

The Uwu Language

Phonology

Consonants

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| w [w] |
| v [β] ([v] in some dialects) |
| ny [ɲ] |

Vowels

Some vowels have alternative notations which can be used when diacritics are not available:

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| ü / ue [y] | u [u] | ũ / un [ũ] |
| ø / oe [ø] | o [o] | õ / on [õ] |
| a [a] | aa [a:] | |

Tonemes

Tonemes can be written using either a diacritic on the first free vowel in a word or characters surrounding the word. Tonemes affect the whole word, not just a single syllable.

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| owo [˧] | =owo= |
| ówo [˨˩] | *owo* |
| ôwo [˨˩˥] | ~owo~ |
| òwo [˨˩˥˥] | -owo- |
| ǒwo [˨˩˥˥˥] | >owo< |

Phonotactics

The syllable structure for native words is (C)V(C), with vowels and consonants alternating. There are two types of words in Uwu, uwu words and kitty words. Kitty words only contain the phonemes /ny/, /a/ and /aa/ and are function words. Uwu words are made up of the other phonemes and can be both function and content words. Only verbs and some foreign words end with a /v/. When using foreign words in a text written in Uwu rhotics and lateral approximants should be replaced with /w/ and nasals with /ny/, all other sounds can remain the same even if they do not appear natively in Uwu.

Grammar

Word Order

subject - verb - object

preposition - demonstrative - noun - adjective - genitive - relative clause

adjective - adverb

particle - verb - adverb

modal verb - verb

Compound words are head-initial.

Inflection

owo what's that?

Number

Grammatical number can be expressed using numerals or adjectives such as "üwo - several, a few" or "övo - many", though number marking is optional and often omitted.

Case

Uwu uses prepositions instead of inflectional noun cases:

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| Genitive (possession) | uv | of, from |
| Dative (indirect object) | ù | to |
| Locative (location, direction) | ù | at, in, on, to |

Tense, Aspect & Mood

There is no morphological tense marking in Uwu, tense is marked semantically with temporal adverbs. Aspect and mood can be expressed using modal auxiliaries and adverbs:

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| ability, permission | úv | can, to be able to, to be allowed to, to be ready to |
| obligation, need | òv | must, to be obligated to, to need |
| wish, intention | òvov | to want, to intend |
| habitual | ovuvo | often, regularly, usually, [in past:] used to |
| inceptive | ovüv | to start, to begin |
| cessative | övùv | to stop, to cease |
| perfective | uvov | to finish |

Vocabulary

Numerals

Uwu uses the binary system for numerals. The digit 0 is represented by "o" and 1 by "u", and in between every two vowels a "w" is inserted.

Example Numerals

| decimal | binary | Uwu |
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| 0 | 0 | o |
| 1 | 1 | u |
| 2 | 10 | uwo |
| 10 | 1010 | uwowuwo |
| 69 | 1000101 | uwowowuwowu |
| 420 | 110100100 | uwuwowuwowowuwowo |

Pronouns

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| first person | ow | I, we |
| second person | uw | you |
| third person | öwo | he, she, it, they |

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| reflexive (any person) | üwu | myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, themselves |
| reciprocal (any person) | üwuwo | each other |

Gender

Uwu words are gender neutral by default, gender can be specified with adjectives but does not exist as a grammatical category:

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| uvu | non-binary |
| uvü | female |
| üvu | male |

Dictionary

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| nya | <i>particle</i> if [conditional marker] (<i>see example section below</i>) |
| nyáa | <i>particle</i> please [politeness marker] (<i>see example section below</i>) |
| nyanya | <i>adjective / adverb</i> [diminutive marker] |
| o | <i>numeral</i> zero; <i>adverb</i> false, no, never |
| ô | <i>conjunction</i> but |
| õ | <i>particle</i> not, un-, in- |
| òv | <i>auxiliary verb</i> must; <i>verb</i> to be obligated to, to need (<i>see example section below</i>) |
| öv | <i>verb</i> to have, to own, to possess |
| ov | <i>question particle</i> (<i>see example section below</i>) |
| ov üwów | <i>interrogative adverb</i> when |
| ov öwo | <i>interrogative pronoun</i> what, who |
| ov õwõ | <i>interrogative adverb</i> where |
| ov ovowu | <i>interrogative adverb</i> why |
| ovö | <i>adjective</i> old, long [duration], late; <i>adverb</i> long [duration], late |
| óvo | <i>noun</i> moon, month |
| óvõ | <i>noun</i> chest, breast |
| òvo | <i>noun</i> intention |
| òvõ | <i>noun</i> cold; <i>adjective</i> cold |
| övó | <i>noun</i> rule, authority, reign, regime |
| övô | <i>noun</i> sadness, sorrow; <i>adjective</i> sad |
| övö | <i>noun</i> tree |
| õvo | <i>adjective</i> quick, fast, rapid |
| õvò | <i>preposition</i> against, in opposition to, despite |
| õvò | <i>particle</i> [imperative or determination] |
| õvõ | <i>noun</i> back, rear; <i>adjective</i> back, rear |
| õvö | <i>noun</i> lie, deception |

