Lenape Words As Interjections

These are words used in Lenape as interjections. These are mostly single words used to express a reaction to something like Ouch! in English if hurt, or Oops, if almost falling. Sometimes the word Ta or Tamwe is added to indicate emphasis. In the first column there are the Lenape words, and in the middle column in blue are links to take you to the Lenape Talking Dictionary (www.talk-lenape.org) to hear the Lenape. In the third column is the translation of the Lenape name.

Exclamation	Link to Sound File	English
a-i	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=213	exclamation used when finished eating
awee	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=17780	oh my! exclamation when one has pains like sore joints
<u>awii</u>	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=12262	ouch!
chei shështamwe	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=14924	Oh, my goodness !
chëwee	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=17690	oh my it's hot! (exclamation about weather)
è	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=921	oh!
eche	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=923	exclamation of surprise
eche tamwe	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=924	exclamation of great surprise

è-è	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=56	yes
ehei	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=13850	exclamation when you see something huge, or hear about something from long ago
hìpaha	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=1317	expression of glee (when one is having a good time at a dance; etc.)
ho tamwe	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=1444	oh my!
o tamwe	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=12005	
hupahaha	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=12228	exclamation when having fun
ihèh	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=1512	exclamation of an expected unpleasantness; such as one going to be punished; or bad weather coming; etc.
kàchi	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=11892	don't!
kahtati	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=1696	try your best!

katu	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=13829	exclamation when subjected to sudden cold, such as going outside in winter; Brr!
kehëla	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=1817	oh well!
kësaa	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=2270	exclamation when seeing something nasty
kësa tamwe	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=2271	exclamation if you see something really nasty or disgusting
kohàn	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=17964	yes!
kohàn lah	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=2678	see there!
konàch	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=12798	so what?!
kwëtii	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=3485	Little One, Cute one It is used if you see something cute like a baby or a puppy.
maluwe	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=4278	darn it!
na nëni	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=13294	That's it! (exclamation of agreement)

nëpe	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=6028	all right!
nëpèhta	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=6029	expression of enthusiasm in answer to a question or imperative
oho	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=14751	Oh my!
phwit	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=12527	nonsense!
push	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=8982	scat! Word use to chase a cat away.
pux	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=13128	whew! (exclamation on smelling something bad)
puxòò	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=9007	whew! (exclamation on smelling something bad)
shèkta	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=9356	see there! (exclamation; not the actual act of looking)
shëmuch	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=9368	Oh yes! (exclamation used if one remembers something else); or a word used to correct something you said incorrectly
shëwaha	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=12291	exclamation of glee or excitement (at a dance)

ta	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=9769	definitely; indeed, (adds emphasis to statement or command)
teka	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=9959	watch out; be careful
teka ta	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=9958	watch out!; be careful!
wah	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=18522	Oh my! (exclamation of surprise)
wanìshi	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=10471	thanks; thank you
yuh	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=11760	all right!, OK!
yuhoo	https://www.talk- lenape.org/detail?id=11723	all right!, OK!

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