

TO BE A CERTAIN NUMBER

In Mescalero Apache, people use a verb meaning, "to be a certain number" or "there is a certain number" when it is appropriate to indicate a precise number. For example, if a person is talking about objects, animals, or non-Native people, he/she could say 'aashdlai' 'iät'é to mean, "They are five in number." or "There are five of them." If a person is talking about Apache People or other Native People, he/she could say 'aashdlai' 'iguät'é or 'aashdlai' 'ijiat'é to mean, "They are five in number." or "There are five of them." If a person is telling someone how many people are in his/her group, he/she could say 'aashdlai' 'in'ät'é to mean, "We are five in number." or "There are five of us." In the following table, we give more examples of such words.

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'Aashdlai' 'iät'é. "They are five in number." "There are five of them." Note: 'iät'é generally refers to non-Native people, objects, or animals.	Báō āikā-ní 'aashdlai' 'iät'é. [báō āi.kā-ní 'aa'sh.dlai' 'iä.t'é] "There are five sweet breads." "There are five cakes."	['aa'sh.dlai' 'iä.t'é] Note: The long vowel [aa] is "creaky" during the last half of its pronunciation prior to [sh]. We mark such "creakiness" by inserting a glottal stop ['] immediately following the vowel. 'aashdlai' ['aa'sh.dlai'] "five" (particle) 'iät'é ['iä.t'é] "it is a certain number" (3 rd person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (...-ä-t'é "to be a certain number")
'Aashdlai' 'iguät'é.		['aa'sh.dlai' 'i.guä.t'é]

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<p>(or)</p> <p>'Aashdlai' guāt'é.</p> <p>"They are five in number."</p> <p>"There are five of them."</p> <p>Note: 'iguāt'é generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p> <p>Note: People seem to 'iguāt'é for "definite" reference. They seem normally use it to refer to specific Apache or other Native persons.</p>		<p>(or)</p> <p>['aa'sh.dlai' guā.t'é]</p> <p>'aashdlai' "five" (particle)</p> <p>'iguāt'é ['i.guā.t'é] (or) guāt'é [guā.t'é] "they are a certain number" (3a person dual, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (...-ā-t'é "to be a certain number")</p> <p>gu- (3a person dual pronoun deictic subject prefix)</p>
<p>'Aashdlai' 'ijiāt'é.</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>'Aashdlai' jiāt'é.</p> <p>"They are five in number."</p> <p>"There are five of them."</p> <p>Note: 'ijiāt'é generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p> <p>Note: People seem to use 'ijiāt'é for "indefinite" or "respectful" reference. They seem normally use it to refer to Apache or</p>		<p>['aa'sh.dlai' 'i.jiā.t'é]</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>['aa'sh.dlai' jiā.t'é]</p> <p>'aashdlai' (or) 'aashdlaa- "five" (particle)</p> <p>'ijiāt'é ['i.jiā.t'é] (or) jiāt'é [jiā.t'é] "they are a certain number" (3a person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (...-ā-t'é "to be a certain number")</p> <p>ji- "one" (3a person pronoun deictic subject prefix)</p>

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Native people in general or to specific people in an indirect and respectful manner.		
'Aashdlai' 'in'ât'é. (or) 'Aashdlai' 'n'ât'é. "We are five in number." "There are five of us."		<p>['aa'sh.dlai' 'in'â.t'é] (or) ['aa'sh.dlai'.n'â.t'é]</p> <p>Note: The long vowel [aa] is "creaky" during the last half of its pronunciation prior to [sh]. We mark such "creakiness" by inserting a glottal stop ['] immediately following the vowel.</p> <p>Note: [n'] is a low tone glottalized nasal consonant. It sounds "creaky" and ends in a glottal stop.</p> <p>'aashdlai' "five" (particle) 'in'ât'é ['in'â.t'é] (or) 'n'ât'é ['n'â.t'é] "we are a certain number" (1st person plural, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)</p>
'aashdlai' 'in'ât'é-í (or) 'aashdlai' 'n'ât'é-í "the five of us"		<p>['aa'sh.dlai' 'in'â.t'é.'í] (or) ['aa'sh.dlai'.n'â.t'é.'í]</p>

