

## Phrases

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| Jâan díi ch'e nt'eey?             | What is this?        |
| Jah dûug díi ch'e nánt'eey?       | What are these ones? |
| Jah dûug ch'etnetledz sinánt'eey. | These are pens.      |
| shinlá'                           | my hand              |
| shintl'aa                         | my palm              |
| shinlaats'ogh'                    | my finger            |
| shinlaagěy'                       | my fingernail        |

## The use of *kôl*

This word can be used to indicate the absence of something or someone.

Shlśáaz' kôl I have no money  
Dóo t'eey kôl There's no one.

## Contractions

When the *ts'e* prefix referring to we is followed by a *t* or a *d*, it contracts to *tse* or *dze*. Unlike English contractions, these rules are not optional.

ts'e + t → tse  
ts'e + d → dze

For example compare the following words

dadeldíix He is learning (to speak).  
dadzeldíix We are learning (to speak).

These words are broken down as follows

da + de + l + díix  
da + ts'e + de + l + díix

## The *dh* prefix

Some verbs referring to being in a certain state require a *dh*-prefix. However, this prefix occurs only in the forms with first person singular, second person singular, and second person plural subjects, that is I, you, and you all.

Examples of words like this which we have seen include one person sitting, more than one sitting, to be sick, to be sleeping, etc.

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| dhekts'iik | I am sick         |
| dhihts'iik | you are sick      |
| ehs'iik    | she or he is sick |
| ts'ehs'iik | we are sick       |
| dhahts'iik | you all are sick  |
| xehts'iik  | they are sick     |

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| didhihdah | I am sitting         |
| didhindah | you are sitting      |
| di'eedah  | he or she is sitting |

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|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| didzelth'ih    | we are sitting      | (Note the contraction.) |
| didedhaltth'ih | you all are sitting |                         |
| dixdelth'ih    | they are sitting    |                         |