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SCHEDULE

	Monday Feb 16	Tuesday Feb 17	Wednesday Feb 18
9:00	Opening Prayer Listening Exercise: kh and kh'	Progressives	Listening Exercise: x' and xh' (cont) Discussion of Language Structure
10:45	Listening Exercise:	Listening Exercise: ts' and s'	Listening Exercise: tl and tl'
noon	lunch	lunch	lunch
1:00	Listening Exercise: ch and ch' Teslin Christmas Concert	Listening Exercise: dz and ts	Listening Exercise: k' and kh'
2:45	Listening Exercise: I' and tl'	Listening Exercise: x' and xh'	Wrap-up and Gift-giving

TLINGIT VOWEL CHART

T - Teslin, C - Carcross, A - Atlin

The basic Tlingit vowels are \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{e} , \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{u} . An \mathbf{o} occurs sometimes in borrowed words and interjections. The vowels can be long or short and can have either high or low tone.

short low	short high	long low	long high		
(no mark)	,	•	^		
ch' a just	á that, there	à, à yes	â sitting, lake		
d e already	t é rock	d è trail, road	d ê enough		
i your	ł í don't	dì tea	î yuck!		
ts u again	ts ú also, too	gish ù (T, A) gesh ù (C) pig	nàsh û extends		
	h ó h ó thank you		ah ô I don't want to (coast: I understand)		

Tlingit Consonant Chart

	Labial lips		Alveolar tongue tip behind teeth widdle of tongue against roof of mouth of mouth Uvular back of tongue touches u at back of throat		touches uvula	Glottal vocal chords					
	Stops (stop off the breath)										
	,			· .			rounded		rounded		rounded (rare; Note 2)
Plain		d â weasel	dl èt snow	dz èt ladder, bridge, stairs	j â j i snowshoes	g án firewood	gw êł <i>bag</i>	gh â (raven call)	ła ghw án tie it into a bow	nay . á (you folks) go!	ana. w èch (usually) wears it
Aspirated followed by a puff of air		t á sleep	ti â mother	tsåts bear root, hedysarum	ch àn <i>mother-in-law</i>	k âni brother/sister -in-law	kw êy mark, landmark	khâ man	khwân people from		
Glottalized released with a popping sound		t' á king salmon	tl 'átk earth, ground	ts'ats'î bird	ch' âk' <i>eagle</i>	k'ínk' fermented fish heads	k'wát' egg (not fish egg)	kh'atèł pitcher	kh'w átl <i>pot</i>		
Plain			łûł	Fricativ sà	es (breath flow	s through narrow	-			1. (.	
			fireweed	name	mountain	x í x ch' <i>frog</i>	xw ê whew!	xh át <i>me, l</i>	xhw àgùt <i>I went</i>	h ás they, them	yà-na hw ên is swimming
Glottalized with vocal chords closed			ł'àk dress	s' ìkh smoke, cigarette	·	x'âx' apple	x'wán long johns	xh' é mouth	xh'w âł' down		, is evilling
	Sonorants (softer, you can sing them continuously)										
Nasal vibration in nasal cavity	m â-sá? how? (Note 2)	n á' here; take it									
Nonnasal	w àkh <i>eye</i>		dalèyí trout		y á this		}				

[•]Note 1: rounded w and hw do not occur in the Teslin dialect

*Note 2: m does not occur in the Carcross dialect

kh and kh'



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Examples of kh

1. khâs'

match

2. wàkh

eyes

3. khákw

basket

Examples of kh'

1. kh'âtl'

flat, thin

2. kh'atèł

pitcher

3. kh'anâxhán

fence

kh and kh'

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Write kh and kh' as you hear them.

- 1. Khâs' yan akamsitán.

 He laid a match down.
- 2. Kh'atèł agamdi.ù.

 She bought herself a pitcher.
- 3. S'agwât yáxh yatì du wàkh. Her eyes are brown.
- 4. Hàndé wé s'íx' kh'âtl'.

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- 9. Kh'èkaxwên wexh yà daxh kana.ên. Flowers are growing there.
- 10. Łítà kh'âtl' wêdu.

 There is a table knife.

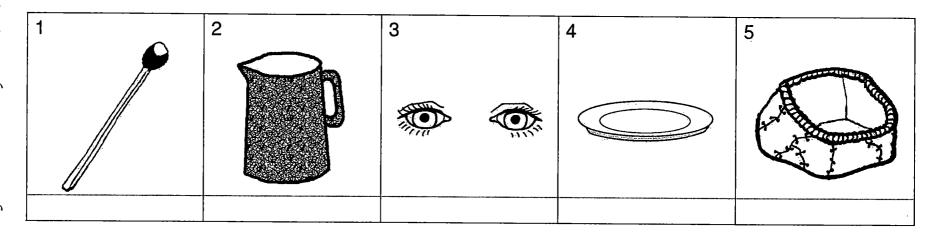
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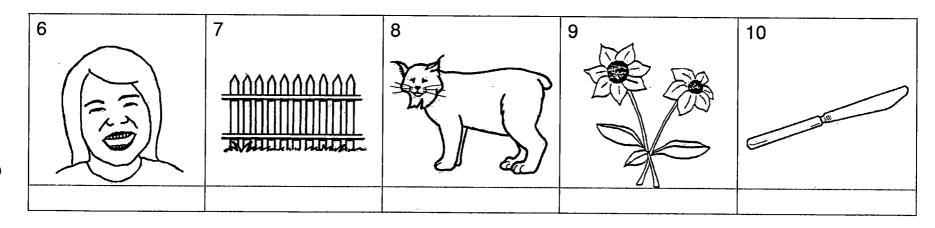
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k' and kh'



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Examples of k'

1. k'âs' gap where a tooth

is missing

2. k'únts' potato

3. k'ûxh' gum, pitch

Examples of kh'

1. kh'êkaxwên flower

2. kh'âtl' flat, thin

2. kh'atèł *pitcher*

k' and kh'

Write k' and kh' as you hear them.

- 1. K'âs' áwé wêt.

 That is where a tooth is missing.
- 2. Łítà kh'âtl át tîn.

 The table knife is lying there.
- 3. Kh'êkaxwên àwak'úts'. She picked a flower.
- 4. K'únts' dà akayêxh.

 He is peeling potatoes.
- 5. Kh'anâxhán amliyéxh. She built a fence.
- 6. Dáxhnáxh k'isâni wêt nákh.

 Two young boys are standing there.
- 7. Du kh'aluyì uwas'úk.

 The area under his nose is dry.
- 8. Hít k'iyì át â wé kètl.

 The dog is sitting behind the house.
- 9. Hîn akáwu wé kh'ateł. There is water in the pitcher.
- 10. K'ûxh' agamdi.ù.

 He bought himself gum.



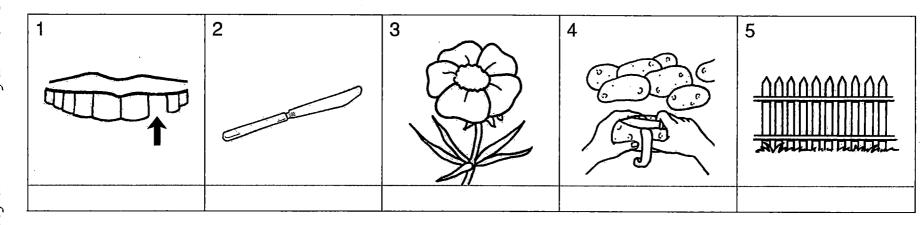
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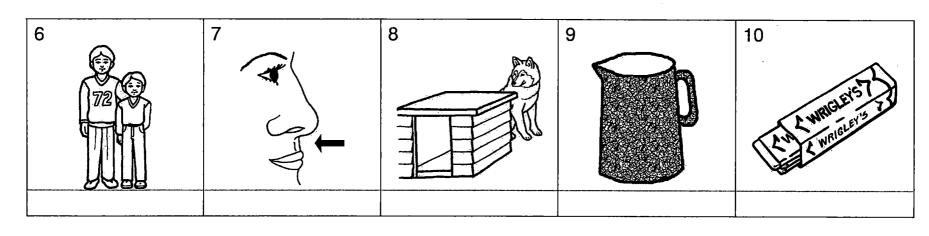
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ch and ch'



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Examples of ch

1. châtl

halibut

2. ghùch

wolf

3. chùkwán

grass

Examples of ch'

1. ch'âk'

bald eagle

2. ch'âł'

willows

3. ch'în

ribbon

ch and ch'



Write ch and ch' as you hear them.

- 1. Châtl amdzit'èxh.

 He hooked a halibut.
- 2. Xhalak'ách' às káxh kè nagút.

 The porcupine is climbing the tree.
- 3. Ghùch wêt hán.

