

Communications 107  
Beginning Sahaptin  
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Numbers

In Sahaptin there are numbers for inanimate, general counting and numbers for animate, life forms.

| <u>Inanimate</u> | <u>Animate</u> |
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| 1. naxsh         | laxs           |
| 2. niipt         | napu           |
| 3. mitaat        | mitaaw         |
| 4. piniipt       | pinapu         |
| 5. paxaat        | paxnaaw        |
| 6. ptaxninsh     | ptaxninstima   |
| 7. túskaas       | tuskaasima     |
| 8. paxat'umaat   | paxat'umaatima |
| 9. ts'míst       | ts'mistima     |
| 10. putimt       | putmu (putimu) |

To create numbers in the teens use the word ku (and) with putimt (ten). To create plurals of inanimate words, double the word, for example tikay tikay (dishes). To indicate more than ten people, match the number with a human designation, like ayat (woman).

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| 20. niiptit          | → | 30. mitaaptit    |
| 40. piniiptit        | → | 50. paxaptit     |
| 60. ptaxninshaaptit  | → | 70. tuskasaaptit |
| 80. paxat'umataaptit | → | 90. ts'misaaptit |
| 100. naxsh putaaptit |   |                  |