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SCHEDULE

	Monday Mar 1	Tuesday Mar 2	Wednesday Mar 3
9:00	Opening Prayer Welcome Stative Verbs	Zero conjugation / na- conjugation	Commands (cont)
10:45	U-Perfective Conjugation	Perfectives of Transitive Verbs	Negatives tit and ti Weather Terms
12	lunch	lunch	lunch
1:00	Listening Exercise: g and gh	Listening Exercise: x and xh	Weather (cont) Farewells Song - Santa Claus is Coming to Town
2:45	Motion Verbs and Preverbs	Listening Exercise: x and xh (cont) Ordinal numerals Commands	Wrap-up and Gifts Closing Prayer

Word List - g and gh

g		gh	
gâxw	duck	ghùch	wolf
gùch	hill	ghítghà	spruce needle
gàw	drum	ghâxh	s/he is crying
gáxh (Carcross) gháxh (Telsin)	rabbit	ghàkh	lynx
gán	wood	ghàt	sockeye salmon

Sentences for Listening Exercise Using g and gh

Gâxw yà nahwên.
 duck it is swimming
 Gâxw át wusihù.
 duck around it is swimming
 The duck is swimming.

2. Wé ghùch du ìn à akładùtl.

the wolf his with-one it is calling (for it) to come (companion)

The wolf is calling for its mate.

- Wé shakî 3. gùch tlêł uł.átk. shakî uł.às Wé gùch tlêł the hill it has anything on it top not The hilltop is bare.
- 4. Wusixúk wé ghítghà, àsdáxh kadaghátch it's dried out (a plant) the spruce needles tree-from they are falling

 The spruce needles are dried out, they are falling from the tree.
- 5. Wé gàw àxh gatàn; nagwàł.

 the drum from there you pick up you beat it

 Pick up the drum and beat it.
- 6. Wé yadák'w nichká ghâxh.

 the boy for nothing he is crying

 The boy is crying for nothing.
- 7. Wé ghàkh at łatín.

 the lynx something is watching, is looking at

 The lynx is watching something.
- 8. Wé gháxh ch'âł' asxhá.

 the rabbit willow it is eating (a plant)

 The rabbit is eating willow.
- 9. Wé gán xhwàxásh kha kaxhwàchák. the firewood I cut it up and I stacked it I cut up and stacked the firewood.
- 10. Wé ghàt dákhde kè nax'ák.

 the sockeye to the interior, inland up it is swimming

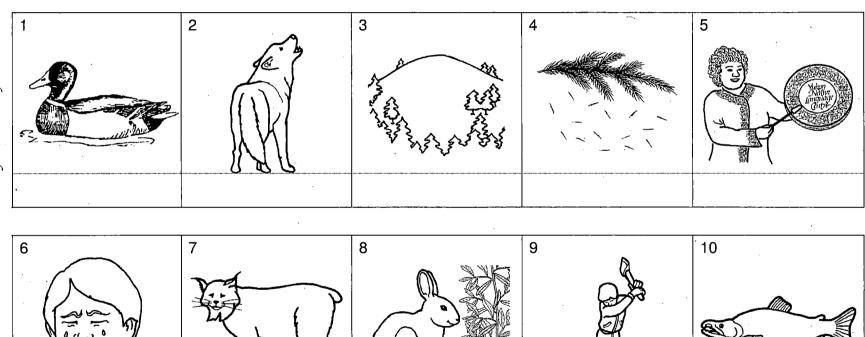
 The sockeye is swimming upstream.

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g and gh

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Write g and gh as you hear them.



Word List - x and xh

x		xh	
xêdu	comb	xhâw	log
xûn	north wind	xhàwàghí	window
xânà	evening	du xhìk	his shoulder
xàs	buffalo	kètl xhîyi	dog pack
xákw	sandbar	at xhá	s/he is eating

Sentences for Listening Exercise Using x and xh

- 1. Khà shaxhàwú xêdu ùxh xhùwú.

 person hair comb teeth among is

 There is a hair in the teeth of the comb.
- 2. Xhàw át yatán.

 log there it is lying (a piece of wood)

 The log is lying there.
- 3. Wé xûn àsdáxh akla.ûx wé kayàní.

 the northwind tree-from it's blowing them the leaves

 The north wind is blowing the leaves off the tree.
- 4. Wé khâ xhàwàghí tûnáxh hà latín.

 the man window through us he is watching
 he is looking at

The man is watching us through the window.

