

The Chinuk Pipa

Vowels

a = o
o = O
u = O
aw = O
i/e = c, u, a, n

Consonants
P = I B = |
T = - D = —
F = \ V = /
K = / G = \
L = /^{up} R = /^{up}

S = \ TS = .
Sh = / Ch = \.
N =) Ng* =)
M = (

Special Symbols

Wa = O	hl / + * = /
Wi/we = O	q' (k') = \
yu = \	k' / q' = /
h = .	etc. = c

Examples

pi = b	man = g
papa = bb	nim = ?
kah = b.	tsim = w?
ikta = ?o	masachi = 6u?
drit = _	

chinuk = ~ O
klunas = 102
kontaks = 6 L
kanawi = 620

Numbers

Written as in English: 1, 2, 3, etc.

1. c - iht
2. Q mokst
3. G flun
4. 6 J kwinam
5. - o. C taham

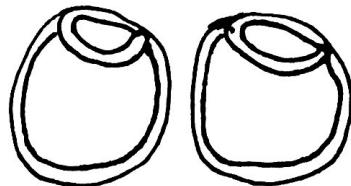
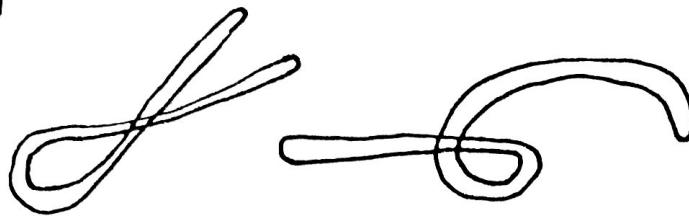
A special numeral system exists though it is rarely used.

A number of other symbols and abbreviations exist, though they are also rarely used. Please refer to Le Jenne's "Chinook Rudiments" (1924).

Kamloops Wawa Abbreviations & Symbols

- ST (ST) = Sahal: Taii = God
- Shk (Shk) = Shisikri = Jesus
- likalisti = communion
- (mk) = Kamloops
- SSHG (SSHG) = Chu Chua / Saint John the Baptist
- X = make the sign of the cross

*This symbol is rarely used



No. 5

Kaltash Wawa

Jan 2, 2021

To Our Readers

Translation

10.0 p → 10. 26 { ↓ - 00 } l
 klahawiam tilikom. naika nim Kaltash wawa pi

Hello friends. My name is kaltash
wawa and

1 → 26 26 ore. 96 → 26 ~ → 2
 alta naika chako aias. Ankati naika drit tanas

now I have grown up. A
while ago I was really small
but now I have many pages.
I still help you learn this
chinook writing.

l 1 → 26 G 5 o l. 627 26 66
 pi alta naika mitlait ayn pish. kwanisim naika mamuk

• 1 66 26 66 66 06 ~ 66. 9
 hilp msaika chako Komtaks ukuk chinuk pipa. thus

66 22. 620 26 66 d 66 26 66
 msaika ranich kanawi naika pipa pus msaika chako Komtaks

Please read all my writing so
that you learn this
chinook writing. If you
learn this writing, me
and my friends will become
very happy and maybe I
will become bigger. Then
I could give you more
writing.

06 ~ 66 66 d 66 26 66 66
 ukuk chinuk pipa. pus msaika chako Komtaks ukuk pipa

26 l 26 → 10 1 ore 9 10 l
 naika pi naika tilikom tlap aias thus toontom pi

10 2 26 26 26 1 ore. l d 26 6 9.
 klunas naika chako ilip aias. pi alta naika patlach

I want to say thanks to
everyone who sent writing to
me. I didn't write all this
paper. Also I say thanks to
David Robertson who taught
chinook and chinook writing
to me. No David, no paper,
no Kaltash wawa.

