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Me7 nes-kt te c'kwé'nllqten
tek me7 k'wé'nll-qt.
We will go to the garden to plant a vegetable garden.
Me7 îllentem re stékle-kt e crepqînes.
We will eat our lunch at noon.
E wí7stem re s7élkst-kt,
me7 nes-kt ne tswec tek me7 úpsem-kt.
When we finish our chores, we will go to the creek to fish.
E kwenwéleń-kt tek swewll me7 qwlen té̱m, le7 ri7 te s7íllen.
If we catch a fish we can bake it, it’s very good food.
Ta7 me7 sllépentem e smetém re pus.
We will not forget to feed the cat.
Me7 ctsuts'ewem-kt, enwí7 me7 c7épem.

We will wash the dishes, you can wipe the dishes.
Re stsmémelt ec séyus ntsêmpéllcw.
The children play outdoors.
Sécwem-ce, tâ7us k sllépenc re ts’éwsten.
Take a bath, don’t forget the soap.
Me7 qweltéltcwtem re stsmémelt.
We will read to the children.
Me7 lexéˈyentem re kenkéknem.
We will tell all about the bears.