Wé 5. shàtk'iyátsk'u ghagàn yàdé the young girl sun face - towards ٧û xânà. khuwanûk yá is doing thus this evening

The young girl is greeting the sun this evening.

- xhîyi 6. Wé łidáł. kètl its pack it is heavy the dog The dog's pack is heavy.
- yê kwdiwûxh' 7. Du xhikshá khâ. wé his shoulders they are this wide the man The man's shoulders are (this) wide.
- Ch'a yâk'udé hàt jiwdigút (Carcross) 8. wé xàs Ch'a yâk'udé hàt jimdigút. (Teslin) wé xàs all of a sudden the buffalo came charging (without warning) All of a sudden the buffalo came charging.
- Wé 9. s'igèdí kayàní asxhá. the beaver leaves it is eating (a plant) The beaver is eating leaves.
- 10. Wé tîn. xákw át sandbar the there it is lying The sandbar is there.

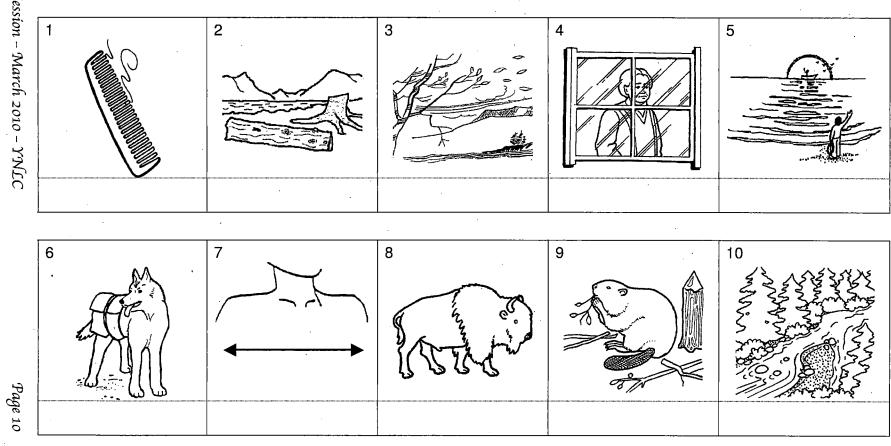
Wé łuksatán. xákw hînt the point ("nose") is projecting sandbar the river-in

The sandbar is sticking out into the river.

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x and xh

Write x and xh as you hear them.



ACTIVE STATIVE VERBS

Example Stative Verbs

(classifer shown in red)

1. **ya**k'ê *it's good*

2. xh'àn yáxh **ya**tì it's red (like fire)

3. łidzî it's difficult

4. si.ât' it's cold

5. **shi**ghèkh *s/he is stingy*

Example Eventive Verbs

(perfective indicates state)

1. uwaxúk(w) it is dry, it got dry (and still is)

2. wudixwétl s/he is tired, s/he got tired

3. wùł'îx' it is broken, it broke

4. axh tùwú wùł'îx' I am heart-broken

5. wuł'îx'in it was broken formerly (but

is now fixed)

(6. khuxh yamdudliyéxh it was remade, redone

Example Eventive Verbs (cont)

7. wududliyéxh somebody / they made it / fixed it,

it is made, it is fixed

8. wudlinétl s/he is fat, s/he got fat

(and is still fat)

9. amsikû s/he knows him/her/it,

s/he got to know him/her/it,

s/he got acquainted with him/her/it

10. yàwat'â it is warm

Decessive of Perfective

formed with the decessive suffix -(y)in, -(w)un.

1. wuxùgún, wuxùgín it was dry (but is no longer dry)

2. wudaxwèdlín s/he was tired

3. wuł'îx'in it was broken

4. wudułyèxhín it was made

5. wułnèdlín s/he was fat

6. awuskûwun s/he used to know him/her/it

uwuskûwun

7. yawut'âyin it was warm

Conjugation of Example Perfective Verb - to be tired

O d-xwètl ~

O is tired

perfective: wu-

(contracts to m- after a vowel and

before a CV- classifier)

wudixwétl

s/he is tired

	to be tired	English
1 sing.	xhat wudixwétl	I am tired
2 sing.	imdixwétl	you (sing) are tired
3 sing.	wudixwétl	s/he/it is tired
1 pl.	hà mdixwétl	we are tired
2 pl.	yì <mark>m</mark> dixwétl	you (plural) are tired
3 pl.	has wudixwétl	they are tired
4	khumdixwétl	someone is tired, people are tired