1 9 66 66 66. 26 → 00 66 66
 ilip ayn pipa kopa msaika. naika tika wawa mirsi kopa

620 106 66 66 66 26. 0 26 66 66 620
 kanawi klaska mesh pipa Kopa naika. ilo naika mamuk tsim kanawi

06 66. 0. 26 00 66 66 66
 ukuk pipa. wint naika wawa mirsi kopa

Dave Robertson 26 66 66 66 66
 iaka mamuk Komtaks chinuk pi chinuk pipa kopa
 26. 0 → 66, 0 66, 0 66 66 66 66
 naika. ilo Dave, ilo pipa, ilo Kaltash wawa.

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Why Learn Chinook Pipa?

Ḡ' or lb. 66 ~@ lb. 102 Ḡ'
mitlait aym pipa tsim kopa chinuk pipa. klunas mitlait
~ or 66 620. 66 06 ~@ lb. 106 22
ilip aym kopa Kanavi. kopa ukuk chinuk pipa nsaika nanich
→ 26 06 → 106 106 66, l 106
ikta nsaika olman tilikom klaska manuk, pi nsaika
22 6 → 26 06 → 106 106 66 ~
nanich kata nsaika olman tilikom klaska manuk tsim
lb, l 0.- 106 22 → 106 96 → d
pipa, pi wikt nsaika nanich ikta chako ankati pus
d d d.
Hus pus wikt thus.

An Example

22.: 66 ↗ 06 Cold Water 96 → d
nanich kopa kol watir ankati mokst

6 106 76 00 66 ~@ ✓/d.
man klaska skukum wawa kopa lipit pir Ishun.

106 66 207 66 ↗ l 66 607
klaska manuk nawitka kopa tamanwaspi kopa katolik

✓ ↗ 626. d ↗ 26 62
Stywith kanamokst. pus ilo nsaika komtaks

~@ lb, ↗ 26 62 06 d 66
chinuk pipa ilo nsaika komtaks ukuk mokst man

l ↗ 106 66. ↗ 26 62 6 → 06
pi ikta klaska manuk. ilo nsaika komtaks kata ukuk

d d ↗ ✓/d. 106 76
mokst man ukuk pus fait pir Ishun. klaska skukum

6 l 66 26 62 06 d 26 22 ~@ lb.
man pi kopi nsaika komtaks ukuk man pus nsaika nanich chinuk pipa.

Translation

There is lots of writing written in chinook pipa. Maybe the most (writing) of all. In the chinook pipa you can read what our elders did, and you can ~~see~~ how our elders wrote, and also you can see what happened long ago both good or bad.

look: a long time ago at Cold water two men spoke strongly against the priest father Le Jeune. They believed in traditional practices and Catholic religion at the same time. If we didn't know chinook writing, we would not ~~know~~ about those two men and what they did. We wouldn't know how these two men as if fought father Le Jeune. They were strong men and we only know these men if we read chinook pipa.

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How to Learn Chinook Pipa

I S ee6 ~6 6- ~q lb
tlus ilo msaika chako Komaks chinuk pipa

6b 6b l- 00. ul 26 ? l
kopit kopa Kaltash wawa. tsipi naika tsimpi

o q. l- 00 6b 6^g - n
wik tlus. Kaltash wawa kopit manuk hilp

6b ee6. I d ee6 10- 6b l-
kopa msaika. tlus pus msaika klatwa kopa diir

o q ee6 10- 6
iaka wibsaít pi wiht tlus msaika klatwa

22. ' q ee6 lb. o 6b o 6
nanich Ishun iaka pipa. ukuk pipa iaka nim kam

q 00.
tups wawa.

l o q ee6 lb o 6 l- q 00.: chinookjargon.com
div iaka wibsaít :

l q d 6b ~q lb o 6 l- q 00. Chinook
ilip tlus buk kopa chinuk pipa iaka nim

Rudiments 6b d " ~q P - q " 6b
kakwa pus "chinuk rudimints" kopa

~q lb. o 6d ' q ee6 6g 6b 1924.
chinuk pipa. ukuk buk Ishun iaka manuk kopa 1924.

q ee6 10- 22. 620 o.
tlus msaika klatwa nanich kanawi ukuk.

Translation

Please don't learn chinook pipa only with the kaltash wawa. My writing is wrong and bad. The kaltash wawa only helps you. Please go to Dave's website and also go read Le Jeune's paper. That paper called the Kamloops Wawa.

