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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. ʔaaqinʔapk..... What are you doing?

1B. __-siʔš..... I’m __.

- mamuuk..... working
- ʔimč̣aap..... playing
- huuxsʔatu..... resting
- siqiił..... cooking
- ńačaał..... reading
- ʔiisʔiisa..... writing, studying
- yaacpanač..... walking around
- wiikšahap..... doing nothing

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

- ʔaaqinʔapk. What are you doing?
- __-k..... Are you __?
- haa, __-si'š..... Yes, I'm __.
- wiksiiš __. 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. ʔaaqinʔapk. What are you doing?

1B. huuḥtakšiiḥsiš ciiqciqasa. .. I'm learning Nuuchahnulth.

- huuḥtakšiiḥ ciiqciqasa learning Nuuchahnulth
- ʔuuýaḥuk ʔaatnaʔis looking after children
- yaaʔaḥ pikčascuýak watching television
- naʔaataḥ nuukcuu..... listening to recorded music
- ʔuuksnaaḥaḥ ʔimčaaqmis.... handling (video) games
- ʔuuciýuk ___ going to ___
- waaḥak ___ going to ___

Here are some important places on and around Vancouver Island.

- ńačiqs Tofino
- yuułu?ił?ath Ucluelet
- ćuumuɣaas Port Alberni
- łamaatax^w Campbell River
- naanaaymux..... Nanaimo
- mituuni Victoria
- paankuupa Vancouver
- si?aał* Seattle
- niiyaa Neah Bay

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

2A. ʔaaqinʔapk. What are you doing?

2A. ʔaaqinʔaph ʔ(-ʔiʔ). What is (the) ʔ doing?

2B. ʔ-siʔš. I'm ʔ.

2B. ʔ-ʔiʔš ʔ(-ʔiʔ). (The) ʔ is ʔ.

- čakup man
- ʔuucma woman
- ʔaak^waaʔ young woman
- ʔaawʔiʔaʔ young man
- ʔucsaʔis small girl
- maʔiʔqacʔis small boy

- yaacuk..... walking
- kamatquk running
- huyaał dancing
- nunuuk..... singing
- ʔaaqyiił..... standing (indoors)
- ʔaaqyaas standing (outdoors)
- ʔiq^waas..... sitting on (platform)
- ʔiq^wił..... sitting (indoors, on floor)
- ciiqciqa speaking
- ʔiisʔiisa writing
- ʔačaał..... 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
- λimkaa awake
- waʔič..... sleeping

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

- č̣apac canoe
- huṗakλiqs speedboat
- huupuk^was car, truck, motor vehicle
- matuk airplane, helicopter
- λiḥaa (vehicle) going
- λiiḥak paddling, going by vehicle
- λič̣aḥs steering, driving
- ʔuyiiq travelling by (vehicle)