 The wolf is standing there.
- 4. Ch'âł' yà kanas.ên. Willows are growing.
- 5. Ch'âk' yà ndakhín.

 The bald eagle is flying.
- 6. Chùkwán wêxh yà kanas.ên.

 The grass is growing along there.
- 7. Dlèt ch'în yê aya.û.

 She is wearing a white ribbon.
- Chùnèt xhàtîn.
 I see an arrow.
- Châs' yà naltsís.
 The humpback salmon is swimming along.
- 10. Xíxch hêt â.

 The frog is sitting here.

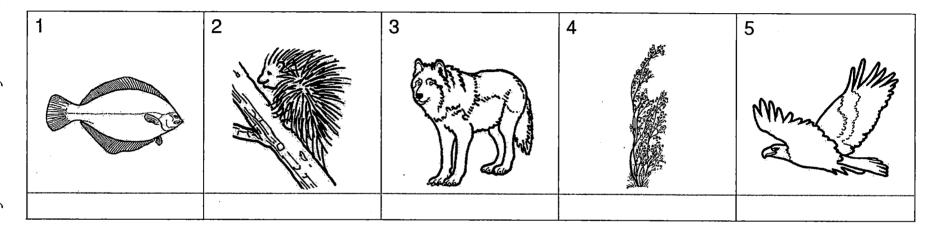
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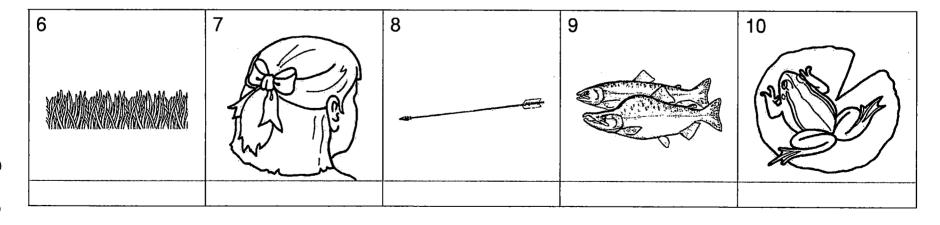
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tl and tl'



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Examples of tl

1. tlâk'w *maternal aunt*

2. tlakhwyádi raspberry

3. tlèlû butterfly

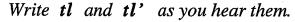
Examples of tl'

1. tl'ìkh *finger*

2. akwdlixhîtl' s/he is scared

3. tl'atgikatlêghu strawberry

tl and tl'



- 1. Du tl'ìkh wudix'ís. His finger is swollen.
- 2. Yê kwsigênk'i tlèlû ayatîn. He sees a small butterfly.
- Akwdlixhîtl' wé shàtk'. 3. The young girl is scared.
- 4. Tlákw áwé àndé nakhúxhch. He drives to town all the time.
- 5. Tl'atgikatlêghu a.în. She is picking strawberries.
- Tlêx' yagì ká sîm dàk wusitán. 6. It rained on Monday.
- 7. Sh wudlik'átl' wé khâ. The man is quiet. (The man is not talking.)
- Du tlâk'w xh'ès at sa.î. 8. He is cooking for his maternal aunt.
- 9. Tl'ikhkakîs kadân du jìt kamduwatî. Someone gave her a nice ring.
- Tlakhwyádi axhá. 10. She is eating raspberries.



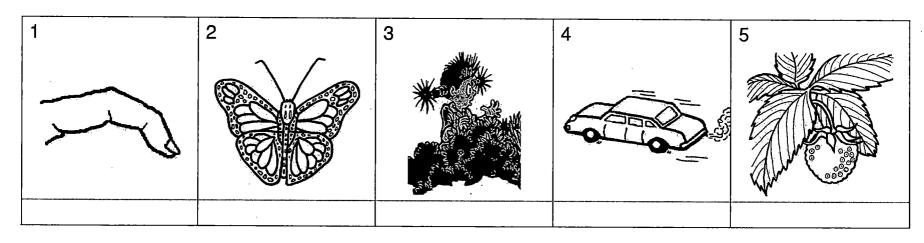
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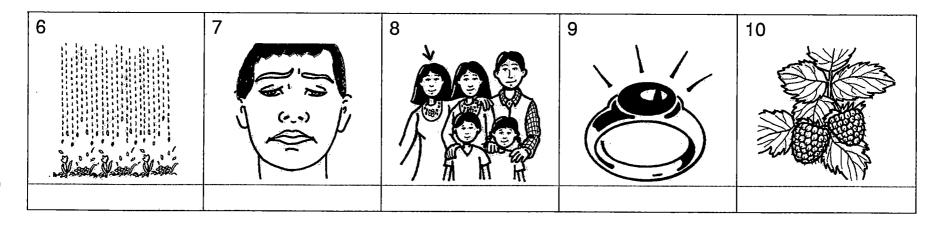
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tl' and l'



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Examples of tl'

1. tl'ikhnà.át thimble

2. tl'atgikatlêghu strawberry

3. tľúk'xh robin

Examples of 1'

1. *l*'it *tail*

2. ł'êw sand

3. ł'àk dress

tl' and l'



Write tl' and l' as you hear them.

- 1. Tl'úk'xh kè akawahâ wé jákhkw. The robin dug up a worm.
- 2. Khûk tu.êł amsi.ù. He bought a box of salt.
- 3. Tl'ikhnà.át tin dakhês'. She is sewing using a thimble.
- 4. Wé khâ kha shàwát has al'èxh. The man and woman are dancing.
- 5. T'âxh'w du tl'ìkh kâ kàwa.â. A wart grew on her finger.
- S'udìn l'ìt yê kwlisâ. 6. A shrew's tail is thin (skinny).
- Akwdlixhîtl' wé shàtk'. 7. The young girl is scared.
- Ł'èx x'ìshâ áwé. 8. That is an aluminum bucket.
- Shûgà axhùdé yê amsinì wé tl'atgikatlêghu. 9. She put sugar on the strawberries.
- 10. Ł'êw kâ kè mduwayísh wé yàkw. They pulled the boat up on the sand.

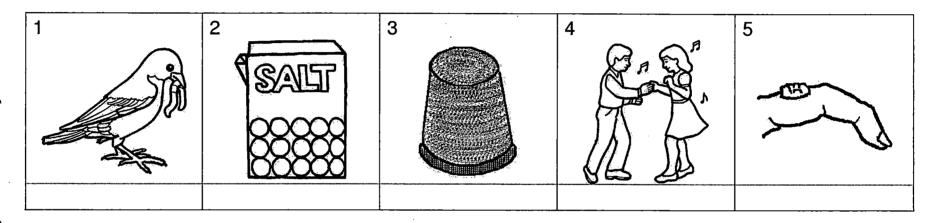
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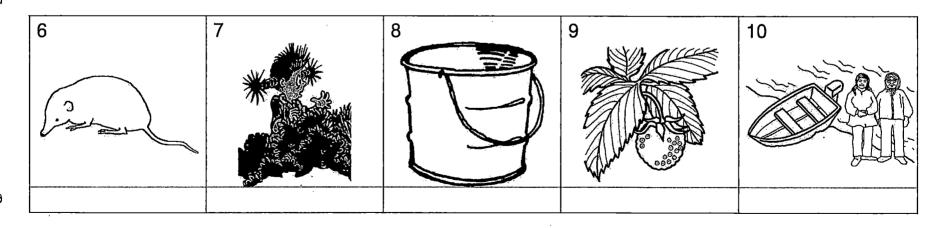
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tl' and l'

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l' and s'



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Examples of 1'

1. ł'îx'wán socks

2. ł'ùk coho salmon

3. ł'áł jackpine

Examples of s'

1. s'ìkh smoke

2. s'igèdí beaver

3. s'àxh groundhog

l' and s'

Write \mathbf{t} ' and \mathbf{s} ' as you hear them.

- 1. Yîs ł'àk du jìwú.

 She has a new dress.
- 2. S'àxh káxh ał'ûn.

 He is hunting for groundhog.
- 3. Ł'îx'wán xh'ùst amdiyíkh. She put on socks.
- 4. Ł'áł xhùxh yà nagút.

 He is walking among the jack pine trees.
- 5. Tùm s'ìnâ át akamligán. She lit a candle.
- 6. S'ísà hít wêt da.â.

 The tent is there. (situated, standing).
- 7. Ł'ùk kè uwax'ák.

 The coho salmon have arrived here.
- 8. S'igèdí xhùdé wùgùt.

 He went beaver hunting / trapping.
- 9. Ł'êw hîn yíkde duwatîn.