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| õvo | <i>noun</i> group, large amount, flock, swarm, herd; <i>adjective</i> many, much; <i>adverb</i> much, a lot, very, [in comparisons:] more |
| õvo õvo | <i>adjective / adverb</i> most |
| õvo ovo | <i>noun</i> speech, talk, story |
| ovo | <i>noun</i> word |
| ovo õwu | <i>noun</i> magic spell |
| ovõv | <i>verb</i> to happen, to act, to do |
| òvov | <i>verb</i> to want, to intend, to mean |
| ôvov | <i>verb</i> to stand, to stand up, to help up, to erect |
| õvón | <i>verb</i> to rule, to govern, to dominate, to oppress |
| õvöv | <i>verb</i> to hold, to carry |
| õvöv | <i>verb</i> to lie, to deceive |
| òvöv | <i>verb</i> to request, to order |
| òvöv subject ù person | <i>verb</i> to request something from somebody |
| ôvöv | <i>verb</i> to ask (<i>see example section below</i>) |
| ôvöv subject | <i>verb</i> to ask about something |
| ôvöv person | <i>verb</i> to ask somebody |
| ôvöv subject ù person | <i>verb</i> to ask somebody about something |
| ovov | <i>verb</i> to speak, to talk, to say, to answer |
| ovov subject | <i>verb</i> to say something |
| ovov person | <i>verb</i> to talk to somebody |
| ovov subject ù person | <i>verb</i> to say something to somebody, to talk to somebody about something |
| ovovo | <i>noun</i> eye |
| õvovo | <i>noun</i> excess, surplus; <i>adjective</i> excessive; <i>adverb</i> excessively |
| ôvovo | <i>noun</i> circle, wheel; <i>adjective</i> round; <i>adverb</i> round, in a circle |
| õvovo | <i>noun</i> cart, car, vehicle |
| õvovo óvowu | <i>noun</i> plane, helicopter, flying vehicle |
| õvovo ùwò | <i>noun</i> boat, ship, swimming vehicle |
| ovow | <i>noun</i> event, incident |
| ôvöv | <i>noun</i> question; <i>adjective</i> unsure |
| òvow | <i>adverb</i> again, another time, back; <i>adjective</i> repeated |
| õvöv | <i>noun</i> snow; <i>adjective</i> snowy |
| õvow | <i>noun</i> amount, number, digit, letter |
| ovowo | <i>noun</i> edge, corner, angle |
| òvowo | <i>noun</i> alcoholic drink |
| õvowo | <i>adjective</i> collective, cooperative <i>adverb</i> together, collectively, cooperatively |
| ôvowo | <i>noun</i> snake |
| òvowov | <i>verb</i> to fail, to miss [fail to hit or attend] |

