihéõde</p> <p>"Warm Springs Apache People"</p> <p>"The People of Red Ceremonial Paint"</p>	<p>[chí.héõ.de]</p>

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<p>"The Red Ceremonial Paint People"</p>	<p>chí "red ocher, red clay, red ceremonial paint" (noun) Note: See āchí "he/she/it is reddish" (3rd person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) Note: chí is the color of red ochre and refers to the red paint used in ceremonies. Often, people do not say āchí. They simply say chí. -ōde, -éōde, -néōde, or -héōde "the people of" (an enclitic that can create a name for a group of people) Note: Chihéōde was a sub-group or band of Chiricahua Apache People that lived in the Gila Mountains of New Mexico. In the 1860s, Mangas Coloradas was a Chihéōde leader. In the 1860s and 1870s, Victorio was a Chihéōde leader. In the 1870s and 1880s, Nana and Loco led Chihéōde. Note: At least some Chiricahua Apaches pronounced this word as Chihéōne [chí.héō.ne]. -ōne is a Chiricahua pronunciation of -ōde "the people of" (an enclitic that can create a name for a group of people) Note: The late Christian Naiche Jr. recorded the name Chihéōne with the pronunciation [chí.héō.ne] in 1975.</p>
<p>Chishéōde (or)</p>	<p>[chish.shéō.de] (or)</p>

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<p>Chishhéõde</p> <p>"The People of Wood"</p> <p>"The Wood People"</p>	<p>[chish.héõ.de]</p> <p>Note: As indicated in the first transcription, people usually "double" the [sh] of chish when they add -éõde.</p> <p>chish "wood" (noun)</p> <p>-õde, -éõde, -néõde, or -héõde "the people of" (an enclitic that can create a name for a group of people)</p> <p>Note: When -éõde is added to a word that ends in [s], [z], [sh], or [zh], those consonants are often doubled to begin the next syllable.</p> <p>Note: Chishhéõde was sub-group or band of Chiricahua Apache People that lived in the Chiricahua Mountains of Arizona and the Sierra Madres of northern Mexico. This name might refer to the Chiricahua Apache leader, Cochise, whose Apache name was kùù'chish.</p> <p>Note: At least some Chiricahua Apaches pronounced this word as Chishhéõne [chish.héõ.ne]. -õne is the Chiricahua pronunciation of -õde "the people of" (an enclitic that can create a name for a group of people).</p> <p>Note: The late Christian Naiche Jr. recorded the name Chishhéõne with the pronunciation [chish.héõ.ne] in 1975.</p>
<p>Ch'úk'âõde</p>	<p>[ch'ú.k'âõ.de]</p>

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<p>(or)</p> <p>Ch'úk'ânéõde</p> <p>"Chiricahua Apache People"</p>	<p>(or)</p> <p>[ch'ú.k'â.néõ.de]</p> <p>Note: The meaning of ch'úk'â seems to be unclear to contemporary speakers. However, see naanák'â "a ridge or side of the mountain", daahík'â "mountain ridges, mountain ranges", and hík'â "a ridge or side of the mountain."</p> <p>Note: hík'â seems primarily to refer to mountain ridges that are made of sedimentary rocks. One person said that it refers to ridges "with ground-up rock." Possibly hík'â refers to ridges that are made of loose rocks.</p> <p>Note: It seems possible that hík'â is related to dishk'â "it is cornered", "it is square" (3rd person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)</p> <p>Note: See huk'â "it is ground", "it was ground" (as flour, grain, sand, or sugar) (3rd person, perfective mode, intransitive verb or passive verb)</p> <p>-õde, -éõde, -néõde, or -héõde "the people of" (an enclitic that can create a name for a group of people)</p> <p>Note: When -éõde is added to a word that ends in a nasal vowel, an [n] is often inserted between the final nasal vowel and the enclitic.</p> <p>Note: Ch'úk'ânéõde is (1) a general Mescalero Apache name for the Chiricahua Apache People and (2) a name for a specific band of Chiricahua</p>

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	<p>Apache people. Ch'úk'ânéōde lived primarily in the Chiricahua Mountains of southeastern Arizona. They often traveled into the Sierra Madres of Mexico and the Gila Mountains of New Mexico.</p> <p>Note: At least some Chiricahua Apaches pronounced this name as Ch'úk'ânéōne [ch'ú.k'â.néō.ne]. -ōne is the Chiricahua pronunciation of -ōde "the people of" (an enclitic that can create a name for a group of people).</p> <p>Note: The late Christian Naiche Jr. recorded the name Ch'úk'ânéōne with the pronunciation [ch'ú.k'â.néō.ne] in 1975.</p>
<p>Dziādatāizhéōde (or) Dziādatāishéōde (or) Dziādatāishhōde "The People of Blue/green Mountain"</p>	<p>[dziāda.tāizh.zhéō.de] (or) [dziāda.tāish.shéō.de] (or) [dziāda.tāish.hō.de]</p> <p>dziā "mountain" (noun) datāizh (or) datāish "it is blue/green/turquoise" (3rd person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) -ōde, -éōde, -néōde, or -héōde "the people of" (an enclitic that can create a name for a group of people)</p>

