

řimtii: _____

ńaas: _____

Conversation

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| A | ʔaaqink. | How are you? |
| A | šaḥyitk. / wiikšaḥk. | Are you okay? |
| B | šaḥyits. / šaḥyitiis. / wiikšaḥs. / wiikšaḥayiis. | I'm okay. |
| A | taʔiik. | Are you sick? |
| B | taʔiis. / taʔiisiis. | I'm sick. |
| A | naqmiihk. | Are you thirsty? |
| B | naqmiihs. / naqmiihayiis. | I'm thirsty. |
| A | čimqʔhaak. | Are you happy? |
| B | čimqʔsiiiš. / čimqʔliis. | I'm happy. |
| A | ʔaaqinpk. | What are you doing? |
| B | wiikšaḥps. / wiikšaḥpiis. | I'm not doing anything. |
| A | huhtikk yaqʔaayii. | Do you know her name? |
| B | huhtiks. ʔukʔaaʔš Helen. | I know it. Her name is Helen. |
| B | hayimhs yaqʔaayii. | I don't know her name. |
| B | hayimhayiis yaqʔaayii. | I don't know her name. |

Words

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|-------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------|
| huhtik | <i>hoohh-tick</i> | know | ʔac | <i>tluts</i> | fat |
| hayimḥ(a) | <i>hah-yim-hh</i> | not know | tiič | <i>teech</i> | alive |
| wiikšaḥ(a) | <i>week-shuhh</i> | okay | čimqʔ | <i>chim-k-tl</i> | happy |
| wiikšaḥp | <i>week-shuhh-p</i> | doing nothing | wiiŋaqʔ | <i>wee-uck-tl</i> | sad |
| ʔaaqin | <i>ah-kin</i> | how | ʔuušsuuqʔ | <i>oosh-sook-tl</i> | angry |
| ʔaaqinp | <i>ah-kin-p</i> | doing what | taʔił | <i>tah-ilth</i> | sick |
| ʔuʔusim | <i>oo-oo-sim</i> | want, need | puʔaʔat(a) | <i>poo-ulth-ut</i> | sleepy |
| ʔuʔumḥ(a) | <i>oo-oom-hh</i> | can, able to | puʔsaak | <i>poo-sock</i> | worn out |
| wiṃaaqʔ | <i>wim-mock-tl</i> | cannot | hawiiqʔ | <i>hah-week-tl</i> | hungry |
| wik | <i>wick</i> | not | naqmiiḥ(a) | <i>nuck-meehh</i> | thirsty |
| has | <i>hhuss</i> | bright, loud | ŋatxsimḥ(a) | <i>ut-gh-sim-hh</i> | feel cold |
| ʔuł | <i>tloolth</i> | good | ʔupỵiiḥ(a) | <i>tloop-yeehh</i> | feel hot |

Person endings – Advanced

The person endings can take several different forms, depending on the size and shape of their *stem*. A stem is a word that an ending attaches to. These are some more accurate ways to write the person endings, indicating the different forms they can take:

| Subject | Mood | | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| | Question | Strong | Weak |
| I | = ɥaːs | = siːš, = s | = (y)i:s |
| you | = haːk, = k | = ʔiːc | = (y)i:k |
| he, she, it | = ɥaː | = ʔiːš | = (y)i: |

- Strong long vowels (V:) are always long.
- Weak long vowels (Vː) are long only after a one-syllable stem, and otherwise short.
- Weak consonants in parentheses appear only after vowels, *m*, and *n*.
- Glottal stops (ʔ) in endings appear only after vowels and one-syllable stems.
- The endings =s and =k are special, extra-short endings used after long stems.

Strong long vowels (V:), as in = (y)i:s, = (y)i:k, are always long:

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| wik | not | wikiis wikɥtin. | I'm not crazy. |
| q ^w aq ^w aa | how | q ^w aq ^w aayiik. | What's up? |

Weak long vowels (Vː), as in = ʔiːš, = ɥaːs, are long only after a one-syllable stem. After longer stems, they are short or disappear:

| Stem | | Sentence | |
|---------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| tiič | alive | tiičʔiiš. | It's alive. |
| ʔuɥin | sunny | ʔuɥinš ɥaas. | It's a sunny day. |
| ʔac | fat | ʔačɥaas. | Am I fat? |
| ʔapciik | say correctly | ʔapciikɥs huwaa. | Am I saying it right? |

- The glottal stop (ʔ) in = ʔiːš, = ʔiːc appears only after vowels and one-syllable stems. After longer stems that end in consonants, the glottal stop disappears:

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| ɥas | bright, loud | ɥasʔiiš. | It's bright! |
| ʔuʔumɥ(a) | can | ʔuʔumɥaʔc. | You can. |
| ʔapciik | say correctly | ʔapciikic. | You're saying it right. |

Exercises

1. With a partner, practise forming questions and answers with these words:
 - short words: ʔuɥ *good*, tiič *alive*, ʔac *fat*
 - words ending in consonants: ʔapciik *say correctly*, huɥtik *know*
 - words ending in vowels: ʔukɥaa *called*, k^wačʔii *correct*, ɥiɥaa *raining*
 - words with hidden vowels: wiikšɥ(a) *okay*, ɥayimɥ(a) *not know*