

CHINOOK JARGON WORDS - Update June 11, 2020

Ahah – a-HA

yes, I agree

Alta – ALL-tah

now, this instant, right away

Chako – CHAH-ko

to come, become

Chuck – CHUCK

water

Chope – CHO-pe

grandfather

Cultus – KUL-tus

useless, worthless, bad

Delate – dee-LATE

true, very, straight

Halo -HAY-low

not, do not,

Hyas – HIGH-as

great, big, large, vast

Hyu – HIGH-you

many, much, abundance

Iktah – IK-tah

what

Iktas – IK-tas

things, goods, clothes, all things of a personal nature

Illahie – ILL-a-hee

land, earth, the ground, country

Kah – KAH

Where

Kahta – KAH-tah

why

Klahanie – KLA-ha-nee

outside, outdoors

Klahowya – kla-HOW-ya

hello, goodbye, welcome -it is a greeting

Klaksta – KLAKS-tah

who, whose, which one

Klaska – KLAS-ka –

them, they, those, their

Klonas – KLO-nas

maybe, perhaps

Kloshe – KLO-sh

good

Kopa – KO-pa

in, at, by, with, from

Kumtux – KUM-tux

to know, knowledge, wisdom, understand, learn

Kunsih – KON-see

How (many, much), When (time related)

Mahsie – ma-SEE

thank you

Maika –MY-ka -

You in the singular form

Mahkook – ma-KOOK

to buy, to sell, trade

Mamook – ma-MOOK

to do, to make, to prepare, to work

Mesaika – me-SIGH-ka -

you, yours in the plural form

Mitlite – MIT-lite

to be, to live, to have, to sit, reside at

Muckamuck – muck-a-MUCK

food, eat, drink, chew, devour – put anything into the mouth

Naika – NY-ka I,

me, my, mine

Nawitka – nah-WIT-kah

yes, indeed, certainly

Nesaika – ne-SIGH-ka -

we, us, our, ours

Okoke – o-COKE

this, that, it, these, those

Pe -PEE

and

Potlatch – POT-latch

to give, a gift, pay

Saghalie – SAG-hal-lee

up, above, high, sky, top, uppermost, Heaven

Skookum – SKOO-kum

strong, powerful

Tamanawas – tah-MAH-na-was

medicine spirit, guardian spirit, anything supernatural

Tikegh – TE-keg -

like, want, desire, choose, pick, wish, affection, love

Tillicum – TIL-i-kum

people, tribe, nation, friend

Tumtum – TUM-tum

heart, mind

Tyee – TY-ee

chief, leader, boss

Wake – WAKE

No

Wawa – WA-wa

to talk – anything to do with speech, whether written, printed or spoken

Yaka – YAH-ka

he, she, it, him, he

CHINOOK JARGON PHRASES

Hyas Saghalie Tyee - GOD

Great Above Chief

Q: Iktah Maika Nem?

What You Name?

A: Naika Nem _____.

My Name _____.

Q: Kah Maika Mitlite?

Where You Live/Reside?

A: Naika Mitlite Kopa _____.

I Live In/Near _____.

Q: Klaksta mamook okoke?

Who made this?

A: Naika mamook yaka.

I made it.

Q: Kahta maika tikegh okoke?

Why you want that?

A: Naika tikegh okoke.

I like it.

Q: Kunsih maika chako?

When you come?

A: Naika chako alta.

I come now.

Q: Kunsih tillicum mitlite?

How many people live/there.

A: Delate Hyiu.

Very many.

7 Pronouns

Naika – I, me, mine

Maika – you – singular form

Nesaika – we, us, our, ours

Mesaika – you – plural form

Yaka – he, she, it

Klaksta – who, whose, which one

Klaska – they, them, those, their

Affirmations

Ahah – yes, I agree

Nawitka – yes indeed, certainly

Wake – no

Halo – not, do not

Klonas – maybe, perhaps

Question Sentence Starters

Who – klaksta

What – iktah

When – kunsih

Where – kah

Why – kahta

How - kunsih