

## Nuuchahnulth beginner's mood guide\*

Mood is an important concept in Nuuchahnulth. A mood ending completes a sentence, saying who it is about, and whether it is a statement, question, or command.

	real (REAL) B	strong (STRG) BC	T	Q
I	-(m)a·h	-s(i·š)	-s(i·š)	-si·š~s
you	-(m)e·ʔic	-ʔi·ck	-ʔi·c	-ʔi·c
he, she, it	-ma·	-ʔi·š	-ʔi·š	-ʔi·š
we	-(m)in	-ni·š	-ni·š	-ni·š
you all	-(m)e·ʔicuu	-ʔi·cuuš	-ʔi·cuuš	-ʔi·cuuš
they	-ma·ʔaʔ	-ʔi·šʔaʔ	-ʔi·šʔaʔ	-ʔi·taʔš

	hearsay (HRSY) B	C	T	Q
I	-we·ʔisi	-wa·ʔičas	-wa·ʔis	-wa·ʔsš*
you	-we·ʔincuk	-wa·ʔick	-wa·ʔic	-wa·ʔc
he, she, it	-we·ʔin	-wa·ʔiš	-wa·ʔiš	-wa·ʔš
we	-we·ʔinni	-wa·ʔičin	-wa·niš	-wa·ʔinš
you all	-we·ʔincuu	-wa·ʔicuuš	-wa·ʔicuuš	-wa·ʔcuuš
they	-we·ʔinʔaʔ	-wa·ʔišʔaʔ	-wa·ʔišʔaʔ	-wa·ʔtaʔš

	definite (DEFN) B	AL	HT	Q
I	-qa·s	-qs	-qs	-qa·s
you	-ʔi·tqak	-ʔi·tk	-ʔi·k	-ʔi·tk
he, she, it	-ʔi·tq	-ʔi·tq	-ʔi·q	-ʔi·tq
we	-qin	-qin	-qin	-qin
you all	-ʔi·tqsuu	-ʔi·tqsuu	-ʔi·qsuu	-ʔi·tqsuu
they	-ʔi·tqʔaʔ	-ʔi·tqʔaʔ	-ʔi·qʔaʔ	-ʔi·tqaʔš

	command (CMMD)			BCT	Q
	∅	N me	us	them	them
you	-li·	-li·s	-!in	-li·ʔaʔ	-!a·ʔʔ
you all	-li·č	-!i·čas <sup>(+)</sup>	-!i·čin <sup>(+)</sup>	-li·čʔaʔ	-li·čaʔʔ
we	-!in	—	—	-!inʔaʔ	-!inʔ

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	question (QUES) B	CT	Q	neutral (NEUT) IQ
I	-ḥa's	-ḥs	-ḥa's	—
you	-ḥa'k	-k	-ḥa'k~k	—
he, she, it	-ḥa'	-ḥ	-ḥa'	-∅
we	-ḥin	-ḥin	-ḥin	—
you all	-ḥa'suu	-ḥsuu	-ḥa'suu	—
they	-ḥa'?ał	-ḥ'?ał	-ḥa'?ł	-?ał

	possible (PSSB) BCM	I	Q	neutral (NEUT) AL
I	-quus	-qu's	-quus	-sa'
you	-quuk	-qu'k	-quuk	-suuk
he, she, it	-quu	-qu'	-quu	-∅
we	-qun	-qun	-qun	-na'
you all	-quusuu	-qu'suu	-quusuu	-suu
they	-quu?ał	-qu'?ał	-qooł	-?ał

	weak (WEAK) BCM	I	Q	neutral (NEUT) BHM
I	-(y)iis	-(y)i's	-(y)iis	-si'
you	-(y)iik	-(y)i'k	-(y)iik	-su'k
he, she, it	-(y)ii	-(y)i'	-(y)ii	-∅
we	-(y)in	-(y)in	-(y)in	-ni'
you all	-(y)iisuu	-(y)i'suu	-(y)iisuu	-suu
they	-(y)ii?ał	-(y)i'?ał	-(y)eeł	-?ał

	article (ARTL) BCT	Q	unknown (UNKN) BC	Q
he, she, it	-?i'	-?i'	-(w)uusi	-wuusii
they	-?i'?ał	-?ał	-(w)uusi?ał	-wuuseeł*

	go command (CMGO) B	CTQ	future command (CMFU) BQ	CT
you	-či'	-či'	-!im	-!um
you all	-csuu	-cuu	-!i'čim	-!i'čum

For a key to notation and abbreviations, see *Language circle lessons for Nuuchahnulth*.