

# Stoney (Nakoda)

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Stoney (also known as Nakoda or Isga) is a Siouan language spoken by a few thousand people in Alberta, Canada. There have been efforts to document the language. The Stoney community in the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation have created a language app called “Stoney”, which contains a dictionary of 3000 words and has translation capabilities (Stoney to English and vice versa). For more information, visit <https://www.cbc.ca/originalvoices/language/nakoda/>

## Instructions

Stoney has the following consonant inventory: [j, w, h, ʔ, n, m, ð, ʁ, χ, s, θ, b, t, p, d, g, dʒ, k, tʃ, z]. [ʁ] and [χ] are voiced and voiceless velar fricatives, respectively. Group the consonants according to the natural classes below.

Natural class	Segments
Velar	
Alveolar	
Alveopalatal	
Glottal	
Nasals	
Fricatives	
Oral stops	
Affricates	
Glides	
Voiceless	
Voiced	

## Sources

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