

body

- sijelo**
body, torso, physical state
- lawa**
head, mind; ruler; to lead, to regulate
- luka**
arm, hand; five
- noka**
foot, leg; lower part
- kute**
ear; to hear
- uta**
mouth, lips; oral
- nena**
bump, hill, nose

- ilo**
tool, machine, device, instrument
- esun**
market, shop, fair
- mani**
money, cash, currency item

people

- mi**
first-person pronoun
- sina**
second-person pronoun
- ona**
third-person pronoun
- jan**
person, somebody
- kulupu**
community, group, company, nation
- mama**
parent; creator; caretaker
- tonsi ***
nonbinary, trans
- meli ***
female
- mije ***
male

activity

- toki**
to say; language
- kepeken**
to use, with, by means of
- pali**
to do, to work on
- jo**
to have, carry, contain, hold
- pana**
to give, to emit, to send
- kalama**
sound; to make a sound, utter
- alasa**
to hunt, forage, seek
- lape**
sleeping, resting
- unpa**
sex; to have sexual relations
- pu**
to interact with Toki Pona: The Language of Good
- ku ***
to interact with Toki Pona Dictionary
- kipisi ***
to cut, to divide; part, division

necessities

- wile**
must, need, want
- tomo**
indoor space; building, home
- moku**
to eat, to drink; food
- pan**
grain, pasta, bread, rice
- len**
cloth, fabric; cover, layer of privacy

sight

- lukin**
to see, examine
- sitelen**
image, picture, writing, symbol
- kule**
colour, colourful
- walo**
white; light-coloured, pale
- pimeja**
black, dark, unlit
- loje**
red, reddish
- jelo**
yellow, yellowish
- laso**
blue, green

things

- ijo**
thing, object, phenomenon
- linja**
long and flexible thing; string, cord, hair, thread
- lipu**
flat object; paper, card, document, website
- palisa**
long hard object; rod, stick
- lupa**
door, hole, orifice
- supa**
horizontal surface, thing to put objects on
- sike**
circular object, cycle; of one year
- leko ***
square, block
- namako ***
spice, additional

descriptions

- pona**
good, useful, simple, positive
- ike**
bad, negative, irrelevant
- ante**
different, other, changed
- sama**
similar, same; as
- sin**
new, fresh; another
- kiwen**
hard object, metal, stone, rock
- ko**
clay, semi-solid, paste, powder
- lili**
small, little; few, a bit; young
- suli**
big, heavy, large

locating

- lon**
located at, present at, true
- ni**
this, that
- poki**
container, bag, box, bowl, cup

- insa**
centre, inside, content; organ, stomach
- sewi**
area above, highest part; divine, sacred
- sinpin**
face, front, wall
- poka**
hip, side; nearby
- anpa**
downward, humble, lowly
- monsi**
back, behind, rear
- selo**
outer form, outmost layer; skin, peel
- weka**
absent, away

elements

- ma**
earth, land; outdoors; soil
- kon**
air; spirit, essence, unseen agent
- suno**
light source, sun; bright
- mun**
night sky object
- seli**
fire, heat source
- lete**
cool, cold; raw
- telo**
liquid, water, beverage
- kasi**
plant, vegetation; grass, leaf
- kili**
fruit, vegetable
- soko ***
mushroom

critters

- soweli**
land animal
- waso**
flying creature
- kala**
sea creature
- akesi**
reptile, amphibian

- pipi**
bug, insect
- kijetesantakalu ****
Musteloids, such as raccoon

ideas

- sona**
to know; wisdom, knowledge, info
- nimi**
word, name
- pilin**
heart, feeling
- olin**
to love, to respect
- musi**
entertaining, fun, recreational
- wawa**
strong, powerful; confident, energetic
- suwi**
sweet; cute
- nasin**
way, road, doctrine, method
- jaki**
disgusting, unclean, toxic
- nasa**
strange, unusual; foolish; silly
- utala**
to battle; challenge
- moli**
dead, dying
- pakala**
broken, damaged; to mess up
- monsuta ***
fear; monster; scary

state

- tawa**
going to; for; moving
- kama**
arriving, coming, future; to become
- awen**
enduring, kept, protected; to continue to
- ken**
to be able to, can, may; possible
- tenpo**
time, duration, moment, period
- open**
to begin, to start; opening
- pini**
finished, past, end

counting

- nanpa**
-th; number
- ala**
no, not, zero
- wan**
one; unique, united
- tu**
two; separate, cut
- mute**
many, a lot; very; quantity
- ale**
all; everything; 100

connection

- li**
(predicate marker)
- e**
(direct object marker)
- pi**
(regroups modifiers)
- la**
(context marker)
- taso**
but, however; only
- en**
(multiple subject marker)
- tan**
from, by, because
- anu**
or; choose, decide
- seme**
what? which?
- kin ***
also, too

evoke

- a**
(emphasis, emotion, or confirmation)
- o**
(vocative / imperative particle)
- mu**
(animal noise)

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some choices in the categorisation here are arbitrary and opinionated. almost all Toki Pona words have uses which could place them in multiple categories. therefore you should learn the vocabulary *before* using this cheat sheet.