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?aaqin?apk • What are you doing?

ʔuwii / ʔutwii • Introduction

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huuḥtakšičaya • Beginning

Part of our basic greeting is ‘What are you doing?’

1A. ʔaaqinʔaphak. What are you doing?

1B. __-(m)aḥ. I’m __.

- mamuuk working
- pisatuk playing
- huuxsʔatu resting
- siqiił cooking
- ńańańič reading
- qiicqiica writing, studying
- yaacpanač walking around
- wiikstupšaḥap doing nothing

∞ Exercise. Ask what your partner is doing, then ask a follow-up question.

- ?aaqin?aphak. What are you doing?
- __-ḥaḥk..... Are you __?
- haa?a, __-(m)aḥ..... Yes, I'm __.
- wikaḥ __..... I'm not __.

When you make a sentence using a phrase of two or more words, then the mood ending goes on the first word.

1A. ?aaqin?aphak. What are you doing?

1B. huuhtakšiiḥaḥ quuquu?aca. I'm learning Nuuchahnulth.

- huuhtakšiiḥ quuquu?aca.... learning Nuuchahnulth
- ?u?aaḷuk taatne?is..... looking after children
- yaa?aḷ pikčasçuḃak watching television
- na?aataḥ nuukçuu..... listening to recorded music
- ?uuksnaaḡaḷ pisatmis handling (video) games
- ?uucu?uk ___ going to ___
- waaḷak ___ going to ___

Here are some important places on and around Vancouver Island.

- ńačiqs Tofino
- yuułʷiłʷath Ucluelet
- ʕuumaɤas Port Alberni
- ʕamaatax^{w*} Campbell River
- naanaaymux Nanaimo
- mituuni Victoria
- peenkuupa Vancouver
- siʔaaʕ* Seattle
- niiyaa Neah Bay

Now let's talk about what people, animals, and vehicles are doing.

2A. ʔaaqinʔaphak. What are you doing?

2A. ʔaaqinʔapha __(-ʔiʔ). What is (the) __ doing?

2B. __-(m)aʔh. I'm __.

2B. __-maʔ __(-ʔiʔ). (The) __ is __.

- čakup man
- ʔuucsma woman
- ʔaak^waaʔ young woman
- ʔaawʔiʔaʔ young man
- ʔaak^waaʔʔis small girl
- meʔiʔqacʔis small boy

- yaacuk..... walking
- kamitquk..... running
- huuyaał dancing
- nunuuk..... singing
- λakiił..... standing (indoors)
- λakiis standing (outdoors)
- tiq^waas..... sitting on (platform)
- tiq^wił..... sitting (indoors, on floor)
- ciiqciqa speaking
- qiicqiica writing
- ñañaañič..... reading
- suu holding it
- tuuxtuux^wa jumping

Talk about what people and animals are doing.

- čims..... black bear
- čix^watin eagle
- suuḥaa..... spring salmon
- miḥaat sockeye salmon
- mataa flying
- susaa swimming
- haṭiis bathing, swimming
- čuyaa..... (group of fish) swimming
- λupkaa awake
- weṭič..... sleeping

Last, here are words for talking about what vehicles are doing, and what people are doing with their vehicles.

- čapac..... canoe
- maʔakʕiqs..... speedboat
- huupuk^was..... car, truck, motor vehicle
- matuk..... airplane, helicopter
- ʕihaa..... (vehicle) going
- ʕiihak..... paddling, going by vehicle
- ʕičaḥs..... steering, driving
- ʔuyiiq travelling by (vehicle)