



BC Chinook Jargon



# WORD A WEEK

Week # 1

This week's word is:

## CHUK = WATER

pronounced like  
the "u" in "but"

### In a Sentence:

"Naika hlatawa kopa chuk."  
I/me go to/at/with water

"I'm going to the water."

### ALTA MAIKA!

Now Your Turn!



Make a sentence with the words below:

mitlait chuk pish kopa  
(live) (water) (fish) (in)

Four empty rectangular boxes for writing a sentence.

### NESAIKA AKS...

We'd Like to Ask...



What's your favourite body of water in BC, and why?

A large empty rectangular box for writing an answer.


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 Week # 2

This week's word is:  
**NAIKA = ME or I**

"a" and "i" together sound like "eye"

**In a Sentence:**  
 "Naika tiki pai"  
*I/me like/want pie*  
 "I like pie!"


**Also!**  
 "Nesaika" means "us," or "we." It's the plural form of "naika."

**ALTA MAIKA!**   
 Now Your Turn!

Make a sentence with the words below:

nanich pish naika  
 (see) (fish) (I / me)

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**NESAIKA AKS...**   
 We'd Like to Ask...

What languages do you speak? Are there multiple?

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 Week # 3

This week's word is:  
**WAWA = TALK or SPEAK**

Chinook Jargon is also called "Chinuk Wawa" in the southern dialect

"Chinuk Wawa" means "Chinook speech"

"Chinuk" comes from the name of the Chinook Nations in Washington and Oregon

**In a Sentence:**  
 "Nesaika wawa kopa maika"  
*We/us speak to/at/with you*  
 "We're speaking with you."

**ALTA MAIKA!**   
 Now Your Turn!

Translate the sentence below:

"Wawa Chinook Jargon kopa naika."

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**NESAIKA AKS...**   
 We'd Like to Ask...

What's your favourite word in English (or any other language)? Why?

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 Week # 4

This week's word is:  
**MAIKA = YOU or YOUR**

"a" and "i" together sound like "eye"

**In a Sentence:**  
 "Maika nanich naika"  
*You/your see me*  
 "You see me."


**Also!**  
 "Msaika" means "you guys." It's the plural form of "maika."

**ALTA MAIKA!**   
 Now Your Turn!

Make a sentence with the words below:

maika chuk hlatawa kopa  
 (you) (water) (go) (to/at/with)

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**NESAIKA AKS...**   
 We'd Like to Ask...

In English, we don't have just one word to say "you guys." Do you use "you guys," "you all," "y'all," "yous," or some other way to talk to multiple people?

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 Week # 5

This week's word is:  
**TLAHOWYA = HELLO or GOODBYE**

"l" is said all at once, like an "l" but you don't take your tongue off the top of your mouth

The underlined "h" makes a breathy sound like the "ch" in "chiech" "Lech Ness," or "Chanukah."

**In a Sentence:**  
 "Tlahowya, naika shiksh!"  
*Hello/goodbye I/me/my friend*  
 "Hello, my friend!"

**ALTA MAIKA!**   
 Now Your Turn!

Translate the sentence below:

"Naika wawa tlahowya kopa maika."

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**NESAIKA AKS...**   
 We'd Like to Ask...

Some words, like "tlahowya," mean two different things. How can you tell which one they're supposed to mean?

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