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<p>dáäe'é</p> <p>"one"</p> <p>"only one"</p> <p>"just one"</p> <p>"There is just one."</p>	<p>Tä'úä-í dáäe'é silá.</p> <p>[tä'úä.äí dá.äe.'é si.lá]</p> <p>"One rope is lying (there)."</p>	<p>[dá.äe.'é]</p> <p>tä'úä "rope, twine, string" (noun)</p> <p>-í (or) -'í "the, the one that" (definite or relative enclitic)</p> <p>(This enclitic can change a verb into a noun.)</p>

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		<p>silá [si.lá] "it lies, it is located" (referring to a rope-like object or two objects of any kind) (3rd person, si-perfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)</p>
<p>Daagukúí' 'iguāt'é? "How many people are there?"</p> <p>Note: 'iguāt'é generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p> <p>Note: People seem to use 'iguāt'é for "definite" reference. They seem normally to use it to refer to specific Apache or other Native persons.</p>		<p>[daa.gu.kúí' 'i.guā.t'é]</p> <p>[daa.gu.kúí' "how many people are there"</p> <p>daa- is a proclitic that marks certain verbs or particles as questions</p> <p>gu- (3a person dual pronoun deictic subject prefix)</p> <p>-kúí' (or) -kúí "amount" (stem)</p> <p>Note: -kúí' (or) -kúí normally refers to a "countable" amount.</p> <p>'iguāt'é ['i.guā.t'é] (or) guāt'é [guā.t'é] "they are a certain number" (3a person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)</p> <p>gu- (3a person dual pronoun deictic subject prefix)</p>
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<p>dájíãe'é</p> <p>"He/she is only one in number."</p> <p>"There is just one of them."</p> <p>Note: dájíãe'é generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p>		<p>[dá.jí.ãe.'é]</p> <p>dá-...-é is a clitic (a combination of a proclitic and an enclitic) meaning, "only that."</p> <p>dá- "only, just" (proclitic)</p> <p>-é "the one that" seems to be an archaic enclitic that is similar to the enclitic -í or -i "the one that."</p>

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<p>Da'kúí' 'iät'é?</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>Da'kúi 'iät'é?</p> <p>"How many are there?"</p> <p>Note: 'iät'é generally refers to non-Native people, objects, or animals.</p>		<p>[da'.kúí' 'iä.t'é]</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>[da'.kúi 'iä.t'é]</p> <p>da'kúí' [da'.kúí'] (or) da'kúi [da'.kúi] "how many" (particle)</p> <p>da'- + -kúí' (or) daa- + 'i- + -kúí'</p> <p>Note: da'- might be a proclitic marking this word as a question word (interrogative proclitic)</p> <p>Note: daa- is also a proclitic that marks certain verbs as</p>

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<p>Da'kúí' 'ijjät'é?</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>Da'kúi jät'é?</p> <p>"How many are there?"</p> <p>Note: 'ijjät'é generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p> <p>Note: People seem to use 'ijjät'é for "indefinite" or "respectful" reference. They seem normally</p>		<p>[da'.kúí' 'i.jjä.t'é]</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>[da'.kúi jät.t'é]</p> <p>da'kúí' [da'.kúí'] (or) da'kúi [da'.kúi] "how many" (particle)</p> <p>da'- + -kúí' (or) daa- + 'i- + -kúí'</p> <p>Note: da'- might be a proclitic marking this word as a question word (interrogative proclitic)</p>

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<p>Dá-naagúki-'é. "They are only two in number." "There are only two of them." "There are just two of them." Note: dá-naagúki-'é generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p>	<p>Dá-naagúki-'é 'iguyâ. [dá.naa.gú.ki.'é 'i.gu.yâ] "Just the two of them are eating."</p>	<p>[dá.naa.gú.ki.'é] dá-...-é is a clitic (a combination of a proclitic and an enclitic) meaning, "only that." dá- "only, just" (proclitic) -é "the one that" seems to be an archaic enclitic that is similar to</p>

