

Telling stories

- ∞ Exercise 1. Tell a short story of about four simple sentences. Use past or future tense only if you are already comfortable with it. If there is more than one way to say something, use the simplest expression.
- ∞ Exercise 2. Once you can tell a four-sentence story without reading, then you can make it longer. Add appropriate glue words, like *ləʔəm*, *ləm̩is*. Use the hearsay ending *-ləʔe* when appropriate.
- ∞ Exercise 3. With a partner, take turns setting each other up. Tell your partner to tell a story, or ask what they're going to talk about (see set: *Storytelling*).

1. Wild Woman 1

Wild Woman is a big woman.w̩alas, w̩aladʒi, ɕədaq, dʒunuq̩^wa
She has a big basket.ləʔeʔ -s, tig^wigeʔ -ʃ-
She takes children.gəluʎa -ʃ-, gaʃnaxwa da -ʃ-
Go home!.....hagaʔ neŋak^w, kiʔsməʔe pədəxʔidaʔ

2. Wild Woman 2

A boy had a knife.kawayu, kawayunuk^w
He saw Wild Woman.duq^wəla, duʃw̩id -ʃ-, la-ʃ- ʔaʎi
Wild Woman took the children.daxʔid -ʃ-, daxʔicuʔ -s-
She threw them in her basket.....cəʃcud -ʃ-, cəʃcucuʔ -s-, la-ʃ- ləʔeʔ

3. The brave pig

Johnny had a pig.....g^wəsunuk^w, g^wəsunuxw̩id, ʎayup̩ qəʔa-
The pig walked around with the dogs.yalagəʎs ʎuʔ-, w̩aɕi, w̩əʔoɕi
The children were laughing.dəʔələ, didəʔələ, nəğək^w
A cougar jumped on the pig.məmisa, dəx^wsəm -ʃ-, dəx^wsəm-suʔ -s-, ʔudaxʔid
The pig bit the cougar.qəkəʎa, qəxʔid -ʃ-, qəxʔicuʔ -s-
The cougar died.yaxʔid, ʎələmas -ʃ-

4. A boy, a dog and a frog

A boy was walking.qasa
He was with his dog.ʎuʔ- w̩aɕi
He was carrying a bucket and a net.dala, daʎa -ʃ-, nağəɕi, kəŋayu
They saw a frog.duʃw̩id, duq^wəla, duq^wəʎa -ʃ-, wəqəs
The boy swung his net.kəna
The frog jumped.
The boy missed.
He fell down.

The frog was watching him.
 It was sitting on a branch.
 The boy went home.
 The frog was sad.
 It looked for the boy.
 It jumped into the bathtub.

5. Candy for the boy

My friend told about her grandpa. qayola, namuk^w, qəʔeʔ-s- gağəmp
 He went to order food at the store. la nənka -x- həmeʔ, la-x- kəlwilas
 He wrote on a paper. kata la-x- g^wağ^weʔ
 ...and his writing said.../ qəʔs nıkeʔ-s-is kədək^w
 ...candy for the boy.../ kəndi, qəʔe-, babag^wəm
 ...gasoline for the boat, kerosene for the lamp.../ gasoline, boʔt, kerosene, nig^waçi
 ...tea for the teapot, sugar for the tea.../ di, digilaçi, sug^wa
 The storekeeper liked it. ʔixʔak, kakəlwilacila
 ...when he saw this paper ləʔe, g^wağ^weʔ, kədək^w, nəng^wanəm
 ...from the old man. gayuʃ, la-x-, q^wəlyak^w