Conjugation of Example Verb - to become

(yê) O Ø-ni~

O becomes (so) it happens to O

	to become	English
1 sing.	yê xhat wùnì	it happens to me
2 sing.	yê ìwanî	it happens to you (sing)
3 sing.	yê wùnì	it happens to him/her/it
1 pl.	yê hà wùnì	it happens to us
2 pl.	yê yì wùnì	it happens to you (pl)
3 pl.	yê has wùnì	it happens to them
4	yê khùwanì	it happens to people

wu- ya-
$$\Longrightarrow$$
 wù-
i- wu- ya- \Longrightarrow ìwa-

khu- wu- ya- ⇒ khùwa-

Examples of U- Perfectives (wu- / m-) with Consonant Endings - Ø Conjugation

Affirmative	English	Classifier: I - form	Classifier: Non - I - form
uwaxúk	it is dry	ÿa-	Ø
wudixwétl	s/he/it is tired	di-	da-
wududliyéxh	it is made, re-	dli-	ł-
wudlinétl	s/he/it is fat	dli-	ł-
shàwahìk	it is full	ÿа-	Ø
kamłikís'	it is gone out, extinguished	ÿa-	Ø

Negative	English	Conditional (-ni)	English
tlêł wuxùk	it is not dry	xúkni	when/if it dries
tlêł wudaxwètl	s/he/it is not tired	daxwétlni	when/if s/he gets tired

Negative	English	Conditional (-ni)	English
tlêł wudułyèxh	it is not made	dułyéxhni	when/if it is made
tlêł wułnètl	s/he/it is not fat	iłnétlni	when/if s/he/it gets fat
tlêł shawuhìk tlêł shuwuhìk	it is not full	shahíkni	when/if s/he/it is full
tlêł kuwułkîs' tlêł kawułkîs'	it is not gone out	kałakís'ni	when/if it goes out

Examples of U- Perfectives (wu- / m-) with Vowel Endings Ø Conjugation

Affirmative	English	Negative	Conditional (when/if, in the future)
uwa.î	it is cooked	tlêł wu.í	(yan) îni
amsikû	s/he knows it	tlêł awuskú tlêł uwaskú	askwêni
yan uwanî	it is finished	tlêł yan wuní	(yan) nìní

Examples of U- Perfectives with Consonant Endings Non-Ø Conjugation: na-, gha-, ga-

Affirmative	English	Negative	Conditional (when/if, in the future)	Decessive (was formerly)
wułitìsh	s/he/it is lonely	tlêł wułtìsh	na łtíshni	wułtìshín
wułixùn	s/he/it is skinny	tlêł wułxùn	gha łxúnni	wułxùnín
wułitsìn	s/he/it becomes strong	tlêł wułtsìn	ga łatsìnní	wułtsìnín

Examples of U- Perfectives with Vowel Endings Non- Ø Conjugations

Affirmative	English	Negative	Conditional (when/if, in the future)	Decessive (was formerly)
yê w <mark>ù</mark> nì	it became, it happened	tlêł yê w <mark>u</mark> nì	yê na nìní	yê wunìyín (long ago)
w <mark>ù</mark> nà	s/he/it is dead	tlêł w <mark>u</mark> nà	na nâni	wunàwún (irregular)
wu si gû	it became pleasant	tlêł wu s gú	gasagwêni	

Examples of U- Perfectives with Vowel Endings Non- Ø Conjugations

Affirmative	English	Negative
yàwat'â	it is hot	tlêł yawut'á tlêł yuwut'á
uwat'â	it is warm	tlêł wut'á
xhwa si kû	I know it	tlêł xhwa sa kú
am <mark>si</mark> kû	s/he/it knows it	tlêł awuskú tlêł uwuskú
wudu <mark>dzi</mark> kû	it is known	tlêł wudu s kú

VERBS OF MOTION

Motion verbs very often occur with preverbs.

1. Ø conjugation

Many of these preverbs require zero (Ø) conjugation

Example:

Perfective:

kè uwagút

s/he went up

Imperative:

kè gú

go up!

Conditional: kè gútni

if s/he went up

Pre- verb	Perfective	English	Imperative	English
kè	kè uwagút	s/he went up	kè gú	go up!
yè	yè uwagút	s/he got out (of a boat, etc)	yè gú	get out!
nèł	nèł uwagút	s/he went inside, came inside	nèł gú	come in!
yan	yan uwagút	s/he went ashore, came ashore	yan gú	go ashore!