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		<p>the enclitic -í or -'i "the one that."</p> <p>naa'ki [naa'.ki] "two" (particle)</p> <p>gu- (3a person dual pronoun deictic subject prefix)</p> <p>'iguyâ "they² are eating" (3g person dual, imperfective mode, transitive verb)</p>
<p>Dá-naagúki-ná.</p> <p>"They are only two in number."</p> <p>"There are only two of them."</p> <p>Note: dá-naagúki-ná generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p>		<p>[dá.naa.gú.ki.ná]</p> <p>dá-...-ná is a clitic (a combination of a proclitic and an enclitic) meaning, "only that."</p> <p>dá- "only, just" (proclitic)</p> <p>-ná "only, just, emphatically, especially" (enclitic)</p> <p>naa'ki "two" (particle)</p> <p>gu- (3a person dual pronoun deictic subject prefix)</p>
<p>Dá-naajíki-'é.</p> <p>"They are only two in number."</p> <p>"There are only two of them."</p> <p>Note: dá-naajíki-'é generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p>		<p>[dá.naa.jí.ki.'é]</p> <p>dá-...-é is a clitic (a combination of a proclitic and an enclitic) meaning, "only that."</p> <p>dá- "only, just" (proclitic)</p>

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<p>Dá-naajíki-ná.</p> <p>"They are only two in number."</p> <p>"There are only two of them."</p> <p>Note: dá-naajíki-ná generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p>		<p>[dá.naa.jí.ki.ná]</p> <p>dá-...-ná is a clitic (a combination of a proclitic and an enclitic) meaning, "only that."</p> <p>dá- "only, just" (proclitic)</p> <p>-ná "only, just, emphatically, especially" (enclitic)</p> <p>naa'ki "two" (particle)</p> <p>ji- "one" (3a person pronoun deictic subject prefix)</p>
<p>Dá-naa'ki-'é.</p> <p>"They are only two in number."</p> <p>"There are only two of them."</p> <p>"just two"</p> <p>"only two"</p>		<p>[dá.naa'.ki.'é]</p> <p>dá-...-é is a clitic (a combination of a proclitic and an enclitic) meaning, "only that."</p> <p>dá- "only, just" (proclitic)</p>

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Dá-naa'ki-ná. "They are only two in number." "There are only two of them." "only two" "just two" Note: dá-naa'ki-ná generally refers to non-Native people, objects, or animals.		[dá.naa'.ki.ná] dá-...-ná "only, just, emphatically, especially" (clitic, a combination of a proclitic and an enclitic) dá- "only, just" (proclitic) naa'ki "two" (particle) -ná "only, just, emphatically, especially" (emphatic enclitic)
Dīī' 'iāt'é. "They are four in number." "There are four of them." Note: 'iāt'é generally refers to non-Native people, objects, or animals.	Bààs-í dīī' 'iāt'é. [bààs.sí dīī' 'iā.t'é] "There are four vehicles."	[dīī' 'iā.t'é] dīī' "four" (particle) 'iāt'é ['iā.t'é] "it is a certain number" (3 rd person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (...-ā-t'é "to be a certain number")
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<p>dīī' 'inaāt'é-í (or) dīī' naāt'é-í "the four of you"</p>		<p>[dīī' 'i.naā.t'éí] (or) [dīī' naā.t'éí]</p> <p>dīī' "four" (particle) 'inaāt'é ['i.naā.t'é] (or) naāt'é [naā.t'é] "you are a certain number" (2nd person dual/plural, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) -í (or) -'í "the, the one that" (definite or relative enclitic) (This enclitic can change a verb into a noun.)</p>
<p>Dīī' 'in'āt'é. (or) Dīī' 'n'āt'é. "We are four in number." "There are four of us."</p>		<p>[dīī' 'in.ā.t'é] (or) [dīī' .n'ā.t'é]</p>

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<p>dĩĩ' 'in'át'é-í</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>dĩĩ' 'n'át'é-í</p> <p>"the four of us"</p>		<p>[dĩĩ' 'in'ä.t'éí]</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>[dĩĩ'.n'ä.t'éí]</p> <p>Note: [n'] is a low tone glottalized nasal consonant.</p> <p>dĩĩ' "four" (particle)</p> <p>'in'át'é ['in'ä.t'é] (or) 'n'át'é ['n'ä.t'é] "we are a certain number" (1st person dual/plural, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)</p> <p>-í (or) -'í "the, the one that" (definite or relative enclitic) (This enclitic can change a verb into a noun.)</p>
<p>Gunee'nání 'iät'é.</p> <p>"They are ten in number."</p>	<p>Tsiìs-í gunee'nání 'iät'é</p> <p>[tsiìs.sí gu.nee'.ná.ní 'iä.t'é]</p>	<p>[gu.nee'.ná.ní 'iä.t'é]</p>