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| ovowu | <i>noun</i> cause, reason, motive |
| ovowü | <i>noun</i> ear |
| ovowũ | <i>noun</i> point, dot, spot, full stop, period |
| óvowu | <i>noun</i> sky, air, wind |
| òvòwu | <i>noun</i> shirt |
| õvowu | <i>noun</i> buttocks, rear, butt |
| öväwu | <i>noun</i> paper, page, note, letter |
| öväwu ovow | <i>noun</i> newspaper |
| ovowuv | <i>verb</i> to cause, to make something happen, to make somebody do something |
| ovü | <i>noun</i> beginning, start |
| òvu | <i>noun</i> obligation |
| òvü | <i>noun</i> dress |
| ôvü | <i>noun</i> animal; <i>adjective</i> wild |
| övu | <i>noun</i> plant |
| övä | <i>noun</i> interruption, break |
| õvä | <i>adjective</i> good, fine; <i>adverb</i> fine, well |
| ovu | <i>noun</i> land, ground, region, country |
| ovu üvo | <i>noun</i> field, farmland, farm |
| ovu üwò | <i>noun</i> island |
| ovüv | <i>verb</i> to start, to begin |
| öväv | <i>verb</i> to stop, to cease |
| ovuv (something ü something) | <i>verb</i> to add (something to something) |
| õvovo | <i>noun</i> room; <i>adjective</i> snug, secure |
| ovovo | <i>adjective</i> usual <i>adverb</i> often, regularly, usually [habitual marker] |
| ovovo ovovo | <i>adverb</i> always |
| ôvuvu | <i>noun</i> house, building |
| ôvuvu õwóvo | <i>noun</i> school |
| ôvüw | <i>noun</i> cloth, fabric; <i>adjective</i> soft, flexible |
| òvuw | <i>preposition</i> in stead of |
| ôvuw | <i>noun</i> picture, image, form, shape |
| ôvuw owöwo | <i>noun</i> statue |
| ôvuw òvovu | <i>noun</i> smell |
| ôvuw ovowo (numeral) | <i>noun</i> (numeral)angle, (numeral)agon |
| ovuwõ | <i>noun</i> past, history; <i>adverb</i> [past marker] |
| õvuwõ | <i>noun</i> music |
| ôvuwò | <i>noun</i> clothes, piece of clothing; <i>adjective</i> wearing clothing |

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| õvüwõ | <i>noun</i> lizard |
| õvúwu | <i>noun</i> grass, leaf, herb |
| õvùwu | <i>noun</i> right, justice; <i>adjective</i> just, virtuous, right, legitimate |
| ow | <i>pronoun</i> I, we |
| òw | <i>demonstrative</i> here, this |
| õw | <i>preposition</i> with, during; <i>conjunction</i> while |
| ów | <i>noun</i> colour; <i>adjective</i> coloured, colourful |
| ów uv õvu | <i>adjective</i> green |
| ów uv õvúwu | <i>adjective</i> blue |
| owo | <i>demonstrative</i> there, that |
| owõ | <i>noun</i> sense |
| ówo | <i>adjective</i> big, large, long, extensive; <i>adverb</i> very |
| òwõ | <i>noun</i> type, kind, sort, class |
| õwo | <i>noun</i> dog |
| ôwõ | <i>noun</i> sun, star, year; <i>adjective</i> sunny |
| õwo | <i>pronoun</i> he, she, it, they; <i>relative pronoun</i> who, which, that |
| õwò | <i>adjective</i> slow, tired, exhausted |
| õwõ | <i>noun</i> night, darkness; <i>adjective</i> nocturnal, dark; <i>adverb</i> at night |
| õwõ | <i>noun</i> parent |
| õwõ | <i>noun</i> heart, main part, inside; <i>adjective</i> main |
| õwõ | <i>noun</i> distance; <i>adjective</i> distant, far |
| õwo | <i>noun</i> fish |
| õwó | <i>noun</i> knowledge, science; <i>adjective</i> sure, certain <i>adverb</i> certainly |
| õwõ | <i>noun</i> place, location, direction |
| õwõ owuw | <i>noun</i> south; <i>adjective</i> south, southern |
| õwõ uwow | <i>noun</i> north; <i>adjective</i> north, northern |
| òwo | <i>noun</i> person, man, woman, someone, somebody |
| òwo ûvü | <i>noun</i> worker, labourer, proletarian |
| òwo úwu | <i>noun</i> cutie |
| òwo õvó | <i>noun</i> ruler, monarch, master, mistress |
| òwo ũwuvu | <i>noun</i> healer, physician, doctor, nurse |
| òwov | <i>verb</i> to lie, to lie down, to lay, to put |
| õwov | <i>verb</i> to read |
| ówov | <i>verb</i> to laugh, to laugh at, to laugh about |
| ôwöv | <i>verb</i> to swim |
| õwov | <i>verb</i> to try, to attempt, to test |
| õwòv | <i>verb</i> to write, to record, to spell, to draw, to paint |
| õwóv | <i>verb</i> to know, to decide |

