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Introduction

The Secwepemc language is spoken by the Interior Salish people of BC. Before European contact there was approximately 30,000 people who spoke the language, today there are few Secwepemc people who speak the language. With this Language Handbook, students who have studied linguistics can begin to read and speak the language of the Secwepemc people.

The Secwepemc alphabet has 43 letters, see the chart below. The borrowed English alphabet was used to develop the Secwepemc alphabet. Although there are only 26 letters in the English alphabet, linguists combined letters of the English alphabet to represent the sounds of the Secwepemc alphabet in the early 1970's. Even though the English alphabet has been used, the pronunciation of those letters is phonetically different. In order to learn how to read and write the Secwepemc language, the North American phonetic alphabet should be studied as well as the Secwepemc alphabet charts.

This Secwepeme Language Handbook contains 500 basic phrases which will help guide the beginning speaker of the language to: speak to community elders or members using basic questions and simple phrases while asking for directions around the community; asking to see community members; talking about events in the community; asking about the well being of others and so on.

Secwepeme people and others wishing to learn more about the language should contact the Secwepeme Cultural Education Society for further information to language studies.

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Secwepemc Alphabet

Spipyuy7e (Birds) Secwepemc Alphabet Chart



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Phonetic Alphabet

i labial	LDantal	Alveolar	Alvon Pal	Pal/Velar	Uvular	Pharyn.	Glottal
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Unit 1 Sucwentwéew – Greetings, Family, Basic Questions

Shuswap	English		
Weyt-k.	Hello.		
1. Weyt-k enwí7.	Hello to you also.		
2. Thé7en k m-qwetsétses re 7kí7ce.	Where did your mother go?		
3. Mut ne tsitcw re nméme7.	My mother is at the house.		
4. Yehé7en tek tsitcw?	Which house?		
5. Re xyum te tsitcw ne tkenú7s re cucwéll.	The big house on the other side of the road.		
6. Tkenhé7en k cqelmucwéllcw?	Which way to get the Band office?		
7. Tken7éne te cucwéll me7 ť7ék-ucw.	Take this road here.		
8. Kukwstsétseme.	Thank you.		
9. Tá7us ke 7splep.	Don't get lost.		
10. Me7 tspelqíqelc-ken e tá7us e spenmímen.	I will return if I don't find it.		
11. Me7 wíkem-k tek ximéllew tek kwalt te tsitew.	You will see a big yellow house.		
12. Héqen me7 penmímen.	Maybe I will find it.		
13. Nu7 wes re w7écwes re kúkwpi7.	The chief is usually over there.		

Unit 2 Kwséltkten - Family

Shuswap	English	
14. Múten re 7kí7ce.	Is your mother at home?	
•	I'm going to visit my grandfather.	
15. Tsutst-ken e stégtwenmen re nxpé7e.	I in going to visit my grandiathor.	
16. Lé7en tucw re 7kwséltkten.	How are you relatives doing?	
17. Re m-tscentésen le clagméwels re 7síntse.	Did your little brother repair his truck?	
18. Kénem wel ta7 k smut.s re 7kyé7e.	Why isn't your grandma home?	
19. Re m-qwetséts te m-tqellq re nkyé7e.	My grandma went to gather root foods.	
20. Penhé7en me7 tspelqı́lcwes.	When will she return?	
21. Pexyéwt me7 tspelqtlcwes héqen.	Maybe she will return tomorrow.	
22. Cwelcwélten re 7 kúỷe.	Is your aunt's health stable?	
23. Tikwemtús re sk7eps nkúỷe.	My aunt is sick a lot.	
24. Kúlmes-ka tek melámen.	She should make some medicine.	
25. Stémi tek melámen me7 le7.	What kind of medicine would be good?	
26. Me7 lexéxye7cten re 7kic.	I will tell your big sister.	
27. Ta7 me7 sw7ecs wel me7 nekú7 tek mégcen.	She won't be around for one month.	
28. Kénem mé7e.	How come?	
29. W7ec élkstes ne Tkemlúps.	She works in Kamloops.	
30. Yerí7 re nsqwetsétspútucw.	I'm leaving now, goodbye.	

Unit 3 Téwtsen - Shopping for Food

Shuswap	English		
31. Cwi7 e nes-kt te ctuméllew.	Come on let's go to the store.		
32. Me7 téwtsen-kt tek stsíllen.	We will buy some groceries.		
33. Kwinc tek sqlew me7 skectsétsemc?	How much money are you giving me?		
34. Stémi m-nstskwnénem.	What should I get?		
35. Sell7úpekst ell seséle tek sqlew ye7éne.	Here is twenty-two dollars.		
36. Xetáqs me7 ptínesmentc e stémes k teclón.	First think about foods that we are out of.		
37. Me7 nekwéken tek súkwe me7 te 7stéwem.	You buy a bag of sugar;		
38. Úpekst ell seséle tek kwelkwlólse;	twelve oranges;		
39. Kell7úpekst ell tedmékst te ú7se;	thirty six eggs;		
40. Ximéken tek peták;	a big bag of potatoes;		
41. Tedmekstúse7 tek ápels;	six apples;		
42. Seléken tek letí ell tek lekápí;	two bags of tea and coffee;		
43. Nekwéken tek geyú7.	one bag of carrots.		
44. Tskwném-ce tek: peqpíq qwléwe	Get some flour, onions,		
45. styoqin ell cwkwoswállts'e ell.	cooking oil and bacon also.		
46. Yerí7 enwí7 me7 éyenc.	That's it, you can pay for it.		
47. Yerí7 re nsqwetséts.	I'm leaving now.		

