

# NEGATION IN TLINGIT VERBS

hél  
daa sá  
uxsaxán

Objects,  
Subjects,  
& Negativity



Postpositional		Object	Subject		
1sg	a <u>x</u> ee- ~ x <u>a</u> an ~ x <u>a</u> at	x <u>a</u> t	thematic	x <u>a</u> -	cl-√root
1pl	haa ee- ~ haa(n)-	haa	thematic	tu-	cl-√root
2sg	i ee-	i-	thematic	i-	cl-√root
2pl	yee ee-	yee	thematic	yi-	cl-√root
3h	du ee- ~ u-	∅- ~ a-	thematic	∅-	cl-√root
3n	a ee- ~ a- ~ aan	∅- ~ a-	thematic	∅-	cl-√root
(3) pl	has du ee-	has ~ s +	thematic	has ~ s +	cl-√root
4h	k <u>a</u> a ~ k <u>u</u> ee- ~ k <u>o</u> on	k <u>a</u> a- ~ k <u>u</u> -	thematic	du-	cl-√root
4n	at ee-	at	thematic	—	cl-√root
refl	chush	sh ~ ∅-	thematic	—	cl-√root
recip	woosh	woosh +	thematic	woosh +	cl-√root

prefix	meaning	prefix	meaning
<u>k</u> u-	relating to a space	<u>x</u> 'a ~ <u>x</u> 'e ~ <u>k</u> 'a-	mouth/opening
ka-	compared to	sha-	head/top
ji-	hand/possession	shu-	end
tu-	inside	a-	a- thematic (action focused)
sa- ~ se-	voice/neck	ka-	spherical
lu-	nose/point	ka-	horizontal surface/on
daa-	around	ÿa-	vertical surface/face

# O-S-s-√xán\* (*ga state verb – transitive*)

objects

*for S to love O*

examples by Kaxwaan Éesh George Davis

<sup>1</sup> culturally inappropriate

Preverb	Object	Subject	Classifier	Root	Verb	Translation
	∅-	x̄a-	si-	√x̄án	x̄asix̄án	i love her/him/it
has	∅-	x̄a-	si-	√x̄án	has x̄asix̄án	i love them
	i-	x̄a-	si-	√x̄án	ix̄six̄án	i love you
	yee	x̄a-	si-	√x̄án	yee x̄six̄án	i love you all
	sh	x̄a-	dzi-	√x̄án	sh x̄adzix̄án	i love myself <sup>1</sup>
	haa	x̄a-	si-	√x̄án	haa x̄six̄án	i love us <sup>1</sup>

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	∅-	<b>tu</b> -	si-	√xán	<b>tu</b> si <b>x</b> án	<b>we</b> love her/him/it
	∅-	<b>i</b> -	si-	√xán	<b>i</b> si <b>x</b> án	<b>you</b> love her/him/it
	∅-	<b>yi</b> -	si-	√xán	<b>yi</b> si <b>x</b> án	<b>you</b> all love her/him/it
	a-	∅-	si-	√xán	asi <b>x</b> án	<b>s/he</b> love her/him/it
<b>has</b>	a-	∅-	si-	√xán	<b>has</b> asi <b>x</b> án	<b>they</b> love her/him/it

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tlél	i-	u-	x̄a-	sa-	√xán	tlél eēx̄sax̄án	i don't love you
tlél	yee	u-	x̄a-	sa-	√xán	tlél yee wx̄sax̄án	i don't love you all
tlél	sh	u-	x̄a-	s-	√xán	tlél sh x̄wasx̄án	i don't love myself <sup>1</sup>
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tlél	∅-	u-	yi-	sa-	√xán	tlél yeesax̄án	you all don't love her/him/it
tlél	a-	u-	∅-	s-	√xán	tlél oosx̄án	s/he don't love her/him/it
tlél	has	u-	∅-	sa-	√xán	tlél has oosx̄án	they don't love her/him/it

# positive, negative, negative antonym

*negativity*

*common for state verbs*

*exmples provided by L Tudax'áan Seth Cable*

postive		negative		negative antoym	
yak'éi	good	tlél uk'é	not good	tlél ushk'é	bad
yaa kudzigei	smart	tlél yaa koosgé	not smart	tlél yaa kooshgé	dumb/foolish
lixéitl	lucky	tlél ulxéitl	not lucky	tlél ushxéitl	unlucky
yanéek'	tidy	tlél unéek'	not tidy	tlél ushnéek'	messy
k'asigóo	fun	tlél k'eisgú	not fun	tlél x'eishgú	boring
litseen	strong	tlél ultseen	not strong	tlél ulcheen	weak