Dave's website:

The best book in chinook pipa is called "Chinook Rudiments" as if <chinuk rudimints> in chinook pipa. Le Jeune made this book in 1924. Go read all this.



Please do not take this text as authoritative. It is only meant to help you learn the chinook writing as best I can. There will no doubt be mistakes. I strongly encourage you to read the resources mentioned.

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Kaltash Wawa

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A Note About Spelling, Word Choice, etc.

6b 0p 6b 2b 6b 7b 6b 1b 6b
Kopa ukuk pipa naika manuk tsim pipa kakwa lshun pi hloima

→ 1b 2b 6b 6b 7b 6b 1b 6b
tilikom klaska manuk tsim pipa ankati kopa british

6b 6b s.u. 2b 6b d G 5 or 00
Kolombia ikihi. naika Komtaks pus mitlait ayn wawa

2b 0 00 6b 6b 6b, l 6b 6b
klaska ilo wawa kopa Kumlups pi kopa british

6b 6b s.u., l 2b → 6b 6b 6b
Kolombia ikihi, pi naika tiki manuk Komtaks kopa

6b 6 → 2b 00 6b 0p s.u. 9
msaika kota klaska wawa kopa ukuk ikihi. thus

t-t 2b d 0- 2b 2b 6b 6b 6b
tomtom naika pus wiht msaika chako Komtaks hloima

s.u ~ 9
ikihi chinuk.

We Want to Hear From You!

6b 2b → 00 6b 6b. 9 d
kwanisim msaika tiki wawa kopa msaika. thus pus

6b 6b 6b 6b 2b l 2b 6b 6b G 5
msaika mash pipa kopa msaika pi: msaika manuk mitlait

6b → 00, d 6b → . 0- 9 d
kopa kaltash wawa pus msaika tiki. wiht thus pus

6b 6b 6b 6b 2b 7 → 6b → 2= d
msaika manuk Komtaks kopa msaika ikta msaika tiki na=

7 → 6b 0p 6b. 6b → ? 6b → ? 6b → ?
nich kopa ukuk pipa. msaika tiki nyus? msaika tiki Komtaks
7 → ? 6b → ? u.u?
ikta chako? msaika tiki ihi?

Translation

In this paper I have written like Le Jeune and others wrote long ago in British Columbia. I know that there exists many words they do not say at Kamloops and in British Columbia, but I want to teach you how they spoke in this land. I would be happy if you also learned the chinook of other places.