Unit 4 Stemstitemt - Clothes

Shuswap	English	
48. Ts'migwt re nstemstítemt.	My clothes are worn out.	
49. Me7 tskwékwen re pétkwetn ell tqwemín.	I will get the needle and thread.	
50. Me7 kúľwlem-ken tek sillts'u7úwi.	I will make a pair of moccasins.	
51. Xetáqs me7 diyentéc re 7sdwext.	First of all draw your feet.	
52. Me7 kéglenc re scwełmiń.	You cut the buckskin.	
53. Me7 le7 k stscentéc.	Fix it good.	
54. Me7 tqwentéten nerí7 k t.susúsu7t.	I will sew some beads on there.	
55. Me7 kwékwen yehé7en k xwexwistéten.	I will choose the ones I like the best.	
56. Me7 wíw7esten ne k selésqt.	I will have them finished in two days.	
57. Kwinc k stscemtéps te 7stsut.	What do you think the price is for them?	

Intransitive

-ken -kt -k -0 -kt -kuew -kp

- 58. Me7 nens-ken te Tkemlúps e nénses. I will go to Kamloops later.
- 59. Re m-nes-k te ctuméllew le pexyéwtes...ta7 ke7 stskwnem tek culp. You went to the store yesterday and didn't get matches.
- 60. Re m-nes-kt te skwelkwêlt le tskúlmet te le7 te melámen. We went to the snow capped mountains when we made some good medicine.
- 61. Re m-nes-kucw te kyé7e re tsitcws e skectém-kucw tek tqwemín. We went to grandmother's place to give her some thread.
- 62. Me7 nes-k te ctuméllew me7 téwmuew tek culp. You go to the store and buy matches.
- 63. Re m-nes-kt te Sukwekín. We did go to Sugar Cane.
- 64. Penhé7en k m-tskítscwes. When did she arrive?

Transitives

- 65. Re m-penmincen le squéleps. Did you find the broach?
- 66. W7ec re cwiselewes kwemtús. She always runs.
- 67. Me7 penmínc re sqeldeléx nerí7 ne cpétkwe7ten. You will find the buttons in the sewing basket.

Nominalization

Yerí7 s-le7s

- 68. Yeri7 sle7s e stskitsc. It is good that you have arrived here.
- 69. Yerí7 sle7s re 7s7elkst ne stswéllcwem It's great that you are working in construction.
- 70. Yerí7 sle7s re skwéstentem te xpé7es re skwest.s. It's good that he has been given his grandfather's name.
- 71. Nerí7es k tsqentécwes e stékle. Set your lunch down there.

Negative Comments

- 72. Tá7us ke7 stsut tri7. Don't say that.
- 73. Tá7us ke7 sts'um ...ta7 ke 7sxéne. Don't cry you didn't get hurt.
- 74. Tá7 me nsnens flu7 te Sqemqín wel me7 pexyéwt. I won't go to Savona until tomorrow.
- 75. Tá7a ke nstsutst.e swíktsen. I never thought that I would see you.

Reduplication

There are two or more forms of reduplication in the language. One form makes a noun such as birds, chairs, bowls etc. small in size, the other form of reduplication marks a word as plural, several houses, chairs, lakes and so on. See examples below.

Nouns

Singular	Plural	Small sizes
spyu7 ts'elcwílep tsk'pupcw pésellkwe letép sqélemcw núxwenxw qmut	spipyúy7e tsets'elcwílep tsektsk'púpcw pespésellkwe letltép sqélqlemcw nexwnúxwenxw qemqmút	spipyúy7e ts'elcwícwlep tskpúpcw pépsellkwe letétp sqéqlemcw núnxwenxw qmumt
English		
bird	birds	small birds
chair	chairs	small chair
bowl	bowls	small bowl
lake	lakes	small lake
table	tables	small table
man	men	little boy
woman	women	little girl
hat	hats	little hat

Telephone Conversation No. 1

- 76. Weyt-k Susan ri7 ye7éne. Hello this is Susan.
- 77. Weyt-k Susan...lé7en-k tucw. Hello Susan, are you in good health?
- 78. Mé7e lél7e-ken...enwí7! Yes I'm fine, yourself?
- 79. Kwenwéwen re xexé7 te sxwexú7 I've caught a terrible cough.
- 80. W7ec k kénmúcw wel k7ep-k. What were you doing to get sick?
- 81. W7ec é7elkstwen ne nekéct. I work in the forest.
- 82. Tsútst-ken e nskúklem tek stektsúsem.. I'm going to make firewood.
- 83. Stémi tek stektsúsem k tsnikste?
 What kind of wood are you cutting?

Conversation No. 2

- 84. Tsqiystéten re cw7it te skweltsentsút. I'm writing a recipe book.
- 85. Yerí7 e sxexé7...sesésle me nstétwem. You are so smart. I will buy two of them.
- 86. Me7 élkwewtsen tek seséle. I will put away two for you.
- 87. Kwinc me7 stscentéps? What will they cost?

- 88. Me7 tsilkst tek sqlew k nekú7. They will be five dollars each.
- 89. Me7 tétwem-ken e wí7stcwes. I will go there to buy some when you finish them.
- 90. Yerí7 re nsqwetséts. I'm leaving now.
- 91. Me7 wiktsen. I will be seeing you.
- 92. W7ec k sótu7cw Do carry on and take care.

Conversation No. 3

93. Weyt-k ye7éne ri7 re Sylvia. W7écen re Theresa?

Hello this is Sylvia. Is Theresa there?

94. Mé7e w7ec kémell pe ítcwes.

Yes she is here but she's asleep.

95. Me7 qwlentéten re Theresa e nénses. I'll call Theresa later.

96. Ta7 k sq7est.s me7 qwetsétses tek me7 elkst.

She will be going to work soon.

97. Me7 nes te Tsqéscen tek me7 llepllépsem ne xyum te t7ikw ilu7. She's going to Canim Lake to fight fire.

98. Héqen e tlel yem.

Well maybe she's tired.

99. Me7 tsunc e sxwqweltétlkwecwtsem e tspelqı́lcwes.

Tell her to give me a call when she returns.

100. Yerí7 me7 wíktsen penhén.

Sure see you sometime.

C7ell7íllen re qelmúcw - Potluck Luncheon Conversation No. 4

101. Weyt-k...stémi ke 7tsúwet?

Hello, what are you up to?