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<p>"There are ten of them."</p> <p>Note: 'iät'é generally refers to non-Native people, objects, or animals.</p>	<p>"There are ten burden baskets."</p>	<p>gunee'nání [gu.nee'.ná.ní]</p> <p>"ten" (particle)</p> <p>Note: Some people say gunenání [gu.ne.ná.ní].</p> <p>'iät'é ['iä.t'é] "it is a certain number" (3rd person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (...-ã-t'é "to be a certain number")</p>
<p>Gunee'nání 'iguât'é. (or) Gunee'nání guât'é. "They are ten in number." "There are ten of them."</p> <p>Note: 'iguât'é generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p> <p>Note: People seem to 'iguât'é for "definite" reference. They seem normally use it to refer to specific Apache or other Native persons.</p>		<p>[gu.nee'.ná.ní 'i.guã.t'é] (or) [gu.nee'.ná.ní guã.t'é]</p> <p>gunee'nání [gu.nee'.ná.ní]</p> <p>"ten" (particle)</p> <p>Note: Some people say gunenání [gu.ne.ná.ní].</p> <p>'iguât'é ['i.guã.t'é] (or) guât'é [guã.t'é] "they are a certain number" (3a person dual/plural, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)</p> <p>gu- (3a person dual deictic subject prefix)</p>
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<p>Note: 'ijïät'é generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p> <p>Note: People seem to 'ijïät'é for "indefinite" or "respectful" reference. They seem normally use it to refer to Apache or Native people in general or to specific people in an indirect and respectful manner.</p>		<p>gunee'nání [gu.nee'.ná.ní]</p> <p>"ten" (particle)</p> <p>Note: Some people say gunenání [gu.ne.ná.ní].</p> <p>'ijïät'é ['i.jiä.t'é] (or) jïät'é [jiä.t'é] "one is a certain number" (3a person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (...-ã-t'é "to be a certain number")</p> <p>ji- "one" (3a person pronoun deictic subject prefix)</p>
<p>Guustání 'iät'é.</p> <p>"They are six in number."</p> <p>"There are six of them."</p> <p>Note: 'iät'é generally refers to non-Native people, objects, or animals.</p>		<p>[guu's.tá.ní 'iä.t'é]</p> <p>Note: The long vowel [uu] is "creaky" during the last half of its pronunciation prior to [s]. We mark such "creakiness" by inserting a glottal stop ['] immediately following the vowel.</p> <p>guustání [guu's.tá.ní] "six" (particle)</p> <p>'iät'é ['iä.t'é] "it is a certain number" (3rd person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (...-ã-t'é "to be a certain number")</p>

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<p>Guustání 'ijîät'é. (or) Guustání jîät'é. "They are six in number." "There are six of them."</p> <p>Note: 'ijîät'é generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p> <p>Note: People seem to use 'ijîät'é for "indefinite" or "respectful" reference. They seem normally use it to refer to Apache or Native people in general or to specific people in an indirect and respectful manner.</p>		<p>[guu's.tá.ní 'i.jiä.t'é] (or) [guu's.tá.ní jiä.t'é] Note: The long vowel [uu] is "creaky" during the last half of its pronunciation prior to [s]. We mark such "creakiness" by inserting a glottal stop ['] immediately following the vowel.</p> <p>guustání [guu's.tání] "six" (particle) 'ijîät'é ['i.jiä.t'é] (or) jîät'é [jiä.t'é] "one is a certain number" (3a person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (...-â-t'é "to be a certain number") ji- "one" (3a person pronoun deictic subject prefix)</p>
<p>Guusts'íídí 'iät'é. "They are seven in number." "There are seven of them."</p> <p>Note: 'iät'é generally refers to non-Native people, objects, or animals.</p>	<p>Bésh-í guusts'íídí 'iät'é. [bésh.shí guu's.ts'íí.dí 'iä.t'é] "There are seven knives."</p> <p>Note: The following two sentences mean approximately</p>	<p>[guu's.ts'íí.dí 'iä.t'é] Note: The long vowel [uu] is "creaky" during the last half of its pronunciation prior to [s]. We mark such "creakiness" by inserting a glottal stop [']</p>

