Language Learning

Language learning is a long and complex process that happens over thousands of hours and a number of years. It is a worthwhile investment of your time towards a meaningful grasp of your own language.



Keep up the good work!

Hesquiaht Language Resources Online:

English-Hesquiaht Dictionary A-L
English-Hesquiaht Dictionary M-Z

at: www.hesquiahtlanguage.org

The Hesquiaht Language Tutor is available for free online at:

http://tutor.firstvoices.com/LMS/LMSPortal

When signing up, choose the organization ID: "hesquiaht"

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Hesquiaht Language.org Presents:

A Few Survival Phrases for Immersion language Learners

Introductions

Phrases to Introduce Oneself

My name is: Yukłaas
I am a Hesquiaht (Woman): hiškwii?aqsups
I am a Hesquiaht (Man): hiškwii?atḥs
My family is: \underside \underside \underside anii\underside \underside \underside anii\underside \underside
?uḥ?iiš
I am from Hesquiaht village: histaqšiàs
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What is your name?: ?ačaqłak
What family are you from?: ?ačaqkukk
?a?iičum
Who's that you're with?: ?ačaqḥ ?aḥnii
yaqwink?ik
Where are you from?: waastathk
I am from: hiỷatḥs
Is that you?: ?uḥ ?a¾k
Yes, it is me: haaa ?uh ?a\si\si

Eating and Drinking

Phrases to use around food and drink

Did you eat?: ha?uk?a\u00e4 mik

I'm hungry: hawiiq\x

I'm not hungry: wiks hawiiq\(\)

Are you still eating?: ?iqtałk ha?uk

I'm thirsty: naqmiihas

Are you hungry?: hawiiq\k

Are you thirsty?: naqmihak

Would you like?: ?uu?iic mahsak

I want to taste that: nacpiči mahsas

It doesn't taste good: wii?um ?iš

I want water: ?umahsas ča?ak

I want to eat sweets: ?uu?iic mahsas čamas

I am full/had enough: niswači\u00e4s

Survival Phrases

It is recommended upon entering an immersion program to prepare by committing some commonly used "survival" phrases to memory in order to keep communication going.



Common Home Phrases

Phrases to Use at Home With Your Family

Please: łaakšix

Would you like (to eat)___?: ____?u?iic

maḥsak

Close the door: mušitap?i ťašii

Open the door: kuwitap?i tašii

Go to sleep (to one person.): wa?iču?a\?i

Wake up (to one person.): hupkši?i

Wash your face: \tipk\si?i

Wash your hands: cucink?i

Do not do that: wik?ii qwaa?ap

Where are you?: waasik

Here I am: ?ahkuu siš

Show me: humči?is

Be careful: ?uyałukwi

Phrases in this booklet were learned from kiicinyahs

(LP), naḥima siiqλ (AG), tupaat (JL), weemtis

(HN), and hawiihtu?is (BN)

Say What?

What did you say?: ?a?a quu mik

Say it again: hu?aas?i waa

Say it slowly: \ulletuula?i

Speak the language, please: ciiciiqasa?i łaakšið

Say it: waa?i

Do you understand?: nana?ak

Try to say: namiłši?i waa

What is this?: ?aqaqh ?ah

What are you doing?: ?aaqinapk

Help me: hupii?is

I don't understand: wiwikaps

Did I say it right?: ?apciikhs

Hesquiaht Language Program is on fb.





About Immersion

- You can do immersion in "sets." A set is an allotted amount of time that you are going to speak only the language together. Once your set has begun, do not speak English until it is agreed that your immersion set is over.
- Use non-verbal communication-gestures, facial expressions, actions or pictures to communicate instead of switching to English.
- Learners should prepare for immersion sessions by bringing props, pictures etc. so you do not have to switch to English.
- Immersion promotes language
 acquisition. Acquisition is a natural
 subconscious process (this is how all
 children acquire language.) Learning is
 a conscious process that requires direct
 instruction, like teaching in a traditional
 classroom setting.