

**huuḥtakšiiḥyák • Lesson 9**  
**hitinqis • Beach**

## **ʔuwii • Introduction**

In this lesson, you will practise language for a beach walk. We will learn to talk about some of the things we see at the beach—what they’re called, whether they’re good to eat, and so on.

You will also learn some important locative words. Locatives refer to locations, such as indoors, outdoors, in the sky, in a box, on a shelf, or on the body. The Nuuchahnulth words for ‘beach’ and ‘go to the beach’ are locatives, and behave in some unexpected ways from an English point of view.

The following locative words have to do with locations in or near where Westcoast people build their houses.

- wałyuu, wałyaqił..... at home
- wałšił ..... go home
- mačiił ..... indoors
- mačinił ..... go indoors
- hitaas ..... outdoors
- hineeʔas ..... go outdoors
- hitinqis ..... at the beach
- hitinqsał ..... go to the beach
- hitaaqʔas ..... in the forest
- hitaaqʔił ..... go into the forest

Practise talking about where people are.

- waḷyuu, waḷyaqiḷ..... at home
- mačiiḷ ..... indoors
- hitaas ..... outdoors
- hitinqis ..... at the beach
- hitaaqʷas ..... in the forest

1A. waasiḥa \_\_. .... Where is \_\_?

1B. \_\_-maʷ. .... He, she is \_\_.

Talk about whether to go for a walk on the beach or in the forest.

See the next page for word-building practice.

• hitinqsaλ..... go to the beach

• hitaaqλ<sup>2</sup>iλ ..... go into the forest

2A. yaacpanač<sup>2</sup>in. .... Let's take a walk.

2A. waascačiλ?aaqλ<sup>2</sup>hin..... Where shall we go?

2A. waascačiλmiḥsahak. .... Where do you want to go?

2A. \_\_-miḥsa-ḥa<sup>2</sup>k..... Do you want to \_\_?

2B. \_\_-!in. .... Let's \_\_.

2B. \_\_-miḥsa-(m)a<sup>2</sup>ḥ..... I want to \_\_.

Build words for ‘Let’s \_\_\_’ and ‘I want to \_\_\_’.

- hitinqsaλ, hitinqseʔin, hitinqsaλmiḥsamah
- hitaaqλ<sup>2</sup>iλ, hitaaqλ<sup>2</sup>iʔin, hitaaqλ<sup>2</sup>iλmiḥsamah

Talk about conditions at the beach. See the next page for word-building practice.

- muuḥuk..... high tide
- muḷaa, muuḷšiḷ..... rising tide
- ḥaay̓i, ḥaay̓iis..... low tide
- ḥaay̓awiḷ ..... tide going down

3A. ʔaaqinʔaḷḥa hitinqis.... How’s the beach now?

3A. ʔaaqinʔaḷaḷḥa hitinqis.What’s the beach doing now?

3B. \_\_-!aḷ-maʔ..... It’s \_\_ now.

Build words for 'It's \_\_ now'.

- muuḥuk, muuḥuk<sup>w</sup>aḷ, muuḥuk<sup>w</sup>aḷma
- muḷaa, muḷaaʔaḷ, muḷaaʔaḷma
- muuḷšiḷ, muuḷšiʔaḷ, muuḷšiʔaḷma
- ḥaaʔi, ḥaaʔaaḷ, ḥaaʔaaḷma
- ḥaaʔiis, ḥaaʔiisʔaḷ, ḥaaʔiisʔaḷma
- ḥaaʔawiḷ, ḥaaʔawiʔaḷ, ḥaaʔawiʔaḷma



Talk about what you see at the beach.

- ńaacsá ..... seeing it
- čańii ..... not seeing it
- ɣupximc..... sand
- tuɣaɫ..... ocean
- q<sup>w</sup>inii..... seagull
- keeʔin..... crow

4A. ńaacsahak \_\_\_\_ Do you see \_\_\_\_?

4A. haaʔa, ńaacsamah \_\_\_\_ .. Yes, I see \_\_\_\_.

4A. čańiimah \_\_\_\_ I don't see \_\_\_\_.

Talk about what you see, or are examining.

