

Master-Apprentice Program

Getting Started

phrases for staying in the language

Our goal is to stay in the language at all times, but we need some basic phrases in order to do so. We will use this sheet to keep us going, and also to allow us to take breaks, move conversations in different areas, and to be able to communicate some basics things that help us keep from using English.

Tlingit	English
tsu yaa kagalneek!	talk about this more (keep telling the story)!
ₓwasikóo.	i know.
tlél ḵwasakú.	i don't know.
ax daa yaa kushusigéi.	i understand.
tlél ax daa yaa kushusgé.	i don't understand.
gatoolsaa!	let's take a break (let's rest)!
ax shantú shaawahík i yoo ḵ'atángi.	my head is full of your words/language.
déi áwé!	that's enough!
shkalneek ax een sh kanalneek!	tell me a story!
daa sá i tuwáa sigóo i een kaxaneegí?	what do you want me to tell you?
lishoogú át ḵaan kananeek!	tell me something funny!
wooch een sh kanaltoolneek!	let's tell stories together!
dei tuwa.áx wé haa een keeyneegí át; ch'a góot át haa een kananeek!	we heard what you told us; tell us something else!
ch'a daa sá sh kanaloolyát!	let's play a game!
óosh gé	what if ...

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haa shagóon daat kanaxtoolneek!	let's talk about our ancestors!
ax shagóon daat yee een kak̕walanéek.	i will tell y'all about my history, my lineage.
haa kusteeeyí daat át kanaxtoolneek!	let's talk about our culture!
daa sá iya.áx yá aan kaadé yigoodí?	what did you hear when to town?
gández ax tuwatee.	i need to use the bathroom.
wáa sá at woonei tatgé?	what happened yesterday?
ayáx áwé yéi daa.aané.	s/he is doing it right.
héł ayáx áwé.	that's not right.
yak'éi áwé.	it is good.
wook'éi áwé.	it was good.
tléł ayáx sh keelneek.	you're not telling it right (or true).
a kát xat seiwax'ákw.	i forgot.
yan gé iwanéi?	are you ready?
haaw, góok dé!	well, do it then!
lagaawdéin yoo x'atán!	speak loudly!
tsu oodigáan, tigeewáak naxtoo.aat!	when it's sunshining, let's take a walk!
tigeewáak naxtoo.aat!	let's take a walk!
ax toowú yak'éi yá ax léelk'u has aaní kát xwaagoodí.	i am glad to be waling in my grandparents' country.
x'áakwgaa wé a kaháagu áwé tlax ax x'é yak'éi.	freshwater salmon eggs are delicious.
wáa sá i tundatáani yatee yá yéi daatoonéiyi át?	what do you think about what we're working on?
shkalneek woosh gaxtulayéix!	let's make up a story!

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sh toot <u>kukgadashí</u> wé ____ daat!	search your mind (think about it/study) about ____!
at gutu.ádi gaxtoosaa!	let's name land animals!
hintaak.ádi gaxtoosaa!	let's name water animals!
át kawdliyeeji át gaxtoosaa! / lingít'aaní tóot wudakéen.ádi gaxtoosaa!	let's name flying animals!
kaayaaní gaxtoosaa!	let's name plants!
neil yee.ádi gaxtoosaa!	let's name household objects!
kaa daa.ít gaxtoosaa!	let's name body parts!
shkalneek woosh gaxtulayéix!	let's make up a story!
a daat át gaxtulanéek!	let's tell the story of it!
kei at gaxtooshee!	let's sing!
k'idéin yéi gaxtusanéi haa hídi!	we're going to clean the house!
at gaxtoozaa!	let's eat!
tsu yéi yanaká!	say it again!
wáa sá duwasáakw ____ lingít x'éináx?	how do you say <u>(word)</u> in tlingit?
wáa sá x'aduwakaa ____ lingít x'éináx?	how do you say <u>(phrase)</u> in tlingit?
kagéináx yoo x'atán!	speak slower!
kagéináx ax een kananeek!	tell me slower!
wé aan dat kanahígídáx áwé koowdzitee wé néekw, "ebola" yóo has ayasáakw.	that sickness they call ebola was born from a monkey.