

TAKELMA NEWSLETTER LESSONS

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We can turn any statement into a yes/no question!

Do you remember how we said "It is a..."? Now we can ask "Is it a...?"
Just add **-ti** or **-iti** to the first word in the sentence.

Péem yowò'.
[BEHM yoh-WOH]
It is a tree.

Péemti yowò'?
[BEHM-dih yoh-WOH]
Is it a tree?

Wili yowò'.
[WIH-lih yoh-WOH]
It is a house.

Wiliti yowò'?
[WIH-lih-dih yoh-WOH]
Is it a house?

Keèt^h yowò'.
[GEHT yoh-WOH]
It is beargrass.

Keèt^hiti yowò'?
[GEH-tih-dih yoh-WOH]
Is it beargrass?

Vocabulary breakdown

haù
[HAH-oo]
yes

híit^h
[HEEET]
no

àniit'
[AH-nee]
not

We can say "It is not..."
simply by adding **àniit'** to
the beginning of the
sentence:

Tán yowò'.
[DAH N yoh-WOH]
It is a rock.

Àniit' tán yowò'.
[AH-nee DAH N yoh-WOH]
It is not a rock.

GRAMMAR GUIDE

Asking a question requires the **particle**
-ti [dih] to be attached to the end of
the first word in the sentence.

Use **-iti** [ih-dih] when **-ti** is hard to say.

-ti is everywhere!

Notice **-ti** is found in **all** questions
(remember *k^hàti* means "what?").

But some words end in **-ti** like
háapsti (small) without being a
question.

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Here's a dialog using everything we've learned since January.
Try reading only the left-hand side to see how much you understand.

Pée túu! K'àti ká yowò'?

[BEH DOO KAH-ti GAH yoh-WOH]

Hello! What is that?

Ká péem alt^hkisámt^h yowò'.

[GAH BEHM aht-gih-SAHMT yoh-WOH]

That is a green tree.

K'àti aká? Wiliti yowò'?

[KAH-di ah-GAH WIH-lih-dih yoh-WOH]

What is this? Is it a house?

Híit^h, ànii wìli yowò'.

[HEET AH-nee WIH-lih yoh-WOH]

No, it is not a house.

Yulúm^ti yowò'?

[yoo-LOOM-dih yoh-WOH]

Is it an eagle?

Híit^h, ànii' yulúm yowò'.

[HEET AH-nee yoo-LOOM yoh-WOH]

No, it is not an eagle.

Kwìskwasti yowò'?

[GWIHS-gwahs-dih yoh-WOH]

Is it a chipmunk?

Haù, kwìskwas yowò'!

[HAH-oo GWIHS-gwahs yoh-WOH]

Yes, it is a chipmunk!

Kwìskwas mahái yowò'!

[GWIHS-gwahs mah-HAH-ih yoh-WOH]

It is a big chipmunk!

Ànii' yowò'! Háapsti yowò'!

[AH-nee yoh-WOH HAHBS-dih yoh-WOH]

It is not! It is small!

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