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SAHAPTIN INDIAN LANGUAGE 201
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KEY QUESTION WORDS IN SAHAPTIN

When you arrive at a Sahaptin Indian reservation, the first thing you will need to do is ask questions. "*Mun iwáta páaxamí?*" "When will the war dance start?" "*Mínán iwa atáwaas?*" "Where is the restroom?" "*Tun nash aw tkwatáta?*" "What shall I eat?" "*Shin-nim nash i-shapá-washa-taxnay inátyaw?*" "Who can give me a ride home?" "*Tuyay tiinma pa-ani-sha nishayáaas?*" "Why are the Indians building a village?" "*Mun nash wata inmi ts'xwiili?*" "When will I have a teepee?" These are called the *Wh-* words. There are eight key question words to learn. These eight words will help others to know exactly what you are asking for. These words are extremely important, learn them now. Take few minutes to study and practice saying the eight basic questions words listed below. Then cover the Sahaptin word with your hand and fill in each of the blanks to complete the sentence.

1. **Mínán** Where _____ iwa John?
1st third person singular
2. **Tun** What _____ í kw'ák iwa?
3. **Shin** Who _____ i ikw'ák iwa?
4. **Tukin** What _____ nam tiya-sha?
5. **Mun** When _____ nam wina-ta tawn-kan?
6. **Tuyay** Why _____ nam wina-na tawn-kan?
7. **Shimin** Whose _____ awa ikw'ak talápas?
1st 2nd person