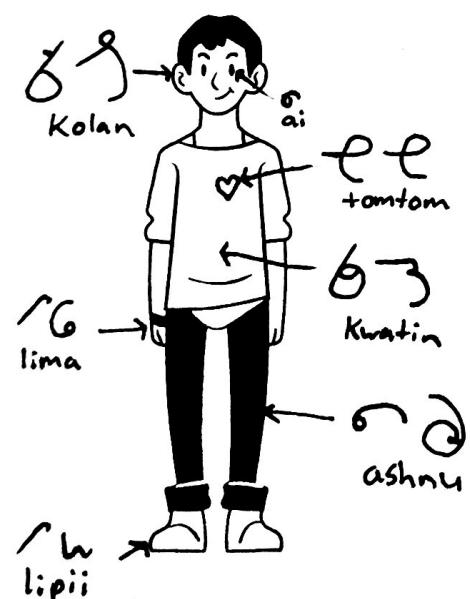
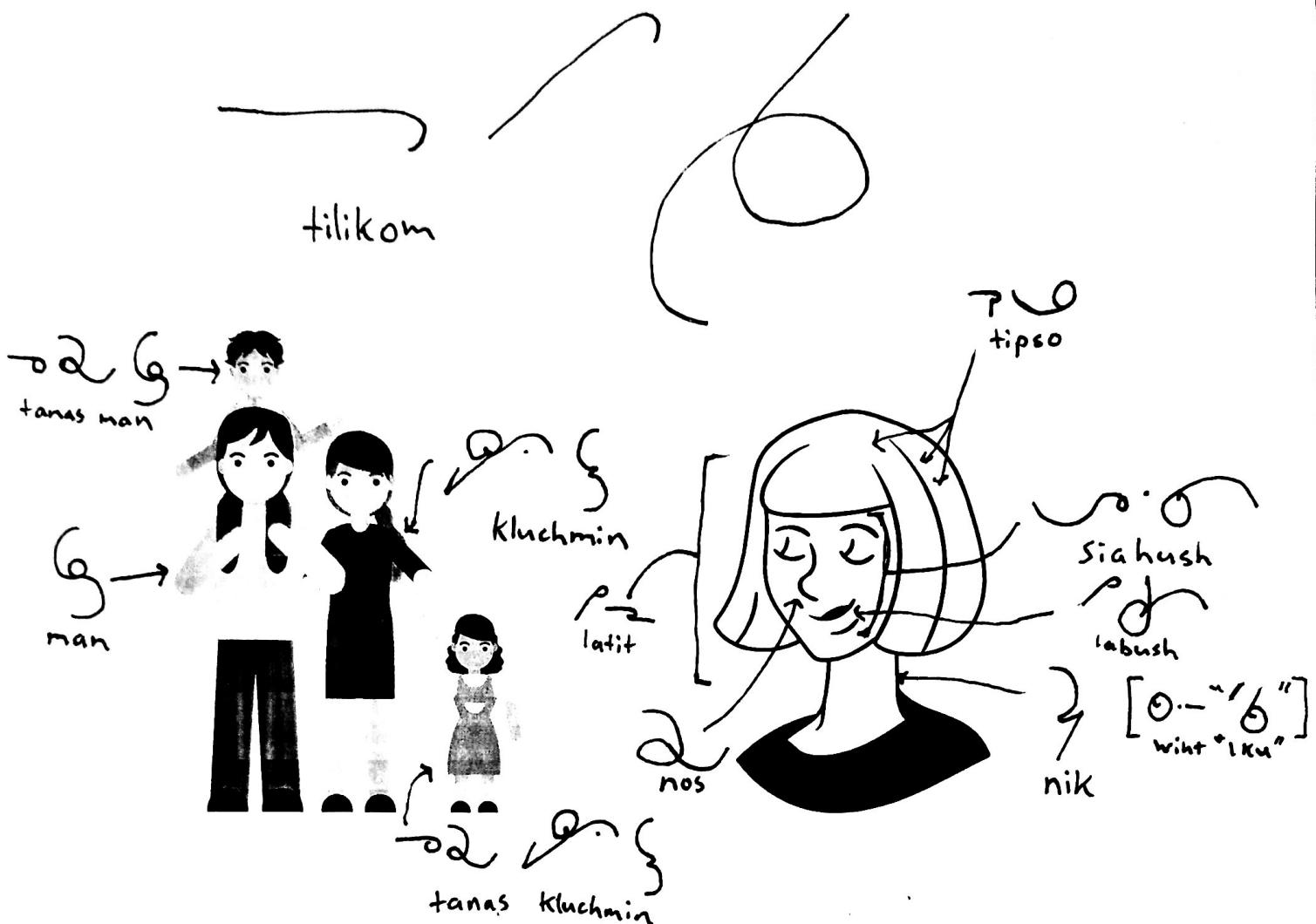
We always want to talk to you. please sent us a letter and we will put it into the kaltash wawa, if you want. Also let us know what you want to read in this paper. Do you want news? Do you want to know what has happened? Do you want to laugh?

You can reach us at:

Kaltashwawa@gmail.com

What follows are some rough lessons on the chinook jargon as spoken around Kamloops.

You may notice some differences to what you are familiar with. Again do not take these as authoritative, I am mainly trying to help you learn the Chinook writing as it was written in preserved texts.

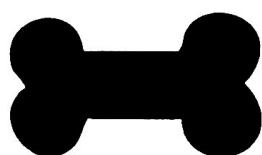


66 p̪ t̪ G̪ f̪ p̪ t̪ l̪ r̪.