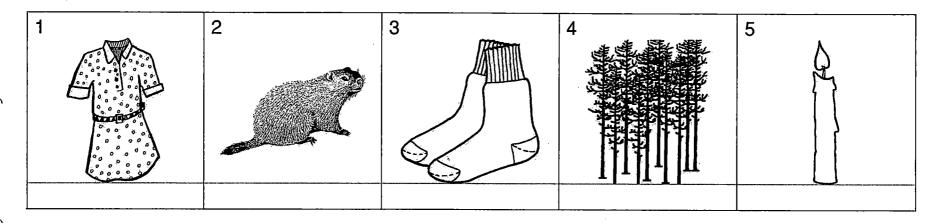
 You can see sand (bar) in the river.
- 10. S'ikh xhàtîn.

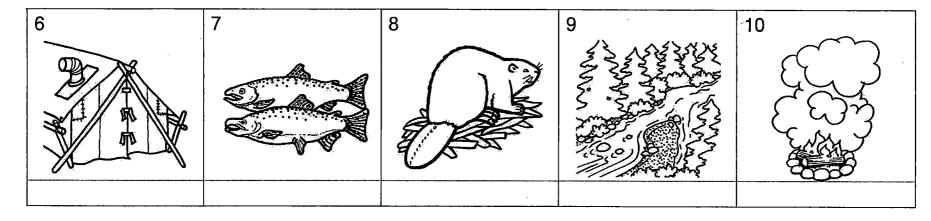
 I see smoke.



ł' and s'

Write **l**' and **s**' as you hear them.





s' and ts'



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Examples of s'

1. s'âxw hat, cap

2. s'âxh' ling cod

3. s'ísà canvas

Examples of ts'

1. ts'ats'î small birds, song birds

2. ts'ùtàt morning

3. ts'agwêł crow

s' and ts'

Write s' and ts' as you hear them.

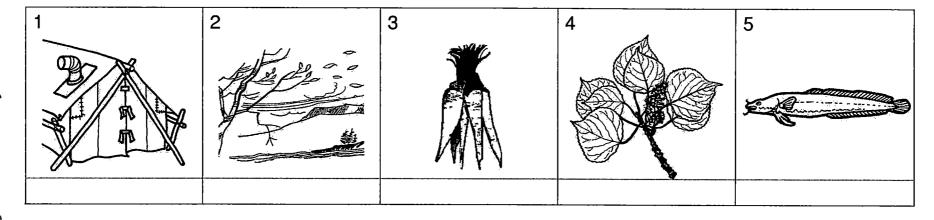
- S'ísà hít àwakhâ axh sáni. 1. My paternal uncle sewed a tent.
- 2. Wuduwanúk yá ts'ùtàt. It's windy this morning.
- 3. S'ín kè akàwahâ. She dug up / harvested carrots.
- 4. Łits'â yîs kàwa.àyi dúkh kayàní. Fresh grown poplar leaves smell good.
- 5. S'âxh' amdzighêw. He netted a ling cod.
- Shà kàdé wùgùt ts'îkáxhk'w kaxh. 6. She went up on the mountain for blueberries.
- S'ìkh xhât tayì yê amsinì. 7. She made smoke under the fish.
- 8. Yìdát tàkw.ìtí ts'agwêł yax' wutusitìn. We saw a crow here this summer.
- 9. Yîs s'âxw shât adatîn. He has a new cap on his head.
- 10. Has du ît yan uwahâ wé ts'ats'î. Those birds are hungry.

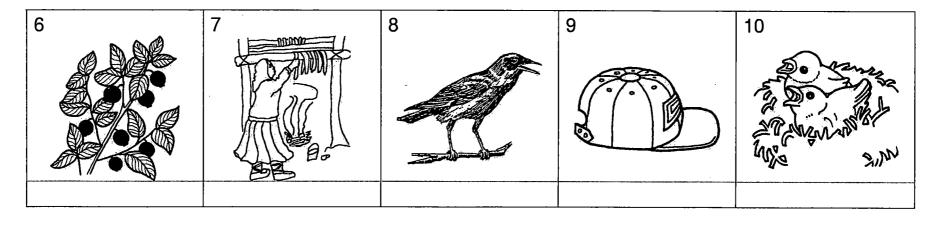


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ts and dz



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Examples of ts

1. tsà seal

2. tsîk roasting stick

3. tsín *muskrat*

Examples of dz

1. dzèt *ladder*

2. dzánti *flounder*

3. dzàs babiche lacing

ts and z



Write ts and dz as you hear them.

- 1. Yak'ê ixhwsatìní tsu. It's good to see you again.
- 2. Dziyâk áwé axh jì|t xh'amditán. She telephoned me earlier.
- 3. Kayâsh yát ayamsitán wé dzèt.

 He put the ladder up against the cache.
- Tsághà yís às yádi as'ûw.
 He is chopping a sapling for a pole (to push a boat).
- 5. Dzánti káxh akhghwasťèxh.

 He will fish for flounder by hook.
- 6. Tsà amsitìn yìdát tàkw.ìtí.

 She saw a fur seal this summer.
- 7. Dzàs àwaxàsh.

 She cut the babiche lacing.
- 8. Té kát â wé tsín.

 The muskrat is sitting on a rock.
- 9. Dzixhâwu át áwé nàghas'ê. The fox is a fur-bearing animal.
- 10. Tsîk yís ch'âł' akhghwał'îx'.

 She will break a willow for a roasting stick.

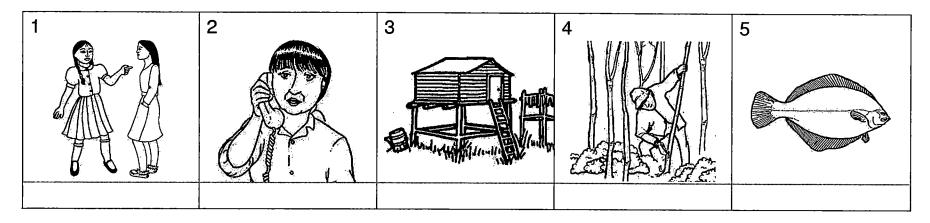
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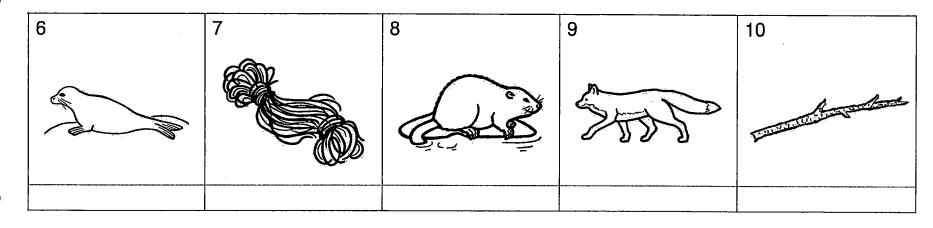
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x' and xh'



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Examples of x'

1. x'ús' club

2. x'à point of land

3. x'ûw blanket

Examples of xh'

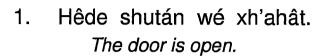
1. xh'ahât *door*

2. xh'wanêł rosehip

3. xh'àn *fire*

x' and xh'

...



Write x' and xh' as you hear them.

- 2. Yût x'à niyàdé yà nakhúxh wé yàkw.

 The boat is travelling toward that point of land.
- 3. Xhât yís x'ús' áwé. That club is for fish.
- Xh'àngùk tîłi yan àwakhâ.
 She finished sewing the slippers.
- 5. X'ishâ yà anał.át wé khâ. The man is carrying buckets.
- 6. Xh'wanêł akhghwa.în. She will pick rosehips.
- 7. X'ûw akamłik'wát' wé khâ. The man folded the blanket.
- 8. Yamłis'íkh wé xh'àn. *The fire is smoking.*
- 9. Akhghwatîw wé x'úx'. She will read the book.
- 10. Xh'ès'awâ wêt â.

 The ptarmigan is sitting there.



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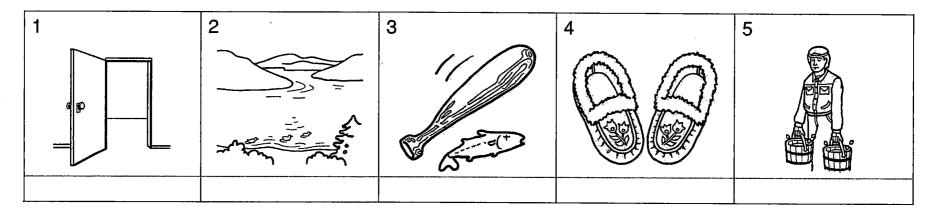
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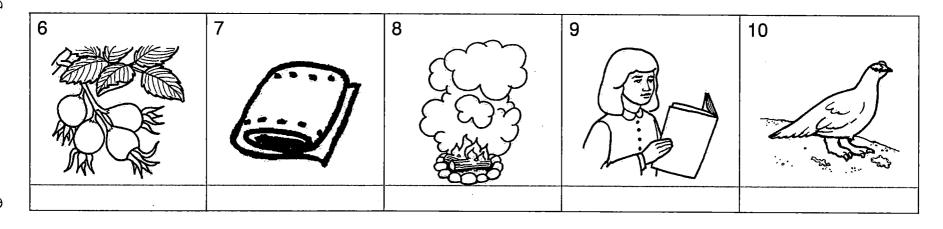
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kh and kh'



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Examples of kh

1. khâs' *match*

2. wàkh eyes

3. khákw basket

Examples of kh'

1. kh'âtl' flat, thin

2. kh'atèł *pitcher*

3. kh'anâxhán fence

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- 10. Łítà kh'âtl' wêdu.