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| owōv | <i>verb</i> to perceive, to see, to hear, to smell, to taste, to feel, to think (<i>see example section below</i>) |
| owōv ... öw ovovo | <i>verb</i> to see |
| owōv ... öw òwovu | <i>verb</i> to smell |
| owōv ... öw ovowü | <i>verb</i> to hear |
| owōv ... öw uwu | <i>verb</i> to taste |
| owōv ... öw öwow | <i>verb</i> to feel [by touch] |
| owōv ... öw úvu | <i>verb</i> to think, to feel [emotionally] |
| öwovo | <i>noun</i> result, product |
| ówovo | <i>noun</i> height, plateau; <i>adjective</i> high, elevated |
| ówovö | <i>noun</i> anger, rage; <i>adjective</i> angry |
| ōwóvo | <i>noun</i> learning, study |
| ōwōvo | <i>noun</i> right, right side; <i>adjective</i> right |
| ōwóvov | <i>verb</i> to study, to learn, to get to know, to examine |
| owovu | <i>noun</i> part, piece; <i>adjective</i> split, divided |
| (num1) owovu (num2) | <i>numeral</i> num1/num2 |
| u owovu uwo | <i>numeral</i> 1/2, half |
| òwovu | <i>noun</i> nose |
| ōwovu | <i>noun</i> death; <i>adjective</i> dead |
| ōwōvu | <i>noun</i> left, left side; <i>adjective</i> left |
| ôwovu | <i>noun</i> gender |
| ôwovu úwu | <i>adjective</i> transgender |
| ōwóvu | <i>noun</i> value; <i>adjective</i> valuable, expensive |
| òwovuv | <i>verb</i> to transport, to bring |
| òwovuv object ù recipient | <i>verb</i> to transport/bring something to somebody/somewhere |
| owow | <i>adjective</i> different, other |
| ówow | <i>adjective</i> new, recent, novel, fresh |
| ówöw | <i>noun</i> sound, noise; <i>adjective</i> noisy, loud |
| ówöw üwü ówovu | <i>noun</i> thunder |
| ôwow | <i>noun</i> state, status, condition |
| ōwow | <i>noun</i> skin, outside, surface; <i>adjective</i> outer, external; <i>adverb</i> apparently, seemingly |
| ōwòw | <i>adjective</i> direct, straight; <i>adverb</i> directly |
| ōwôw | <i>noun</i> family; <i>adjective</i> belonging to the family |
| owowo | <i>noun</i> Earth [the planet] |
| owöwo | <i>noun</i> body; <i>adjective</i> bodily, physical |
| ówowo | <i>noun</i> fear; <i>adjective</i> afraid |
| ôwowo | <i>noun</i> stone, rock; <i>adjective</i> made from stone, hard, inflexible, stubborn |
| ōwówo | <i>noun</i> god, goddess, deity |

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| owowov | <i>verb</i> to find |
| õwõwov | <i>verb</i> to lack, to miss [somebody] |
| ówowu | <i>noun</i> lightning, electricity; <i>adjective</i> electric, electrical |
| òwowu | <i>noun</i> arm, strength, power, force; <i>adjective</i> strong, powerful, forceful; <i>adverb</i> strongly, forcefully |
| òwõwu | <i>noun</i> violence, combat, battle; <i>adjective</i> violent |
| ôwowu | <i>noun</i> example; <i>adjective</i> / <i>adverb</i> for example |
| òwõwuv | <i>verb</i> to fight |
| ówü | <i>noun</i> cat |
| òwu | <i>noun</i> pet; <i>adjective</i> tame, domesticated |
| õwu | <i>noun</i> magic, witchcraft; <i>adjective</i> magical |
| òwú | <i>noun</i> rotation, turn, day [24 hours] |
| õwu | <i>noun</i> hand, vicinity, side; <i>adjective</i> near, nearby, close |
| ówuv | <i>verb</i> to change, to make (<i>see example section below</i>) |
| òwúv | <i>verb</i> to spin, to rotate, to turn |
| õwuv | <i>verb</i> to help, to save, to preserve |
| òwuv object ù recipient | <i>verb</i> to give something to somebody |
| òwuvo | <i>noun</i> onion |
| õwuvo | <i>noun</i> life; <i>adjective</i> alive, animate |
| ówuvov | <i>verb</i> to grow, to become |
| òwuvov | <i>verb</i> to grow [crops], to farm |
| owuvu | <i>noun</i> metal; <i>adjective</i> made from metal |
| owuw | <i>preposition</i> / <i>adjective</i> minus |
| ówüw | <i>noun</i> weight; <i>adjective</i> heavy, difficult; <i>adverb</i> with difficulty |
| ówuwo | <i>noun</i> morning, east; <i>adjective</i> / <i>adverb</i> in the morning, east, eastern |
| õwuwo | <i>noun</i> hour |
| õwuwo (numeral) uwuwo | <i>adverb</i> (numeral) o'clock |
| ówüwu | <i>noun</i> catgirl, catperson, catboy |
| ôwüwu | <i>noun</i> smile |
| ôwüwuv | <i>verb</i> to smile |
| u | <i>numeral</i> one; <i>adverb</i> true, yes; <i>adjective</i> real |
| ũ | <i>conjunction</i> and |
| ù | <i>preposition</i> at, in, to, on, about [dative and locative marker] (<i>see example section below</i>) |
| ù òvõ uv | <i>preposition</i> behind, after, since |
| ù õwõ uv | <i>preposition</i> inside, into |
| ù õwov uv | <i>preposition</i> outside of, out of |
| ù õwu uv | <i>preposition</i> next to, near, beside |

