

Unit 4

Personal Information



Woikarapra

1	2	3	4	5
hižaki ira	nüüp	taanị	joop	saacą
6	7	8	9	10
hakewe	šaagowị	haruwąk	hižakicušgūnị	kerepanaža
11	12	13	14	15
hižakirašaną	nüupašaną	taanıašaną	joopašaną	saacashašaną
16	17	18	19	20
hakeweašaną	šaagowjašaną	haruwakašaną	hižakicušgūnjašaną	kerepananuüp
21	30	40	50	100
kerepananuüp	kerepanataanị	kerepanajoop	kerepanasaacą	hogihiiža
naga hižaki ira				

Woikarapra

Hoocák counting is based on a system of tens.
Learn the numbers 1-10, other numbers are derived from them.

1

hižaki ira

2

nųüp

3

taan i

5

saacä

4

joop

6

hakewe

7

šaagowị

8

haruwąk

9

hižakicušguṇi

10

kerepąnaiža

wa'q + ak

number person	singular	plural
1.	<i>wa <ha> 'q + (m)-ak</i> <i>waa'qanak</i>	<i>wa <ha> 'q + (ha-m-)ak-wi</i> <i>waa'qanakwi</i>
2.	<i>wa <s> 'q + šqw-ak</i> <i>waš'qasqwak</i>	<i>wa <s> 'q + ha-šqw-ak-wi</i> <i>waš'qasqwakwi</i>
3.	<i>wa <Ø> 'q + Ø-ak</i> <i>wa'qak</i>	<i>wa'q + nqak</i> <i>wa'qnqak</i>

Woikarapra. Cardinal numbers in Hoocák.

The numbers 1-10 are the most important numerals that you'll have to remember, as most of the other numerals can be derived from them. The next table lists the number 1-10

<i>hižaqjiru</i>	one (only)
<i>nqup</i>	two
<i>taanj</i>	three
<i>joop</i>	four
<i>saacq</i>	five
<i>hakewe</i>	six
<i>šaagowí</i>	seven
<i>haruwak</i>	eight
<i>hižaqkicušgutuŋ</i>	nine
<i>kercpaqnqatžq</i>	ten

Numbers 11-19

For the numbers 11-19 the suffix *-(h)ašqna* 'over, exceeding' is added.

<i>hižaqkiiraašqna</i>	eleven
<i>nqypašqna</i>	twelve
<i>taanjašqna</i>	thirteen
<i>joopašqna</i>	fourteen
<i>saacqašqna</i>	fifteen
<i>hakeweašqna</i>	sixteen

šaagowjašaq	seventeen
haruwakašaq	eighteen
hižakicušguyjašaq	nineteen

Numbers over 20

You may have noticed that the numeral *kerepañatžä* 'ten' has the word *hižä* (short for) 'one' in it. *Kerepañatžä* by itself means 'ten', the *hižä* is added to indicate that you're talking about one set of tens. Therefore it is very easy to make up the numbers 20-90 by using the same pattern. 'Two set of tens' *kerepañanuyup* means 'twenty' etc.

<i>kerepañatžä</i>	ten
<i>kerepañanuyup</i>	twenty
<i>kerepañataanuyup</i>	thirty
<i>kerepañajoop</i>	forty
<i>kerepañasaacä</i>	fifty
<i>kerepañahakewe</i>	sixty
<i>kerepañashaagowi</i>	seventy
<i>kerepañaharuwak</i>	eighty
<i>kerepañahižakicušguyup</i>	ninety

The other number words that you'll have to memorize are listed in the next table. As you can see they also use *hižä* to indicate that you're talking about one set of 100s, 1000s etc. Thus the number 200 for example can be made up by replacing *hižä* with *nuyp* (*hogihinuyup* means 200.)

<i>hogihiižä</i>	100
<i>kookižä</i>	1,000
<i>kookxctežä</i>	1,000,000

Combinations

If you want to make up more complex number, like e.g. 27 all you have to do is to combine and connect the numeral for 20 and the numeral for 7 with the word *(a)naga* 'and'.

27 = *kerepañanuyup* (20) *naga* 'and' *šaagowi* (7).

If you want to say a word like 127 you have to say the word for 100 first and connect it again with *naga* to the 27. Thus, 127 = *hogihiižä naga kerepañanuyup naga šaagowi*.

Maa jaanaha...

Practice these questions and answers, filling in different numbers.

Maa jaanaha waš'ūraje? (How old are you?)

Maa _____ waa'uhajenä. (I am ____ years old.)

Heenä, maa jaanahä waš'ūnaje? (Heena, how old are you?)

Maa _____ wa'uhajenä. (I am ____ years old.)

Wiihä, maa jaanahä waš'ūnaje? (Wiihä, how old are you?)

Maa _____ wa'uhajenä. (I am ____ years old.)

Hoki ikarac

Wakaja - Thunder Clan, also known as the Chief Clan: this clan supplied civil leaders for the office of chief, functions of preserving the peace and acting as intermediary.

Kereju / Woonągire Waqšik - Hawk/Warrior Clan: functions connected to war, also had the responsibility to decree a life or death decision on captives taken in war. Supplied soldiers for warfare and possessed other important political and social functions.

