

January 25 (Andrew)

Vina upiip:

tá kári chími ikfúuksip. • It's time to get up!

tá = have done or are now in a state

kári = already

chími = soon (used in commands and exhortations)

i- = you

(i)kfúuksip = get up

January 26 (Line)

Vina upiip:

tá naxúriha. • I am hungry.

tá = has done something or is in a state

na- = I

xúriha = be hungry

Normally the verb marker for "I" is *ni-*, but here Vina used the special *na-* marker for expressing the state of the speaker, here being hungry.

January 27 (Andrew)

Mamie Offield upiip:

pavishváan ukuheesh. • He'll be sick in the belly (have a stomach ache).

pa- = the

vishváan = belly

u- = he (or she)

kuh(a) = be sick

-eesh = in the future

Comments

You can also say *axvâak ukuheesh* "he or she will be sick in the head (have a headache)", or *puxích too kúha* "he or she is really sick", or *tá nakúha* "I'm sick".

January 28 (Line)

Vina upiip:

tée xúriha hum? • Are you hungry?

tá kuxúriha hum? • Are you guys hungry?

tée = *tá* (have done or is in a state) + *i-* (you)

ku- = you guys

xúriha = be hungry

hum = question word

Here we see the verb marker changing from *i-* (talking about one person) to *ku-* (talking about more than one person). In English one can use the same word, "you", for both, which can be confusing. So Vina used "you guys" for *ku-* and "you" for *i-*.

January 29 (Andrew)

Vina upiip:

pûuhara papufích'iish pukinimnísheeshara. • No, we are not going to cook deer meat.

pûuhara = no

pa- = the

pufích'iish = deer meat (*púufích* deer + *íish* meat)

pu- = not

kin- = we (in a negative sentence)

imnísh = cook

-eesh = in the future

-ara = not

January 30 (Line)

Lucille upiip:

mívu pithxáhi! • Clean your teeth!

mí = your (one person)

vu = teeth

pithxáh = to wash (something)

-i = command marker

This is the first sentence from a wonderful recording Tamara Alexander made with Lucille where they go through everyday language that parents use with kids.

Comments

The first word *mívu* "your teeth" shows how Karuk and English differ when it comes to number. In Karuk the possessive marker *mí-* makes it clear that we are talking about only one person's teeth. Several people's teeth would be *mikún-vu*. English uses "your" for both. On the other hand, English marks the number of teeth: tooth vs. teeth. Karuk doesn't. *vu* can be used for one tooth or several teeth.

January 31 (Andrew)

Phoebe Maddux upiip:

tóo vrárasur pamuthríha. • Its (a plant's) flowers are falling off.

tóo = *tá* + *u*

tá = have done or in a state

u = it

(i)vrárasur = fall off = *ivrara-* fall + *-sur(u)* off

pa- = the

mu- = its

(i)thríha = flower(s)