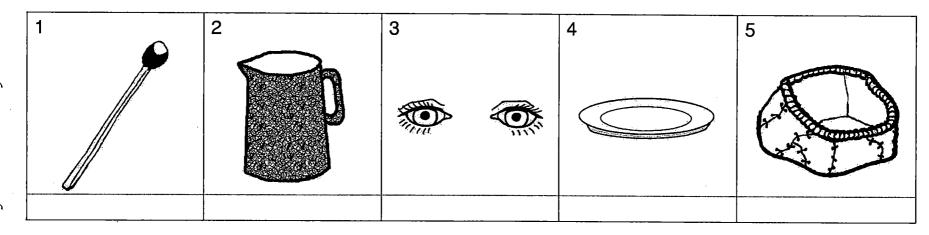
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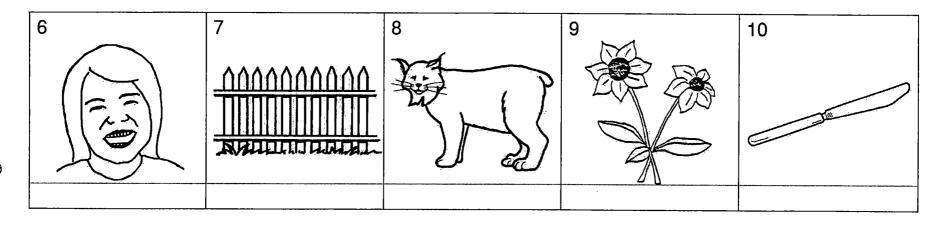
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kh and kh'

Write kh and kh' as you hear them.





k' and kh'



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Examples of k'

1. k'âs' gap where a tooth

is missing

2. k'únts' potato

3. k'ûxh' gum, pitch

Examples of kh'

1. kh'êkaxwên *flower*

2. kh'âtl' flat, thin

2. kh'atèł pitcher

k' and kh'

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Write k' and kh' as you hear them.

- 1. K'âs' áwé wêt.

 That is where a tooth is missing.
- 2. Łítà kh'âtl ét tîn.

 The table knife is lying there.
- 3. Kh'êkaxwên àwak'úts'. She picked a flower.
- 4. K'únts' dà adàkayêxh. He is peeling potatoes.
- 5. Kh'anâxhán awliyéxh. She built a fence.
- 6. Dáxhnáxh k'isâni wêt nákh.

 Two young boys are standing there.
- 7. Du kh'ałuyì uwas'úk.

 The area under his nose is dry.
- 8. Hít k'iyì ét â wé kètl.

 The dog is sitting behind the house.
- 9. Hîn akáwu wé kh'ateł.

 There is water in the pitcher.
- 10. K'ûxh' agawdi.ù.

 He bought himself gum.

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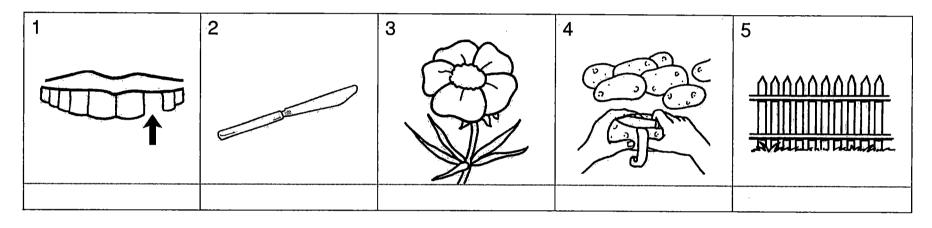
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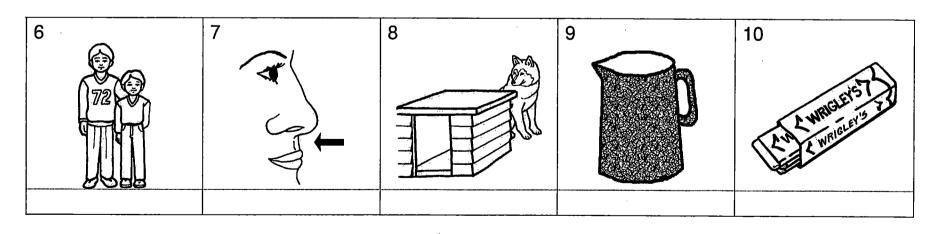
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k' and kh'



Write k' and kh' as you hear them.





ch and ch'



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Examples of ch

1. châtl halibut

2. ghùch wolf

3. chùkén grass

Examples of ch'

1. ch'âk' bald eagle

2. ch'âł' willows

3. ch'în ribbon

ch and ch'

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Write ch and ch' as you hear them.

- 1. Châtl awdzit'èxh.

 He hooked a halibut.
- 2. Xhalak'éch' às káxh kè nagút.

 The porcupine is climbing the tree.
- 3. Ghùch wêt hén.

 The wolf is standing there.
- 4. Ch'âł' yà kanas.ên. Willows are growing.
- 5. Ch'âk' yà ndakhín.

 The bald eagle is flying.
- 6. Chùkén wêxh yà kanas.ên.

 The grass is growing along there.
- 7. Dlèt ch'în yê aya.û.

 She is wearing a white ribbon.
- 8. Chùnèt xhàtîn.

 I see an arrow.
- 9. Châs' yà naltsís.

 The humpback salmon is swimming along.
- 10. Xíxch hêt â.

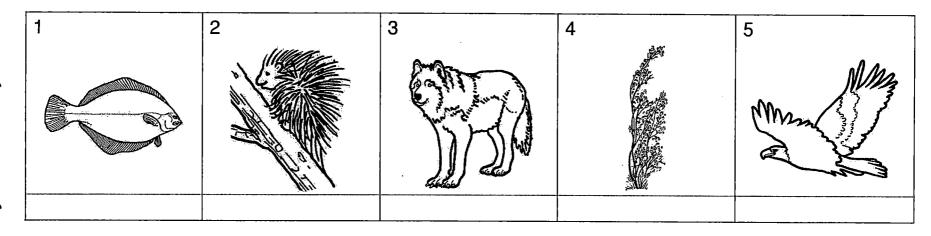
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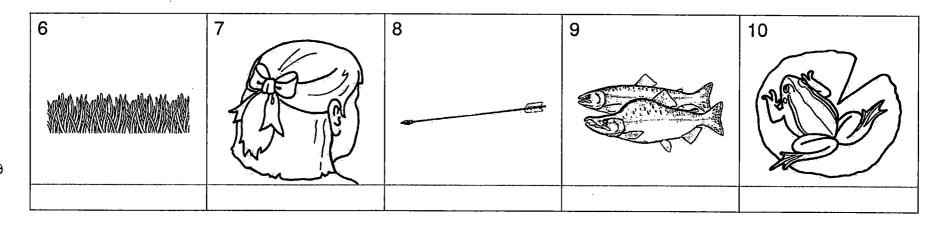
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ch and ch'

Write ch and ch' as you hear them.





tl and tl'



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Examples of tl

1. tlâk'w *maternal aunt*

2. tlakhwédi raspberry

3. tlèlû butterfly

Examples of tl'

1. tl'èkh *finger*

2. akwdlixhêtl' s/he is scared

3. tl'etgikatlêghu strawberry

tl and tl'

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Write tl and tl' as you hear them.

- 1. Du tl'èkh wudix'ís.

 His finger is swollen.
- 2. Yê kwsigênk'i tlèlû ayatîn. He sees a small butterfly.
- 3. Akwdlixhêtl' wé shàtk'. *The young girl is scared.*
- 4. Tlákw áwé àndé nakhúxhch.

 He drives to town all the time.
- 5. Tl'etgikatlêghu a.în. She is picking strawberries.
- 6. Tlêx' yagì ká sûw dàk wusitén. It rained on Monday.
- 7. Sh wudlik'átl' wé khâ.

 The man is quiet. (The man is not talking.)
- 8. Du tlâk'w xh'ès et sa.î.