Caaxsep - Eagle Clan: functions as assistants to the Thunder Clan. Also possess other important political and social functions.

Ruucge - Pigeon Clan: supplied soldiers for warfare. Also possess other important political and social functions.

Huuc - Bear Clan: police keeping functions relating to village life, traveling, hunting, and selecting village sites. Responsible for carrying out orders delegated from the Thunder Clan. Also possess other important political and social functions.

Ceexjì - Buffalo Clan: functions as village crier and intermediary between the chief and his people.

Caa - Deer Clan: dealt with environmental issues and the weather. Also possess other important political and social functions.

Šukják - Wolf Clan: regarded as “minor” soldiers, performed roles regarding public health and safety issues. Monitored the quality of water used by people and animals. Also possess other important political and social functions.

Huwa - Elk Clan: functions relative to the distribution of fire through the village. Also possess other important political and social functions.

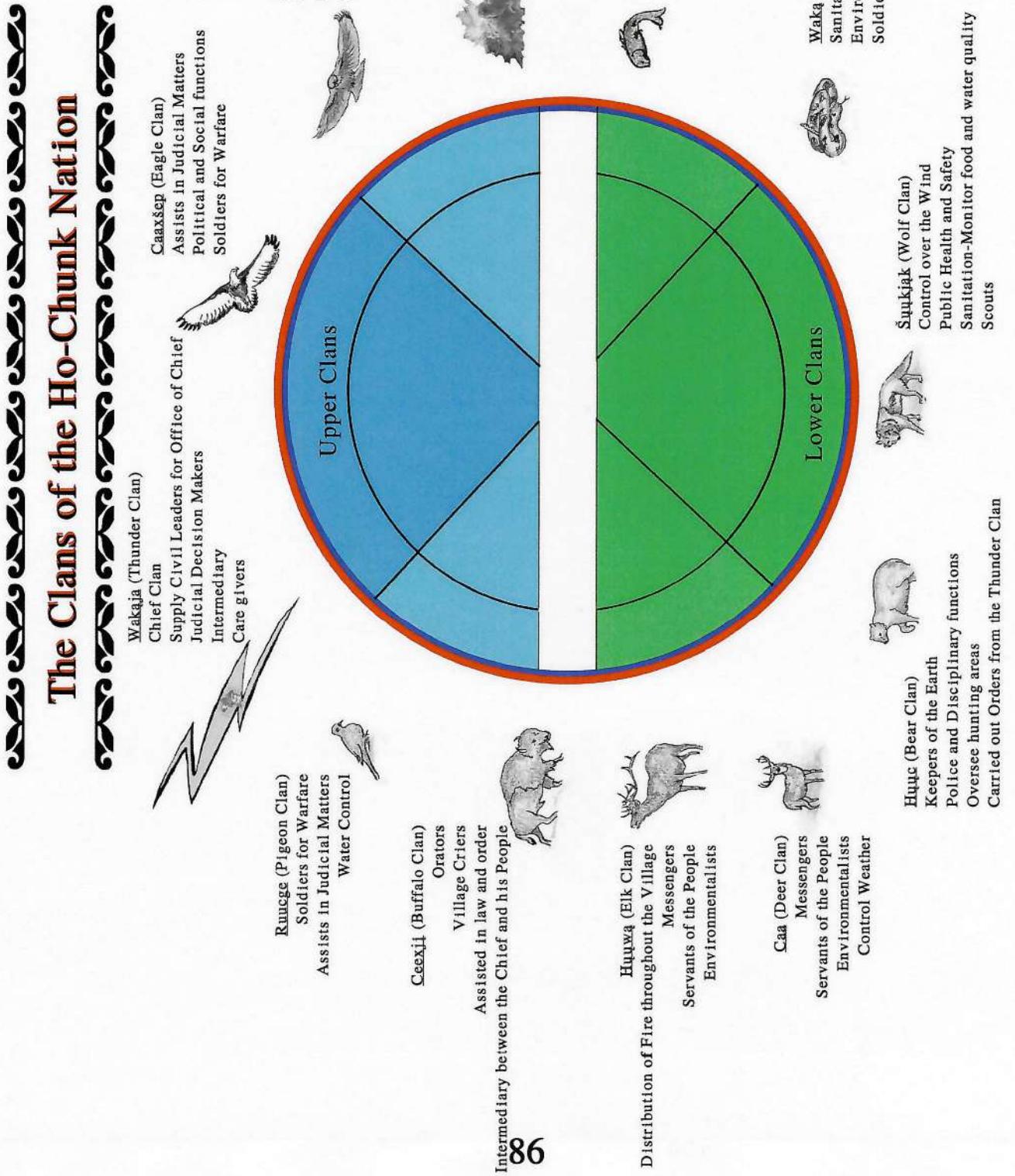
Hoo - Fish Clan: supplied soldiers for warfare and environmental issues of the village. Also possess other important political and social functions.

Wakjexi - Water Spirit Clan: functions connected to the passage of streams, rivers, and water. Handled the issues of water used in sacred ceremonies. Also possess other important political and social functions.