Pre- verb	Perfective	English	Imperative	English
dàk	dàk uwagút	s/he came/went out (into the open), s/he started out on a journey	dàk gú	get out! get going!
dàkh	dàkh uwagút	s/he came inland, came back inside	dàkh gú	come back in!
NP-t	át uwagút	s/he arrived there	át gú	arrive there!

Example Sentences

- 1. Shà shakît uwagút. S/he arrived at the mountain top.
- 2. Xh'awùlt uwagút. S/he came to the door.
- 3. Has du xhùt uwagút. S/he came into their midst, came among them.
- 4. Axh xhánt uwagút. S/he came to me, visited me.

2. Non-Ø conjugation

Some preverbs require na-, ga-, or gha- conjugation. Na- conjugation can also occur without a preverb.

Perfective	English	Imperative	English
wùgùt	s/he left, departed	nagú	go!
NP-de wùgùt			go to NP!
àdé wùgùt	s/he went there, went towards there	àdé nagú	go there!
du xhánde wùgùt	s/he went to his/her place	du xhánde nagú	go to his/her place!
àxh wùgùt	s/he left there	àxh nagú	leave there!
		àxh gagú	get going from there!
khut wùgùt	s/he went astray	khut gagú	get lost!
yà wùgùt	s/he went down, came down	yà ghagú	come down! go down!
yàxh wùgùt	s/he got on board	yàxh ghagú	get on board!

Example Contrasting Sentences with -t

	Ø Conjugation	Na- Conjugation with perfective meaning "moving around (from place to place)"
1.	át wugút s/he arrived there	át wùgùt s/he is walking around
	át gú arrive there!	át nagú walk around!
2.	khà xhùt uwagút s/he came amongst the people	khà xhùt wugùt s/he is walking around among the people, in the crowd
3.	shà shakît wudikhín it flew to the mountain top	shà shakît wudikhìn it is flying around the mountain top
4.	kałs'âk às x'àn kè mjixíx kałs'âk às x'ànt wujixíx the squirrel ran up to the top of the tree	kałs'âk às x'ànt wujixìx the squirrel is running around in the top of the tree

Conjugation with -t

	Ø Conjugation NP-t (Ø) arrived (at NP)	Na- Conjugation NP-t (na-) is walking around (at NP)
1 sing.	át xhwàgút	át xhwàgùt
2 sing.	át iyagút	át yìgùt
3 sing.	át uwagút	át wùgùt
4 sing. (someone)	át àwagút	át àwagùt
1 pl.	át wutuwa.át	át wutuwa.àt
2 pl.	át yìya.át át yìy.át	át yìya.àt át yìy.àt
3 pl.	át has uwa.át	át has wù.àt
4 pl. (people)	át àwa.át	át àwa.àt

Conjugation with khuxh

NOTE that khuxh "(returning) back" requires the d- element to be added to the classifier if the verb is intransitive.

	khuxh (d-) (Ø) returned, came back
1 sing.	khuxh xhwadigút
2 sing.	khuxh yidigút
3 sing.	khuxh wudigút
4 sing.	khuxh amdigút
1 pl.	khuxh wutudi.át
2 pl.	khuxh yìydi.át
3 pl.	khuxh has wudi.át
4 pl.	khuxh amdi.át

Partitive plural: khuxh à mdi.át

Example Perfective of Transitive Verbs - to get to know, to see

O_s-ku~

to (get to) know O

O_s-tin~

to see O

	Pronoun	to get to know O	to see O
1 sing.	xha	xhwasikû	xhwàsitìn
2 sing.	i	yisikû	yisitìn
3 sing.	Ø	amsikû, awsikû	amsitìn, awsitìn
3 sing.	NP-ch	John-ch wusikû (John knows it)	John-ch wusitìn (John sees it)
1 pl.	tu	wutusikû	wutusitìn
2 pl.	yi	yìysikû	yìysitìn
3 pl.	has + Ø	has amsikû, has awsikû	has amsitin, has awsitin
4 pl.	du-d-	wududzikû (it is known)	wududzitìn

Example Perfective of Transitive Verb - to handle

O ti~

to carry, take, bring O

with preverb hat (to here):

to bring O here (Ø-conjugation)

with preverb axh (from there): to pick O up (ga-conjugation)

Examples:

hàt xhwatî

I brought it here

àxh xhwàtì

I picked it up

hàt tí

bring it here!