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	<p>Note: When -éõde is added to a word that ends in a [s], [z], [sh], or [zh], those consonants are often "doubled" or duplicated to begin the next syllable.</p> <p>Note: Dziãdatãizhéõde refers to a sub-group or band of Chiricahua Apache People that lived in the Sierra Madres of northern Mexico. Possibly, this name refers to a band of Ndé'ndaa'õde. It might also be a distinct or separate name for Ndé'ndaa'õde.</p>
<p>Ndé'ndaa'õde (or) Ndé'ndaaõde "The Apache People (who live among) Enemies"</p>	<p>[ndé'.n.daa'.õ.de] (or) [ndé'.n.daaõ.de]</p> <p>Note: In the second pronunciation, [aaõ] has rising tone; [aa] is low tone and [õ] is high tone.</p> <p>Ndé "Apache People" (noun) -'ndaa' "white people, enemies" (noun) Note: See 'indaa' "white people, enemies" (noun) -õde, -éõde, -néõde, or -héõde "the people of" (an enclitic that can create a name for a group of people)</p> <p>Note: Ndé'ndaa'õde was a sub-group or band of Chiricahua Apache People that lived in the Sierra Madres of northwestern Chihuahua, northeastern Sonora, and southeastern Arizona. In the 1870s, Juh (Xuu') led Ndé'ndaa'õde. In the historical</p>

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	literature, Ndé'ndaa'ōde are sometimes referred to as Nednhi .
<p>Shá'i'áōde</p> <p>"The People of the Sunset"</p> <p>"The People of the West"</p>	<p>[shá.'i.'áō.de]</p> <p>shá'i'á "west", "sunset"</p> <p>Note: shá'i'á is not usually said by itself.</p> <p>-ōde, -éōde, -néōde, or -héōde "the people of" (an enclitic that can create a name for a group of people)</p> <p>Note: Mescalero People sometimes use this name to refer to the Chiricahua Apaches and to the Western Apaches. Chiricahua Apaches apparently did not use this name for themselves.</p>
<p>Tāaa'ji k'ee'déōkaa'ōde</p> <p>"Chiricahua Apache People"</p> <p>"The Ones who are Covered" (with breech cloths)</p>	<p>[tāaa'.ji k'ee'.déō.kaa'.ō.de]</p> <p>Note: Some Mescalero People used Tāaa'ji k'ee'déōkaa'ōde to refer to Chiricahua Apache People.</p> <p>tāaa'ji "to the buttocks"</p> <p>-tāaa' "buttocks" (noun stem)</p> <p>-ji "to, toward, just to" (postposition enclitic)</p> <p>k'ee'déōkaa' "it is covered" (3rd person, ni-perfective mode, intransitive verb)</p> <p>-ōde, -éōde, -néōde, or -héōde "the people of" (an enclitic that can create a name for a group of people)</p>

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<p>Tséghát'ahéõde</p> <p>"The People beside the Rocks"</p> <p>"The People on the side of the Rocks"</p>	<p>[tsé.ghá.t'a.héõ.de]</p> <p>tsé "rock, stone" (noun)</p> <p>-ghát'a "at the side of, on the side of, beside" (postposition stem)</p> <p>-õde, -éõde, -néõde, or -héõde "the people of" (an enclitic that can create a name for a group of people)</p> <p>Note: Tséghát'ahéõde was a sub-group or band of Chiricahua Apache People that lived in the Chiricahua Mountains of Arizona and Sierra Madres of northern Mexico.</p>
<p>Tsétaguãgáõne</p> <p>"The People of the Plains among the Rocks"</p> <p>"The People of Rocky Plains"</p> <p>"The People among White Rocks"</p>	<p>[tsé.ta.guãgáõ.ne]</p> <p>tséta "rocky place" (noun)</p> <p>guãga "a space is white", "a space is clear" (3s person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)</p> <p>gu- (3s person space/time deictic subject prefix)</p> <p>Note: See ãga "he/she/it is white" (3rd person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)</p> <p>Note: See guãgayá "plains"</p> <p>-õne "the people of" (an enclitic that can create a name for a group of people)</p> <p>Note: [õ.ne] is the pronunciation used by at least some Chiricahua People of the enclitic that is pronounced -õde in contemporary Mescalero Apache.</p>

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	<p>Note: The late Christian Naiche Jr. recorded the name Tsétáguǎǎõne with the pronunciation [tsé.tá.guǎǎõ.ne] in 1975. He stated that Tsétáguǎǎõne was the name of Cochise's band.</p>