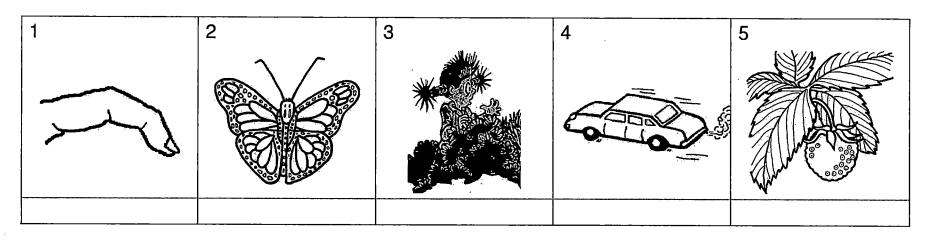
 He is cooking for his maternal aunt.
- 9. Tl'akhkakîs kadân du jìt kawduwatî. Someone gave her a nice ring.
- Tlakhwédi axhá.
 She is eating raspberries.

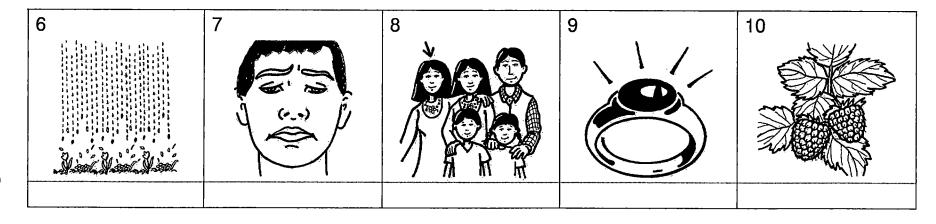
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tl and tl'

Write tl and tl' as you hear them.





tl' and l'



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Examples of tl'

1. tl'ekhnà.ét thimble

2. tl'etgikatlêghu strawberry

3. tl'úk'xh robin

Examples of 1'

1. ł'ìt tail

2. ł'êw sand

3. ł'àk dress

tl' and l'

Write tl' and l' as you hear them.

- 1. Tl'úk'xh kè akawahâ wé júkhk. The robin dug up a worm.
- 2. Khûk tu.êł awsi.ù.

 He bought a box of salt.
- 3. Tl'ekhnà.ét tin dakhês'.

 She is sewing using a thimble.
- 4. Wé khâ kha shàwát hes ał'èxh. The man and woman are dancing.
- 5. T'âxh'w du tl'èkh kâ kàwa.â. A wart grew on her finger.
- 6. S'udìn l'ìt yê kwlisâ.

 A shrew's tail is thin (skinny).
- 7. Akwdlixhêtl' wé shàtk'. The young girl is scared.
- 8. Ł'èx x'ìshâ áwé.

 That is an aluminum bucket.
- 9. Shûgà axhùdé yê awsinì wé tl'etgikatlêghu. She put sugar on the strawberries.
- 10. Ł'êw kâ kè wduwayísh wé yàkw. They pulled the boat up on the sand.

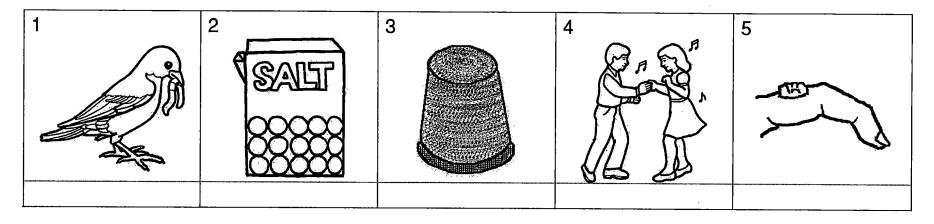


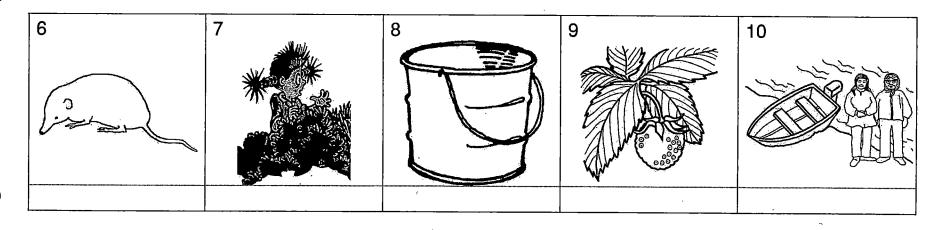
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Write tl' and l' as you hear them.





l' and s'



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Examples of 1'

1. ł'îx'wán socks

2. ł'ùk coho salmon

3. ł'éł jackpine

Examples of s'

1. s'èkh smoke

2. s'igèdí beaver

3. s'àxh groundhog

l' and s'

Write **l'** and **s'** as you hear them.

- 1. Yîs l'àk du jìhú.

 She has a new dress.
- 2. S'àxh káxh al'ûn.

 He is hunting for groundhog.
- 3. Ł'îx'wán xh'ùst awdiyékh. She put on socks.
- 4. Ł'éł xhùxh yà nagút.

 He is walking among the jack pine trees.
- 5. Tùw s'ìnâ ét akawligén. She lit a candle.
- 6. S'ísà hít wêt da.â.

 The tent is there. (situated, standing).
- 7. Ł'ùk kè uwax'ák.

 The coho salmon have arrived here.
- S'igèdí xhùdé wùgùt.
 He went beaver hunting / trapping.
- 9. Ł'êw hîn yíkde duwatîn. You can see sand (bar) in the river.
- 10. S'èkh xhàtîn. *I see smoke.*

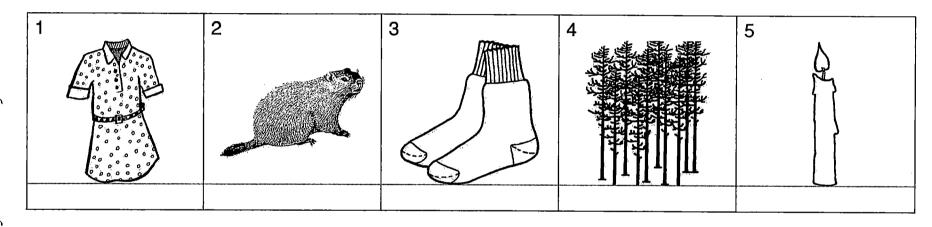


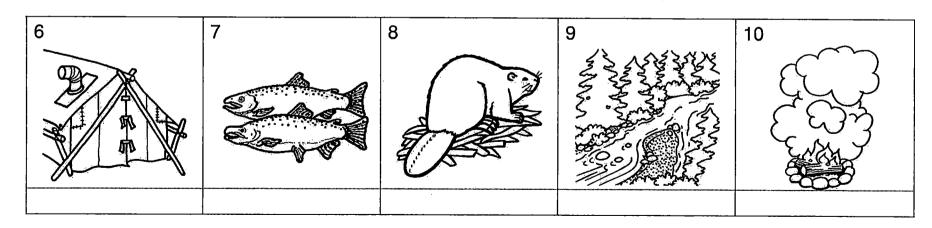
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ł' and s'



Write **l**' and **s**' as you hear them.





s' and ts'



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Examples of s'

1. s'âxw hat, cap

2. s'âxh' ling cod

3. s'ísà canvas

Examples of ts'

1. ts'ats'î small birds, song birds

2. ts'ùtàt morning

3. ts'agwêł crow

s' and ts'

Write s' and ts' as you hear them.

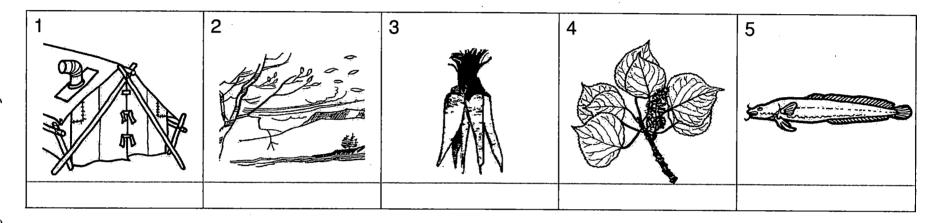
- 1. S'ísà hít àwakhâ axh séni. My paternal uncle sewed a tent.
- 2. Wuduwanúk yá ts'ùtàt. It's windy this morning.
- 3. S'ín kè akàwahâ. She dug up / harvested carrots.
- 4. Łits'â yîs kàwa.àyi dúkh kayàní. Fresh grown poplar leaves smell good.
- 5. S'âxh' awdzighêw. He netted a ling cod.
- 6. Shà kàdé wùgùt ts'îkáxhk'w kaxh. She went up on the mountain for blueberries.
- S'ìkh xhât tayì yê awsinì. 7. She made smoke under the fish.
- 8. Yìdát tàkw.ìtí ts'agwêł yax' wutusitìn. We saw a crow here this summer.
- Yîs s'âxw shât adatîn. 9. He has a new cap on his head.
- 10. Has du ît yan uwahâ wé ts'ats'î. Those birds are hungry.