àxh gatí

pick it up!

hàt wuduwatî

it was brought here

àxh wuduwatì

it was picked up

	to bring here	to pick up
1 sing.	hàt xhwàtî	àxh xhwàtì
2 sing.	hàt iyatî	àxh yìtì
3 sing.	hàt àwatî	àxh àwatì
	John-ch hàt uwatî	John-ch àxh wùtì
1 pl.	hàt wutuwatî	àxh wutuwatì
2 pl.	hàt yìytî	àxh yìytì
3 pl.	hàt has àwatî	àxh has àwatì
4 pl.	hàt wuduwatî	àxh wuduwatì

Ordinal Numerals

1. Shuxa ayı mist (one)	1.	shux'â	àyí	first	(one
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COMMANDS

	to one person	to plural people	English	
1.	jinida.ûs'	jiniyda.ûs' jiyìnda.ûs'	wash your hands!	
2.	yanida.ûs'	yaniyda.ûs' yayìnda.ûs'	wash your face!	
3.	i ùxh xhùna.ûs'	yi ùxh xhuniy.ûs'	brush your teeth!	
4.	shakghìsyá	shakghayisyá	comb your hair!	
5.	tliyêx' dê	tliyêx' dê	keep still! knock it off!	
6.	líl khìt'áchxhikh (líl - people, indefinite human)	łíł khiyit'áchxhikh	don't slap people!	
7.	łíł khìgwáłxhikh	líl khiyigwálxhikh	don't punch!	
8.	łí	łí	don't!	
9.	dlìnkwát sh ìłtín	dlìnkwát sh yìltín	be careful!	
10.	dlìnkwát x'wán	dlìnkwát x'wán	do be careful! careful now!	
11.	shìdanú shìnú	shiydakhí	get up! (from lying)	
12.	gidahàn	giydanàkh	stand up!	

	to one person	to plural people	English
13.	gasaxhût'	giysaxhût'	pull it! (e.g. wagon)
14.	gałatsàkh	giyłatsàkh	push it!
15.	gałashît'	giyłashît'	push it hard! crowd it!
16.	ach kanaxhtùłyát	ach kanaxhtùlyát	let's play!
17.	khunaxhtùs.ùk'	khunaxhtùs.ùk'	let's play house! (imaginary things)
18.	(ch'as) kuna.àkhw	kaniy.àkhw	(just) try!
19.	kudzidên kuna.àkhw	kudzidên kaniy àkhw	try! try harder!
20.	sh kanida.àkhw sh kìnda.àkhw	sh kaniyda.àkhw	help yourself! try to do it yourself!
21.	at gashí	at giyshí	sing!
22.	nidaghât'	niydaghât'	crawl!
23.	kè ìshk'én	kè yìshk'én	jump!
24.	yà gagú	yà giy.á	walk along!
25.	yû â yaxh hán	yû â yaxh yinákh	turn around! (standing)

Example Sentences

1. Ch'a ghût'à l'î x'wán yê na.ù. different, other socks put on

Put on different socks.

Ch'a ghût'à l'î x'wán xh'ùst idayíkh.

different, other socks feet-onto you pull

Put on different socks. (Literally, "Pull different socks onto your feet")

2. Tlêx xh'ùs kâ yan hán!
one foot on to rest you stand
Stand on one foot! (speaking to one person)

Tlêx xh'ùs kâ yan yinákh!

one foot on to rest you stand

Stand on one foot! (speaking to more than one person)

- 3. Łíł nìchdáxh yu xh'ìtángikh.

 don't beach-from you don't talk

 Don't talk for nothing.
- 4. Ayamdigút. *S/he turned around and went (back).*
- 5. A yâ mdigùt. S/he stood up to the challenge.

Sentences about Time

- 1. X'ùn sá yàwaxhî yá yagì?

 how many nights have passed this day

 What day (of the month) is it today?
- 2. X'ùn sá yàwaxhî yá dís?

 how many nights have passed this month, moon

 What day of the month is it?
- 3. Nás'k yàwaxhî yá yagì. third nights have passed this day

 Today is the 3rd. (day of the month)
- 4. X'ùn yagì sáyá?

 how many day is it

 What day (of the week) is it?
- 5. Nás'k yagì áyá. Today is Wednesday.
- 6. X'ùn tâkw sáyá?

 how many year is it

 What year is it?
- 7. Dêxh tâwsán kha jinkàt tâkw áyá. two thousand and ten year it is This is 2010.

Sentences About Weather and Seasons

- 1. Kuwuyíxh nałi.átk.