Kopa labush mitlalt latang pi lida.

66 o̪ o̪ 66 t̪ r̪ l̪ 66 G̪ f̪ 66 r̪.

Maika wawa Kopa latang pi maika maknak kupa lida.



d̪ bon



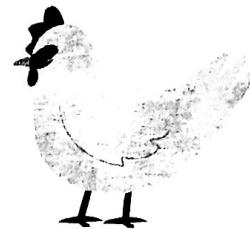
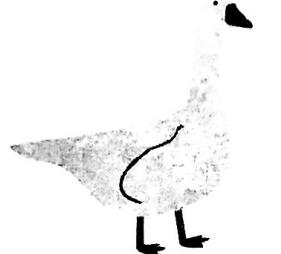
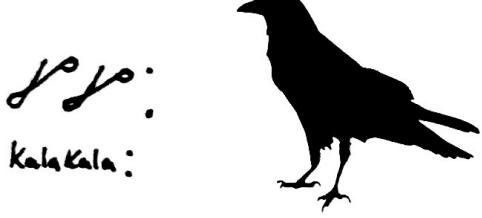
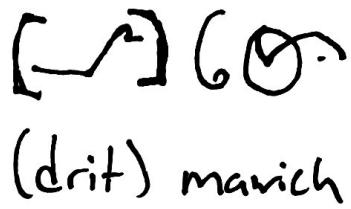
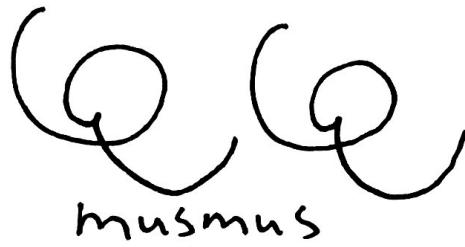
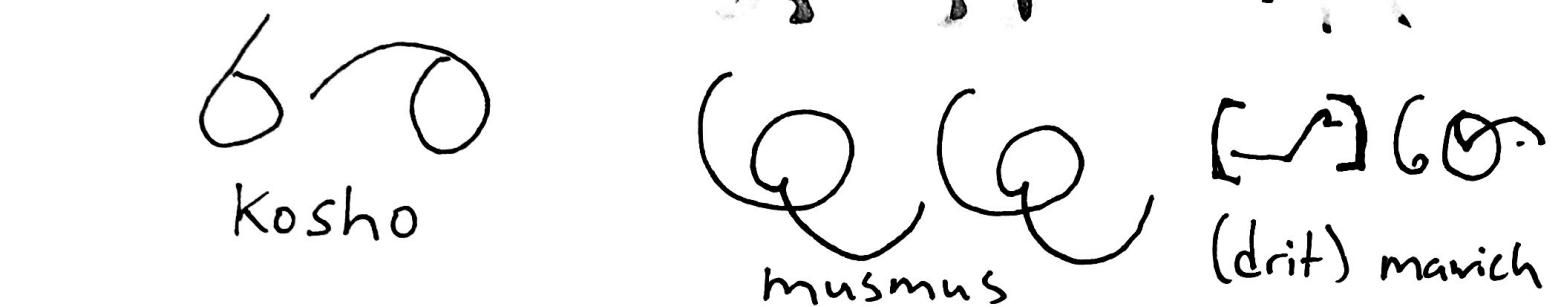
v̪ v̪
pilpil

VV d̪ 66 66 t̪ t̪ l̪

pilpil Kulit Kopa maika tomtom pi

62 0̪ 66 c̪ 9̪

Kanavi maika itthilh. Kultash wawa N15



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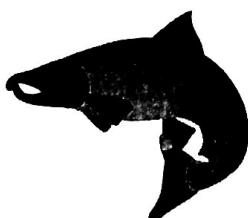
Kaka

f f
 ratrat

rooster



102
 klunas
fish:



fish

S S
 Samon

"one v n 26 2.0"

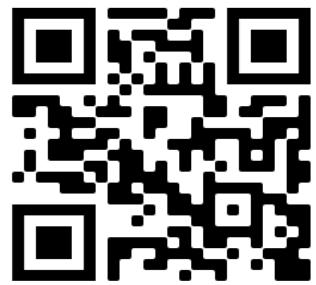
"aias fish iaka nim hui"

C' C 26 00 66 2.0 00:
 lshoon iaku wana kopa konkuw wana.

