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SAHAPTIN Wh- Words continued

This lesson will explore the Wh- words identified as Pronoun, Adverb and Adjective in Sahaptin spoken Yakama language. There are dialectical differences in pronunciation and spelling from the Columbia River, Warm Spring, and Umatilla tribes.

1. PRONOUN:

a. Tun ikw'ak iwa?b. Tun ikw'ak iwacha?

What is that? What was that?

2. ADJECTIVE:

a. Tukin i-chalutima-sha taatpas?b. Tukin pa-chalutima-na ttaatpas?

What is she decorating her dress with? What did they decorate their shirts with?

3. ADVERB:

a. Tun <u>kaayx</u> ila<u>kayxix</u>a?b. Tun <u>kayx</u> ila<u>kayx</u>i-shana.

What shines brightly? What was shining brightly?

SELECTIVE ADVERB:

a. Tuun nam atk'ix-sha?b. Tuun pmak pa-tk'ix-shana?

What do you want? What did they want?

CLASS ASSIGNMENT, DUE THE FOLLOWING CLASS SESSION

Write a reply to each question: i.e. 1a

Tun ikw'ak iwa?

What is that?

Answer T

Ikw'ak iwa k'usi. That is a horse.

There are eight sentences to answer. You may use your own vocabulary list for nouns, verbs and adverbs. Colors, are luts'a, mixish, plash, kuyx, chmuk, etc. for adjectives.....