

Telling stories

- ∞ Exercise 1. Tell a short story of about four simple sentences. Use only present tense. If there is more than one way to say something, use the simplest expression.
- ∞ Exercise 2. Use appropriate glue words and connectives, like *ləʔəm*, *ləm̩is*. Use the hearsay ending *-ləʔe* when appropriate.
- ∞ Exercise 3. With a partner, take turns setting each other up. Tell your partner to tell a story, or ask what they're going to talk about.

1. Wild Woman

Wild Woman is a big woman.wʌʔas, wʌʔadʔi, ɕədaʔ, dʔunuqʷa
She has a big basket.ləʔeʔ-s, tigʷigeʔ*
She takes children.gəluʎa -ʃ-, gaʃnaxwa da -ʃ-
Come home before it gets dark.gila neʔakʷ kiʔsɪʔe ʔəpədəxʔidaʔ.

2. The boy with a knife

A boy had a knife.kawayu, kawayunukʷ
He saw Wild Woman.duqʷəla, duʃwɪd -ʃ-, la-ʃ- ʔaʎi
Wild Woman took the children.daxʔid, daxʔicuʔ -s-
She threw them in her basket.cəʃcud, cəʃcucuʔ -s-, la-ʃ- ləʔeʔ

3. The brave pig

Johnny had a pig.gʷəsunukʷ, gʷəsunuxwɪd, ʎayup ʔəʔa*
The pig walked around with the dogs.yalagəʎs dluʔ, wʌci, wəʔoci
The children were laughing.dəʔləla, didəʔləla, nəgəkʷ
A cougar jumped on the pig.məmisa, dəxʷsəm -ʃ-, dəxʷsəmsuʔ -s-, ʔudaxʔid
The pig bit the cougar.qəkəʎa, qəxʔid -ʃ-, qəxʔicuʔ -s-
The cougar died.yaxʔid, ləʎamas -ʃ-

4. A boy, a dog and a frog

A boy was walking.
He was with his dog.
He was carrying a bucket and a net.dala, daʎa -ʃ-, nağaci, kənyau
They saw a frog.
The boy swung his net.kəna
The frog jumped.
The boy missed.
He fell down.
The frog was watching him.
It was sitting on a branch.

