

**huuḥtakšiiḥy̓ak • Lesson 5**  
**kuʔaḥ • Morning**

## **ʔuwii • Introduction**

In this lesson, we will practise some useful things to say in the morning, and how to talk to our mom, dad, and grandparents. This includes language for getting someone out of bed, helping them get ready for their day, and some friendly goodbyes. You will learn some short kin terms, and how to form commands.

The advanced section adds sentences for talking about the past, such as ‘Did you sleep well?’ and explains how to form future commands, such as ‘Take care (in future).’

First, let’s learn some ways to say ‘Good morning’. This is not a traditional Nuuchahnulth greeting. Rather, it is translated from English. Here are some ways to say ‘Good morning’, as well as some other things to say to someone when you first see them.

1A. kuʔaʔ. .... Morning.

1A. ʔuʔmaa kuʔaʔ. .... It’s a good morning.

1A. ʔuʔʔaʔma kuʔaʔ. .... It’s a good morning now.

1A. ʔiqpiʔaʔeʔic..... You’ve gotten out of bed.

1A. ʔcamaasʔaʔuk<sup>w</sup>eʔic haʔum.. Your food is on the table.

1B. ʔuu. .... Acknowledged.

1B. kuʔaʔ. .... Morning.

1B. ʔaanima ʔuʔ kuʔaʔ. .... It sure is a good morning.

Here is some conversation for getting someone out of bed. There are enough lines here for a back-and-forth, depending on the situation.

2A. λupkši?i! ..... Wake up!

2A. λupkaahak. .... Are you awake?

2B. λupkaamah. .... I'm awake.

2A. ʔiqpi?i!..... Get out of bed!

2B. čuu. .... Acknowledged.

2B. čuu, q<sup>w</sup>isʔaaqλah. .... Okay, I will.

These action words describe getting ready in the morning. Practise saying them, using body language to show what they mean. On the next page, we will use these in conversation.

- λupkaa ..... awake
- λupkšiλ ..... wake up
- tiqpiλ ..... get out of bed
- čimpitar ..... make up a bed
- λupšiš ..... wash one's face
- čučumyaqšahs ..... brushing one's teeth
- mucičuλ ..... get dressed
- ?ee?ee?iša ..... hurrying
- q<sup>w</sup>is ..... do so

∞ Exercise. Say the following forms. Then use them in conversation.

- λupkšičiλ, λupkšiči?i, λupkšičiλ?aaqλ
- tíqpiλ, tíqpi?i, tíqpiλ?aaqλ
- λúpsšičiλ, λúpsšiči?i, λúpsšičiλ?aaqλ
- múčičuλ, múčiču?i, múčičuλ?aaqλ
- čimpitar, čimpita?i, čimpitar?aaqλ
- cúcumýaqλaḥs, cúcumýaqλaḥs?i, cúcumýaqλaḥs?aaqλ
- ?ee?ee?iša, ?ee?ee?iše?i, ?ee?ee?išaaqλ

3A. \_\_-!i. .... (Do) \_\_.

3B. čuu, \_\_-?aaqλ-aḥ. .... Okay, I will \_\_.

There are four different ways to say ‘mother’, ‘mom’ in Nuuchahnulth, depending on the sentence.

- ʔuḥuk<sup>w</sup>ah ʔumʔiiqsu Rose.. My mother is Rose.
- ńaacsiičičiḥak ʔoomis..... Have you seen my mom?
- ʔačaqḥa ʔumʔi. .... Who’s your mom?
- yaamisuk<sup>w</sup>ah suwa ʔoomi. . I love you, Mom.

We will learn all of the forms of ‘mom’, ‘dad’, and ‘nan’.

	nan	mom	dad
full	naniiqsu	?um?iiqsu	ńuŵiiqsu
your	nani	?um?i	ńuŵi
my	neen?is	?oomis	ńoowis
O	neen	?oomi	ńoowí

Note. Nuuchahnulth words for grandparents do not distinguish between ‘grandmother’ and ‘grandfather’. We will say *grandparent* for the full form, and *nan* for the short forms. In Nuuchahnulth, *nan* can mean ‘grandpa’ as well as ‘grandma’.



Practise this conversation as if (A) is talking about their mom, then their dad, then their nan. Agree on your roles before you start the conversation.

4A. waasiḥa ʔoomis..... Where's my mom?

4B. hiłmaa tiquwił ʔumʔi. .... Your mom's in the sitting room.

4B. mamuukma ʔumʔi. .... You mom's working.

4B. hayimḥimaḥ hiłii ʔumʔi. .... I don't know where your mom is.

Practise this conversation as if (B) is responding their mom, then their dad, then their nan. Agree on your roles before you start the conversation.

5A. λupkši?i! ..... Get out of bed!

5A. ʔiqpi?i!..... Get out of bed!

5B. čuu, ʔoomi. .... Okay, Mom.

5B. q<sup>w</sup>isʔaaqλah, ʔoomi. .... I will, Mom.

Practise this conversation as if (B) is responding their mom, then their dad, then their nan. Agree on your roles before you start the conversation.

6A. yaamisuk<sup>w</sup>ah suwa..... I love you.

6B. yuuq<sup>w</sup>aamah yaamisuk suwa ?oomi. I love you too, Mom.

These are some friendly ways to say goodbye. Some of these are future commands, which we will learn more about later.

7A. yaamisuk<sup>w</sup>ah suwa..... I love you.

7B. yuuq<sup>w</sup>aamah (yaamisuk suwa). I (love you) too.

7A. čačimhi?im..... Be well.

7B. yuuq<sup>w</sup>ee?im (čačimhi)..... You (be well) too.

7A. xuwuk<sup>w</sup>im naas. .... Have a good day.

7B. yuuq<sup>w</sup>aa?akim..... You have one too.