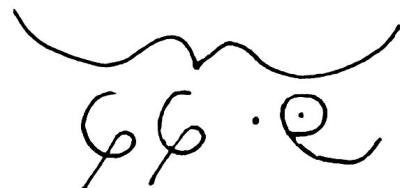
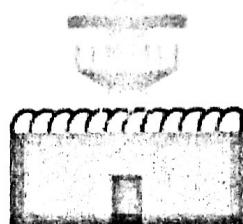
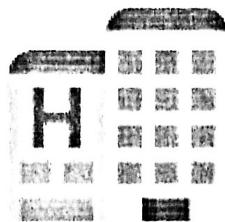
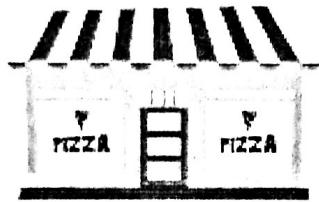
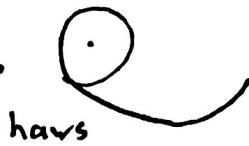
A Song

d 66 → 26, 2
 pus makka tanas, hns
 (66 P 22. 06.
 makka ilo ranich ukuk.
 66 c- 96 → 3 →
 kakku ikt ankati shanti
 06 06 } The Bear
 unk iakan nim
 went over the Mountain.
 66 d. 00 V 10 06
 Kakku pus wana bir kakku kopa
 66 → 66 ~ 3
 lamontan kopa chinuk

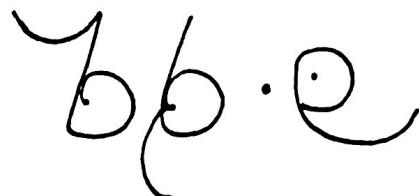
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 1 6) 2 26 → 1
 3-: Q_1 3 2 → 1 6
 1 2 2 3 2 26



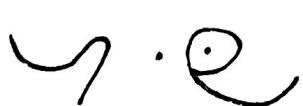
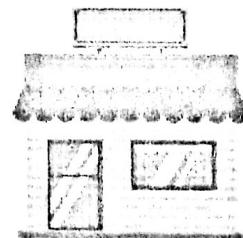
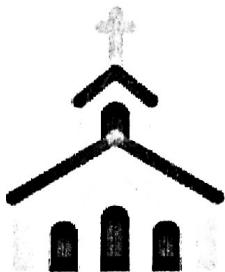
69 06 3 → 66 2
 kolon unkuk shanti kopa ian



makmak haws



Skukum haws



sik haws



Styulih haws



makuk haws

6 → 2e6 66 66 :
Kata nSaika manuk tsim pipa:

How we write a letter

26 [9 → 16 / 66... / e],
naika [hoos tilikom... / papa... / ets.]

my [insert name],

26 → 00 66 [66 / {e6}].
naika tiki wawa kopa [maika / msaika].

I want to talk to you.

[body of letter]

✓. 0 9
Klahawian

Goodbye [insert name]

26 / 26 }

I (am) / my name (is)

naika / naika nim -----

[2 66 ~@ 66]
nim kopa chimek pipa

[name in chinuk pipa]

[2 66 Ⓛ 66]
nim kopa tkop man pipa

[name in white man writing]

22. nanich 06 66:
UKUK pipa:

26 → tilikom
 naika trees

26 → 1 00 66 66.
 naika tiki wawa kopa maika.

26 sik 6 102
 naika kwanisim sik pi klunas

66 ...
 maika skukum...

V. 06
 klahawian shoni

26 {
 naika nim aliks

Alex

read this letter:

My good friend Johnny,

I want to talk to you.

I am still sick but maybe

you are well.