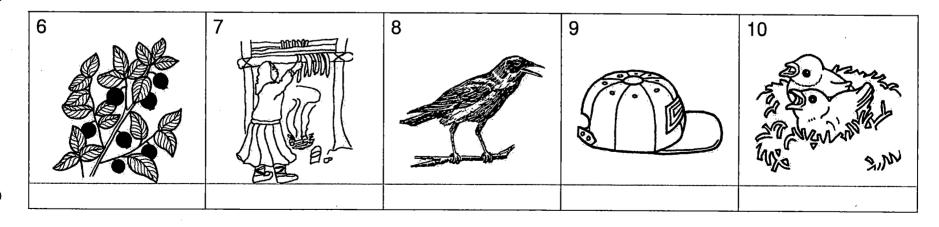
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ts and dz



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Examples of ts

1. tsà seal

2. tsîk roasting stick

3. tsín *muskrat*

Examples of dz

1. dzèt *ladder*

2. dzánti *flounder*

3. dzàs babiche lacing

ts and dz

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Write ts and dz as you hear them.

- 1. Yak'ê ixhwsatìní tsu. It's good to see you again.
- 2. Dziyâk áwé axh jì|t xh'awditén. She telephoned me earlier.
- 3. Kayâsh yét ayawsitén wé dzèt.

 He put the ladder up against the cache.
- Tsághà yís às yédi as'ûw.
 He is chopping a sapling for a pole (to push a boat).
- 5. Dzánti káxh aghwasťèxh.

 He will fish for flounder by hook.
- 6. Tsà awsitìn yìdét tàkw.ìtí.

 She saw a fur seal this summer.
- 7. Dzàs àwaxàsh.

 She cut the babiche lacing.
- 8. Té két â wé tsín.

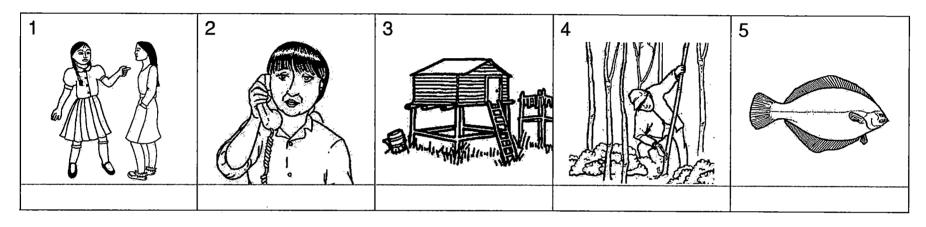
 The muskrat is sitting on a rock.
- 9. Dzixhâwu át áwé nàghas'ê. The fox is a fur-bearing animal.
- 10. Tsîk yís ch'âł' aghwał'îx'.

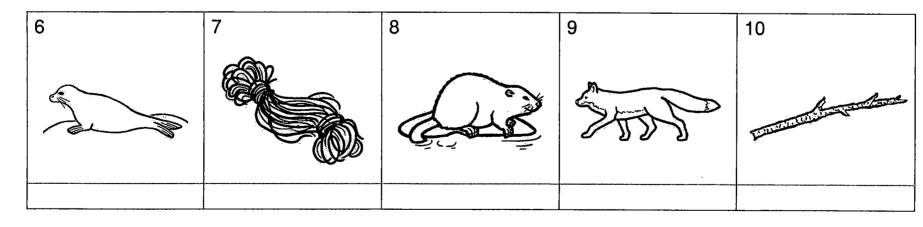
 She will break a willow for a roasting stick.

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ts and dz

Write ts and dz as you hear them.





x' and xh'



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Examples of x'

1. x'ús' club

2. x'à point of land

3. x'ûw blanket

Examples of xh'

1. xh'ahât door

2. xh'unêł' rosehip

3. xh'àn fire

x' and xh'

Write x' and xh' as you hear them.

- Hêde shutén wé xh'ahât. 1. The door is open.
- 2. 'Yût x'à niyàdé yà nakhúxh wé yàkw. The boat is travelling toward that point of land.
- 3. Xhât yís x'ús' áwé. That club is for fish.
- 4. Xh'àngùk tîłi yan àwakhâ. She finished sewing the slippers.
- 5. X'ìshâ yà anał.át wé khâ. The man is carrying buckets.
- 6. Xh'unêł' aghwa.în. She will pick rosehips.
- 7. X'ûw akawlik'wát' wé khâ. The man folded the blanket.
- 8. Yawlis'íkh wé xh'àn. The fire is smoking.
- 9. Aghwatûw wé x'úx'. She will read the book.
- 10. Xh'ès'awâ wêt â. The ptarmigan is sitting there.

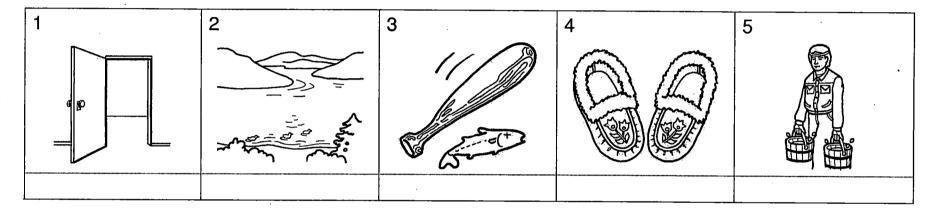


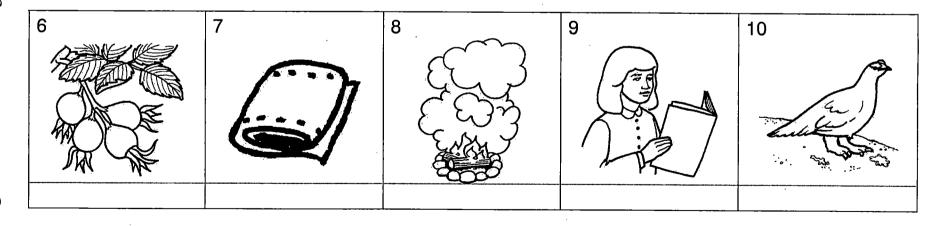
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x' and xh'

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LISTENING EXERCISES - INTERLINEAR NOTES

Sentences - kh and kh'

He laid a match down. 1.

Khâs'

yan

akamsitán.

match

to rest

s/he put it (short, stick-like object)

2. She bought herself a pitcher.

Kh'atèł

agamdi.ù.

from

àwa.ù

s/he bought it

ga- D-

"for self"

m-

"imperfective"

3. Her eyes are brown.

S'agwât yáxh

yatì

du

wàkh.

brown

like

it is, they are

his/her

eyes

kayatì, kasitì for one eye only

yáxh, yéxh like

4. Hand me the plate.

Hàndé

wé

s'íx'

kh'âtl'.

hither

the, that

dish

flat, thin

5. She made a basket.

Khákw

amłiyéxh.

basket

s/he made it

6. The woman is laughing.

Wé

shàwát

at

shùkh.

the

woman

(something) s/he is laughing

7. He painted the fence.

Wé

kh'anâxhán

àwanîgwáł'.

the

fence

s/he painted it

nîgwáł

paint

8. He saw a big lynx.

Ghàkh

tlèn

amsitìn.

lynx

big

s/he saw

9. Flowers are growing there.

Kh'èkaxwên

wexh

yà

daxh

kana.ên.

flowers

over there

(progressive)

(plural)

it is growing,

they are growing

10. There is a table knife.

Łítà

kh'âtl'

wêdu.

knife

thin

there is

Sentences - k' and kh'

That is where a tooth is missing. 1.

K'âs'

áwé

wêt.

gap of missing tooth

that is

there

2. The table knife is lying there.

Łítà

kh'âtl

á|t

tîn.

knife

thin

there | located (object) it is lying

She picked a flower. 3.

Kh'êkaxwên

àwak'úts'.

flower

s/he picked (pulled it out)

He is peeling potatoes. 4.

K'únts'

dà

akayêxh.

K'únts'

dà

adàkayêxh.

potato

around

s/he is whittling

(s/he is peeling)

5. She built a fence.

Kh'anâxhán

amłiyéxh.

fence

s/he made it

6. Two young boys are standing there.

Dáxhnáxh

k'isâni

wê|t

nákh.

two (humans)

young boys

there | located

they are standing

7. The area under his nose is dry.

Du

kh'ałuyì

uwas'úk.

his/her

philtrum

it is dry

(area under the nose)

The dog is sitting behind the house. 8.

Hít

k'iyì

át

â

kètl. wé

house

back at

there

s/he/it is sitting

the

dog

9. There is water in the pitcher.

Hîn

aká wu

kh'atèł. wé

water

its surface is located the pitcher

He bought himself gum.