102. Ta7 put k stem.

Nothing much.

103. Me7 w7écen-k ne cplúľkwten.

Will you be at the community centre?

104. Tsut e sc7ell7íllens re qelmúcw nu7. People are going over there to eat.

105. Xwent ke 7skúlem tek s7íllen.

You can make some kind of food.

106. Me7 nens-ken ri7 tlu7.

I'm going there.

107. Xwent ke nskúkwlem tek spíxle7cw I could make some fried bread kémell ta7 ken pell styoqíqeň.

but I don't have any cooking oil.

108. Cw7it re nstyoqíqeň. Me7 kectsín tek kwoyí7se. I have plenty of cooking oil, I will give you some.

109. Me7 le7. Stémi enwí7 ke 7skúlem?

That would be good. What are you making?

110. Me7 wellqúqwem-ken tek xelxlélcw. I'm going to boil some corn.

111. Stémi k stsut.s e stskwnems re Judy? What's Judy bringing?

112. Tsut e stskwnems tek tsmeinwécw tek peták.

She wanted to bring potatoe salad.

113. kémell m-welpentés re petáks.

but she burnt her potatoes.

114. 11Ená! Kénem wel welpentés re petáks?

Oh no! Why did she burn her potatoes.

115. W7ec re yecwmenílus wel llépens re petáks.

She was baby sitting and so she forgot about her potatoes.

116. Tsut e stéwems tek spyu7 te (KFC). She is going to buy some Kentucky fried bird from KFC.

117. Yerí7 re nsqwetséts cw7it ns7é7elkst. I'm leaving now, I have plenty of work.

118. W7ec k sółu7cw.

Carry on and take care.

119. Ec k w7éc-ucw.

132. Me7 cwenwením-kt pexyéwt.

May you always be present.

Conversation No. 5 Outing		
120. Cwi7 e qwetséts-kt.	Come on! Let's get going.	
121. Thé7en k tsút-ucw te 7sqwetséts.	Where are you going?	
122. Me7 nes-kt te Sqemqín.	We will go to Savona.	
123. Me7 kwéntem re clagméwel.	We will take the truck.	
124. Enwí7 me7 qéyem.	You do the driving.	
125. E tsút-ucw.	If you say so.	
126. Thé7en me7 c7íllnet?	Where are we going to eat?	
127. Me7 kwnémen-kt tek s7íllen?	Are we taking some food along?	
128. Héqen e qwenén-k te7 s7íllen nek c7ellnéllcw.	Maybe you would prefer to eat at a restaurant.	
129. Me7 c7íllen-kt ne cucwéll.	Let's eat on the road.	
130. Xwent k skúlem-kt tek spíxle7cw ell me7 txéwsem-kt tek geyú7.	We could make some bannock and peel some carrots.	
131. Me7 kwnem-kt tek cts'ell tek letí.	We will take some cold tea.	

Let's leave early in the morning tomorrow.

Visit to a Museum

Secwepemc	English	
133. Stémi ye7éne. 134 Ye7éne le t7élkstens lq7es te qelmúcw	What is this? These were tools of the people long ago.	
135. Ell ye7éne. 136. Teméke7 ri7.	And this? That is a stone hammer.	
137. Stémenke ri7 ye7éne. 138. Sketst ri7	I wonder what this is. That is a stone tool for working rawhide.	
139. Píqwente yeréy. 140. Mé7e…tselkéws ri7 re nekú7.	Look at that! Yes one has a band on it.	
141. Stémi ri7. 142. Qwequ7ll ri7 ne séyse te sllekméwes.	What is it? Those are stick game bones.	
143. Stémi yeréy k stse7mét.s. 144. Xwqwllint ri7 yeréy.	What is that over there called? That is a birch bark, baby cradle.	
145. Stémi yilúne te stlle7. 146. Meníp ri7t7élksten ne swéwlem.	What is that leaning on the wall, way over there? That's a harpoon, a fishing tool.	
147. Lexéyecte-kucw stémi ye7éne. 148. Ye7éne stúkwtsent7élksten ne setétkwe e wéwelmucw.	Tell us what this is. That's a dipnet, a fishing tool used in the rivers when you go fishing.	
149. Téke yeréy! 150.Scweimenéleqs te stkwelkúl te skwel.	Look at that. Buckskin clothes adorned with porcupine quills.	
	west. A book there with names written in it. Yes people from the past.	
153. Stémenke nu7 re stlle7. 154. Tképmeň ri7 te nstsuts.t.	I wonder what that is leaning over there? I think that's a tanning frame.	
155. Me7 suséwentem k swet. 156. Xwélxweltta7 k stselxemstém.	We'll ask someone. It's embarrassing; we don't know what it is.	
157. Ah tri7 w7écwesme7 xpqenwéntem ri7. 158. Yéske ri7 k sqwetséts-kt.ilel-ken nukw. Ah never mind, we'll find out. We should be going. I'm feeling tired.		

Hike into the Mountains

159. Cwi7 e trpelcús-kt ne sqeltús.

160. Me7 kwnem-k tek qw7ep ell tek cw7it tek séwllkwe.

Come on let's go walk up the mountain.

Take a pack-sack and

plenty of water.

161. Yehé7en tek sqeltús me7 ť7ekmíntem. Which mountain should we go to.

162. Yehé7en te 7stsut me7 le7.

Which one do you think would be good?

163. Ye7éne yews...ta7 put k cecáles.

164. Xéqen me7 pepén-kt tek wenéx.

This one, it's not so steep.

Maybe we'll find some huckle-berries.

165. Kwéncwes re 7stułkw ell re 7qmut.

166. Ta7 me7 sllépentem e slexéyentem thé7en k t7ékwet. Take your large basket and your hat.

We won't forget to tell someone

where we're going.

167. Héqen me7 pepén-kt tek skwenkwinem. Maybe we will find some wild potatoes.

168. Lé7ske k pepénet

That would be nice if we found some.