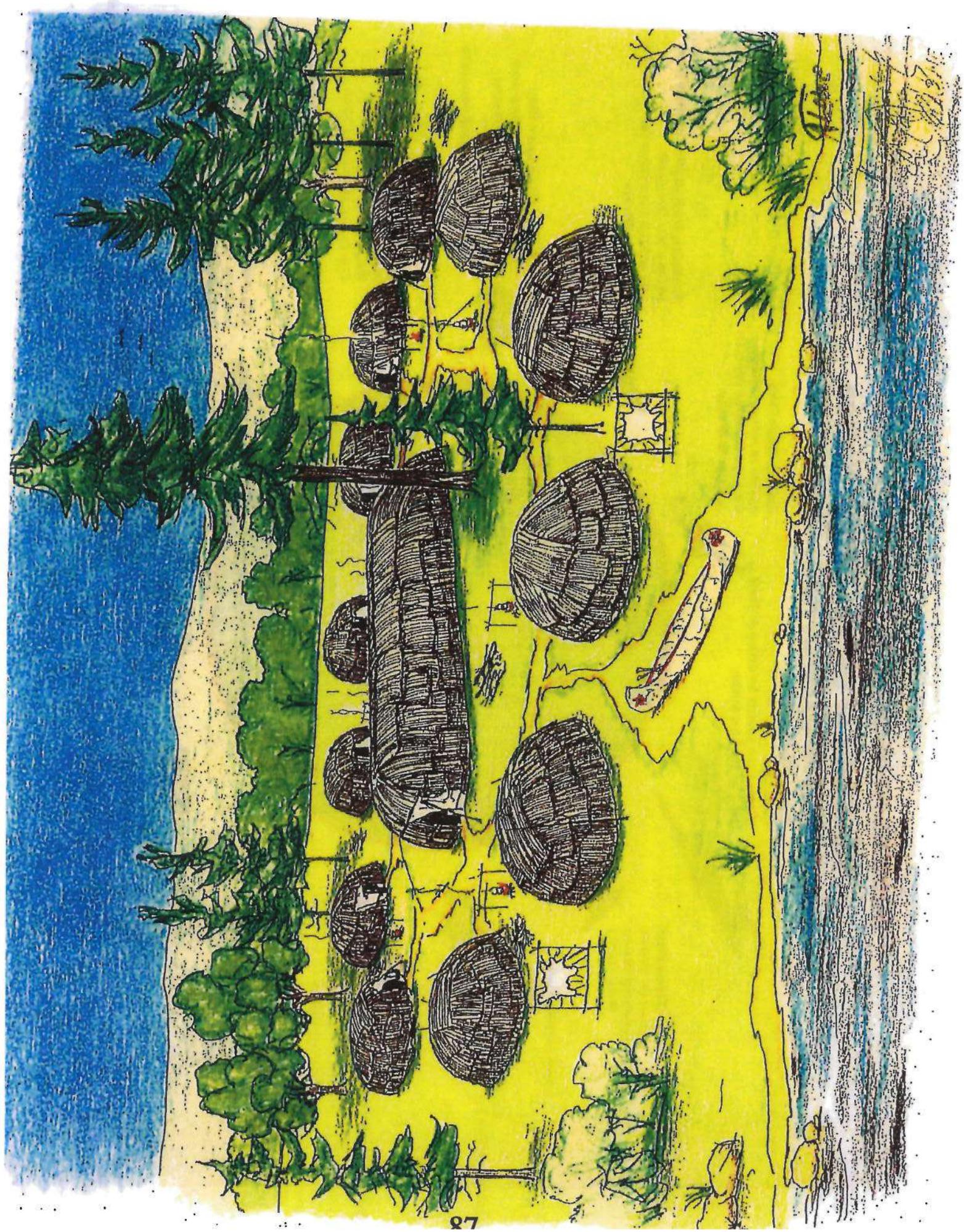
Waka - Snake Clan: supplied soldiers for warfare and environmental issues of the village. Also possess other important political and social functions.

**See your Clan Leader for more information.

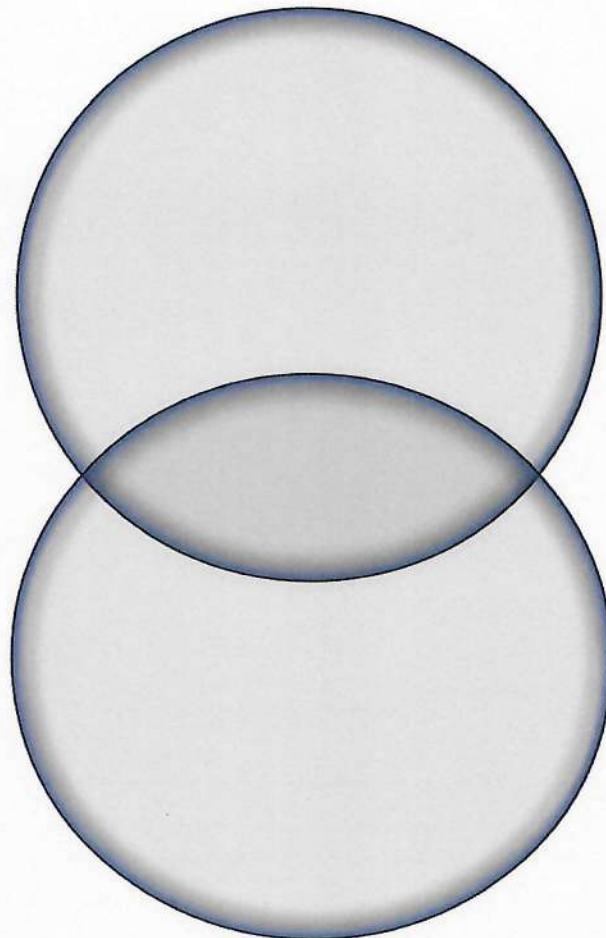
The Clans of the Ho-Chunk Nation



*Underlined Clan Name
Indicate active clans.



