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Àdû sáyá ?

Jìskú áyá.

Dà sá yê adàné ?

Ast'èxh áwé.

Àdû sáyá yá khâ ?

Jìskú du îsh áwé.

Mâ sá khuwanûk ?

Ghèwú kè anał.át.

Àdû sáyá ?

Jìskú du dlàk' áyá.

Dà sá yê adàné ?

T'ási ask'íxh't.

Dà sá yà anał.át wé shàtk'iyétsk'u ?

Dêxh t'ási yà anał.át.

Gùdê sá yà anał.át ?

Du łîłk'u xhánde anghaxàshí yís.

Mâ sá khuwanûk du tlâ ?

Nadâkw ká xhât axâsh.

Mâ sá khuwanûk du sîk' ?

Du tlâ ajiłatín.

Dà sá yê has adàné ?

Tlêx' à xhât yánde ashayatî.

Du kîk' s'ìkh yê adàné
xhât tayì.

Dà sá yà anasxhút' du húnxh ?

Dúkh yà anasxhút', xh'àn kayís.

Mâ tìyích sáyá át â Fido ?

Xhât xùk du ît uwahâ, ách áwé Fido át â.

Mâ tìyích sá às k'iyìt tá ?

Â amłixàch xhât xùk du xh'êxh ghaxhdutìyí, ách áwé wùtà.

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1 **Àdû sáyá ?** **Jìskú áyá.**

Who is this? *This is Jìskú.*

Dà sá yê adàné ? **Ast'èxh áwé.**

What's he doing? *He's fishing.*

2 **Àdû sáyá yá khâ ?**

Who is this man?

Jìskú du îsh áwé.

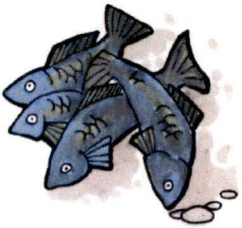
He is Jìskú's father.

Mâ sá khuwanûk ?

What is he doing?

Ghèwú kè anał.át.

He is pulling up the net.



3 **Àdû sáyá ?**

Who is this?

Jìskú du dlàk' áyá.

This is Jìskú's sister.

Dà sá yê adàné ?

What is she doing?

T'ási ask'íxh't.

She is gaffing grayling.

4 **Dà sá yà anał.át wé shàtk'iyétsk'u ?**

What is the young girl carrying?

Dêxh t'ási yà anał.át.

She is carrying two grayling.

Gùdê sá yà anał.át ?

Where is she carrying them to?

Du łîłk'u xhánde anghaxàshí yís.

To her grandma so she can cut them.

5 **Mâ sá khuwanûk du tlâ ?**

What is her mother doing?

Nadâkw ká xhât axâsh.

She is cutting fish on the table.

Mâ sá khuwanûk du sîk' ?

What is her daughter doing?

Du tlâ ajiłatín.

She is watching her mom work.

6 **Dà sá yê has adàné ?**

What are they doing?

Tlêx' à xhât yánde ashayatî.

One of them is hanging fish.

Du kîk' s'ìkh yê adàné xhât tayì.

The younger sister is making smoke under the fish.

7 **Dà sá yà anasxhút' du húnxh ?**

What is his older brother dragging?

Dúkh yà anasxhút', xh'àn kayís.

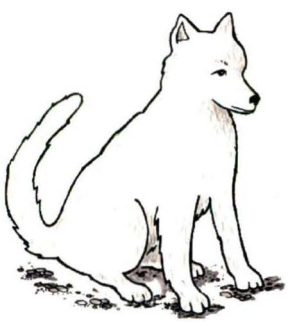
He is dragging cottonwood for the fire.

8 **Mâ tìyích sáyá át â Fido ?**

Why is Fido sitting there?

Xhât xùk du ît uwahâ, ách áwé Fido át â.

He is hungry for dry fish, that's why Fido is sitting there.



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Mâ tìyích sá às k'iyìt tá ?

Why is he sleeping under the tree?

Â amłixàch xhât xùk du xh'êxh ghaxhdutìyí, ách áwé wùtà.

He gave up waiting for them to give him some dry fish, that's why he went to sleep.

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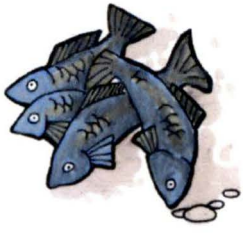

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