



## **ʔuwii • Introduction**

This lesson introduces some common greetings and goodbyes. You will learn a basic greeting that is appropriate in most situations. This includes the questions ‘Is that you?’, ‘Are you okay?’, ‘What are you doing?’, and a comment about the weather.

The advanced section introduces some additional friendly conversation for when you run into someone, including how to ask about someone’s family, and to ask about the news.

In some dialects, people say hello by asking, ‘Is that you?’ In others, they start by asking, ‘Are you okay?’

1A. ʔuhʔaʔhək. .... Is that you?

1B. ʔuhʔaʔah. .... It’s me.

2A. čăčimhīhək (q<sup>w</sup>aa). .... Are you okay?

2B. čăčimhīmah. .... I’m okay.

2B. ʔuuq<sup>w</sup>aahək čăčimhī. .... Are you okay too?

3A. ʔuuʔuuqukma. .... It’s a nice day.

3B. ʔaanima ʔuuʔuuquk. .... It sure is nice.

4A. ʔaaqinʔaphək. .... What are you doing?

4B. huuh̄takšiih̄ah̄ quuquuʔaca. I’m learning Nuuchahnulth.

- ▶ Note. The  $q^waa$  in 2A is optional. You can use it or not, with no great difference in meaning.
- ∞ Exercise. Practise just one mini-conversation at a time from conversations 1-4. Take turns speaking the (A) and (B) roles. Get at least three good repetitions before switching roles.
- ∞ Exercise. When you're ready, try running through all of conversations 1-4, one after the other. This is our basic greeting.

There are at least three different words meaning ‘okay’. Practise using these different words in conversation 5.

- čáčimḥi ..... (one is) okay
- wiikšaḥi..... (one is) okay
- šaḥỵit LQ, AHT šaḥỵut..... (one is) okay

5A. \_\_-ḥa·k (q<sup>w</sup>aa)..... Are you \_\_?

5B. \_\_-(m)a·ḥ..... I’m \_\_.

5B. ỵuuq<sup>w</sup>aaḥak \_\_..... Are you \_\_ too?

5A. haa?a..... Yes.

5A. ỵuuq<sup>w</sup>aamaḥ \_\_..... I’m \_\_ too.

- ∞ Exercise. First, keep it simple by practising just (A) ‘Are you okay?’ (B) ‘I’m okay.’
- ∞ Exercise. When you’re ready, add (B) ‘Are you okay too?’ (A) ‘I’m okay too.’

Here are some goodbyes. The basic goodbye is čuu. This can also mean ‘okay, acknowledged’. You can also say ‘take care’.

6A. čuu. .... Goodbye.

6B. čuu. .... Okay. Acknowledged.

6A. čačimḥiʔiʔaala. .... Be well (always).

6A. ʔuʔaalaḥ<sup>w</sup>iʔaala. .... Take care (always).

6B. ʔuuq<sup>w</sup>eeʔiʔaala. .... You do it too (always).

- ∞ Exercise. First, keep it simple by saying only *čuu* to each other.
- ∞ Exercise. When you're ready, try alternating between *čuu* and 'take care'. Be sure that (B) responds appropriately.



# **Advanced**

When you see someone who you haven't seen for a while, it's polite to ask about their family.

7A. čăčimḥakḥak taatńa..... Are your children okay?

7A. čăčimḥakḥak ʔeʔiičim..... Are your elders okay?

7B. haaʔa, čăčimḥimaʔał..... Yes, they're okay.

Ask about each other's relatives, and respond appropriately.

- ʔeʔiičim..... elders
- čakup ..... husband, boyfriend
- ɫuucsma..... wife, girlfriend
- ɫaaᵂaaʔ ..... young woman, daughter
- ɫaaʔiʔaaʔ ..... young man, son
- ʔaʔneʔis..... small child
- ʔaatneʔis..... small children

8A. čačimɫakɫak \_\_. .... Is your \_\_ okay?

8B. haaʔa, čačimɫima. .... Yes, he, she is okay.

8B. haaʔa, čačimɫimaʔaʔ..... Yes, they're okay.

∞ Exercise. Practise conversation 8.

∞ Exercise. Try using different words for ‘okay’. (B) responds using whatever word (A) uses.

8A. čačimḥakḥak \_\_. .... Is your \_\_ okay?

8A. wiikšahakḥak \_\_. .... Is your \_\_ okay?

8B. haaʔa, \_\_-(m)aʔ..... Yes, he, she is \_\_.

8B. haaʔa, \_\_-(m)aʔaʔ..... Yes, they’re \_\_.

News is a big topic. We will start by learning some sentences for bringing up the news in conversation.

9A. ?uyaqḥnakḥak..... Do you have news?

9A. ?aqaqḥa ?uyaqḥmis..... What's the news?

9B. λuḥuk<sup>w</sup>ah ?uyaqḥmis..... My news is good.

9B. p̄išaqma ?uyaqḥmis..... The news is bad.

9B. ?ayaakah ?uyaqḥmis..... I have lots of news.

9B. wikiituk<sup>w</sup>ah ?uyaqḥmis..... I have no news.

- ∞ Exercise. Practise conversation 9.
- ∞ Exercise. Get an advanced speaker's help to make a sentence or two about some current news. Keep it simple. Then when you are asked about the news, tell what you know.

Here are some more ways to say goodbye.

10A. ʔuyaaqʕah ńačuʔaʔ suwa. ... I'll see you later.

10B. čuu, ʔuyaaqʕin. .... Okay, (we will) later.

11A. ʕuʕuk<sup>w</sup>im ńaas. .... Have a good day.

11A. ʕuʕuk<sup>w</sup>im ʔapwínʕck<sup>w</sup>i. .... Have a good afternoon.

11A. ʕuʕuk<sup>w</sup>im tuupšiʕ. .... Have a good evening.

11A. ʕuʕuk<sup>w</sup>im ʔathii..... Have a good night.

11B. ýuuq<sup>w</sup>eeʔim..... You do it too (in future).

11B. ýuuq<sup>w</sup>aaʔakim..... You have one too (in future).