Goodbye Johnny,

My name is [aliks]

Alex

No. 5

Kaltash Wawa

Jan 2, 2021

From Our Readers

c.- *g* *əb* *g* *ub* *bb* *zəb.* *ōb* *g*
iht man iaka mash pipa kopa nsaika. ukuk man
əb *zəb* *ōb* *l* *zəb* *oo* *əl*
ika chako kontaks chinuk pi iaka wawa pus
əb *→* *l* *bb* *zəb* *bb* *zəb* *bb*
iaka tiki manuk kontaks kopa nsaika kata iaka
→ *l* *bb* *zəb* *→* *l* *zəb* *l* *zəb*
tilikom pi kata iaka tilikom klaska lalang
l *bb* *zəb* *s.u.* *zəb* *→* *l* *zəb* *zəb*
pi kata klaska ilhi. iaka tilikom klaska nim

g *g* Gitxsan. *əb* *g* *ōb* *g*.
iaka gitsan ukuk man.

gitsan

g *g* *s.u* *g* *bb* *l* *bb* *bb*
gitsan ilhi mitlait kopa british kolombia

s.u, *l* *θ* *əb* *bb* *ōb* *g* *s.u* *l* *g* *s.u*.
ilhi, pi wiit saia kopa alaska ilhi pi yukon ilhi.

→ *l* *zəb* *zəb* *bb* *zəb* *bb* *ōb* *s.u*
tilikom klaska wawa chinuk kopa ukuk ilhi

g *bb* *ōb* *g* *əb* *→* *l* *zəb* *ōb* *g*
ankati. ukuk man iaka tiki chako kontaks

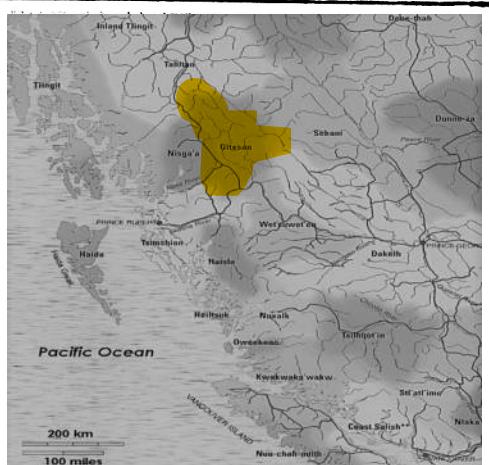
→ *l* *zəb* *g* *bb* *ōb* *g* *bb* *ōb* *s.u* *l* *ōb* *zəb*
ikta chako ankati. kopa ukuk ilhi pi wiit iaka
→ *l* *zəb* *g* *bb* *ōb* *l* *zəb* *ōb* *g*
tiki lalang. iaka tiki chako kontaks lalang.

Translation

A certain man sent us a letter. This man is learning chinook and he says that he wants to tell us what his people and what his people's language and what their land is like. His people are called Gitxsan.

This man is Gitxsan. Gitxsan territory is in British Columbia, not far from Alaska and the Yukon.

People spoke chinook in this land long ago. This man wants to learn what happened long ago, in this land and also he likes language. He likes to learn languages.



l *zəb* *s.u* Gitxsan Territory
kah gitsan ilhi

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Jan 2 2021

ʔəb → ʔ ʔəb ɬɬ 6 → ʔəb → ɬ
iaka tiki chako Komtak̕s kata iaka tilikom
l ɬ 6 → ɬ 6b ɬɬ S.u 96 →.
pi hloima tilikom kopa git̕san ilihi ankati.
l 6b, ʔəb → ʔ ʔəb ɬɬ ~ ɬ.
pi Kak̕wa, iaka tiki chako Komtak̕s chinook.

d ɬ 6b 0- → ɬ 6b ɬɬ 6b
pus msaika wiht tiki mamuk Komtak̕s kopa

ɬ 6b 6 → ɬ 6b → ɬ, ɬ ɬ 2b
msaika kata msaika tilikom, drit tlus naika

ɬ ɬ. ɬ ɬ 6b ɬ 6b
tomtom. tlus msaika mash pipa kopa

ɬ 6b! d 0- ɬ 6b → ɬ ʔəb
msaika pus wiht msaika tiki chako

ɬ ɬ 6 → ɬ ɬ → ɬ ɬ ɬ S.u,
Komtak̕s kata git̕san tilikom pi git̕san ilihi,

ɬ ɬ 6b ɬ 6b 2b. 102 0b
tlus msaika mash pipa kopa naika. klunas ukuk

ɬ ʔəb 6b ɬ ɬ ɬ ɬ.
man iaka mamuk Komtak̕s msaika.

