

Potawatomi

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Potawatomi is a Central Algonquian language, spoken by the Pottawatomi people living in southern Ontario (in the area of Wallaceburg), Wisconsin, and Michigan. It is a critically endangered language with only a handful of native speakers remaining (Lockwood 2017).

Instructions

Potawatomi has the following consonant inventory: [ʔ, k^w, p, tʃ, z, ʃ, j, w, m, g^w, ʒ, n, h, dʒ, d, b, t, k, g, s]. Group the consonants according to the natural classes below.

Natural class	Segments
Voiced	
Voiceless	
Bilabials	
Dentals	
Palatals	
Velars	
Glottals	
Fricatives	
Sonorants	

Sources

Lockwood, Hunter Thompson. 2017. How the Potawatomi language lives: A grammar of Potawatomi. PhD Dissertation, University of Wisconsin-Madison.