Clans



- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.

⇒ The children in this dialogue are all from different families, hence the different clans they belong to. Clans are passed on by the father and therefore direct siblings will always belong to the same Clan. The children's birth order names are used here for practice.

Jaagu hirakiikarac waš'uraje?

- Haaga:* Jaagu hirakiikarac waš'uraje?
- Wiihə:* Hüyüc yaakiikarac waa'ųaje. Nijšge Hüyüc hirakiikarac waš'uraje?
- Haaga:* Ka! Wakaja yaakiikarac waa'ųaje.
- Wiihə:* Eegi jaagu hirakiikarac waš'ųşanąk?
- Naağı:* Hüyüwą yaakiikarac waa'ųnąkşaną. Kunuğa jaagu hikiikarac wa'ųnąk?
- Haaga:* Kunuğa Waką hikiikarac wa'ųnąkşaną. Eegi nijšge Hinuğa jaagu hikiikarac wa'ųnąk? Ee Woonągire Wąąkšik hikiikarac wa'ųnąk?
- Wiihə:* Ka! Hinuğa Caaxşep hikiikarac wa'ųnąkşaną.
- Naağı:* Haą, Heenaga nijšge Caaxşep hikiikarac wa'ųnąkşaną.
- Haaga:* Heesge? Hinuğa naşa Heenaga hinųpike Caaxşep hikiikaracire.

Info: Clan names are capitalized because they are proper names.

Remember: /t/ is usually pronounced /h/ after a nasal vowel, so waš'uraje should be pronounced waš'ųaje

Hit'e hikiicgare!

1. List all the clans that are mentioned in the conversation. List the Hoocák word as well as their English meanings.

<i>Hüyc</i>	<i>Bear (Clan)</i>

2. True or false? Read the conversation again, then check whether the following statements are true or false.

Wiihaga Hüyc hikiikarac wa'ujee.
 Haagaga Wakä hikiikarac wa'ujee.
 Nqägiga Hüywä hikiikarac wa'ujee.
 Künuga Caaxsep hikiikarac wa'ujee.
 Heenaga Caaxsep hikiikarac wa'ujee.
 Hinuga Wakaja hikiikarac wa'ujee.
 Haagaga naga Hinuga hinupike Caaxsep hikiikarac
 wa'unqäkşanä.

Häähä'o!	Ka'o!
✓	

3. Match the characters of the text with the Clan they belong to.

Hinuq	Wakaja
Kunuq	Huyc
Wiihaq	Huqwqa
Heenaq	Wakq
Haaga	Caaxsep
Naqgi	Woonagire Wqaksik

4. Fill in the gaps. Use the correct verb forms of *hikiikarac*.

- Kunuq: Jaagu hirakiikarac waš'uraje?
- Wiihaq: Huyc _____ waa'qaje. 'Eegi nijšge jaagu
_____ waš'uraje?
- Kunuq: Wakq _____ waa'qaje.
- Wiihaq: 'Eegi Heenaga jaagu _____ wa'ujee?
- Kunuq: Caaxsep _____ wa'ujee. Hinuqga nijšge Caaxsep
_____ wa'ujee.
- Wiihaq: Heesge? Heenaga naqa Hinuqga hinupike Caaxsep
_____.
- Kunuq: Naqgiga jaagu _____ wa'ujee? Hiraperes?
- Wiihaq: Hqahq. Naqgiga Huqwqa _____ wa'ujee.

5. Correct the verb forms of *hikiikarac* in the sentences below.

- Wiihaq: "Jaagu yaakiikarac waš'uraje?" hirakiikarac
- Kunuq: "Caa hirakiikarac waa'qaje."
- Heenaga Šuqkjak hirakiikarac wa'unakšanq.
- Haagaga naqa Naqgiga hinupike Ceexji
yaakiikaracšanq.

6. Look at the information below. Write short sentences about all the characters mentioned. Make sure you use the correct positionals.

Woonągire Wąkšik:	Haksiiga (sitting)
Hoo:	Hinąake (standing)
Ruucge:	Wiihą (standing)
Caa:	Kųnų (sitting)
Ceexji:	Haaga & Nąągi (standing)
Wakjexi:	Hinų (lying down)
Šųukjak:	Heeną (sitting)

e.g. Haksigaga Woonągirc Wąkšik hikiikaraw wa'lyiąkšqna.

Hinąkega _____

Fill in the gaps. Complete the following dialogue.

