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To give to him/her

1. A-nik tkwatat. 1. Give him/her something to eat.

In literal translation this is: " Give him/her food." This is a Sahaptin tradition hard to follow today because so many people are on a restricted diet due to new diseases afflicting the Indian people one is cautious about offering food to someone. In "olden" days it did not matter what time of day, the host fed the visitor who came to your house. Sometimes I feel very guilty when my visitor leaves without having had food. Sometimes I don't have anything to feed a person, other times I might not have sugarless food, or salt-free food in the house, and no fresh fruit

NI-YA

Gave to him/her.

2. A'-ni-ya-ash tkwatat. 2. I gave him/her food.
 3. A'-ni-ta-am tkwatat. 3. You will give him/her food.
 4. Pa'-ni-ya tkwatat. 4. He/she gave him/her food.
 5. Pmak pat a'-ni-ya tkwatat. 5. They gave him/her food.
 6. Pmak pat a'-ni-ta tkwatat. 6. They will give him/her food.
 7. Imak pam a'-ni-ta. 7. You all give it to him/her.
 8. Namak-na a'-ni-ta. 8. We all will give it to him.

LISTENING

VERB: NI-

1. A'-ni-k timash. 1. Give the book to him/her.
 2. Mish nam a'-ni-ya? 2. Did you give it to her/him?
 3. Ii, a'-ni-ya-ash pinak. 3. Yes, I gave it to him/her.
 4. Chaw, chaw-nash a'-ni-ya. 4. No, I didn't give it to her.
 5. Mish nam chaw ani-sha. 5. Why don't you give it to her.
 6. A'-ni-shana-xiish pinak. 6. I was giving it to him/her.
 7. Chaw-nash atk'ix-sha nit. 7. I don't want to give it (away.)

Some might say: Chaw nash a-ni-ta-t'a-sha pinak.
 I don't feel like giving it to her.
 Chaw nash atk'ix-sha nit piimanak.
 I don't want to give it to them.