K'ûxh'

agamdi.ù.

gum (pitch)

s/he bought for herself/himself

Sentences - ch and ch'

1. He hooked a halibut.

Châtl

amdzit'èxh.

halibut

s/he hooked it

2. The porcupine is climbing (walking up) the tree.

Xhałak'ách'

às

ká | xh

kè

nagút.

porcupine

tree

surface along up

s/he/it is going (walking)

The wolf is standing there. 3.

Ghùch

wê|t

hán.

wolf

there | located

one is standing

4. Willows are growing.

Ch'âł'

yà kanas.ên.

willows

they are growing

5. The bald eagle is flying.

Ch'âk'

yà ndakhín.

bald eagle

it is flying

6. The grass is growing along there.

Chùkwán

wê | xh

yà kanas.ên.

grass

there | along

it is growing

7. She is wearing a white ribbon.

Dlèt

ch'în

yê aya.û.

white

ribbon

thus s/he is wearing

8. I see an arrow.

Chùnèt xhàtîn.

arrow

I see it

9. The humpback salmon is swimming along.

Châs'

yà naltsís.

humpback salmon

is swimming along

10. The frog is sitting here.

Xíxch

he | t

â.

frog

over here | located

s/he/it is sitting

Sentences - tl and tl'

1. His finger is swollen.

Du tl'ikh wudix'ís. his finger is swollen

2. He sees a small butterfly.

Yê kwsigênk'i tlèlû ayatîn. this small butterfly s/he sees it

3. The young girl is scared.

Akwdlixhîtl' wé shàtk'. s/he is scared the young girl

4. He drives to town all the time.

Tlákw áwé àn dé nakhúxhch.

always it is town to s/he drives (or goes by boat)

5. She is picking strawberries.

Tl'atgikatlêghu a.în. strawberry s/he is picking

6. It rained on Monday.

Tlêx' yagì ká sîm dàk wusitán.
on day on rain (falling down) (rain) is falling

7. The man is quiet. (The man is not talking.)

> Sh wudlik'átl' wé khâ. man

quieted (stop talking) self the

8. He is cooking for his maternal aunt.

> Du tlâk'w xh'ès at sa.î. his/her maternal aunt for the mouth s/he is cooking

> > of things

9. Someone gave her a nice ring.

> Tl'ikh | ka | kîs kadân du jì t kamduwatî. finger on bracelet his/her possessed to gave it nice (small round object)

10. She is eating raspberries.

> Tlakhwyádi axhá.

raspberry

s/he is eating it, them

Sentences - tl' and l'

1. The robin dug up a worm.

Tl'úk'xh kè akawahâ wé jákhkw. worm up s/he/it dug it the robin

2. He bought a box of salt.

Khûk tu.êł amsi.ù. box in . salt s/he bought it

3. She is sewing using a thimble.

Tl'ikhnà.át tin dakhês'.

thimble with s/he is sewing

4. The man and woman are dancing.

Wékhâkhashàwáthas al'èxh.themanandwomanthey are dancing

5. A wart grew on her finger.

T'âxh'w du tl'ìkh kâ kàwa.â. wart his/her finger on it grew

6. A shrew's tail is thin (skinny).

S'udìn l'it yê kwlisâ. shrew tail thus it is skinny

- 7. The young girl is scared.

 Akwdlixhîtl' wé shàtk'.

 s/he is scared this young girl
- 8. That is an aluminum bucket.
 Ł'èx x'ìshâ áwé.

aluminum bucket it is

9. She put sugar on the strawberries.

Shûgà axhùdé yê amsinì wé tl'atgikatlêghu. sugar amongst them s/he put those strawberries

10. They pulled the boat up on the sand.

Ł'êw kâ kè mduwayísh wé yàkw. sand on they pulled the boat

Sentences - 1' and s'

1. She has a new dress.

Yîs l'àk du jìwú.

new dress his/her is in his/her possession

2. He is hunting for groundhog.

S'àxh

káxh

ał'ûn.

groundhog

for

s/he is hunting

3. She put on socks.

Ł'îx'wán

xh'ùs t

amdiyíkh.

socks

foot | (on)to

s/he pulled it

4. He is walking among the jack pine trees.

Ł'áł

xhù | xh

yà

nagút.

jackpine

among | through

along

s/he is walking

5. She lit a candle.

Tùm

s'ìnâ

á|t

akamligán.

tallow

light

it | to

s/he set fire

6. The tent is there. (situated, standing)

S'ísà

hít

wê | t

da.â.

canvas

house

there | located

is standing (sitting)

7. The coho salmon have arrived here.

Ł'ùk kè uwax'ák. coho up (fish) have swum

8. He went beaver hunting / trapping.

S'igèdí xhù dé wùgùt.

beaver among to s/he went

9. You can see a sand bar in the river.

Ł'êw hîn yík de duwatîn. sand river inside to it is visible

10. I see smoke.

S'ìkh xhàtîn. smoke I see

Sentences - s' and ts'

1. My paternal uncle sewed a tent.

S'ísà

hít

àwakhâ

axh

sáni.

canxas

house

s/he sewed it

my

uncle (father's brother)

2. It's windy this morning.

Wuduwanúk

yá ts'ùtàt.

it's windy, breezy

this morning

3. She dug up (harvested) carrots.

S'ín

kè akàwahâ.

carrots

up s/he dug

4. Fresh grown poplar leaves smell good.

Łits'â

vîs

kàwa.àyi

dúkh

kayàní.

it smells good

new, fresh grown

poplar

leaves

5. He netted a ling cod.

S'âxh'

amdzighêw.

ling cod

s/he netted

6. She went up on the mountain for blueberries.

Shà

kà dé

wùgùt

ts'îkáxhk'w

kaxh.

mountain

on | to

s/he went

low bush blueberry

for

7. She made smoke under the fish.

S'ìkh xhât tayì yê amsinì . smoke fish under (thus) s/he made it

8. We saw a crow here this summer.

Yîdát tàkw.ìtí ts'agwêł ya | x' wutusitìn.

now summer crow here | at we saw

9. He has a new cap on his head.

Yîs s'âxw shâ | t adatîn.

new hat, cap head | on s/he has it (wearing it)

10. Those birds are hungry.

Has duîtyànuwahâwéts'ats'î.themin contacthungercamethosesmall birds,withsong birds

Sentences - ts and dz

1. It's good to see you again.

Yak'ê

ixhwsatìní

tsu.

good

you I see

again

2. She telephoned me earlier.

Dziyâk

áwé

axh

jì|t

xh'amditán.

earlier,

it is

my

possession | to

s/he spoke

a while ago

3. He put the ladder up against the cache.

Kayâsh

yá t

ayamsitán

wé dzèt.

platform, cache

vertical face | to

s/he put it

the ladder

4. He is chopping a sapling for a pole (for pushing a boat).

Tsághà yís

às yádi

as'ûw.

pole

for

tree small, young

s/he is chopping

5. He will fish for flounder by hook.

Dzánti

káxh

akhghwast'èxh.

flouder

for

s/he will hook fish

6. She saw a fur seal this summer.

Tsà

amsitìn yìdát

tàkw.ìtí.

seal

s/he saw it now

summer

She cut the babiche lacing. 7.

Dzàs

àwaxàsh.

babiche lacing

s/he cut it

8. The muskrat is sitting on a rock.

Té

ká | t

â

wé tsín.

rock

on located

s/he/it is sitting

the

muskrat

9. The fox is a fur-bearing animal.

Dzixhâwu

át

áwé

nàghas'ê.

furry

thing(s)

it is

fox

10. She will break a willow for a roasting stick.

Tsîk

ch'âł' yís

akhghwał'îx'.

roasting stick

for willow

s/he will break

Sentences - x' and xh'

1. The door is open.

Hêde

shután

wé xh'ahât.

off to the side

the end is situated

the door

(it is open)

2. The boat is travelling towards that point of land.

Yût

x'à

niyà dé

yà nakhúxh

wé yàkw.

way over

point

direction | toward

it is going along

the boat

there

(by boat)

3. That club is for fish.

Xhât

yís x'ús'

áwé.

fish

for club

that is

4. She finished sewing the slippers.

Xh'àn gùk

tîłi.

yan

àwakhâ.

fire beside

shoes

finishing

s/he sewed it

5. The man is carrying buckets.

X'ìshâ

yà anał.át

wé khâ.

bucket

s/he is carrying them

the man

6. She will pick rosehips.

Xh'wanêł

akhghwa.in.

rosehip

s/he will pick them

- 7. The man folded the blanket.