Hinų:	Hą! _____ haipi. Jaanisge _____?
Kųnų:	_____! _____ nąkšaną. Nijšge _____ raje?
Hinų:	_____. Haciija _____?
Kųnų:	Waawa'a _____ Eegi _____?
Hinų:	Teejop _____ Heenąga _____
	Haksigaga hacijja _____? _____?
Kųnų:	Hą, že'e _____. Heenąga nąga Haksigaga Keecak _____.
Hinų:	_____? Nąągiga nijšge Keecak _____
Kųnų:	Mąq _____?

Hinų:	nųpašaną	maq
		?
Kunų:	joopašaną	
Hinų:	Naqägiga	Haksigaga maq
		?
Kunų:	Häqhä'o. Že'e	Hinupike maq hižakiiraašaną
Hinų:		hirakiikarac
Kunų:	Walkjexi	
	Eegi nijšge	
		?
Hinų:	Ceexji	
Hienä & Haaga:	Aho! Jaanjsge	?
Hinų & Kunų:		Eegi nijšge harajawi?
Hienä & Haaga:		
Hinų:	Maq	?
Hienä & Haaga:		saacqašaną
Kunų:	Eegi	hirakiikarac
		?
Hienä & Haaga:	Hülc	
Hinų:	Hacijja	?
Hienä & Haaga:	Teešišik	

Hoit'e hi'una:

The verb *hikiikarac* is an active verb that inflects for person and number using the conjugation class 1 inflectional forms - just like the verb *cii*. This means it uses the same inflectional pattern. On the verb *cii* the inflection precedes the verb (/is prefixed). On the verb *hikiikarac*, on the other hand, the inflection is inserted into the verbal stem after the first syllable *hi*:



hi kiikarac → **yaakiikarac** 'I belong to Clan ...'



hi kiikarac → **hirakiikarac** 'you belong to Clan ...'

Info: *ha*- and *ra*- can be prefixes or infixes, depending on the verb.

Info: when the 1st person infix *-ha-* is inserted into a verb that starts with *hi*, *hi* and *ha* merge together into *yaa*: **hi + ha = yaa**

In the case of the 1st person inflection, the *hi* of the verbal stem merges together with the inflectional *-ha-* thus forming the syllable *yaa*. This commonly happens with all active class 1 verbs that start with *hi*.

Plural inflection in the 1st and 2nd person are done, again, by means of *-wi*, which is attached to the end of the verb:

yaakiikarac**wi** 'we (but not you) belong to Clan ...'

hirakiikarac**wi** 'you (all) belong to Clan ...'

For the 3rd person plural (they) *-ire* is added to the verb, just like with *cii*.

hikiikarac**ire** 'they belong to Clan ...'

Here is a chart of how the infixed conjugation works:

active verbs - conjugation class 1 - infixes

number person	singular	plural
1. (exclusivo)	V < -ha- > ERB	V < -ha- > ERB-wi
2.	V < -ra- > ERB	V < -ra- > ERB-wi
3.	V < -Ø- > ERB	VERB-ire

Info: when *-ire* is attached to a verb that ends in an unvoiced consonant, the unvoiced consonant becomes voiced in speech. E.g. *hikiikaracire* will sound like *hikiikarajire*.

here is the paradigm for *hikiikarac*:
kiikarac ‘(to) belong to Clan ...’