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| ù úvu uv | <i>preposition</i> on top of, onto, up |
| ù ûvu uv | <i>preposition</i> through, across |
| ù ûvu úvu uv | <i>preposition</i> over |
| ù üwò uv | <i>preposition</i> under, down |
| ù uwüw uv | <i>preposition</i> in front of, before, until, ago |
| ù üwòwu uv | <i>preposition</i> between |
| uv | <i>preposition</i> from, of[genitive marker] (<i>see example section below</i>) |
| úv | <i>auxiliary verb</i> can; <i>verb</i> to be able to, to be allowed to, to be ready, to be possible (<i>see example section below</i>) |
| ûv | <i>adverb</i> than, as, like, similar to, equal (<i>see example section below</i>) |
| üv | <i>verb</i> to take, to grab, to seize |
| uvo | <i>noun</i> end, finish |
| ûvo | <i>noun</i> fire |
| üvó | <i>noun</i> hobby, pastime; <i>adjective</i> fun, pleasant |
| üvõ | <i>noun</i> hatred |
| ûvo | <i>noun</i> food; <i>adjective</i> edible |
| uvov | <i>verb</i> to finish [perfective marker] |
| ûvov | <i>verb</i> to burn |
| üvóv | <i>verb</i> to continue |
| üvõv | <i>verb</i> to hate, to dislike |
| ûvòv | <i>verb</i> to sit, to sit down |
| uvovo | <i>noun</i> norm; <i>adjective</i> normal, ordinary, common, average, plain, simple |
| ûvovo | <i>adjective</i> open |
| uvow | <i>adjective</i> light [weight], easy; <i>adverb</i> easily |
| ûvowo | <i>noun</i> order, system, organization; <i>adjective</i> organized |
| ûvowo òwo | <i>noun</i> society |
| uvowo | <i>noun</i> door, gate |
| ûvowu | <i>noun</i> window |
| uvu | <i>adjective</i> non-binary |
| uvu | <i>noun</i> sleep |
| uvü | <i>adjective</i> female |
| úvu | <i>noun</i> head, top, upper side |
| ùvu | <i>adjective</i> thin, narrow, flat |
| ûvu | <i>noun</i> mouth |
| ûvü | <i>noun</i> task, work, job, profession; <i>adjective</i> busy |
| üvu | <i>adjective</i> male |
| üvú | <i>noun</i> song |