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	<p>the same thing. We have not yet identified differences in the way that fluent speakers use such sentences.</p> <p>Bésh-í guusts'íídí. [bésh-shí guu's.ts'íí.dí]</p> <p>(and)</p> <p>Bésh-'í guusts'íídí 'iät'é. [bésh.shí guu's.ts'íí.dí 'iä.t'é]</p> <p>"There are seven knives."</p>	<p>immediately following the vowel.</p> <p>guusts'íídí [guu's.ts'íí.dí] (or) guusts'íídí [guu's.ts'í.dí]</p> <p>"seven" (particle)</p> <p>'iät'é ['iä.t'é] "it is a certain number" (3rd person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (...-ã-t'é "to be a certain number")</p>
<p>Guusts'íídí 'ijjät'é. (or) Guusts'íídí jjät'é. "They are seven in number." "There are seven of them."</p> <p>Note: 'ijjät'é generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p> <p>Note: People seem to use 'ijjät'é for "indefinite" or "respectful" reference. They seem normally use it to refer to Apache or Native people in general or to specific people in an indirect and respectful manner.</p>		<p>[guu's.ts'íí.dí 'i.jjät'é] (or) [guu's.ts'íí.dí jjät'é]</p> <p>guusts'íídí [guu's.ts'íí.dí] (or) guusts'íídí [guu's.ts'í.dí]</p> <p>"seven" (particle)</p> <p>'ijjät'é ['i.jjät'é] (or) jjät'é [jjät'é] "one is a certain number" (3a person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (...-ã-t'é "to be a certain number")</p> <p>ji- "one" (3a person pronoun deictic subject prefix)</p>

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<p>Naagudiāt'é.</p> <p>"They are two in number."</p> <p>"There are two of them."</p> <p>Note: naagudiāt'é generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p> <p>Note: People seem to use naagudiāt'é for "definite" reference. They seem normally use it to refer to specific Apache or other Native persons.</p>		<p>[naa.gu.diā.t'é]</p> <p>naagudiāt'é [naa.gu.diā.t'é]</p> <p>"they are two in number, there are two of them" (3a person dual, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (naa-di-ni-...-ā-t'é "to be two in number" (?))</p>
<p>Naagúki.</p> <p>"They are two in number."</p> <p>"There are two of them."</p> <p>Note: naagúki generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p> <p>Note: People seem to naagúki for "definite" reference. They seem normally use it to refer to specific Apache or other Native persons.</p>		<p>[naa.gú.ki]</p> <p>Note: [aa] is not "creaky" at all.</p> <p>naagúki [naa.gú.ki] "they are two in number, there are two of them" (3a person dual, ni-imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)</p> <p>gu- (3a person dual pronoun deictic subject prefix)</p> <p>´ (high tone) is a 3rd person ni-imperfective mode marker. (?)</p>
<p>Naajidiāt'é.</p> <p>"They are two in number."</p>		<p>[naa.ji.diā.t'é]</p>

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<p>"There are two of them."</p> <p>Note: naajidiät'é generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p> <p>Note: People seem to use naajidiät'é for "indefinite" or "respectful" reference. They seem normally use it to refer to Apache or Native people in general or to specific people in an indirect and respectful manner.</p> <p>Note: A person would use this verb, for example, when he/she sees two people walking and comments that there are two of them.</p>		<p>Note: Low tone on [ji] is correct.</p> <p>naajidiät'é [naa.ji.diä.t'é] "they are two in number, there are two of them" (3a person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (naa-di-ni-...-ä-t'é "to be two in number" (?))</p> <p>ji- "one" (3a person pronoun deictic subject prefix)</p> <p>Note: naajidiät'é apparently means the same thing as naajíki.</p> <p>Note: *naajit'é is not a word.</p>
<p>Naajíki.</p> <p>"They are two in number."</p> <p>"There are two of them."</p> <p>Note: naajíki generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p>		<p>[naa.jí.ki]</p> <p>naajíki [naa.jí.ki] "they are two in number" (3a person dual, ni-imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)</p> <p>ji- "one" (3a person pronoun deictic subject prefix)</p>