 They extend in the air. (of clouds)
- Khułigûs'; gwáł dlèt dàk guxhsatân 2. it will fall it's cloudy down maybe snow vá sitgamsân ítdáxh. this noon after It's cloudy; maybe it will snow this afternoon.
- 3. Dlèt dàk guxhsatân yê ùwayâ. snow down it will fall thus it looks like It looks like it will snow.
- 4. Ch'a yê gugênk' dlèt dàk wusitân.

 a little bit snow down it is falling

 It's snowing a little bit.
- 5. Gwáł sèghanin kè khukhghwak'ê.

 maybe tomorrow the weather will be good

 Maybe the weather will be good tomorrow.
- 6. Sikàk wé t'îx' yû kdunîk.
 Sikàk wé t'îx' yú.á.
 it's thick the ice they say
 They say the ice is thick.

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7. Yèst khuwahàyí kha àtlèn sîm fall-to when the season comes and a lot rain

dàk wustàní, àghâ áwé khâ dzísk'w when it falls that's when male down moose du shèdí a.us'gu nìch. his antlers he washes habitually

When fall comes and it rains a lot, then bull moose "wash their antlers" (rub off the velvet).

8. Khúdáxh khuyàwat'â axh dzísk'u dùgú too much it is hot (weather) my moose skin

yaxhwaxhìjí.

for me to hang

It's too hot for me to hang my moose skin out.

- 9. Ch'âk'udáxh áyá tlêł yê khusa.ât'in.

 long ago-from it is not so it had been cold

 It hasn't been this cold for a long time.
- 10. Sèghán tliya.à kádin sîm dàk tomorrow the one further off on rain down

guxhsatận yú.á.

it will fall

they say.

It's supposed to rain the day after tomorrow.

11. Tlêł wuduskú mâ khukhghwatî.

not one knows how the weather will be

No-one knows what the weather will be like.

Negatives and Prohibitions

łí!

don't!

łíł

don't ____! (prohibitive)

tlêk'

no!

tlêł

not

(In old sources we find tlêk'-l meaning *no*. This has contracted to tlêl.)

Example Phrases using Negatives

1. tlêl ushk'é

s/he/it is bad

2. ł ushik'êyi khâ

a bad man

3. ł ushk'é

badness, sin

4. axh ł ushk'èyí

my sins

5. tlêł dutìn

it's invisible, it can't be seen

6. I duwatini khâ

invisible man

Example Sentences Using "With"

axh ìn

with me

(note: not axh tín)

du ìn

with him/her

(note: not du tín)

1. Yât'à ìn yà nagút.

S/he's going with this one

(i.e. this person).

2. Yât'àtín yà nagút.

S/he's going with this one

(i.e. this thing).

3. Khâs'tín yà nagút.

S/he's going with the matches.

4. Shìytín àwaxhích.

S/he hit it (e.g. a drum) with a stick.

5. Shìytín ayàwaxhích.

S/he hit him in the face with a stick.

Example Sentences Using "Hard"

1. Yat'îx'.

It's hard (to the touch).

It's hard (difficult).

2. Łidzî.

It's hard (difficult).

This does not mean hard (to the

touch).

Example Sentences Using "Hard" (cont)

3. Khustí lidzî. Life is hard.

Life is difficult.

4. Du khustìyí tlêł ułdzî. Her life is not hard.

Her life is easy.

5. Tlêl uldzî. *It's easy.*

It's not difficult.

6. I î lidzî. It's hard for you.

7. Tlêł axh î ułdzî. It's easy for me.

Miscellaneous Sentences

1. Mâ sá i tùwúch

how according to your way of thinking

What is your opinion?

- 2. Tlêł xhwa.àxh. I didn't hear it.
- 3. Tlêł xhwa.àxhín.

 I hadn't hear that before.

 That is new to me.

Farewells

- 1. Gunałchîsh axh in yê jiyinèyí.

 thank you me with thus you worked

 Thank you for working with me.
- 2. Gunałchîsh axh ît yidashìyí. thank you me with you helped Thank you for helping me.
- 3. Ch'a tsâ axh jìt xhìdatán.

 later me to you talk

 Talk to me later.

 Call me later.
- 4. K'idên nèldé yà gakhùxh.

 well home-to you drive along

 Have a safe drive home.

 Drive home carefully.
- 5. Ikhkhwasahâ.

 I will miss you. (to one person)
- 6. Yì khkhwasahâ.

 I will miss you. (to many people)
- 7. Tlaxh kudzidên xhwasihà axh really lots, greatly I miss her my shátxh Skàydu.ù. older sister (woman speaking) Tina I really miss my older sister Tina.

