

but I can't talk. I say just a little bit--not much. But when I went to talk about somebody, I just kinda cut it up! (everyone laughs) I always talk to Gertie and she always speak back in English to me. I always say, "Yeah, a white lady born you--that's how come you're speaking in English. You ought to talk Indian back. Or else you're ashamed of your own language," I told her. I always tell her and Lillie that. I try to talk Indian, but my children, they don't understand. Even my grandchildren, they don't know. I think we're just going to lose our language. Another ten years it's gonna be gone.

Roberta: Unless we start having classes for it. Going to school.

Birdie: I understand Kiowa and can speak like she said. I think about it when we go to the store and Jack wants to buy something and I tell him and he'll answer me in English--I want to hit him in the head! "Oh no," I say, "It's not any good." He'll say, "It's not any good? (speaks Kiowa phrase) Try to be sly and he answers in English.

Irene: Gertie's that way, too. I speak Indian to her and she speaks back in English. That's where we're losing out. I said, "Are you ashamed of your language, or what? Or you just don't want to talk it?" I think she just don't want to talk it. And she talks good Indian.

Jordan: (To Henderson) Did you have something you were going to ask?

Henderson: Yes. I wanted to ask her (Roberta) if you made application to the Apache Housing Committee or to the Kiowa?

Roberta: Kiowa. Two applications. And this last one they left there over a month. Now they're gonna have a meeting on the thieteenth of July. They'll probably turn it down again.

Irene: They have committees that comes together to approve all that stuff.

Jordan: Now the committee's composed of Kiowas?

Irene: Yes.

Jordan: How are they selected?