

## Section III. Other Parts of Speech

## III-A. Pronouns

Personal pronounsayv "I, we"

This pronoun has a variant,  $\text{a}^2\text{ya}$ , which is used by some speakers. It refers to one or more first persons. It is frequently used in replying to questions; note (2) as a response to the question in (1).

(1)  $\text{ga}^3\text{go}$   $\text{u}^1\text{we}^2\text{nv}^3\text{se}^3\text{i}?$  "Who went?"  
       who           went

(2)  $\text{a}^2\text{yv}$ . "I."

$\text{a}^2\text{yv}$  is also used in stative sentences like (3).

(3)  $\text{a}^2\text{yv}$   $\text{ji}^2\text{ja}^2\text{la}^2\text{gi}$  "I'm a Cherokee."  
       I           Cherokee

$\text{a}^2\text{yv}$  can also be used for emphasis as the subject of a verb. This use of  $\text{a}^2\text{yv}$  is optional, as (4) indicates.

