

body

- sijelo**
body, physical state, torso
- lawa**
head, mind; lead; leader; rule
- luka**
hand, arm; 5
- noka**
foot, leg; roots, lower part
- kute**
ear; hear, listen
- uta**
mouth, lips
- nena**
bump, button, hill, nose

critters

- soweli**
land animal, beast
- waso**
bird, flying animal, winged animal
- kala**
fish, marine animal
- akesi** 🐸
reptile, amphibian, scaly animal
- pipi** 🕷️
insect, bug, spider, tiny crawling creature
- kijetesantakalu** *
raccoon, procyonid, musteloid

activity

- toki**
communicate, say; tale; language
- kepeken**
using, with, by means of
- pali**
work, create, take action on
- pana**
give, send, emit, provide
- jo**
have, hold, carry, contain
- kalama**
to make sound; sound
- alasa**
hunt, forage, seek, attempt, try
- lape**
sleep, rest
- unpa**
sex, to have sexual relations
- pu**
to interact with *Toki Pona: The Language of Good* by Sonja Lang
- ku** *
to interact with *Toki Pona Dictionary* by Sonja Lang
- su** **
to interact with the illustrated story book series produced by Sonja Lang
- kipisi** *
cut, split, slice; piece, part

things

- ijo**
thing, object, matter
- ilo**
tool, machine, device, instrument
- linja**
long and flexible thing, rope, hair, line, string
- lipu**
flat object, paper, card, website
- palisa**
long hard object, rod, stick
- lupa**
door, hole, pit, window, portal
- supa**
horizontal surface, bed, floor, table, platform, stage
- sike**
circle, sphere; cycle, orbit, year
- leko** *
square, cube, block, brick
- namako** * 🧂
spice, ornament; extra, additional

locating

- lon**
located at; real, true, exist
- ni**
this, that, these, those
- poki**
container, bag, bowl, box, cup
- insa**
inside, center, between, middle; organ, stomach
- sewi** 🏔️
up, top, above; divine, sacred, supernatural; awesome, inspiring
- sinpin**
vertical surface, wall; front, face
- poka**
hip, side; next to, near
- anpa**
bottom, underside; below; defeat, humble, lowly
- monsi**
back, behind, rear
- selo**
outer layer, skin, peel, shell, bark; boundary
- weka**
away, absent, distant; remove, rid

counting

- # nanpa**
number, -th
- X ala**
not, nothing, no; 0; (negation); (yes-no question)
- 1 wan**
1; combine, join, mix
- || tu**
2; separate, divide, split
- ||| mute** 🧑🧑
many, several, very; 20
- ∞ ale**
all, everything, entirety; any; 100

people

- mi**
(1st-person) I, me, we, us
- sina**
(2nd-person) you, y'all
- ona**
(3rd-person) he, she, it, they, ...
- jan**
person, somebody
- kulupu**
group, community, company, collection, team
- mama**
parent; creator; caretaker
- tonsi** *
nonbinary; transgender
- meli** * ♀
female
- mije** * ♂
male

sight

- lukin**
look, see, examine; eye; try
- sitelen**
image, picture, symbol, writing
- kule**
color; aspect of sense, timbre, pitch, flavor, texture; queer
- walo**
white; light-colored, bright color
- pimeja**
black; dark, unlit; dark color
- loje**
red, reddish color
- jelo**
yellow, yellowish color
- laso**
blue, green, turquoise, indigo

elements

- ma**
earth, land, soil; country, territory
- kon**
air, breath, wind; spirit, soul
- suno**
sun, light source; light, glow
- mun**
moon, night sky object, star
- seli**
hot, warm; heat, fire; burn
- lete**
cold, cool, frozen; raw
- telo**
water, liquids, drinks, oil, ink
- kasi**
plant, vegetation; herb, leaf
- kili**
fruit, vegetable
- soko** *
mushroom, fungus, lichen

ideas

- sona**
knowledge, information; know; wisdom, skill
- nimi**
word, name
- pilin**
heart; feeling (emotion, sense)
- olin** 🧡
love, bond, compassion, respect
- musi**
entertainment, fun, game, art, amusing, interesting
- wawa**
power, energy; intense; amazing
- nasin**
method, doctrine; road, way
- utala**
fight, compete, battle; challenge
- moli** ☠️
death, dead, dying; kill, murder
- pakala**
damage, break, harm; mistake
- monsuta** *
fear, scary, monster, threat, danger

descriptions

- pona**
good, positive, pleasant, simple, friendly, useful, peaceful, based
- ike**
bad, negative, unpleasant, cringe, complex, harmful, unneeded
- lili**
little, small, short; few; young
- suli**
big, heavy, large; important; adult
- sama**
same, similar; sibling, peer; as, like
- ante**
different, change, changed, other
- kiwen**
hard object, stone, rock, metal
- ko**
clay, dough, semi-solid, powder
- suwi**
sweet; cute, innocent, adorable
- jaki**
disgusting, unclean, toxic
- nasa**
strange, unusual, silly, unexpected; drunk
- sin**
new, fresh; another, extra

connection

- > li**
(predicate marker)
- >> e**
(direct object marker)
- ┌ pi**
(regroups modifiers)
-) la**
(context marker)
- + taso**
only, exclusive; but, however
- + en**
(multiple subject marker)
- ↳ tan**
by, from, because; origin, cause
- Y anu**
(possibility marker), or
- ...? seme**
(question marker); what, which
- * kin** *
too, also

necessities

- wile**
want, must, need
- tomo**
building, room, tent, shelter
- moku**
eat, drink; food
- pan**
grain, potato, pasta, bread, rice
- len**
cloth, fabric; hidden, private
- esun**
market, shop; trade, buy, sell
- mani**
money, currency; valuables
- misikeke** * 🩺
medication, medical practice

state

- tawa**
motion, walking, flight, travel; going to, for; from the perspective of
- kama**
arrive, summon; future; become
- awen**
stay, remain, wait; protect, save; to continue
- ken**
ability, can, may; possible; allow, enable; to be able to
- tenpo** ⌚
time, moment, period, duration
- open**
begin, start; turn on; opening
- pini**
finish, stop; turn off; close, end, conclusion

evoke

- a**
(emphasis/emotion marker); ah, oh, haha, eh, um
- o**
(vocative/imperative marker), must, ought, should, could, would
- 🧠 mu**
(animal noise/onomatopoeia)
- n** *
(thinking interjection), hm, uh

disclaimer
the goal of this learning tool is to help memorise the words. however, the choices in the categorisation 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.