169. Kénmenke me7 swíkem-kt tek kenkéknem. I wonder if we'll see a bear.

170. E wíkem-kt tek kenkéknem ta7 me7 scwíselc-kt.

If we see a bear we won't run.

171. Me7 kénem-kt e wíkmet?

What should we do if we see one?

172. Me7 pupéwem-kt nek llkep.

We will pound on a pot.

173. Kénem mé7e?

Why?

174. Me7 nexéll ri7 tek me7 tek7ílc re

kenkéknem.

The bear will become frightened and run away.

175. Cwi7 e qwetséts-kt.

Let's get going.

176. Grelmán me7 tspelqílcwet.

We'll return at sundown.

177. Me7 kwnem-kt tek séwllkwe.

We'll take some water.

178. Tá7us k sllépenc re 7qw7ep.

Don't forget your sack.

179. Tcúsem-sekt tek tsiť.

We should look for pitch.

180. Xwent e sxîlem-kt.

We could do that.

Phrases for Eating

Secwepemc	English
181. Tétit-ken	I'm hungry
182. Téyten-k.	Are you hungry?
183. Titéyten-kp.	Are you guys hungry?
184. Nexéxwem-ken.	I'm thirsty.
185. Nexéwmen-k ey.	Are you thirsty yet?
186. Qwenénen-k te7 s7íllen pyin.	Do you want to eat now?
187. Qwenénen-k tek scwik.	Would you like some dried fish?
188. Mé7e…kwoyí7sus k smetsétsemc.	Yes give me just a little bit.
189. Le7 te s7íllen swéti7 k pellskúlem?	It's delicious, who made it?
190. Re sxélwe7s yeréy pe skúlem.	Her husband made it.
191. Ne sxwexwéyt.s re swucwt re scwíkems. He makes it every year.	
192. Qwenénen-k cú7tsem.	Do you want some more?
193. Pell ts'e7úwi-enk.	Do you have any deer meat?
194. Ta7 ken pell ts'e7úwi tsukw teníye	. I don't have any deer meat only moose meat.
195. Tskwékwctsme tek xyum tek skwmi	in. Get me a big knife.
196. Kectéke ye7éne re syelt k stex7é7en	n. Take this plate to one of the elders.
197. Yen ri7 k sxixéyt-s re 7s7íllen.	Is your food hot enough?
198. Kénem e stsíctsen.	Shall I heat it up for you?
199. Yerí7 sxyeps re stcétkwe.	The soup is hot enough.

200. Yecwestút-ce...xixéyt ri7.

Be careful, it's hot.

201. Cwete7úỷ yerí7 sle7s...kukwstsétsemc. That's too much, that's enough, thanks.

202. Xwexyémen-k cú7tsem.

Any more?

203. Re m-dwempép le sxúsem...ta7 k stem. There isn't any sxúsem left, it's all gone.

204. Tskénem ke7 stsut.

How is it?

205. Tect.

It's sweet.

206. Qeyt.

It's sour.

207. Ts'alt.

It's bitter.

208. Xixéyt te s7íllen.

It's hot (spicy).

209. Xewte7úy.

It's too dry.

210. Ts'alte7úy.

It's too salty

211. Le7úy te s7íllen.

It's very good food.

212. Qéyt te s7íllen.

It's sour food.

213. Welép re nsplúltsen.

My mouth is burning.

214. Tect re tutsínten.

The dessert is sweet.

215. Ts'alt te s7íllen ri7.

It's salty food.

Basic Expressions

Long ago Secwepeme greetings were expressed in song as well as in verbal expressions. Greeting can set the stage for further discussion or can end the day with a pleasant farewell from an elder.

General Greetings

216. Lé7en-k tucw.

How are you?

217. Lél7e-ken. Ell enwí7.

I'm fine, yourself?

218. Lél7e-ken ell re ntsétswe7.

I'm fine also.

219. Tsewinúew-k nukw.

It seems you've made it through the night.

220. Lé7en ke7 s7etíc.

Did you sleep well?

221. Mé7e...le7 re ns7etítc.

Yes I slept well.

Thanks

222. Kukwstsétsemc.

Thank you.

223. Kukwstétselp

Thanks to all of you.

224. Kukwstéc-kucw.

On behalf of all of us, thank you.

225. Kukwstéc.

You have done a good deed for him/her.

226. Kukwstép

You have done them a good deed.

227. Kukwstsít

They have done you a good favour.

228. Yerí7 e skukwstsút.

You are very fortunate.

Goodbyes

229. Pútucw Goodbye.

230. Me7 wíktsen pexyéwt. I'll be seeing you tomorrow.

231. Me7 wíktlmen. See you all.

232. Pútucw. Goodbye.

233. Pútu-cwiye. Goodbye to everyone.

234. Me7 wíktsen pexyéwt. See you tomorrow.

235. Me7 wíktsen nek nekú7 tek sxetspésqt. See you in a week.

236. Me7 wíktsen e tskítsc-ucw. See you when you get here.

237. W7ec k sółu7cw. Be on your way but take care.

T7eyentwécw - Introductions

238. Joan ye7éne re Mary. Joan this is Mary.

239. Jean re nskwekwst...swéti7 ke7 skwest. My name is Jean, what is your name?

240. Swéti7 ke7 kwséltkten. Who are your relatives?

241. Thé7en k mút-ucw. Where do you live?

242. Ne Tkemlúps re múmtwen. I live in Kamloops.

243. Thé7en k st7ek-ucw. Where do you come from.

244. Te Tkemlúps re st7e7k-wen. I come from Kamloops.

Politeness

In the Secwepemc language politeness can be heard in the tone of voice because there is no word for the English term "please." Politeness can also be: when offered something such as food, one must accept as is. Another politeness would be to accept something, say in a "give away" an article "as is" without rummageing for something which you desire, but accepting what is handed to you.

Other

245. Tsklem-ce tsem.

Just wait a moment.

246. Me7 le7.

That would be nice.

247. E †7é7c-ken

I'm coming through (front or back) of you.

