

TAKELMA NEWSLETTER LESSONS

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Using nouns & adjectives for descriptions

Do you remember how we say "It is (a) ..." "I am (a) ..." and "You are (a) ..."?
Let's put it all together!

Yap'á eyít^h.
[yah-p'-AH eh-YEET]
You are *a person*.

Páals eyít^h.
[BAHLS eh-YEET]
You are *tall*.

Literally: "person you are"

Literally: "tall you are"

When describing someone using a noun *and* adjective, remember that Takelma puts the adjective *after* the noun:

tall person
adjective noun

yap'á páals
noun adjective

Yap'á páals eyít^h.
[yah-p'-AH BAHLS eh-YEET]

You are a tall person.
"person tall you are"

Háapxi paláu eyít^he.
[HAHB-x-ih bah-LAH-oo eh-YEE-teh]

I am a young child.
"child young I am"

Want to make this type of statement a question? Just add -ti to the end of the first word!

Tánti mahái yowò'?

[DAHND-ih mah-HAH-ih yoh-WOH]

Is it a big rock?
"rock-? small it is"