- muksyi ..... rock
- kaxnii ..... driftwood
- ʔačk<sup>w</sup>in ..... small water snail
- ʔak<sup>w</sup>aapiih..... blue bead

5A. ʔaaqičiłhak naacsa. ..... What do you see?

5A. ʔaaqičiłhak yaaʔał..... What are you watching?

5A. ʔaaqinákuuhhak..... What are you looking at closely?

5B. \_\_ naacsamah..... I see \_\_.

5B. \_\_ yaaʔałah. .... I'm watching \_\_.

5B. \_\_ ʔuunákuuhhah..... I'm looking closely at \_\_.

5B. ʔuuk<sup>w</sup>iłah \_\_ yaaʔał..... I'm watching \_\_.

Talk about what things are called.

- ʔučimck<sup>wi</sup> ..... mussel shell
- ʔačk<sup>win</sup> ..... small water snail
- kinłimc ..... sea anemone
- čaayimc ..... eelgrass
- ɥiix ..... various small sea urchins
- ɥaɥim ..... big red chiton

6A. ʔaqaqɥa ..... What is it?

6A. ʔaqičłaɥa ..... What is it called?

6B. \_\_-maɥ ..... It's \_\_.

6B. \_\_ ʔukłama ..... It's called \_\_.

Talk about whether things are good to eat.

7A. čamasha \_\_..... Is \_\_ delicious?

7A. ŋuŋhaa ha?um \_\_. .... Is \_\_ good food?

7A. ?u?umḥatha ?u?iis?at \_\_. .... Can one eat \_\_?

7B. haa?a, čamaśma..... Yes, it’s delicious.

7B. haa?a, ŋuŋmaa ha?um..... Yes, it’s good food.

7B. haa?a, ?u?umḥatma ?u?iis?at. . Yes, one can eat it.

7B. wimaśma..... It’s yucky.

7B. wikmaa ŋuŋ ha?um. .... It isn’t good food.

7B. wiṃaaq<sup>2</sup>ŋatma ?u?iis?at. .... One can’t eat it.

Here is a list of some things that we see at the beach.

- tuṕaḷ..... ocean
- ḡupximc..... sand
- mṁuksyṁi ..... rock
- kaxṁii ..... driftwood
- ḡuĉim..... big mussel
- kuĉim ..... small mussel
- ḡamiiq ..... horse clam
- ḡiĉin ..... littleneck clam
- huupisi ..... cockle clam
- yṁeʔisi ..... butter clam
- ḡapsyṁin ..... abalone

- λuχλuχ..... oyster
- kaayiřkin..... seashell
- ħiix<sup>w</sup>a ..... dentalia
- hiřcuq<sup>w</sup>ati..... abalone shell
- kinaaħck<sup>w</sup>i..... clam shell
- řamiiqck<sup>w</sup>i..... horse clam shell
- λućimck<sup>w</sup>i ..... mussel shell
- tiiħuup ..... octopus
- řiićnuu ..... bullhead
- hasaamac ..... crab
- qasqiip..... sea star
- ħinħimc ..... sea anemone
- tućup..... big red sea urchin

- ḥiix..... various small sea urchins
- nuusčii..... small green sea urchin
- ḥaayıştup ..... small black chiton
- p̄aʃim ..... big red chiton
- teeʔinwa..... sea cucumber
- ʕeʔinwa ..... gooseneck barnacles
- λaañuł..... barnacles
- humum..... moon snail
- λačk<sup>w</sup>in ..... small water snail
- k<sup>w</sup>inyimc ..... washed-up seaweed (all species)
- ʕaayimc ..... eelgrass
- ʃumimc ..... edible seaweed
- huḥʕapt..... rockweed

- husmin ..... bull kelp
- suqmapt ..... giant kelp
- q<sup>w</sup>inii ..... seagull
- k̓eeʔin ..... crow
- ɕiiñuu ..... sandpiper
- tuxcuup ..... sand fleas
- ñuɕ̓ak ..... birds' egg
- siih̓m̓uu ..... herring eggs
- ɕak<sup>w</sup>aapiih̓ ..... blue bead
- ʔiʔisw̓in ..... white-centred bead