248. Ta7 k sts'xwentsín.

That was unintentional.

Qw7el - Conversation

249. Stémi ke 7tsúwet.

What are you up to?

250. Tsútst-ken e séwentsen tek stem.

I wanted to ask you something.

251. Stémi k sptínesmenc re sqw7els re qelmúcw. What did you think of the meeting.

252. Kwinc k stscemtéps ye7éne.

How much does this cost?

253. Steřékwe7 re stscemtéps.

It costs too much.

254. Kénem e nskwelléllen tek sqlew.

Can I borrow some money?

255. Kwinc ke7 stsut te 7skwellén.

How much do you want to borrow?

256. Úpekst nstsutst e nskwelléllen.

I want to borrow ten dollars.

Cwelcwélt - Stable Health

257. K7épen-k. Are you feeling sick?

258. Ta7 put ke nslél7e. I'm not feeling that great.

259. Kénem-k. What is wrong with you?

260. Xexé7 re nsxwexúxw7e. I have a terrible cough.

261. Xexé7 re nsqepqíqeñ. I have a terrible headache.

262. Nes sek nek tákte. You should go to the doctor.

263. Re m-xíxlem-ken mell. I've already done that.

264. Kúlem sek tek qelmúcw re You should make some Indian medicine. melámens.

265. Me7 spépelkwecwtn re nméme7. I will phone my mother to ask her. tek me7 séswen

266. Me7 séswen e stsútsenmectsems I will ask her how to make the medicine. thé7en e xílltmes re melámen.

267. Tselxemstés ri7 re nméme7 thé7en My mother knows how e xílltmes re melámen. to make that medicine.

268. Yerí7 re nsqwetséts. I'm off now.

269. Me7 wiktsen nek nekú7 tek mégcen. I'll see you in a month.

270. W7éces k le7stsút-ucw. Behave yourself.

271. Tskelélnemstewes re stetex7ém. Listen to your elders.

Suséwtsnem - Questions

What is this? 272. Stémi ye7éne. What is that over there? 273. Stémi yeréy. What is that article by your side? 274. Stémi yeréy ne 7sedút. Who is that? 275. Swéti7 yeréy. Who went to the conference? 276. Swéti7 k nes ne splulkw te sqw7el. 277. Swéti7 k peskúlem te spíxle7cw. Who made the fried bread? Who did you see yesterday? 278. Swéti7 k wiktc le pexyéwtes. When are you coming here? 279. Penhé7en me7 tsnés-ucw ť7élye. When are they coming here? 280. Penhé7en me7 tsnesnéses ť7élye. When are we leaving? 281. Penhé7en me7 qwetsétset. Where is the meeting? 282. Ťhé7en wes k qw7éles re qelmúcw. Where is the Band Office? 283. Ťhé7en k xqelmucwéllcw. Where do they come from? 284. Ťhé7en k stete7ékwes. 285. Thé7en k t7ek-ucw? Where are you going? How do you make pine needle baskets? 286. Thé7en wes k tsxíllstewes m-kúlencwes re kéme te mimc. Do you know how to knit/crochet? 287. Tselxmékstmencen k sleglegém te s7elkstékst. Do you see it? 288. Kénem k swiktc.

291. Kénmes-enke wel xílem.

289. Kénem mé7e.

290. Kénem wel tsut tri7.

I don't know why that happened.

Why?

292. Kénem wel xéne.

Why did she get hurt?

293. Ta7 k skénems.

Nothing happened to her.

294. Penhé7en ke m-xílmes tri7.

When did she do that?

295. Kénem wel xílem.

Why did she do that?

296. Kénmes-enke.

I don't know what happened.

Intransitives Forms

I you he/she we (include) we (excl)

-ken

I/me

-k

you

zero

he/she

-kt

we inclusive

-kucw

we inclusive

-kp

you plural

297. Me7 nens-ken te Tkemlúps.

I will go to Kamloops.

298. Me7 tskwékwen re lepyós.

I will get the hoe.

299. Me7 nes-k te ctuméllew.

You will go to the store.

300. Re m-nes te Téxelc.

She went to Sugar Cane.

301. Re m-nes-kt te sqeltús.

We went to the mountains.

302. Me7 nes-kucw te Penkúpe.

We (but not you) are going to go to Vancouver.

303. Re m-qwetsqwetséts-kp éytsell kiktscwen.

You all left before I got there.

304. Enwí7 yews k nes te ctuméllew.

You go to the store.

305. Re m-qwetséts lu7 mell.

She/he already left.

306. Pyin me7 cwiselc-k.	This time you run!	
307. W7ec lu7 pwúmes.	He used to drum and sing.	
308. E kitsc-kt ne pésellkwe me7 méllelc-kt.	When we get to the lake we will rest.	
309. Me7 nes-kucw flu7 ell.	We're going there too.	
310. Kénem mé7e.	Why?	
311. Ta7-kucw me7 slexéýectst.	We're not telling you.	
312. Ta7 ken sqwíqwlenst.	I'm not telling a lie.	
313. Yerír7e e sckitsc-kt.	We are almost catching up.	
314. Xweńcén-kucw te m-t7ek.	We all walked fast as we went.	
315. Wíktpen re smúwe7?	Did you all see the cougar?	
316. Mé7e ell wikt.s-kucw ell.	Yes and he saw us too.	
317. Cwsenwéntls-enke.	It must have smelled our scent.	
318. Wíkctcen te yect te súpe7s?	Did you see its long tail?	
319. Tá7a nexéxelmen.	No I was afraid of it.	
320. Tuxwtúxwt yem e snexexelúll.	You are such a fraidy cat.	
321. Me7 lexéyectem re síse7 te swíkem-kt.	We will tell uncle what we saw.	
322. Tshéqen e miméy ey.	Maybe its still close by.	
323. Kénmenke k snekwestsút.s?	I wonder if it's alone.	
324. Re m-wíkem mell ri7 re xpé7e te smúwe7.	Grandfather already saw a cougar before.	
325. Re m-lexéyens le tsúwet.s pentlú7.	He told of all his activities back then.	

