

TAKELMA NEWSLETTER LESSONS

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How to say "I am" and "you are"

Do you remember how we said "It is (a) ..."?
Now we can say "I am (a) ..." and "You are (a) ..."

Yap'á eyít^he'.
[yah-p'-AH eh-YEE-teh]
I am a person.

Ànii' páals eyít^he'.
[AH-nee BAHLS eh-YEE-teh]
I am not tall.

Alkwìti' eyít^h?
[ahl-GWIH-dih eh-YEET]
Where are you?

Ànii' emè' eyít^h.
[AH-nee eh-MEH eh-YEET]
You are not here.

Luke, hamì't^h eyít^he'.
[LOOK, hah-MIH-t eh-YEE-teh]
Luke, I am your father.

Eyít^hiti?
[eh-YEE-tih-dih]
You are? / Are you?

Vocabulary breakdown

eyít^he'
[eh-YEE-teh]
I am

eyít^h
[eh-YEET]
you are

nèk^hti
[NEHK-dih]
who?

We can ask "who?" by placing *nèk^hti* at the beginning of the sentence, just like *k^hàti* ("what?"):

Nèk^hti eyít^h?
[NEHK-dih eh-YEET]
Who are you?

Nèk^hti eyít^he?
[NEHK-dih eh-YEE-teh]
Who am I?

GRAMMAR GUIDE

These words for "I am" and "you are" can be used with nouns or adjectives.

*Just like *yowò'*, *eyít^he'* and *eyít^h* go at the end of a sentence.*

But you can't use them to say things like "I am swimming" or "you are dancing."

*But most question words like *k^hàti* and *nèk^hti* go at the beginning of the sentence.*

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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! Nèk^hti eyít^h?

[BEH DOO NEHK-dih eh-YEET]

Hello! Who are you?

Toby eyít^he'.

[TOH-bee eh-YEE-teh]

I am Toby.

K^hàti eyít^h?

[KAH-dih eh-YEET]

What are you?

T^háan eyít^he'.

[TAHN eh-YEE-teh]

I am a squirrel.

T^háan altúu eyít^h.

[TAHN ahl-DOO eh-YEE-teh]

You are a beautiful squirrel.

K^hàti eyít^h?

[KAH-dih eh-YEET]

What are you?

Kwiskwas eyít^he'.

[GWIHS-gwahs eh-YEE-teh]

I am a chipmunk

Kwiskwas paláu eyít^h.

[GWIHS-gwahs bah-LAH-oo eh-YEET]

You are a young chipmunk.

Haù, eyít^he'.

[HAH-oo eh-YEE-teh]

Yes, I am.

Tatúuti eyít^h?

[dah-DOO-dih eh-YEET]

Are you delicious?

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