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Note: People seem to use naajíki for "indefinite" or "respectful" reference. They seem normally use it to refer to Apache or Native people in general or to specific people in an indirect and respectful manner.		´ (high tone) is a 3a person ni-imperfective mode marker. Note: naajíki [naa.jí.ki] apparently means the same thing as naajidiát'é [naa.ji.diá.t'é].
Naa'ki 'iät'é. "They are two in number." "There are two of them." Note: 'iät'é generally refers to non-Native people, objects, or animals.	Āî āizhì-ní naa'ki 'iät'é. [āî āi.zhì.ní naa'.ki 'iä.t'é] "There are two black horses."	[naa'.ki 'iä.t'é] naa'ki [naa'.ki] "two" (particle) 'iät'é ['iä.t'é] "it is a certain number" (3 rd person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (...-ā-t'é "to be a certain number")
Naa'ki 'inaät'é. (or) Naa'ki'naät'é. "You are two in number." "There are two of you."	Naa'ki 'inaät'é-í nailaa'-í tádaā'eeā. [naa'.ki 'i.naä.t'éí nai.laa.'í tá.daā.'eeā] "The two of you wash your hands." Naa'ki 'inaät'é-í 'asā. [naa'.ki 'i.naä.t'éí 'a.sā] "The two of you two eat."	[naa'.ki 'i.naä.t'é] (or) [naa'.ki'.naä.t'é] "two" (particle) naa'ki [naa'.ki] "two" (particle) 'inaät'é ['i.naä.t'é] (or) naät'é [naä.t'é] "you are a certain number" (2 nd person dual/plural, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)
Naa'ki.		[naa'.ki]

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<p>"They are two in number." "There are two of them." "two"</p> <p>Note: naa'ki generally refers to non-Native people, objects, or animals.</p>		<p>naa'ki "two" (particle) naa'ki "they are two in number" (3rd person dual, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)</p>
<p>Naanaki. "You are two in number." "There are two of you." "There are two of you." "you two" "the two of you"</p>		<p>[naa.na.ki] Note: Neither [aa] nor [a] is "creaky" at all.</p> <p>naanaki [naa.na.ki] "you are two in number, there are two of you" (2nd person dual, ni-imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)</p> <p>Note: See naa'ki "two" (particle)</p>
<p>naanaki-'í "the two of you"</p>	<p>Naanaki-'í 'aká ha'ash. [naa.na.ki.'í 'a.ká ha.'ash] "The two of you go there."</p>	<p>[naa.na.ki.'í] naanaki [naa.na.ki.'í] "you are two in number, there are two of you" (2nd person dual, ni-imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) -í (or) -'í "the, the one that" (definite or relative enclitic)</p>

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		<p>(This enclitic can change a verb into a noun.)</p> <p>'aká [ˈa.ká] "over there" (demonstrative)</p> <p>ha'ash [ha.'ash] "you two go" (2nd person dual, imperfective mode, intransitive verb)</p>
<p>Nan'ki. "We are two in number." "There are two of us."</p>		<p>[nan'ki]</p> <p>Note: [n'] is a low tone glottalized nasal consonant.</p> <p>nan'ki [nan'ki] "we are a two in number" (1st person dual, ni-imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (naa-...-d-ki "to be two in number" (?)) naa- "two" becomes na- prior to a nasal consonant immediately followed by another consonant.. Note: See naa'ki "two" (particle)</p>
<p>nan'ki-'í "the two of us" "we two"</p>		<p>[nan'.ki.'í]</p> <p>Note: [n'] is a low tone glottalized nasal consonant.</p> <p>nan'ki [nan'.ki] "we are two in number" (1st person dual, ni-</p>

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		<p>imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)</p> <p>-í (or) -'í "the, the one that" (definite or relative enclitic)</p> <p>(This enclitic can change a verb into a noun.)</p>
<p>Nguust'éeí 'iät'é.</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>Ngust'éeí 'iät'é.</p> <p>"They are nine in number."</p> <p>"There are nine of them."</p> <p>Note: 'iät'é generally refers to non-Native people, objects, or animals.</p>	<p>'It'édéōde nguust'éeí 'iät'é.</p> <p>['i.t'é.déō.de n.guu's.t'éeí 'iä.t'é]</p> <p>"There are nine girls."</p> <p>'Itsiis-'í nguust'éeí 'iät'é.</p> <p>['i.tsiì's.'í n.guu's.t'éeí 'iä.t'é]</p> <p>"There are nine baskets."</p>	<p>[n.guu's.t'éeí 'iä.t'é]</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>[n.gus.t'éeí 'iä.t'é]</p> <p>Note: People pronounce the initial nasal consonant as either [n] or [hn].</p> <p>Note: The long vowel [uu] is "creaky" during the last half of its pronunciation prior to [s]. We mark such "creakiness" by inserting a glottal stop ['] immediately following the vowel.</p> <p>nguust'éeí [n.guu's.t'éeí] (or)</p> <p>ngust'éeí [n.gus.t'éeí] "nine" (particle)</p> <p>'iät'é ['iä.t'é] "it is a certain number" (3rd person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (...-ã-t'é "to be a certain number")</p>