Pointers for Places

326. Nerí7 le m-tntéses re spéke7s.	That was where he put his gloves.
327. Nerí7es k emút-ucw.	Sit right there.
328. Nú7es k síxencwes re letép.	Move the table over there.
329. Nú7 re m-stsútes re spéts'en.	A rope was lying on the ground over there.
330. Yerí7 le yegímkes ne stéckens re xpé7e.	It was grandfather's tether for his backpack.
331. Ťekcí7es k élkwencwes re pétse.	Put away the digging stick in there.
332. Ne7élyus k tntécwes re ts'elcwîlep.	Put the chair here.
333. W7ec ne7élye re Susan.	Susan is here.
334. Tsúten e sw7ecs ne7élye tek ф7es?	Does she plan on staying for a long time?
335. Ť7élye me7 tswéllcwet.	We will build a house around here.
336. Nu7 ne pésellkwe me7 lé7es put.	Over there by the lake would be the best spot.
337. Ne ctenú7s re setétkwe wes re wéwelmes.	He does his fishing on the otherside of the river.
338. Tlúl7e-ce tek kwoyí7se.	Move over just a bit.
339. Tá7us ke7 síxelc tlrí7.	Don't move from that spot.
340. Ne tkwékweltks re cllémens re ts7élkwes.	It's put away on the bottom of his container.
341. Ne tqeltk wes re tcúcwsemwen.	I was looking for it on the top.
342. Sť7ek ne se7wít.s re síntses.	He's coming behind his little brother.
343. Sts'lewt ne sequt.s re tsétses.	She's standing beside her little sister.
344. Kekík7et ne newí7s re púltes re sqéxes.	Her dog lay close by her.
345. Kekéw m-witsínes te m-stete7ék.	They could be heard from afar as they approached.

346. Kekéwes k stsedmínc re dqweméke7.	Throw the ball far.
347. Melcentéke re ťqweméke7 tken7élye.	Kick the ball towards this way.
348. Ťlu7 me7 w7écwes re ts'i7.	The deer will be over there.
349. Ťlu7 me7 kúlmet tek cwekméllcw.	We will build a meat rack over there.
350. Ne ctsetétle7s wes re stseqminst.ses re leká	t. He throws the card down in the center.
351. Ne skmews re mútes re tsétses.	Her little sister is sitting in between them.
352. Tser7ép re skllékstem.	There's a heavy rain storm pelting down.
353. Tsigrép re kwséltkten-kt.	Our relatives have arrived here.
354. Tkenrí7 wes re píxmes.	He hunts over that way.
355. Ne kwellkémt.s re letép re mútes re pus.	The cat is sitting underneath the table.
356. Nerí7 wes re mútes kwemtús.	It always sits there.
357. E kwenwéńc ri7 me7 kectéc tek séwllkwe.	If you catch it give it water.
358. W7ec lu7 pentlú7.	He was here at that time.
359. Tken7élyus k ť7ek-ucw.	Come over this way.
360. Ťlu7 le mútes.	He lived over there.
361. Ť7élye le m-tswíkstmes.	He was seen around here.
362. Tqeltk m-túcwtes re túcwke7.	The kite flew very high.
363. Le qwiqwit te tscpucw tqeltk m-sukwt.s	The blue baloon was blown high up.
364. Tkentkwékweltks re sqeltús me7 sténes.	It will come to rest at the bottom of the hill.
365. Tken7élyes re tsitcw me7 répentmes k tsre	p. We'll plant a tree on this side of the house.

Kénem - What Happened?

366.	W7ec k kénmucw?	What are you doing?
367.	W7ec k kénmes?	What is she doing?
368.	W7ec k kénmep?	What are you people doing?
369.	Me7 kénem-kp?	What are you people going to do?
370.	Wel e kénem!	Low and behold! but what should happen!
371.	Re m-kénem lu7?	What did happen that time?
372.	Re m-kénem re sqéxe?	What happened to the dog?
373.	W7ec re cwéymes.	It's barking.
374.	Ts'xentéke e stémes k tscweyst.s.	Go see what it's barking at.
375.	Re Louise ts'xéltcwens re stsqey te stsqeycítem.	Louise read her letter.
376.	Kukwentwécw re tutuwíwt.	The boys wrestled.
377.	Tsentwécw re sqelqlémew.	The men boxed.
378.	Qweltéltcwem re stsmémelt.	The children read books.
379.	W7ec times te stektsúsem.	He's chopping wood.
380.	Wéwens re stsmémelt.	She hollered to/for the children.
381.	Me7 pwum-k.	You do some drumming.
382.	W7ec re kultsentsútstwen.	I'm cooking.
383.	Re m-kultsentsút ri7.	He cooks for himself.
384.	Me7 kweltsenélt-ekwe.	She says that she'll cook for the children.

Sllekméwes – Stickgame

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385.	Me7 llekméwes-ekwe re qelmúcw.	Someone said that the people are going to have a stick game.
386.	Cwi7 tskwénte re 7qweqú7ll.	Come on get your game bones,
387.	ell re 7sxtsits'éy.	and your game sticks too.
388.	Tkwínkwenc k siséyse ne k nekúsem?	How many people are there in one team.
389.	Me7 tedmékmekst ne k nekúsem ri7.	There are six people per team.
390.	Me7 kwéntem ell re pumín-kt.	We will take our drums too.
391.	Cspélkucwte re s7i7llcw te sqélqlemcw.	You telephone the other men.
392.	Ta7 me7 stsukws k sqélqlemcw nuxwnúxwenxw ell.	Not only men but women too.
393.	E tsútucw.	If you say so.
394.	Me7 séswen re ntúme.	I will ask my aunt.
395.	Stém-enke k stséwsten.	I wonder what is offered as the prize?
396.	Nts'e7sqéxe7 ell swelmínk me7 stséwsten.	A horse and gun will be the prizes.
397.	Cw7it te qelmúcw me7 w7ec tek me7 tspiqw.	Lots of people will be there to watch.
398.	Xexé7 le setsetsíntens le d7es te qelmúcw.	The people long ago had powerful songs.
399.	Me7 stínem-kt wel me7 xpqenwéntem.	We'll sing until we learn them.
400.	Kelélnem-ce w7ec setsínmes re 7qetsk.	Listen your big brother is singing.
401.	Me7 xlítemc-ekwe ell.	They say there will be a feast also.
402.	Yerí7 nsqwetséts.	I'm leaving now.
403.	Me7 wíktsen tlu7 ne sllekméwes.	I'll see you at the stickgame.

