

**Language circle survival conversations for  
West Barkley Sound Nuuchahnulth\***

**1. wałuu • Home**

- 1A tiqpi?ałi! ..... Get up now!
- 1B čuu, tiqpił?aaqłah. .... Okay, I'll get up.
- 2A ḡmučiču?ałi! ..... Get dressed!
- 2B ḡmučičałah. .... I'm dressed now.
- 3A ha?ukwítasin! ha?ukši?ałi. .... We're about to eat! Start eating.
- 3B ?uuš'akšíłe?ic ha?ukʷap si्या. .... Thank you for feeding me.
- 4A ?u?umhiħas yaa?ał pikčasću. .... Can I watch television?
- 4B hitaashči pisatuk čaani. .... Go play outside for a while.
- 5A we?iču?ałi. .... Go to sleep.
- 5B ḡuł?im we?ič. .... Sleep well.

**2. ḡayaħu?ał • Greetings**

- 6A ?uh?ałhak. .... Is that you?
- 6B haa?a, ?uh?ałah. .... Yes, it's me.
- 7A čačimhijah qʷaa. .... Are you okay?
- 7B čačimhimaḥ. ýuuqʷaaħak čačimhi. .... I'm okay. Are you okay too?
- 8A ?uu?uuqukma. .... It's nice weather.
- 8B ?aanima ?uu?uuquk. .... It sure is nice weather.
- 9A ?uyaaqłah ḡaču?ał suwa. .... I'll see you later.
- 9B čuu, ?uyaaqłin. .... Okay, later.
- 10A ?u?aałukh?i?aała. .... Take care.
- 10B ýuuqʷee?i?aała ?u?aałukh. .... You take care too.

**3. huuħtakšiiħuwił • Classroom**

- 11A ?aqaqħa ?ahkuu. .... What's this?
- 11B hayimħimah qʷiħus. .... I don't know what it is.
- 12A wee?ii! .... Say it!
- 12B čuu, waa?aaqłah. .... Okay, I'll say it.
- 13A ?u?umhiħas ?ucačił čiišuł. .... May I go to the washroom?
- 13B ?u?umħime?ic. waħħakči. .... You may. Go ahead.
- 14A huuxs?atu?aaqłħin. .... Shall we take a break?
- 14B huuxs?atu?in. .... Let's take a break.
- 15A ḡasiikałħin. .... Are we finished?
- 15B ḡasiikałħin. .... We're finished.

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#### 4. ?eʔiičim • Elders

- 16A ?a?aquu?atha?aał̣a \_\_\_\_\_. How does one say \_\_\_\_?  
 16B waa?atma?aał̣a \_\_\_\_\_. One says \_\_\_\_.  
 17A hu?aas?i waa. ..... Say it again!  
 17B čuu, hu?aas?aaqƛah waa. ..... Okay, I'll say it again.  
 18A λuuł̣uuł̣e?i ciiqciqa. .... Speak slowly.  
 18B čuu, λuuł̣uuł̣aaqƛah ciiqciqa. .... Okay, I'll speak slowly.  
 19A ?apsčiikħas. ..... Am I saying it right?  
 19B ?apsčiike?ic. ..... You're saying it right.  
 20A nana?aħak wawaayiis. ..... Do you understand what I'm saying?  
 20B wiwikapamah wawaayiik. ..... I don't understand what you're saying.

#### 5. ?uukʷamačuk • Personal

- 21A ?ačaqłahak. ..... What's your name?  
 21B ?uklaamah \_\_\_\_\_. My name is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 22A ?ačaqħak. ..... Who are you?  
 22B histaqsiλah \_\_\_\_\_. I'm from \_\_\_\_\_.  
     ?uhukʷah ?um?iıqsu \_\_\_\_\_. My mother is \_\_\_\_\_.  
     ?uhukʷah ḥuwiiıqsu \_\_\_\_\_. My father is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 23A ?u?umhiħas hupii suwa. ..... Can I help you?  
 23B ħaakši?is hupii. ..... Please help me.  
 24A ḥeekoo. ..... Thank you.  
     ?uušyakšiλe?ic. ..... Thank you.  
 24B čuu. ..... Acknowledged.  
 25A yaa?akukħak siya. ..... Do you love me?  
 25B yaa?akukʷah suwa. ..... I love you.

#### 6. ńašiλas • Visiting

- 26A wałyuuħak! ..... Are you home?  
 26B wałyuumah. mačinu?i. ..... I'm home. Come in.  
 27A tii?iis?aaqƛin. ..... We'll have tea.  
 27B čuu, tii?iis?apís. ..... Okay, give me some tea.  
 28A yaalmaa mink ?uh?iš šuukʷaa. ..... There's the milk and sugar.  
 28B čuu. ..... Acknowledged.  
 29A čačimħakħak taatne?is. ..... Are your children okay?  
 29B haa?a, čačimħima?ał. ..... Yes, they're okay.  
 30A ?iyaqħnakħak. ..... Do you have news?  
 30B λułukʷah ?iyaqħmis. ..... I have good news.