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| üvũ | <i>noun</i> drink |
| uvuv | <i>verb</i> to sleep |
| úvuv | <i>verb</i> to wear |
| ûvüv | <i>verb</i> to work, to labour, to create, to make, to produce |
| üvúv | <i>verb</i> to sing |
| üvũv | <i>verb</i> to drink |
| üvüvü | <i>noun</i> bird |
| uvüwo | <i>noun</i> mediocre meme |
| ùvüwo | <i>noun</i> dead meme |
| ũvuwõ | <i>noun</i> table |
| üvüwo | <i>noun</i> boring meme |
| ûvüwo | <i>noun</i> meme that is funny at first glance but actually very problematic |
| üvuwo | <i>noun</i> good but not quite dank meme |
| üvúwo | <i>noun</i> meme involving crustaceans |
| üvùwo | <i>noun</i> high quality but very specific meme that only a handful of people can comprehend properly |
| üvũwo | <i>noun</i> dank meme; <i>adjective</i> awesome |
| üvûwo | <i>noun</i> old but good meme |
| uvuwu | <i>noun</i> tool, instrument |
| úvwu | <i>noun</i> thought, idea |
| üvùwu | <i>adjective</i> sufficient; <i>adverb</i> enough, sufficiently |
| uvuwuv | <i>verb</i> to use, to utilise |
| úvwuv | <i>verb</i> to care about, to worry about, to pay attention to |
| uw | <i>pronoun</i> you |
| ũw | <i>adjective</i> only |
| ûw | <i>adjective</i> all, every, full, whole |
| üw | <i>adjective</i> bad, negative, evil, mean, unkind, cruel |
| ũw | <i>noun</i> thing, something, object |
| ũw ówüw | <i>noun</i> difficulty, problem |
| uwo | <i>numeral</i> two; <i>adjective</i> a couple of [dual marker] (see example section below) |
| úwõ | <i>noun</i> sibling |
| ũwo | <i>noun</i> kiss |
| üwò | <i>noun</i> foot, bottom, lower side, base, foundation |
| ũwò | <i>noun</i> water, liquid; <i>adjective</i> liquid, wet |
| ũwò óvowu | <i>noun</i> rain; <i>adjective</i> rainy |
| üwo | <i>noun</i> amount, group, mass; <i>adjective</i> several, a few, some |

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| üwo ówovo | <i>noun</i> mountain |
| üwo uwöwo | <i>noun</i> desert |
| üwo üwò | <i>noun</i> body of water, lake, ocean, sea |
| üwo ôvuwu | <i>noun</i> outfit, attire |
| üwo uvuwu üvü | <i>noun</i> the means of production |
| üwo ovo | <i>noun</i> sentence |
| üwo övöwu | <i>noun</i> book |
| üwo ôvuvu | <i>noun</i> village, town, settlement |
| üwo òwöwu | <i>noun</i> war |
| ùwov | <i>verb</i> to thank |
| ùwöŵ | <i>verb</i> to cut, to harvest |
| ŷwov | <i>verb</i> to kiss |
| üwov | <i>verb</i> to jiggle, to wiggle, to curl, to wind, to coil up |
| uwovu | <i>noun</i> center, middle; <i>adjective</i> central |
| ùwovu | <i>noun</i> fruit, vegetable, berry |
| ûwövu | <i>noun</i> insect, bug, spider |
| üwóvu | <i>noun</i> skirt |
| uwow | <i>preposition / adjective</i> plus |
| üwôw | <i>noun</i> horse |
| ùwow | <i>noun</i> name |
| õ ùwow | <i>noun</i> dead name |
| üwów | <i>noun</i> time |
| üwów òw | <i>adverb</i> now, currently; <i>adjective</i> current, present, up-to-date |
| uwöwo | <i>noun</i> sand; <i>adjective</i> dry |
| üwòwo | <i>noun</i> pants |
| ùwowu | <i>noun</i> evening, west; <i>adjective / adverb</i> in the evening, west, western |
| üwòwu | <i>noun</i> leg |
| uwu | <i>noun</i> tongue, language |
| uwü | <i>noun</i> child, kid |
| úwu | <i>adjective</i> gay, queer, LGBT, cute, good, nice (<i>see example section below</i>) |
| ùwu | <i>adjective</i> small, little, few, short; <i>adverb</i> barely |
| ùwü | <i>noun</i> heat; <i>adjective</i> hot, warm |
| üwu | <i>pronoun</i> self, myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, themselves |
| üwŷ | <i>noun</i> fog, mist; <i>adjective</i> foggy, misty, hidden, unseen, mysterious |
| üwŷ óvowu | <i>noun</i> cloud; <i>adjective</i> cloudy |
| üwù | <i>noun</i> bed |
| üwû | <i>noun</i> game |
| üwü | <i>noun</i> happiness; <i>adjective</i> happy |

