

**Language circle survival conversations for  
East Barkley Sound Nuuchahnulth\***

**1. walyuu • Home**

1A	ṭiqpiʔaʕi!	Get up now!
1B	čuu, ṭiqpiʕʕaʕqʕaḥ.	Okay, I'll get up.
2A	m̄učičuʔaʕi!	Get dressed!
2B	m̄učičaʕaḥ.	I'm dressed now.
3A	haʔukw̄itasin! haʔukšiʔaʕi.	We're about to eat! Start eating.
3B	ʔuušyākšiʕeʔic haʔuk <sup>w</sup> ap siya.	Thank you for feeding me.
4A	čamuḥas yaaʔaʕ pikčasc̄u.	Can I watch television?
4B	hitaashči pisatuk čaani.	Go play outside for a while.
5A	weʔičuʔaʕi.	Go to sleep.
5B	ʕuʕʔim weʔič.	Sleep well.

**2. ʕayahuʔaʕ • Greetings**

6A	ʔuhʔaʕḥak.	Is that you?
6B	haaʔa, ʔuhʔaʕaḥ.	Yes, it's me.
7A	čačimḥihak.	Are you okay?
7B	čačimḥimah. yuuq <sup>w</sup> aahak čačimḥi.	I'm okay. Are you okay too?
8A	ʔuuʔuuqukma.	It's nice weather.
8B	ʔaanima ʔuuʔuuquk.	It sure is nice weather.
9A	ʔuyaaqʕaḥ ḥačuʔaʕ suwa.	I'll see you later.
9B	čuu, ʔuyaaqʕin.	Okay, later.
10A	ʔuʔaahukḥʔiʔaʕa.	Take care.
10B	yuuq <sup>w</sup> eeʔiʔaʕa ʔuʔaahukḥ.	You take care too.

**3. huuh̄takšiihuwiʕ • Classroom**

11A	ʔaqaqḥa ʔahkuu.	What's this?
11B	hayaaʔakaḥ q <sup>w</sup> iquusi.	I don't know what it is.
12A	weeʔii!	Say it!
12B	čuu, waaʔaaqʕaḥ.	Okay, I'll say it.
13A	čamuḥas ʔucačiʕ čiišuʕ.	May I go to the washroom?
13B	čamuḥeʔic. wafaakči.	You may. Go ahead.
14A	huuxsʔatuʔaaqʕḥin.	Shall we take a break?
14B	huuxsʔatuʔin.	Let's take a break.
15A	ḥasiikaʕḥin.	Are we finished?
15B	ḥasiikaʕin.	We're finished.

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**4. ?e?iičim • Elders**

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| 16A | ?a?aquu?atha?aała __.         | How does one say __?                   |
| 16B | waa?atma?aała __.             | One says __.                           |
| 17A | hu?aas?i waa.                 | Say it again!                          |
| 17B | čuu, hu?aas?aaqłah waa.       | Okay, I'll say it again.               |
| 18A | łuułłuułe?i ciiqciqa.         | Speak slowly.                          |
| 18B | čuu, łuułłuułaaqłah ciiqciqa. | Okay, I'll speak slowly.               |
| 19A | ?apsčiiķhas.                  | Am I saying it right?                  |
| 19B | ?apsčiiķe?ic.                 | You're saying it right.                |
| 20A | nana?ahak wawaayiis.          | Do you understand what I'm saying?     |
| 20B | wiwikapamaḥ wawaayiik.        | I don't understand what you're saying. |

**5. ?uuk<sup>w</sup>amačuk • Personal**

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| 21A | ?ačaqłahak.                         | What's your name? |
| 21B | ?ukłamaḥ __.                        | My name is __.    |
| 22A | ?ačaqłhak.                          | Who are you?      |
| 22B | histaqšičah __.                     | I'm from __.      |
|     | ?uḥuk <sup>w</sup> ah ?um?iiqsu __. | My mother is __.  |
|     | ?uḥuk <sup>w</sup> ah ḥuwiiqsu __.  | My father is __.  |
| 23A | čamułḥas hupii suwa.                | Can I help you?   |
| 23B | łakšičis hupii.                     | Please help me.   |
| 24A | łeekoo.                             | Thank you.        |
|     | ?uušyakšiče?ic.                     | Thank you.        |
| 24B | čuu.                                | Acknowledged.     |
| 25A | yaa?akukḥak siya.                   | Do you love me?   |
| 25B | yaa?akuk <sup>w</sup> ah suwa.      | I love you.       |

**6. ḥašičas • Visiting**

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| 26A | walyuuḥak!                              | Are you home?               |
| 26B | walyuumah. mačinu?i.                    | I'm home. Come in.          |
| 27A | tii?iis?aaqłin.                         | We'll have tea.             |
| 27B | čuu, tii?iis?apčis.                     | Okay, give me some tea.     |
| 28A | yaałmaa ?inma ?iš šuuk <sup>w</sup> aa. | There's the milk and sugar. |
| 28B | čuu.                                    | Acknowledged.               |
| 29A | čačimḥakhak taatḥe?is.                  | Are your children okay?     |
| 29B | haa?a, čačimḥima?al.                    | Yes, they're okay.          |
| 30A | ?uyaqḥnakḥak.                           | Do you have news?           |
| 30B | łuḥuk <sup>w</sup> ah ?uyaqḥmis.        | I have good news.           |