

CONTINUE VERBS: Sahaptin-Yakima expressions. 3/25/95

Linking verbs are very important because they are used often. The most-used linking verb is be. In English it is used the most. In Sahaptin it is also used frequently.

VERB BE in Sahaptin

PRESENT TENSE:

	Singular	Plural
1st person:	Wásh nash	Wásh natash
2nd person:	Wásh nam	Wásh pam
3rd person:	I-wa'	Pa-wa'

PAST TENSE:

1st person:	Wacha-ash	Wacha-nam(tk)
2nd person:	Wacha-am	Wacha-am

EXERCISE 11. Recognizing forms of BE.
Fill-in blanks in Sahaptin.

1. _____ cold yesterday. k'pis watim.
2. _____ all hungry. tl'aaxw anáwyi.
3. Chaw _____ any money. tun taala.
4. _____ naughty boy. Kw'ishim áswan.
5. _____ good friends. shix xitway'in.
6. _____ his only child. ilksa pinmink miyánsah.
7. Miimi _____ skinny. Long time ago.....k'áyu.
8. _____ fast runner. ka'aw wayxtiá.
9. _____ fast runner too? ka'aw wayxtifaxi?

MANY LINKING VERBS ARE VERBS OF PERCEPTION:-PA SUFFIX

1. I-SXIXSHA, K'INUPA. SHE/HE LOOKS ANGRY.
2. AYAYAT, YIKTPA WALPTAYKT. SINGING SOUNDS BEAUTIFUL.
3. SHISHU TIWATPA K'USIK'USI. DOG SMELLS PUTRID.
4. PIYAXI PTL'AK KA'ILAWITPA. BITTER ROOT TASTES BITTER.