
Introductory Takelma Language Vocabulary Word List

ANIMALS

Beaver	spíin
Brown bear	mena
Chipmunk	kwiskwas
Cougar	húulk ^h
Coyote	skìsi
Deer	p'iyín
Dog	ts'ixi
Elk	tkam
Fox	yola
Otter	pomxí
Porcupine	ts'an
Rabbit	komhákw ^h
Raccoon	skwiní
Skunk	píik ^h w
Squirrel	t'háan

BASKETRY

Acorn hopper	póown
Basket bucket	k'él
Basket cup	k'ànak'as
Basket plate	p'eèl'
Beargrass	keèt ^h
Big rush basket	sák ^h
Burden basket	yeléx
Cat tail rush/mat	lep'ées
Cooking basket	k'el meheliì
Hazel switch	yilwa's
Inner bark cedar	seeyàn
pine root	k'wels
Root basket	sukwán
Rushes	pepén
Storage basket	k'oloyí
Woman's basket cap	yúup ^h

BIRDS

Blue Jay	ts'ày's
Buzzard	moxó
Crow	méel
Duck	séem
Eagle	yulúm
Goose	hà'k ^h aa
Grouse	móx
Hooting owl	t ^h kwalaà
Quail	suhuù
Raven	xém
Redheaded woodpecker	pàk ^h paa
Robin	skwakwàkw ^h

COLORS

Black	al ^h kém
Blue	alkiyìxnát ^h
Green	al ^h kisàmt ^h
Red	alts'íl
White	al ^h tk ^h ùy's
Yellow	alkwàsi

FISH

Catfish	sink ^h wok'waà
Crawfish	lipíis
Dentalia	ts'ólx
Lamprey	xtáan
Mussel	t'áak ^h
Salmon	p ^h ím
Shell (large rainbow-colored shell the size of two hands)	kòs
Steelhead	yóols
Trout	t'eèkw ^h wi

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FOOD

Acorn	yaná
Acorn dough	xník ^h
Acorn mush	yana t'ayák ^h
Bear	mena
Camas	tíip ^h
Chinook salmon	peewíi
Elk	tkam
Hazelnut	t ^h kwiil ts'iik ^h ta
Lamprey	xtáan
Manzanita berries	loxom
Pine nuts	t ^h pelè's
Tarweed (sunflower)	lámx
Venison	síix

LANDSCAPE

Earth/soil	tkaa
Hill	ts'àkix
Lake	hò'px
Mountain	sowm
Mud	pòxumaa
Ocean	hülúün
Rapids	sakálx
River	kelam
Rock	tán
Swamp	k'umoy
Water	xí

NATURE

Cloud	haayí
Hail	ts'elám
Moon	pixál
Rain	nóox

Sky	pamís
Snow	p'aàs
Thunder	t ^h kwá
Whirlwind	p ^h owyámx
Wind	kwált ^h

NUMBERS

1	Mii'ska
2	Kaà'm
3	Xìpiní
4	Kamkàm
5	Téehal
6	ha'iimiì's
7	ha'iikaà'm
8	ha'iixín
9	ha'iikó
10	ixtiil
20	yap'aami's
30	xìn ixtíil
40	kamkàman ixtíil
50	téehaltan ixtíil
60	ha'imi'ts'atan ixtíil
70	ha'iikaà'matan ixtíil
80	ha'iixíntan ixtíil
90	ha'iikókatan ixtíil
100	t'eymi's

PEOPLE

My paternal grandparent	wikamí
My maternal grandparent	wik'así
My father	wiham
My mother	wihín
My wife	kuxtek ^h

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PEOPLE (CONTINUED)

My husband	t'ii'laàp ^h ak'it ^h k ^h
My daughter	payánt ^h k ^h
My son	wik ^h apay
My older brother	wi'opí
My older sister	wit'opí
My younger brother	wi'waa
My younger sister	wi't ^h awa

TOOLS

Acorn hopper	póown
Camas stick	haxiwk ^h
Fire/firewood	p'íi
Flint	p'oxóm
Mush stirrer	sūmxí
Needle/awl	yeexí
Rope	tukwál
Seed beater	mot'óp ^h
Small pestle	t ^h èlma
Spoon	t'ak ^h
Tongs	k'àma