

## Dee Ni Language Lesson

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**Project/Activity Name and ID Number:**

*Dee Ni Crosswords*

**Common Curriculum Goal:**

2<sup>nd</sup> language: Topics: Various – depends on associated lessons

2<sup>nd</sup> language: Reading: BM3: Obtain information from simple text, often using context clues.

2<sup>nd</sup> language: Writing: BM3: Write from memory some high-frequency words.

**Season/Location:**

*Can be associated with any lesson. Should be included with all seasonal cultural assessment activities.*

**Partners/Guests/Community:**

*The puzzles would make great «homework» assignments, exposing friends and family to Dee Ni language.*

**Cultural Component(s):**

*Dependent on associated lesson/activity*

Arts and Aesthetics	Communication	History Government	Medium of Exchange Science Shelter
Belief -World View	Family	History	Transportation
Clothing	Food	Medicine	Tools and Technology
	Fun		

**Project/Activity Lesson Objective Components:**

**Vocabulary:**

➤ *Vocabulary will be taken from associated lessons.*

**Grammar:**

➤ *3 – 5: spelling, including use of symbols ( ' ~ -).*

**Phrases (Writing, Speaking, Reading, Listening):**

____ (number) _____ across.	____ (number) _____ maa-ne
____ (number) _____ down.	____ (number) _____ se'-nee-t'a'
Crossword puzzle.	Maa-ne wee-ya' pvzzvl

➤ *Clues in puzzles for advanced students, based on lesson content.*

**After completing the lesson, Students and/or Instructors will be able to:**

1. *Decipher English clues to discover Dee Ni words and write them down correctly in a crossword puzzle.*
  - *F= - (dash)*
  - *J= ~ (tilde)*
  - *Q= ' (glottal)*
2. *Write clues and create Dee Ni puzzles using a crossword-generating program.*

**Assessment:**

- **Translation**
- *Effort/Visual Form*
- *Percentage*
- *Conversation*
- *Collaboration*
- **Conventions**
- *Delivery*
- *Ideas and Content*
- **Percentage**

**Activity/Project Description:**

- *Teachers and students create lists of Dee Ni words to be used as crossword puzzle answers.*
- *Teachers and students write English language clues to the puzzle words.*
- *As an advanced activity, clues could be written in Dee Ni.*
- *Students and teachers use a crossword-generating program (available on line) to create the puzzle clue and answer sheet. This requires assigning a English letter not used in the Dee Ni alphabet to each of the symbols used in Dee Ni words.*
- *Solve the puzzle!*

**Materials/Supplies:**

- *Vocabulary lists from any/all Dee Ni lessons.*
- *Web based or other crossword puzzle creation program (I use «Crossword Companion»).*
- *Dictionary (print/digital/talking)*
- *A nice sharp pencil, reading glasses, and a cat.*