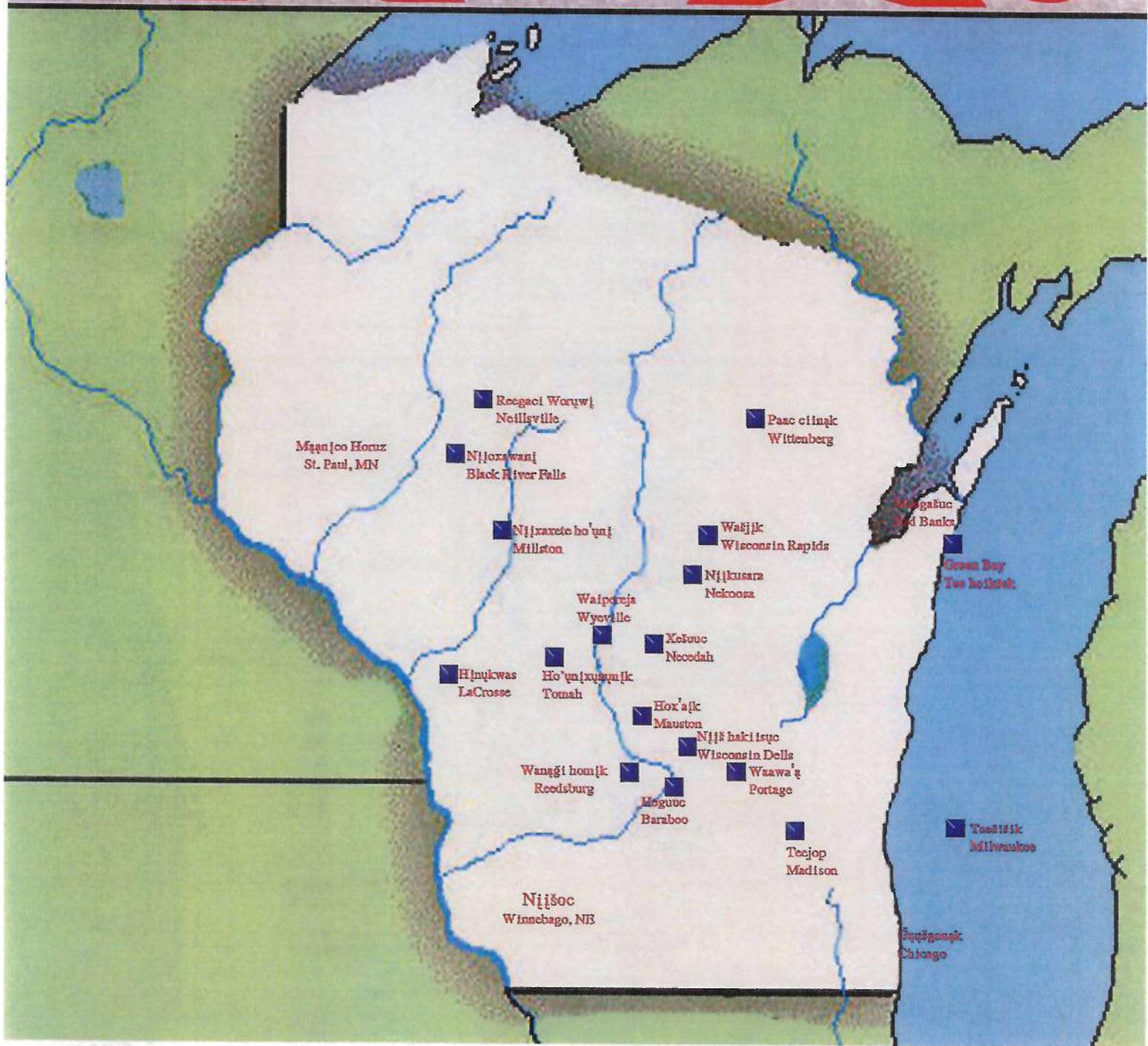
number person	singular	plural
1. (exclusive)	hi <ha> kiikarac yaakiikarac	hi <ha> kiikarac-wi yaakiikaracwi
2.	hi <ra> kiikarac hirakiikarac	hi <ra> kiikarac-wi hirakiikaracwi
3.	hikiikarac	hikiikaracire

A brief note on stress and variation

On all inflected forms of the verb *hikiikarac* the main stress is always on the syllable *kii*. However, some people shorten the syllable *kii* in fast speech. The stress then moves onto the next syllable in all 3rd person forms of the verb: *hikikárac*, *hikikáracire*. On all other forms of the verb the main stress stays on the syllable *ki*, even when pronounced short (e.g. *yaakíkarac*, *hirakíkarac*).

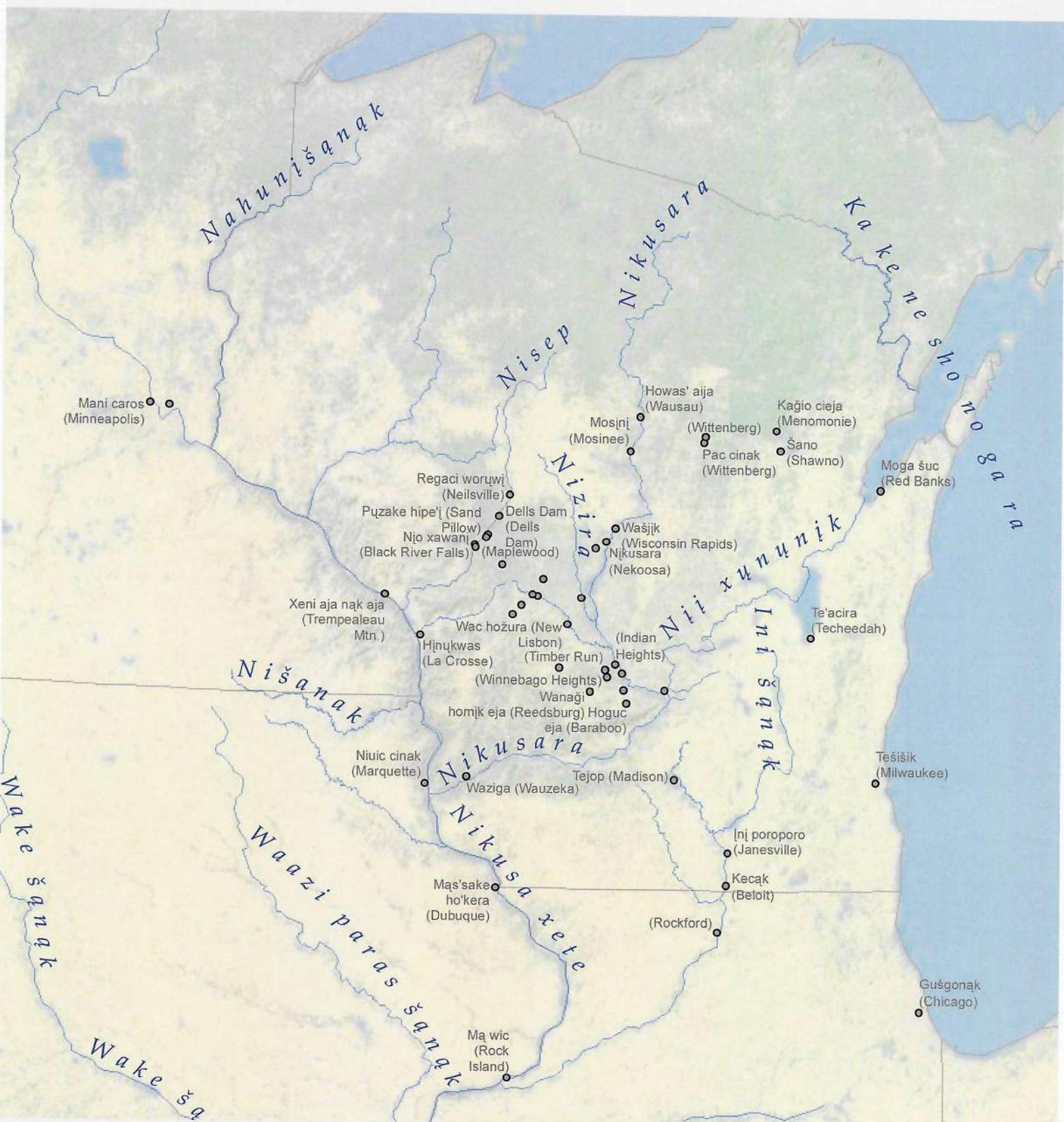
A good general rule as to the stress pattern in Hoocák is, that the stress is generally placed on the third vowel of a word. If you listen closely you can hear that pattern a lot. Knowing about it will help you with your pronunciation. And even though there are some exceptions to it, you'll mostly be right to stress the third vowel of any given word. Within this pattern a long vowel counts as two vowels, so e.g. the word *haassep* ‘blackberry’ should receive its stress on the /e/: *haassép*. Or the word for ‘horse’ *šyukxete* receives its stress on the first /e/ of *xete*: *šyukxéte*. Words with just two vowels are stressed on the second vowel, e.g. *hogfs* ‘wheel’. You can see now why the stress moves if a vowel gets shortened, as on the alternative form of *hikiikarac*.