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| úwu | <i>noun</i> love |
| úwu owow | <i>adjective</i> heterosexual |
| ũwù | <i>noun</i> way, road, street, travel, journey |
| ũwù ùwò | <i>noun</i> river, stream |
| üwû | <i>noun</i> day-time; <i>adjective</i> diurnal <i>adverb</i> in the day-time, during the day |
| üwû uwovu | <i>noun</i> noon; <i>adjective</i> / <i>adverb</i> at noon |
| üwü | <i>noun</i> beauty; <i>adjective</i> beautiful |
| üwü uwu | <i>adjective</i> delicious |
| úwuv | <i>verb</i> to love, to like |
| ùwuv | <i>verb</i> to eat, to consume |
| üwuv | <i>verb</i> to play |
| üwùv | <i>verb</i> to cuddle, to snuggle |
| ũwùv | <i>verb</i> to go, to move, to travel, to leave |
| ũwûv | <i>verb</i> to meet, to gather, to date, to encounter |
| úwuvo | <i>noun</i> friend, buddy, pal, bro, sis, comrade |
| ǔwuvo | <i>noun</i> flower, blossom |
| uwuvo | <i>noun</i> line, row, queue, sequence; <i>adverb</i> in line, in sequence |
| (numeral) uwuvo | <i>adjective</i> (numeral)st, (numeral)nd, (numeral)rd, (numeral)th |
| ùwuvu | <i>noun</i> sink, dip, depression [geology]; <i>adjective</i> low, deep |
| ǔwuvu | <i>noun</i> medicine; <i>adjective</i> medical |
| ǔwuvuv | <i>verb</i> to heal, to treat [medically], to care for |
| uwüw | <i>noun</i> face, front side |
| üwúw | <i>adjective</i> young |
| üwûw | <i>noun</i> blanket, cover; <i>adjective</i> covered |
| uwuwo | <i>noun</i> cross |
| úwüwò | <i>noun</i> future; <i>adverb</i> [future marker] |
| ûwuwo | <i>noun</i> light; <i>adjective</i> bright, light |
| üwuwo | <i>pronoun</i> each other |
| ũwuwo | <i>noun</i> computer |
| ùwuwo | <i>noun</i> minute |
| ùwuwo ùwu | <i>noun</i> second |
| uwüwu | <i>noun</i> baby |
| úwuwu | <i>adjective</i> cute and valid |
| ûwuwu | <i>noun</i> compliment; <i>adjective</i> nice, kind, affectionate |
| úwüwûv | <i>verb</i> to fall in love with somebody who will not reciprocate your feelings because they follow the heterosexual lifestyle |
| ûwuwuv | <i>verb</i> to compliment |

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Examples

Simple Sentences

There is no copula in Uwu:

ôwö ùwü

sun hot

"The sun is hot."

òvü öwúv

dress spin

"Dress go spinny."

ow úwuv ówü ûw

I love cat all

"I love all cats."

Negation

The particle "õ" negates the word following it and is most often used on verbs to negate a statement:

ow õ uvuv òw öwõ

I NEG sleep this night

"I didn't sleep tonight."

övö õ ówo

tree NEG big

"The tree isn't big."

Relative Clauses

öwo owõv ûwövu öwo ãvòv ù üwò uv üwù

he see spider that sit LOC foot GEN bed

"He sees the spider that sits under the bed."

Since Uwu lacks participles it uses simple relative clauses to express that meaning:

ow öv öwo öwo ovov

I have dog that talk

"I have a talking dog."

Questions

The question particle "ov" can be used to form interrogative pronouns and sentences using the word following it:

ov üwów uw ãwùv òw

INT time you go here

"When will you come?"

uw ov òvov ũwo ow
you INT want kiss I
"Do you want to kiss me?"

uw òvov ũwo ov ow
you want kiss INT I
"Do you want to kiss *me*?"

Comparison

"ũv" is used to compare things and can mean both "as" and "than":

ûwövu ówo ũv òwo
bug big as dog
"The bug is as big as a dog."

üwôw ówo òvo ũv òwo
horse big more than dog
"Horses are bigger than dogs."

Adjectives and adverbs can be reduplicated to form a superlative:

òwuvo ùwovuòvù òvù òvù
onion vegetable good good
"Onions are the best vegetable."

Tense, Aspect & Mood

uw òv òwónov úwüwõ ũw òvo
you must learn FUT thing many
"You will need to learn many things."

òwo ò úv òwov ovuwõ
he NEG can read PST
"He could not read."

ow òvov úvuv owo òvòwu
I want wear that shirt
"I want to wear that shirt."

ow ûvüv ovuwõ ovuvo ũvüwo
I create PST HAB boring.meme
"I used to make boring memes."

Imperative - òvò

The particle "òvò" is used to express determination or, in second person, an imperative:

uw òvò ò òvöv
you IMP NEG lie
"Do not lie!"

ow òvò ovüv
we IMP begin
"We shall begin!" or "Let us begin!"

