Caddo Alphabet

Letter	As in English	Caddo Example	
a	father	as	"persimmon"
b	baker	batah	"fish"
ch	chew	chawat	"scorpion"
ch'	*	ch'ayah	"turtle"
d	door	daʔ	"deer"
i	police	ibat	"grandfather"
h	ham	hatiduʔ	"hot"
k	keep	kaʔan	"bottle"
k'	*	k'unuʔ	"melon"
m	mean	miyuʔ	"cat"
n	nice	nápbaʔ	"night"
p	peach	páhtsiʔ	"nephew, niece"
s	sister	sisih	"flea"
sh	shoot	shiwah	"squirrel"
t	take	tanahaʔ	"buffalo"
t'	*	t'aʔuh	"tooth, beaver"
ts	what's	tsíwʔk'as	"star"
ts'	*	ts'í:nih	"nothing"
u	push	uʔush	"owl"
w	want	waduʔ	"wildcat"
y	yard	yá:hah	"tobacco"
ʔ	middle of uh_oh	aʔah	"father"

* These consonants are pronounced by raising the adam's apple and then letting go.
Long vowels are shown with a colon, as in i:ʔ "potato".
High-pitched vowels are shown with an acute accent mark, as in dáshkat "bread".
Falling-pitched vowels are shown with a grave accent mark, as in dì:tamah "horse".