

Multiple Ways To Install Cherokee Keyboards on Android Phones

Multiling Keyboard (third-party):

To be able to use Cherokee on the Android system, it depends on two things, your carrier and your operating system version. The OS you need to be running is at least 5.0. You can find that out in your settings and then go to About Phone. Even if you are running 5.0 or higher, there is no guarantee that you can see Cherokee. It won't be until the keyboard language step below to find that out.

To be able to type in Cherokee, you will need to download two free apps. The first one is called Multiling Keyboard. The second is called MyAlpha. Once both are installed, open Multiling Keyboard and go to the first choice, Enable Multiling. There you will toggle on the Multiling Keyboard. Now go back.

Then go to enable languages. Check the Use MyAlpha Font option, and then go through the list of languages. You will need to turn off some. Keep English on, but disable the others. Cherokee is pretty far down the list. It is titled ᏆᏍᏏ ᏍᏍᏏᏍᏏᏍᏏ with (Cherokee) underneath it. If you see the syllabary on this list then your phone can display the language and all these steps weren't for nothing. If you see a line of boxes instead of syllabary, then your service provider hasn't pushed out the update to be able to display Cherokee. Now, if you can see the syllabary, check the box next to Cherokee and then continue down the list. There is one more language to disable.

Once you have enabled Cherokee and English, and disabled all the others that were check marked, go to your phone's settings app. Go to General Management (or something named similar to that) and then go to Language and Input. In the Language and Input page, go to Default Keyboard and then choose Multiling to be your default. Once that is done, go to a place where you can type, i.e. Messages or Google Search, and the Multiling Keyboard should be active. To change from English to Cherokee, and vice versa, tap and hold the space bar until your language options appear, and then you can choose your input language.

Gboard (Google): *Note: you will still need to have your operating system be 5.0 or higher*

Go to the Google Playstore on your Android Phone. Type Gboard into the search bar. When it shows up tap install. You will be prompted to allow Identity and Contacts. Tap Accept. When the install is done tap Open.

Step 1 - Tap ENABLE IN SETTINGS and tap the check-mark box next to Gboard. If any dialogue boxes appear when you do this, tap OK.

Step 2 - Tap SELECT INPUT METHOD. Choose Gboard from the menu.

ALL SET - Instead of tapping DONE on this page, tap the blue "additional languages" under the Gboard logo. Tap ADD KEYBOARD at the bottom of the page. Scroll down until you see Cherokee (Single-Case). Select it and tap DONE on the next page. If Cherokee (Single Case) was added, move on to the next paragraph. If you do not see Cherokee (Single-Case), something on your phone may be out of date for you to be able to see and use Cherokee. Your phone may need a system update, or your phone model may be too old to have the most up to date versions of the app. If this is the case, we appologize but we here at Cherokee Nation cannot help with this problem. This would be something to take up with your service provider (AT&T, Verizon, etc.)

Once Cherokee (Single-Case) is added to the Gboard, open an app, such as Messages, and bring up your keyboard. At the bottom left, next to the space bar, a globe icon will need to be tapped to change to Cherokee. The Cherokee keyboard is identical to the Cherokee keyboard on iPhone.