Politeness - nyáa

The particle "nyáa" is used to make a phrase more polite, usually lowering the intensity of the verb. Unlike most particles "nyáa" is used at the end of the clause it modifies. It can often, but not always, be translated with "please":

uw ðvò òwuv üvũ ù ow nyáa
 you IMP give drink DAT I please

"Please give me a drink."

uw òv ð üwùv nyáa
 you must NEG leave please

"You shouldn't leave."

ow òvov ovov uwü uv uw nyáa
 I want speak child GEN you please

"I would like to talk to your child."

uw uvuv ðvù nyáa
 you sleep well please

"May you sleep well."

Conditional Sentences - nya

The verbal particle "nya" marks a clause as protasis, and verbs in the same sentence lacking it are assumed to belong to the apodisis:

uw nya üwùv ow üwùv öw uw
 you COND go I go with you

"If you go I will come with you."

uw nya ð ðvöv övo ovuwð ow nya ð üvöv uw
 you COND NEG lie much PST I COND NEG dislike you

"If you hadn't lied so much I wouldn't dislike you."

ow nya owðv ovuwð öwo ow nya ùvov ovuwð öwo
 I COND see PST she I COND thank PST she

"If I had seen her I would have thanked her."

Word Usage Examples:

òvöv

ow òvöv òvöv ù öwo
 I ask question DAT they

"I ask them a question."

ow òvöv öwo ù öwo
 I ask dog DAT they

"I ask them about the dog."

ow òvöv uwü úwuv öwo ù öwo
 I ask child like dog DAT they

"I ask them if the child likes dogs."

owðv

"owðv" is used for perception with any sense, if necessary the sense can be specified:

ówü owõv ðvuwõ
cat perceive music
"The cat listens to music."

ow owõv ówü öw owoü ô ð öw ovovo
I perceive cat with ear but NEG with eye
"I hear the cat but cannot see it."

ówuv

"ówuv", "to change, to make", is used with an adjective to express an action that results in that adjective:

ówüwuówuv ûvovo ûvowu
catgirl make open window
"The catgirl opens the window."

òwo ûvü ûvovo ûw ðvuvu
person work make whole house
"The builder completes the house."

ù

"ù" is a general marker for locations and can mean "at", "in", "on" or "to" depending on the context:

ow ûwùv ù úwuvu
I go LOC friend
"I go to [my] friend."

uwü uvuv ù üwù
child sleep LOC bed
"The child sleeps in the bed."

It can be expanded by a genitival clause to be more precise:

òwo uvuv ù ðwu uv üwù
dog sleep LOC hand GEN bed
"The dog sleeps next to the bed."

uwo

Apart from being a normal numeral "uwo", "two", can be used to denote two things treated as a unit:

òwo úwuv öwö uwo uv üwu
she love parent two of herself
"She loves her parents."

ðvüwõ öv ovovo uwo ówo
lizard have eye two big
"The lizard has big eyes."

úwu

Primarily meaning "gay" or otherwise belonging to the LGBT spectrum, "úwu" can also mean "good" or "cute" and is a common compliment in Uwu:

úwö üvu uv uw úwu
sibling male GEN you gay
"Your brother is nice."

òw ùwóvu úwu
this skirt gay
"This skirt is cute."

Common Greetings

òwú úwu
day gay/good
"Good day!"

uw úwuwu
you cute.and.valid
"You are cute and valid!"

òwú uv uw úwu òvo nyáa
day GEN you gay very please
[formal] "May your day be very gay!"

Useful Phrases for Internet Catgirls

These are some common phrases of great cultural significance in virtual catgirl society:

uw úwu òvo
you gay very
"You are very gay."

uw uwüwu úwu
you baby cute
"You are an adorable baby."

ow uwüwu nyanya
I baby DIM
"I am babby."

o uw
no you
"No u."

úwov
wiggle
"*wiggles*"

úwùv
snuggle
"*snuggles*"

úwov òwo úwu ûw
kiss person cute every
"*kisses all the cuties*"

uw úwu úwu
you cute cute

"You are the cutest."

òwo òwo òwov òw úwuwu
person who read this cute.and.valid
"The person reading this is cute and valid."

òvùwu uv òwovu úwu òvùwu uv òwo
right GEN gender gay right GEN person
"Trans rights are human rights!"

üv òvò üwo uvuwu ûvü
take IMP mass tool labour
"Seize the means of production!"

òwówo o, òwo òvón o
god no, person rule no
"No gods, no masters!"