John 1:14
Huautla de Jiménez Mazatec* of Mexico

*In Huautla [WOW-tlaw] de Jiménez Mazatec each syllable has a tone or a combination of 2 tones (glide). The alphabet uses a ‘?’ to show a glottal stop, like the sound at the beginning of the English word “uh-oh”.

1. How do you know which tone to use on each syllable?
2. How many different tones and glides do you see in John 1:14?
3. What Mazatec consonant combinations do you see in John 1:14 that English doesn’t have?

Answers: 1) Numbers 2) 4 tones (1, 2, 3 and 4) and 2 glides (4-2 and 1-4) 3) jn, cj, and jnc (ts and nt may occur at the end of syllables like “ant” or “acts” in English)