

Summary of Facebook postings by Berkeley Karuk group, January 8-14, 2016

This past week was about *-tih* and how it is used to talk about activities and states that are on-going. Next we'll look at how to talk about the future and then finally how to talk about the past. The past is the most complicated because there are many ways of talking about the past.

January 8 (No post)

January 9

Vina upiip:
fâat iim i'áveesh? • What are you going to eat?

fâat = what

iim = you (one person)

i- = you (one person)

áv = eat

-eesh = in the future

Comment:

The basic way to talk about the future is to use the suffix *-eesh* (and its variants *-avish* and *-heesh*). In Vina's sentence above, we see *-eesh* used with *av* (to eat) to mean "going to eat".

Compare that to the question in the post from January 1: *Fâat i'áamti payêem?* • What are you eating now?

January 10

Lucille upiip:

paxuntápan chí nikitnákeesh. • I am going to crack acorns.

pa- = the
xuntápan = acorn
chí = soon

ni- = I
kitnák = to crack (acorns)
-eesh = in the future

Comment:

Here Lucille uses the future ending *-eesh* on the the verb *kitnak* to talk about cracking acorns at some point in the future. When she talks about cracking acorns right now, she uses *-tih*. *xuntápan níkitnaaktih*. • I am cracking acorns.

January 11:

Sonny upiip:

súva ník numáheesh. • I will see you later.

súva ník = so long (greeting)

nu- = I to you

máh = see

-eesh = in the future

Comment:

Here we the future ending *-eesh* used to talk about seeing someone later.

January 12

Vina upiip:

chími nívâarameesh. • I am going to leave.

chími = soon

ni- = I

vâaram = to leave

-eesh = in the future

Comment:

The future ending *-eesh* is often used with *chími* before the verb.

January 13

Vina upiip:

imáan papúfich níkúniihkeesh. • Tomorrow I am going to shoot the deer.

imáan = tomorrow

pa- = the
púfich = deer

ni- = I
kúnih = to shoot
-k(a) = to
-eesh = in the future

Comment:

Here we see the future ending *-eesh* used with *imáan* (tomorrow) saying when in the future the action is going to happen.

January 14

Chester Pepper upiip:

yôotva, nani'ávanheesh. • Hurray, (you) will be my husband!

yôotva = hurrah, thank you

nani- = my

avan = husband

-heesh = in the future

Comment:

Here we see the future ending used on a noun to describe a future husband.