Haciija howaraji?



Baraboo	Hoguuc	Nekoosa	Nijkusara/Nijkuse
Black River Falls	Nijoxawanj	New Lisbon	Waac hožu
Blue Wing	Aahuco	Neillsville	Reegaci Woruwj
Chicago	Guušgonak	Portage	Waawa'q
Green Bay	Tee hoikšek	Red Banks	Moogašuc
LaCrosse	Hinukwas	Sand Pillow	Pułzake hipe'i
Madison	Teejop	St. Paul, MN	Mqanjo Horuz
Milwaukee	Teešiisk	Tomah	Ho'yunxununjik
Mauston	Hox'ajk/Hox'aeja	Winnebago, NE	Nijšoc
Millston	Nijaxete Ho'unj	Wisconsin Dells	Nijšakiisuk
Mission	Mišin	Wisconsin Rapids	Wašíjk

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Hacijja raciraje?

- Heenä:* Hox'aija haciaje. Hacijja raciraje?
- Hinu:* Njoxawanjeja haciaje. Kūnuga hacijja ciijee?
- Heenä:* Teejopeja ciijee.
- Haaga:* Nijšge Teejopeja haciaje.
- Heenä:* Heesge? Nqägiga hacijja ciijee?
- Haaga:* Nqägiga Paacciinakeja ciijee.
- Hinu:* Haksigaga nijšge Paacciinakeja ciijee. Egi
Wiihaga naga Hinäkega hacijja ciinäq?
- Heenä:* Wiihaga hireanaga Hinäkega Teešišikeja ciinäqkšanä.

Info: Place names are capitalized because they are proper names.

Info: The /w/ between two of the same vowels is often omitted in fast speech, e.g. Njoxawani is often pronounced Njoxaanji.

Hit'e hikiicgare!

1. Match the people of the text above with the places they live in.

Haaga	—	Teešišik
Wiihä	—	Hox'a
Nqägi	—	Ho'unjxunujik
Haksiiga	—	Njoxawanj
Heenä	—	Paacciinäk
Hinu	—	Teejop
Kūnu	—	Keecäk
Hinäke	—	

2. *-eja* or *-ija*? Sort the following place names by what version of *-eja/-ija* 'there' they are combined with. If you can use either one write the place name into the middle column.

Paacciinąk, Aahuco, Nijaxete Ho'ųni, Puṣzake Hipe'i, Hinukwas, Hox'a, Teešišik, Waipere, Teejop, Howasa, Wanagoonik, Moogašuc, Ho'ųniχųnułk, Nijš

3. Other people, other place names: make up statements about the characters listed below, use the information given in the table.