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<p>Tái' 'iaät'é. "They are three in number." "There are three of them."</p> <p>Note: 'iaät'é generally refers to non-Native people, objects, or animals.</p>	<p>'Indaa'-ōde tái' 'iaät'é ['in.daa'.ō.de tái' 'iä.t'é] "There are three white people."</p>	<p>[tái' 'iä.t'é] tái' "three" (particle) 'iaät'é ['iä.t'é] "it is a certain number" (3rd person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (...-ã-t'é "to be a certain number" (?)) (or) (ni-...-ã-t'é (ni- disappearing in 3rd person))</p>

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<p>tái' 'iät'é-í (or) tái' 'iät'é-'í "the three of them"</p> <p>Note: 'iät'é generally refers to non-Native people, objects, or animals.</p>		<p>[tái' 'iä.t'éí] (or) [tái' 'iä.t'é.'í</p> <p>tái' "three" (particle) 'iät'é ['iä.t'é] "it is a certain number" (3rd person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (...-ã-t'é "to be a certain number") -í (or) -'í "the, the one that" (definite or relative enclitic) (This enclitic can change a verb into a noun.)</p>
<p>Tái' 'ijäät'é. (or) Tái' jät'é. "They are three in number." "There are three of them."</p> <p>Note: 'ijäät'é generally refers to Apache People or to other Native People.</p> <p>Note: People seem to use 'ijäät'é for "indefinite" or "respectful" reference. They seem normally use it to refer to Apache or</p>		<p>[tái' 'i.jiä.t'é] (or) [tái' jiä.t'é]</p> <p>tái' "three" (particle) 'ijäät'é ['i.jiä.t'é] (or) jät'é [jiä.t'é] "one is a certain number" (3a person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (...-ã-t'é "to be a certain number") ji- "one" (3a person pronoun deictic subject prefix)</p>

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Native people in general or to specific people in an indirect and respectful manner.		
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táí' 'inaät'é-'í (or) táí' naät'é-'í "the three of you"		[táí' 'i.naä.t'é.'í] (or) [táí' naä.t'é.'í] táí' "three" (particle) 'inaät'é (or) naät'é "you are a certain number" (2 nd person dual/plural, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) -í (or) -'í "the, the one that" (definite or relative enclitic) (This enclitic can change a verb into a noun.)
Táí' 'in'ät'é.		[táí' 'in.ä.t'é]

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(or) Tái' n'át'é. "We are three in number." "There are three of us."		(or) [tái'.n'á.t'é] Note: [n'] is a low tone glottalized nasal consonant. tái' "three" (particle) 'in'át'é ['in'á.t'é] (or) n'át'é [n'á.t'é] "we are a certain number" (1 st person dual/plural, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)
Tsaa'bìi' 'iät'é. "They are eight in number." "There are eight of them." Note: 'iät'é generally refers to non-Native people, objects, or animals.	Chúní tsaa'bìi' 'iät'é . [chú.ní tsaa'.bìi' 'iä.t'é] "There are eight dogs."	[tsaa'.bìi' 'iä.t'é] tsaa'bìi' [tsaa'.bìi'] "eight" (particle) Note: Some people say saa'bìi' [saa'.bìi'] rather than tsaa'bìi'. 'iät'é ['iä.t'é] "it is a certain number" (3 rd person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) (...-ä-t'é "to be a certain number")
Tsaa'bìi' 'ijiät'é. (or) Tsaa'bìi' jiät'é. "They are eight in number." "There are eight of them."		[tsaa'.bìi' 'i.jiä.t'é] (or) [tsaa'.bìi' jiä.t'é]

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