 X'ûw akamłik'wát' wé khâ.

 blanket s/he folded it the man

 Wé khâ x'ûw akamłik'wát'. (alternative)
- 8. The fire is smoking.
 Yamlis'íkh wé xh'àn.
 it is smoking the fire
- 9. She will read the book.
 Akhghwatîw wé x'úx'.
 s/he will read the book
 Wé x'úx' akhghwatîw. (alternative)
 She will read a book. (or books)
 X'úx' akhghwatîw.
- 10. The ptarmigan is sitting there.Xh'ès'awâ wê | t â.ptarmigan there | located s/he/it is sitting

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

Progressives

The progressive talks about:

- o motion in progress, or
- o actions viewed as motion, or
- o transition between different states.

The progressive is formed by:

- 1) a proclitic (also called a preverb): yà, yè, kè
- 2) a prefix: na-
- 3) verb stem (usually has a special stem)

Examples of progressives:

yà nagút s/he's going (along) walking

yà nakhúxh s/he's going (along) by boat

yà ndakhín it's flying (along)

Compare progressives:

x'âx' yà anaxhên s/he's going along eating an apple

s'ín yà anaxhên s/he's going along eating a carrot

with present:

x'âx' axhà s/he's eating an apple

s'ín axhà s/he's eating a carrot

Further Examples of Progressives

progressive:

kè nak'ên

it's getting better

present:

yak'ê

it's good

progressive:

kè khunas.ât'

it's getting cold

present:

khusi.ât'

it's cold

progressive:

sîm dàk nastán

it's starting to rain

past:

sîm dàk wusitán

it's raining

(the thematic proclitic dak over-rides the progressive proclitic)

progressive:

yè andagàn

the sun is starting to shine

past:

amdigàn

the sun is shining

progressive:

chùkwán ya kanas.ên

the grass is growing

past:

chùkwán kamsi.à

the grass grew

progressive:

dlìy yà anas.în

s/he is starting to cook meat

present:

dlìy as.î

s/he is cooking meat

progressive:

xhât yà anastên

s/he is starting to boil fish

present:

xhât astêxh

s/he is boiling fish

progressive:

kè nasgwên

it's getting to be fun

present:

sigû

it's fun, pleasant

progressive:

axh tuwâ kè nasgwên

I'm starting to like it

present:

axh tuwâ sigû

I like it

Stùwukhâ (Louis Shotridge) Vocabulary

Louis Shotridge studied with Franz Boas and compiled lists of Tlingit words for food, fruit, vegetables, etc.

Examples:

apple

x'âx'

from Tlingit for crabapples

âgúns

adapted from English

beans

gwêns

red kidney beans tsáłgi kahâgu

descriptive "gopher

kidneys"

dried apricots dried peaches

shàn gúgu

"old people's ears"

corn

shàn ùxhú

"old people's teeth"

sugar

shûgà

adapted from English

łinukdzi ł'ew

"sweet sand"

pepper

si.âx'u.át

"sour stuff"

tuxh'wans'i nâkw

"pellet medicine"

curry powder

xhât àn dus.ì át

"something you cook

fish with"

Shotridge Vocabulary (cont)

baking powder kè kdakhachji át "something that rises"

bread, flour sakwnên comes from Chinook

Jargon

sapolil → sablîl

alcohol nâw Chinook Jargon

lâm → rhum

axh dà yà khughátch

I get dizzy, disoriented,

"wobbly"

Miscellaneous Grammatical Notes

yât â it's sitting here

hêt â it's sitting over here

wêt â it's sitting there

yût â it's sitting way over there

Miscellaneous Vocabulary

it is getting to be dawn yà khìna.ên 1. it is visible there duwatîn wê de 2. there | to it is visible new dress yîs ł'àk 3. old dress tlagû l'àgí 4. old-timey dress ch'âgû ł'àgí 5. bannock sakwnên 6. bread ("cooked bannock") sakwnên îwu flour ("dry bannock") sakwnên kaxùk again 7. tsu me too (also, too) xhát tsú to me (to my possession) 8. axh jìt she spoke with me axh ìn yù xh'amli.át with s/he spoke (together) me frame (made of poles) t'îsh 9. t'îsh súxdi, t'îsh saxwdi frame pole 10. yîs new fall time yès for it (for that purpose) a yís

Miscellaneous Vocabulary (cont)

11. tâkw

ìtí

tàkw.ìtí

winter

after

summer

12. dzàs axâsh

s/he is cutting babiche

13. xh'àn

x'ân

a x'àn

fire

anger

the point of it

14. x'ânt uwanúk

x'ân aya.û

s/he is angry

s/he has anger

13. tl'atgi|ka|tlêghu

ground on berry (possessed)

strawberry

14. dêxh

dáxhnáxh

two (for objects)

two (for humans)

15. àwa.ù

agamdi.ù

s/he bought it

s/he bought it for herself/himself

16. amłiyéxh

agamdliyéxh

s/he made it

s/he made it for herself/himself

Miscellaneous Sentences

1. She went to the phone.

Kaxîs' xh'ê | t uwagút. (Bessie) wire mouth | to s/he went

2. He called on the phone.

Kaxîs' tû náxh hàt xh'amditán. (Mamie) wire inside through here s/he spoke

3. You are wanted on the phone.

Kaxîs' xh'ê | de iduxhùxh.

wire mouth | toward you are being called

4. She ate with me (from my food, at my table).

Axh xh'ê dáxh at uwaxhâ.

my mouth from s/he ate

5. Thank you for the meal.

Gunałchîsh i xh'ê dáxh at xhwaxhayi. thank you your mouth from thing(s) that I ate

Examples of Tone Variation in Possessed and Postposition

x'ìshâ
 axh x'ìshâyi \underset
 axh x'ìshayí \underset

bucket my bucket

dânà axh dânayi

money my money

3. ghàtâaxh ghàtâyi \
axh ghàtâyí \

trap my trap

axh tâyi
 axh tàyí
 axh tayì

my garden my fat under me

5. shâ|xh amditì

head|down over

axh shâxh àwatì

axh shá

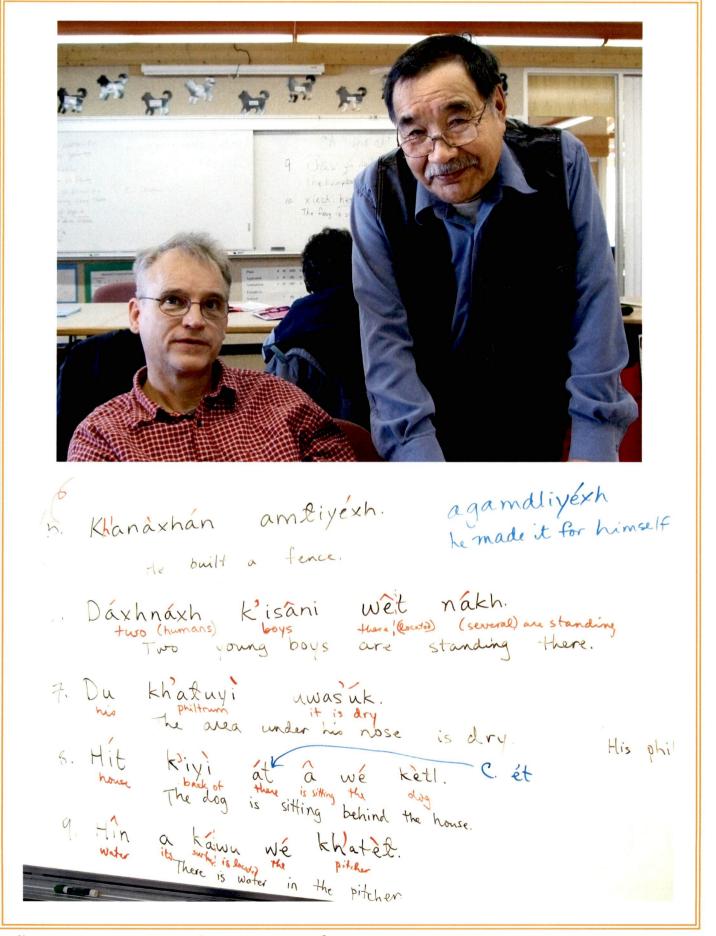
he put it on his head

he put it on my head my head





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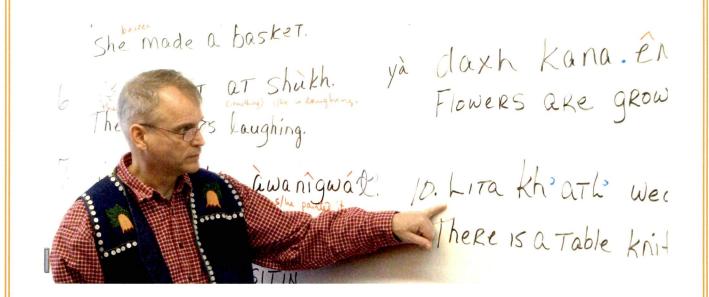








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