Skúlem te Spíxle7cw - Making Bannock

- 404. Me7 tntec k cmeséke7 tek peqpíq nek tseckpúpcw.
- 405. Me7 métenc nerí7 k kellés tek stcímen tek tsecúlecwten.
- 406. Cenkwéke7 tek lesél tsukw.
- 407. Nekúkw7e tek ú7se neri7 me7 métenc.
- 408. Me7 le7 k scíyenc.
- 409. Me7 ckúcwle7cwenc re peqpíq.
- 410. Ctékle7kwente tek séwllkwe.
- 411. Me7 cíyemc wel me7 le7 k smet.s
- 412. Me7 tsecúlecwenc wel me7 ta7 wes k tpáqes.
- 413. Kwénte k cpíxmen me7 ctékenc tek styoqín.
- 414. E xyep tek le7 re qwtell/styoqin me7 tsgem-k te7 skúlem.
- 415. Me7 píxenc ke 7spíxle7cw wel me7 dwelt.
- 416. Me7 peldentéc tken sedút.
- 417. Me7 píxenc wel me7 qwelt cú7tsem.
- 418. Me7 kwenc me7 tntécwes nek syelt.
- 419. E pger put me7 tiqusenc tke7 sxuxwyém me7 illencwes.
- 420. Stémi cú7tsem me7 skúlem-kt.

English

Put four cups of flour in a bowl. Add three teaspoons of baking-powder. Only one spoonful of salt. Add one egg. Stir it good. Make a well in the flour. Pour water into the mix. Stir it until it's mixed good. Nead the dough until it isn't sticky. Take a frying pan and pour some cooking oil into it. When it becomes heated, tear a piece off of what you have made, you fry your bannock until it's cooked. You roll it over onto the other side. Again fry it until it's cooked. Take it and put it on a plate. When it is cooled just a bit, put your favourite topping on it and eat it. What else can we make?

Qwits'em - Doing the Laundry

421. E qwits'encwes re stemstitemt...

422. Me7 kwenc re stemstítem me7 ckíllencwes k piq...pegpégt héqen.

423. Me7 kwenc k s7i7llcw me7 tntécwes ne xwqwíts'meň.

424. Me7 cpwétkwenc tek cenkwéwll tek ts'éwsten nek sqwíts'em.

425. E piq tek stemstítemt me7 nxixyétkwe ke 7séwllkwe.

426. E ta7 e spiqs tek stemstítent me7 cts'ell tek séwllkwe ne 7sqwíts'em.

427. E wi7stc ke7 sqwíts'em me7 títs'enc k s7i7llew héqen.

428. Me7 llucwllícwpenc k stektíts'e7 ell me7 penýnéwsenc k s7i7llcw.

429. E wi7st re 7s7elkst me7 el7élkwenc re ts'éwsten ell re títs'ke7.

430. Me7 knúcwent.s re 7tsétse.

When you do the laundry,

Take your clothes and separate the whites, greys, tan maybe.

Take some of them and put them in the laundry tub.

Pour in one cup of laundry soap.

If it's a load of white clothes your water could be hot.

If it isn't white clothes use cold water for your laundry.

When you are finished with your laundry you might iron some of them.

You hang up the shirts/blouses and fold some of the others.

When you are finished put away: laundry soap and clothes iron.

Your little sister will help you.

Tsigép re Tucwtíllcwell

431.	Tsigép re tucwtíllcwell.	Strangers have arrived.
432.	Cwi7 e tsúnmectem xwexwéyt te ctsetsítcwtens re qelmúcw.	Come on let's show them around the community.
433.	Me7 ť7ek-kt wel me7 cwtep re cucwéll.	We will go to the end of the road.
434.	Me7 nes-kt te tsitews re kúkwpi7.	We will go to the the chiefs house.
435.	Me7 ts'excítc te stswellcws re tswéllcwem.	You can look at the houses which the carpenters built.
436.	Re stetex7ém ri7 kulctem e tsitcws.	It was built as an elders' home
437.	Kúlctem te ť7ekténs k tskúpstem tek tselcwí	lep. A wheel-chair ramp was built.
438.	Ne tkemqíns re tsitcw re tskúles re necnúste	nh. There is a sky light window.
439.	Xwexwéyt ri7 ts'ílmes.	They are all the same.
440.	Ne7éne ne sequt.s re cucwéll me7 répentmes k punllp.	Here at the side of the road a juniper tree will be planted.
	-	a juniper tree will be planted.
441.	répentmes k punllp. Ne7éne ne cw7úllcwteň me7 xyum tek tsrep	a juniper tree will be planted. At the entrance there will be a big tree
441. 442.	répentmes k punllp. Ne7éne ne cw7úllcwteň me7 xyum tek tsrep nerí7 me7 tntem.	a juniper tree will be planted. At the entrance there will be a big tree planted there.
441.442.443.	répentmes k punllp. Ne7éne ne cw7úllcwten me7 xyum tek tsrep nerí7 me7 tntem. Stémi tek tsrep te7 stsut?	a juniper tree will be planted. At the entrance there will be a big tree planted there. What type of tree do you think it will be?
441.442.443.444.	répentmes k punllp. Ne7éne ne cw7úllcwten me7 xyum tek tsrep nerí7 me7 tntem. Stémi tek tsrep te7 stsut? Me7 kúlem-kucw ell tek pépsellkwe nerí7.	a juniper tree will be planted. At the entrance there will be a big tree planted there. What type of tree do you think it will be? We will build a little lake there too.
441.442.443.444.445.	répentmes k punllp. Ne7éne ne cw7úllcwten me7 xyum tek tsrep nerí7 me7 tntem. Stémi tek tsrep te7 stsut? Me7 kúlem-kucw ell tek pépsellkwe nerí7. Me7 t7ek-kt tken7élye.	a juniper tree will be planted. At the entrance there will be a big tree planted there. What type of tree do you think it will be? We will build a little lake there too. We will go this way.

