

## Unit Ten

### Verbs with Human Objects

#### 10.1 Dialogue.

- A. ni yəx<sup>w</sup> ʔaʔa ctamət  
lə nə ten. 'I wonder what happened to my  
mother.'
- B. ni ʔə čx<sup>w</sup> temət? 'Did you call her?'
- A. heʔe. ni cən wəl temət.  
mi ʔaməsθámxəs. 'Yes. I already called her.'  
'She's coming to pick me up.'
- B. ʔi ʔə čx<sup>w</sup> ʔalməct? 'Are you waiting for her?'
- A. heʔe. ʔi cən ʔəw ʔalməct ʔal. 'Yes. I'm just waiting for her.'
- B. ni yəx<sup>w</sup> t<sup>0</sup>et<sup>0</sup>əp. 'She must be busy.'
- A. heʔe. ʔim ʔəw t<sup>0</sup>et<sup>0</sup>əp. 'Yes. Really busy.'
- B. ʔa ʔi wəl tecəl. 'That's her arriving now.'

#### 10.2 Vocabulary: More transitive verbs.

- ʔalməct 'wait for him/her/it'
- t<sup>0</sup>iwiʔəlt 'pray for him/her/it'
- ci:t 'thank him/her/it'
- čewət 'help him/her/it'
- k<sup>w</sup>ecət 'look at him/her/it'
- k<sup>w</sup>ənət 'take him/her/it'
- ʔa:t 'call for him/her/it'
- temət 'call/telephone him/her/it'
- pasət 'hit him/her/it with a thrown object'
- člət 'hurt him/her/it'
- nayəmət 'laugh at him/her/it'
- qayt 'kill him/her/it'
- k<sup>w</sup>iyét 'stop him/her/it'

#### 10.3 Third person objects.

As we saw in Unit 8, when the transitive verb has a third person object, that is an object translated ‘him’, ‘her’, ‘it’, or ‘them’, simply use the verb in the transitive form (that is, with the suffix *-t*).

**10.3a** The object can be a noun phrase. The noun phrase appears after the verb.

ni cən cewət k <sup>w</sup> θə swəyqe?	‘I helped the man.’
ni ?ə ce:p ?əlməct lə qəmi??	‘Did you (pl) wait for the girl?’
ni ct tiwi?əlt k <sup>w</sup> θən men.	‘We prayed for your father.’

**10.3b** Transitive verbs can also be used without a noun phrase. This corresponds to an English sentence with a pronoun as the object.

ni cən ci:t.	‘I thanked him/her.’
ni ?ə čx <sup>w</sup> k <sup>w</sup> ənət?	‘Did you take him/her/it?’
ni ct k <sup>w</sup> ecət.	‘We looked at him/her/it.’
ni ce:p nayəmət.	‘You (pl) laughed at him/her/it.’

#### 10.4 Third person subject.

Recall that when there is a transitive verb with a third person subject, the suffix *-əs* appears on the verb. The object noun phrase can follow the verb. Or both a subject noun phrase and an object noun phrase can follow the verb.

ni k <sup>w</sup> ənətəs.	‘He/she took him/her/it.’
ni ?ə qəytəs?	‘Did he/she kill him/her/it?’
ni ci:təs lə si?ém.	‘He/she thanked the honored woman.’
ni ?ə ?a:təs k <sup>w</sup> θə nə men?	‘Did he call my father?’
ni ?əlməctəs k <sup>w</sup> θə swiwləs k <sup>w</sup> θə sqw?əqs.	‘The boy waited for his younger brother.’
ni k <sup>w</sup> ecətəs k <sup>w</sup> θə swəyqe?	‘The man looked at the woman.’

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## Homework 21

### Third Person Objects of Transitives

#### Answer and translate.

1. ni ʔə ɕewətəs tə swiwləs θə tens?

*'Did the boy help his mother?'*

ni ɕewətəs.

*'He helped her.'*

2. ni ʔə ɕxʷ ʔəlmæct kʷθən men?

ni cən ʔəlmæct.

3. ni ʔə kʷecətəs lə nə silə?

ni kʷecətəs.

4. ni ʔə ce:p kʷiyét kʷθə sʰíʔʰqəʔ?

ni ct kʷiyét.

5. ni ʔə tiwiʔəltəs kʷθə ləplít kʷθə nə məhə?

ni tiwiʔəltəs.



## 10.6 Third person subject + first person object.

When a transitive sentence has a third person subject, the suffix *-əs* appears on the verb.<sup>1</sup>

Here are some examples of *-əs* following the first person singular object suffix.

ni ʔi:θám̃xəs.	‘He/she thanked me.’
ni teməθám̃xəs lə nə ten.	‘My mother called me.’

Here are some examples of *-əs* following the first person plural object suffix.

ni ʔəlməctálx <sup>w</sup> əs.	‘He/she waited for us.’
ni k <sup>w</sup> ecətálx <sup>w</sup> əs k <sup>w</sup> θə swiwləs.	‘The boy looked at us.’

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<sup>1</sup>Sentences with third person subjects and second person objects cannot be expressed with a transitive verb. See the discussion of passive in the next unit.

## Homework 22

### First Person Objects of Transitives

#### Translate

1. He prayed for us.
2. She helped me.
3. He hurt me.
4. Did he thank us?
5. The man laughed at us.
6. The boy hit me (with a thrown object).
7. The people stopped us.
8. Did your mother telephone me?