Haciija?	Peežega?	
Niiš	Wiihą	Wiihąga Niišeja ciijec
Hoguuc	Naaġi	
Wanągoomık	John	
Aahuco	Paula	
Howasa	Jack & Lizzy	
Moogašuc	Hinų & Haksiiga	
Niijaxete Ho'ynj	Heeną Michael	

4. Match the following Hoocák place names with their literal English meanings.

Aahuco	turtle
Hinukwas	4 Lakes
Ho'unjxunyik	bad lake
Hoguuc	woman's breasts
Hox'a	waterfall
Keecák	little depot/station
Moogašuc	forest village
Níixaxete Ho'uní	where the water disappears
Níoxawani	cloth
Paacciinak	blue wing
Puyuzake Hipe'i	red banks
Teejop	sand pillow
Teešíšik	cementary
Waipere	shooting place
Wanaqoomik	big belly station

5. Complete the dialogue below with the correct forms of *cii* and the positional *jee*.

Kunu Philip: Aho! Hanjcara haipj.

Hinu Susy: Haq! Níjšge hanjcara haipj. Jaanjsge _____?

Kunu Philip: Hipj _____. Níjšge jaanjsge _____?

Hinu Susy: Hipj _____. Hacijja _____?

Kunu Philip: Teejopeja _____. Níjšge hacijja
_____?

Hinu Susy: Teešíšikeja _____. 'Egi Heenaga
naga Wiihaga hacijja _____?

Inflectional paradigm of *cii*

number person	singular	plural
1. (exclusive)	<i>haci</i>	<i>haciwi</i>
2.	<i>raci</i>	<i>raciwi</i>
3.	<i>cii</i>	<i>cire</i>

Note that the long vowel "ii" gets shortened in all 1st and 2nd person conjugation forms. This happens, in fact, to every one-syllable verb that uses this inflectional pattern. The rule therefore also applies to *šgaac* 'to play', *t'qup* 'to lay sth. down', *gaaak* 'to cry', *t'qaq* 'to fly' and many more verbs like this. If the verb ends in a vowel, the stem vowel of the verb also gets shortened in the 3rd person plural form, to allow for *-ire* 'they' to be suffixed. There are very few instances in which three vowels or a long vowel plus a short vowel can be found in a row.

Just for practice let's now look at the inflectional paradigm for *t'qaq* 'fly'

number person	singular	plural
1. (exclusive)	<i>hat'q</i>	<i>hat'qwi</i>
2.	<i>rat'q</i>	<i>rat'qwi</i>
3.	<i>t'qaq</i>	<i>t'qire</i>

The third person plural form 'they fly' is pronounced *t'qine*. Remember that nasality spreads from one vowel to the following one, thus the /i/ becomes nasalized, this in turn impacts the /r/. Every /r/ following a nasal vowel is generally pronounced /n/. Neither the /r/ → /n/ sound change nor the nasality spread will be represented in this book's orthography. This will help you to recognize underlying word forms. For you, as a language learner, it is important to understand these underlying structures, as only they can provide you with the patterns and framework of constructing your own sentences. In the word list in exercise no. 6 there are two verbs that end in /e/ remember to check your vocabulary list for information on whether these words undergo the metathesis (/e/ → /a/) or not.

Let's look at the inflectional pattern for yet another conjugation class 1 verb: *xee* 'to bury'.

number person	singular	plural
1. (exclusive)	<i>haxe</i>	<i>haxawi</i>
2.	<i>raxe</i>	<i>raxawi</i>
3.	<i>xee</i>	<i>xaire</i>

Info: The 3rd person PL suffix *-ire* also triggers the metaphor on verbs that end in /e/.

You can learn two things from this grid: (1) *xee* obviously undergoes the metaphor, and (2) then 3rd person plural suffix *-ire* 'they' also triggers the metaphor, just as *-wi* does.

The verb *cii* and in combination with *jee*

You may have noticed in the text that the verb *cii* was used throughout in combination with a form of *jee*, but not with any other positional. In fact whenever you're making a statement about where someone is living you should always use *jee*. It doesn't matter whether the person you're talking to or about is sitting, standing or lying down. The positional *jee* also serves another purpose, it is used in statements of a general nature.

The use of *-eja* vs. *-ija* ('there')

When you're making a statement about where someone is living you have to add a form of *eeja* 'there' to the place name (toponym) you're using. Whenever *eeja* is not used as a freestanding word, but rather as a suffix its first vowel always gets shortened. In some cases the first vowel might also get changed from /e/ to /i/. Whether you have to attach the form *-eja* or the form *-ija* to the place name depends on the word final sound of it. If the place name ends in a **consonant** or either of the three vowels **e, i, or j** you have to use *-eja*. If the place name ends in any of the other vowels a, q you have to use *-ija*. You'll hear the speakers make a clear distinction there. However, if the place name ends in o, u or q you can use either form *-eja* or *-ija*.

word final C (consonant):	<i>-eja</i>	<i>Teejopeja</i>
word final V (vowel): e, i, j		<i>Níoxawaníeja</i> <i>Waipereeja</i>
word final V (vowel): a, q, o, u, q	<i>-ija</i>	<i>Hox'aija</i> <i>Howasaija</i>
word final V (vowel): o, u, q	<i>-eja</i> OR: <i>-ija</i>	<i>Waac Hožueja</i> <i>Waac Hožuija</i> OR: <i>Aahucoeja</i> OR: <i>Aahucoija</i>

Unit 5

Kinship