448.	Ye7éne ri7 re nkyé7e re tsitcws.	This one is my grandmother's house.
449.	Ne tkenú7s re tsitcws re nkyé7e re múmtwe	en. I live on the other side of my grandmother's house.
450.	Tkenú7s ye7éne re cucwéll re tsitcws re n7ú7qwi.	On the otherside of this road is where my sister/brother lives.
451.	Ne sequt.s re ntsitstews re mútes re nstemé	mt. My friend's house is beside my house.
452.	Me7 ť7ek-kt ne nexléwsten.	We will cross over the bridge.
453.	Ne ctenú7s re tswec re cw7ítes re tsetsítew.	There are many houses on the otherside of the creek.
454.	Ne tkwékweltks re tspeg me7 estílet.	At the bottom of the burned spot we'll stop.
4 55.	E ptéksentem tlri7 me7 sxest ne ckmenks re sqeltús .	Once we pass it there will be shale rock on the hillside.
456.	Pésellkwe me7 swíkem-kt e qéltet	When we reach the top we'll see a lake.
4 57.	Pell skwésten?	Does it have a name?
458.	Peqétkwe re stse7mét.stem tek setétkwe.	That lake is called White Lake.
459.	Melámen ri7 te séwllkwe.	It is a medicine lake.
460.	Nu7 cú7tsem me7 tswéllcwes k s7i7llcw.	Others will build there.
461.	Xetáqs me7 kúlem tek cucwéll.	First a road will be built.
462.	Me7 yews k stentém nu7 k séwllkwe.	Then water will be brought in.
463.	Cwi7 yews k spelqı́lc-kt.	Come on lets turn around and go back.

Ckélmen - The Sawmill

477. Wenécwem ri7.

When we get to the pond you'll see the 464. E kitsc-kt ne tspeps me7 witc re ckélmen. sawmill. Lots of sawdust is hauled away from 465. Cw7it te sníkmeň w7ec re tslegstémes tlrí7. there. It's noisy when people are at work. 466. Witsín ri7 m-7élkstes re wew7éc. What are the times of work there? 467. Kwenctsín wes k el7élkstes nerí?? They begin work at seven o'clock. 468. Tsútsllke7 te skwékw7es m-yews re s7e7élkst.s. The sun is directly overhead when they 469. Crepqín éytsell me7 crepqínmes. have lunch. They finish work at five o'clock. 470. Tsilkst re skwékw7es m-wí7es re s7elkst.s 471. Tcw7ítem k w7ec k el7élkst? Are there many workers? There aren't many workers who work 472. Ta7 put k scw7it.s nerí7 k el7élkst. there. How much are the employees paid? 473. Kwinc k sts7éystem k el7élkst. 475. Úpekst ell seséle te sqlew ri7 re Sawmill workers are paid sts7éystem re el7élst ne Ckélmen. twelve dollars an hour. Is that the truth. 476. Wenécwmen?

That's the truth.

${\bf S\acute{q}ilye-Sweathouse\ Vocabulary}$

cplem t7ikw tet7í7kwem sqwex	sqılye scenc xyep tmólsem	dílye qwéltsen tdíwsem yetentsút	tswec xixéyt xixeyte7úy sécwem
478. Cwi7 cplem-ce.		Go ar	nd prepare the sweathouse.
479. Me7 néns-ken	ilu7 te sqilye enénses.	I'll go	to the sweathouse later.
480. Me7 çilye ell re	7síntse.	Your	little brother will sweat too.
481. Me7 nes ne tsw	ec te k me7 sécwem.	He wi	ll go to the creek to bathe.
482. Xyúmes te k t7	ikw ke 7skúlem.	Make	a big fire.
483. Me7 tmólsenc n	erí7 k scencénc.	Put lo	ots of rocks in the fire.
484. Tskwném-ucw	te k qwéltsen.	Get so	ome fir branches.
485. Tá7us k scwit.s	s ke 7stq́íwsem.	Don't	break too many branches.
486. Me7 úkwenc te	sq̃ílye.	Pack	them to the sweathouse.
487. E xyep te k tet7 me7 cw7u7llcw-			the rocks spark red hot enter the sweat.
488. Tmólsem-ce cú7	tsem te k scencénc.	Put m	ore rocks on the fire.
489. Me7 yelentsút-l	ι tek qwéltsen.	You r	ıb your skin with fir branches.
490. Me7 sécwem-k r	ne k tswec.	You be	athe in a creek.
491. Kwemtúses ke 7	sxílem.	Do tha	at all the time.
492. Re kyé7e me7 cv	w7u7llcwst.s re imts.s	Grand grando	mothers sweat with their child.
493. Re síse7 me7 cw	7u7llcw méte qwse7s.	Uncle	with his nephew.
494. Enwí7 me7 knúc	cwmen.	You wi	ll be the helper.

495. Me7 tsyecweminstc re tsyeqw. You look after the fire.

497. Me7 sécwem-k éytsell me7 cw7u7ll-ucw. Bathe good before entering the sweat.

498. Re 7kyé7e me7 setsínem ri7. Your grandmother will sing a song.

499. E wi7 k sqı̃ly-emp me7 sécwem-kp. When you (plural) finish sweating, bathe again.

500. E wi7 k sqily-emp me7 tsrentép re qwéltsen. When you are all finished weating, burn the fir boughs.

