Lenape Names for the Times of Day

These are the names for the times of the day as used by the Lenape or Delaware Indians. In the first column are links in blue that can be clicked to take you to the Lenape Talking Dictionary (www.talk-lenape.org) where you can hear the Lenape name. The middle column contains a photo of the item if available. In the third column is the literal translation or comments of the Lenape name.

pètapàn

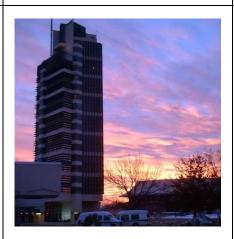
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it is approaching dawn; it is coming daylight; first light of day

kchinkwehële

https://www.talklenape.org/detail?id=1790



it is sunrise

The sun is rising behind the Price Tower in Bartlesville, OK. It was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

òpàn

https://www.talklenape.org/detail?id=7958



it dawns; it is morning

The sun rises over the ocean in Lenapehòkink, the original home of the Lenape in New Jersey.

alàpae early in the morning https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=254 Early morning at Copan Lake north of Bartlesville, OK nèsko paxhàkwe forenoon; before noon https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=14318 Photo from a Lenape football game played men against the women. It should be played before noon. See here for more information: https://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/FOOTBALL-ART-2017.pdf paxhàkwe noon TÈLËN ÒK https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8328 NISHA TÈLËN NAXA PĖSHKUNK NEWA XASH PALENAXK NISHASH KWËTASH kìshi paxhàkwe afternoon https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=14321

lòku https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=4038		evening; it is evening time
lòkwëni https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=4043		eveningtime
wëli lòku https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=16354		it is a nice evening
tòkanilòku https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=10208		nice evening (beginning at sundown) this literally means a 'soft' evening
wsika http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11433		sunset; sundown
piske https://www.talk-		it is night
lenape.org/detail?id=8783		The Delaware stomp dance is held at night
tòkanitpikàt	Car Mada May 2	nice, pleasant night
https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=10209		The Delaware Go-Get-'Em dance also done at night and the women gather in front of singers

laitpuko

https://www.talklenape.org/detail?id=3726



midnight

Things Seen in the Sky

See this list also:

https://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/LENAPE-NAMES-OF-THINGS-IN-THE-SKY.pdf

kishux https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=2503	sun; moon, month
piskewëni kishux https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=10343	moon "night sun"
tùkwsi kishux https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=10343 mësëtchèsu kishux https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=14988	full moon A full moon over Delaware Bay

wëski kishux https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=10926	new moon
wikhe kishux https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=11086	there is a ring around the moon "the moon is building a house"

Terms and concepts adopted from European words:

kwëti spànkweokàn https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=13076	no image available	one second (literally: one blink of the eye)
minit https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=12894	no image available	minute
awël https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=16352	no image available	hour

këlak https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=11803	TÈLÊN ÖK NISHA TÈLÊN ÖK KWÊTI TÈLÊN NISHA NISHA PESHKUNK NAXA XASH NEWA NISHASH PALENÀXK KWÊTASH	clock; o'clock
Newa këlak. https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=18403	TÈLÊN ÖK NISHA KWÊTI KWÊTI NISHA PÊSHKUNK NAXA NEWA NISHASH PALENÂXK KWÊTASH	It is four o'clock.
Kèxa hèch këlak? https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=18400	no image available	What time is it?
Tèlën òk palenàxk kìshi newa. https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=18402	TÈLËN ÔK NISHA TÈLËN ÔK NISHA KWËTI TÈLËN NISHA PÈSHKUNK NAXA NAXA NAXA NAXA NEWA NISHASH PALENÄXK KWËTASH	It is four-fifteen.

Tèlën mìnìt xu palenàxk.

https://www.talklenape.org/detail?id=18401



It is ten minutes to five.

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