Translation

He wants to learn how his people and other people were in Gitxsan territory long ago. And so, he wants to learn chinook.

If you also want to teach us what your people are like, I would be very happy. Please send letters to us!

Also if you would like to learn what the Gitxsan people and Gitxsan land is like, please send writing to us. Maybe this man will teach us.

You can reach us at:
Kaltashwawa@gmail.com

The following pages have been sent in by readers. Please enjoy them! If you would like to see your submission in the next issue please send it to the email above. Submissions can be in English (which we will translate) or in CW in any alphabet you like, we can put it in the shorthand.

V. 00 26 → 6 1 9 6 66 Ee 6.
Kahowya naika tilikum pi Kloosh-chi-Sno kopa msayka.

06 3 60 .00 2. 620
ookook san kakwa hayas snass. kanawe

jjj 96 .01 00 1 96 6P 66
kala kala hayu wawa pi Klaska kooli kopa

620. 6 6 66 96 900
kanawe. samtaim mokst k'ak'a Klaska Klatawa

66 26 • e 66 26 b 96 66 bb
kopa naika haws kopa naika patlatch makmak kopa

96. 06 3 96 P 900. q .01
klaska. ookook san Klaska ilo Klatawa. abab hayu

66 66 96 900, 66 66 96 P.
k'ak'a mitlait tenas saya, kopa mimaloos ilahi.

92 66 96 900 66 66 26 • e.
klonas mimaloos tamanawis mitlait kopa naika haws.

0, 6P 26 00 66 96 66 96. 66 620.
wei, alki naika wawa kopa Klaska mimaloos. kopit kanawe.

26 3, 06 09 66.
naika nim, wapato-klootchmin.



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Samin

66

26

192

Ikanim

Tatki

naika

nanich bon kopa

Don

66

→ 2 l ↗ l

nawits.

yaka

tunus, pi tk'op, pi

O.-

66

~. ↗ ~ 26

wuxt

yaka

tsih ganchi naika

ve

66

66 ↗ 6

iskum

yaka

kopa lima.

6 99 ↗ ↗ 66 26

"Qa okok bon chako kopa?" naika

↗ ↗ → 2 26 ↗ 66 99

pituk. "Tl'onas yaka chako kopa samin."

→ 2 99 99 96 → 6 e

Tl'onas okok samin angati mitlait

66 ↗ ↗ l 20 36 ↗ ↗
kopa soltchuk, pi yawa yaka kumtuks

. e . ↗ 6 ↗ → 2 26
hayoo xlloima samin. Tl'onas yaka

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Salmon Story

Yesterday I saw a bone on the beach. It was small, & white, & also it was sharp when I picked it up.

"Where did this bone come from?" I thought. "Possibly it came from a salmon."

Perhaps this salmon used to live in the ocean, and there he knew many other salmon. Perhaps he swam around every day alongside his friends, but probably his mama & papa said "don't go to the seal territory, because they want to eat you!"

This salmon, probably, wanted to see the seal territory, & he went there...

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...alongside his friends. "There are no seals here!" he said.

Suddenly, a seal arrived, and said "are those salmon? I'd like to eat salmon!"

The salmon became afraid, but he thought quickly, and said "come here!" to his friends. All the salmon swam together, like one big fish. "I'm a seal!" the salmon lied, and the seal thought it was true.

"Oops!" said the seal.

Probably, this salmon wandered with his friends every day...

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... after that, to help each other. And when his baby salmon grew up, he didn't say "don't go," but "go with your friends."

I saw this bone, and smiled. Stories reside in all the little things, like this old bone.