

Beginning Tlingit I

Tlingit Names & Selected Words

Yeidulitseen	
dáxw	lowbush cranberry, bog cranberry
xéel'i	mossberry
tlékw yádi	raspberry
xákwl'i	soapberry
kaxwéix	high bush cranberry
awshigook	s/he learned how to do it O-(ga)-S-sh-√góok (state) for S to know, learn how to do O

Tutmaralria	
káaxwei / káxwei	coffee
x'wán	boot(s)
kanat'á	blueberry; huckleberry
at x'éeshi	dry fish
x'eesháa	bucket; pail
uwaxúk	it dried (∅)-∅-√xook~ (event) for something to be dry, dried
aadé woogoot	he/she/it went there N-dé + (na)-S-∅-√goot~ (motion) for (singular) S to walk, go (by walking or as general term) toward N

Sumiq	
héen	water; river, stream, creek
héenák'w	creek; small stream
kéet	orca; killer whale
—shagóon	ancestor(s) of his/her clan or nation; his/her background, heredity; what it's (to be) made of; its parts, components, materials
áa	lake
aadé wudit'ách	s/he swam there N-dé + (na)-S-Ø+d-√t'aach~ (motion) for (human) S to swim (by slapping the water) toward N

Shkooyéil	
nalháashadi	driftwood from the verb: N-t + O-(na)-l-√haash~ (motion) for O to float, drift around at N]
sháchk ka.aasí	stunted tree in swamp; jackpine, swamp spruce
géejadi	windfall; dead tree(s) or brush that has fallen [from O-S-(Ø)-l-√geech~ (motion) – for S to fall O (tree)]
ch'áal'	willow
dúk' / túk'	young spruce or hemlock
kawsi.aa	it grew ka-(na)-s-√.aa~ (act) for a plant to grow

Keiyaakw	
xóots	brown bear
s'eek *	black bear

Keiyaakw	
jánwu *	mountain goat
watsíx	caribou
dzísk'w *	moose
ash kawdliyát	s/he played ash + ka-u-(na)-S-Ø-l+d-√yát (act) for S to play (esp. active games)

Nawéiyaa	
guwakaan	deer; peacemaker
s'áxt'	devil's club
ách at dusxa át	fork lit. thing to eat with from verb: O-(Ø)-S-s-√xaa~ (act) for S to eat O (small amounts, variety of things)
katóok / tatóok	cave
neech	shoreline; beach
át woogoot	he/she/it went there N-t + (na)-S-Ø-√goot~ (motion) for (singular) S to walk, go (by walking or as general term) around at N
neechx woogoot yéil	raven was walking along the beach

Kukdláa	
Deikeenaa	Haida lit. far out to sea tribe Xaat'áay

Kuḵdláa	
x'úx'	paper, book, magazine, letter, mail lit. membrane kugíin
cháayoo	tea from Russian chay gángk'an
téel	shoe(s) st'a sk'agáa
gáatl	pilot bread; cracker takes name from tree fungus (aasdaagáadli – bracket fungus, kals'áak gáadli – mushroom) Xaat'áay
du jintáak wudit'ách	s/he clapped her/his hands ash + ka-u-(na)-S-Ø-l+d-√yát (act) for S to play (esp. active games) stalans skatke / k'ahdga

Taan Téix'	
—sée	—'s daughter
—yéet	—'s son
—kéilk'	—'s maternal nephew/niece (same moiety)
—káalk'w	—'s paternal nephew/niece (opposite moiety)
—dachxán	—'s grandchild
—tláa	—'s mother

Taan Téix'	
awsixán	s/he loved her/him O-(ga)-s-√xán (state) for S to love O

Yéil T'ooch' Tláa	
t'á xook	dried king salmon from verb: (∅)-∅-√xook~ (event) – for something to be dry, dried
geiwú	seine net from noun: —geiwú – its net (of spider)
k'ínk'	fermented fish heads
héen wantú	edge of a river or channel lit. inside the edge of a river
atx'aan hídi	smoke house
eex	downstream; south
naakée	upstream; north
aawaxaash	s/he cut it O-(na)-S-∅-√xaash~ (act) for S to cut O with knife; for S to saw O
Wé duwaxaashí t'aa kát t'á aawaxaash.	She cut king salmon on that board over there.
Virginia-ch t'á aawaxaash wé duwaxaashí t'aa kát.	Virginia cut king salmon on board over there.

Shuwuteen	
—jikóol	—'s back of hand

Shuwuteen	
—xaagú / —xaagí	—'s skeleton related verb: O-(∅)-s-√xaak~ – for O to become a skeleton or empty shell; for O to dry out
náakw	medicine
gus'yé kindachooneidí	dove or pigeon lit. straight up, like an arrow, to the clouds
x'éishx'w	blue jay, stellar's jay; (dark) blue (in color)
a káa akaawakáa	s/he embroidered it on it O-ka-(∅)-S-∅-√kaa~ (act) for S to sew beads, embroider O