

CHINOOK JARGON VOCAB

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A**Ahah** – a-HA

yes, I agree

Ahnkuttie – AHN-nnn-cuttie

before now, past, long ago, ancient

Ahts – AHT-sss

sister younger than speaker

Alah – a-LAH

expression of surprise

Alta – ALL-tah

now, this instant, right away

Anah – a-NAH

expression of displeasure or sadness

B**Blue** – blue

blue color

C**Chako** – CHAH-ko

to come, become

Chee – chee

new, recent, just now, fresh, not old

Chikchik – CHIK-chik

wheel, any vehicle w/wheels

Chilchil – CHIL-CHIL

star, button, round trinket

Chitsh – CHIT-ish

grandmother

Chope – CHO-pe

grandfather

Chuck – CHUCK

water

Cly – KLY

cry

Cole – KOLE

cold, frosty, winter, year's time

Cultus – KUL-tus

useless, worthless, bad

D**Delate** – dee-LATE

true, very, straight

E**Ekahnum** – e-KAH-num

story, tale, legend

Elip – E-e-lip

first, original, before

Elite – E-lite

slave

H**Halo** -HAY-low

not, do not

Heehee – Hee-hee

laugh, fun, funny, merry, joke, humor, play, sport, a game, etc.

Huloima – hull-LOY-mee

different, odd, unlike, other, another, strange

Hyak – HIGH-ak

fast, rapidly, quick, swift

Hyas – HIGH-as

great, big, large, vast

Hyiu – HIGH-you

many, much, abundance

I**Ikt** – IK't

one

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

Iskum – IS-ss-kum

to get, to hold, to have, acquire, possess, grab, catch, receive, accept, recover, etc.

K**Kah** – KAH

where

Kahpo – KAH-po

older brother or sister than speaker

Kahta – KAH-tah

why

Kamooks – kah-MOOKS

dog

Kamosuk – ka-MOO-suck

beads

Keekwillie – KEY-quill-ly

down, low, beneath

Kehwa – KEY-wah

because

Keschi – KAY-shee

but, although

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

Klatawa – KLAT-ah-wah

go, travel, leave

Klonas – KLO-nas

maybe, perhaps

Klone – KLONE

three

Klootchman – KLOOTCH-man

woman, female of any kind

Kloshe – KLO-sh

good

Konaway – CONE-a-way

all, whole, entire

Koosah – KOO-saw

sky, heaven

Kopa – KO-pa

in, at, by, with, from, almost any preposition

Kopet – KO-pet

stop, cease, quit, end

Kull – KULL

hard, difficult, dense, solid, tough

Kumtux – KUM-tux

to know, knowledge, wisdom, understand

Kunsih – KON-see

how (many, much); when (time related)

Kwaist – KWAIST

Nine

Kwan – KWAN-n-n

To be content, glad, pleased, joyful

Kwehkweh – Kway-kway

duck

Kwinnum – KWIN-um

five

L**Lakit** – LA-kit

four

Laly – LAY-lee

time, prolonged “a” for greater time

Latlah – la-TLAH

noise, sound

Le Pee – leh-PEE

foot, feet, leg, paw, thigh, footprint

M**Mahsie** – ma-SEE

thank you

Maika –MY-ka

you (in the singular form)

Mahkook – ma-KOOK

to buy, to sell, trade

Mama – MAMA

mother

Mamook – ma-MOOK

to do, to make, to prepare, to work

Man – MAN

man, husband, male of any kind

Memaloose – MEM-a-looss

dead; to die, expire, decay

Mesaika – me-SIGH-ka

you, yours in the plural form

Mitlite – MIT-lite

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

Mitwhit – MIT-whit

stand, arise, be erect

Mokst – MOK-st

two

Moon – MOON

moon, month

Moosum – MOO-sum

sleep, to sleep

Muckamuck – muck-a-MUCK

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

Myeena – my-EEN-uh

song

N**Naika** – NY-ka

I, me, my, mine

Nanitch – NAN-itch

to look, see, observe, view, perceive, seek

Nawitka – nah-WIT-kah

yes, indeed, certainly

Nem – NEM

name

Nesaika – ne-SIGH-ka

we, us, our, ours

O**Okoke** – o-COKE

this, that, it, these, those

Ole – OL

old

Ow – OUGH

younger brother or cousin than speaker

P**Papa** – PAPA

father

Pe - PEE

and

Pechugh – pee-CHUGH

green

Piah – PIE-uh

fire

Pish – PISH

fish

Polaklie – po-LACK-lee

night, night-like

Pompon – POM-pon

skin drum

Potlatch – POT-latch

to give, a gift, pay

Pus pus – PUSS-puss

cat

S**Saghalie** – SAG-hal-lee

up, above, high, sky, top, Heaven

Salmon – SALMON

salmon & all salmon-related fish

Sick – SICK

sick, ill

Sikhs – SIX

friend

Sinamokst – SIN-a-mokst

seven

Sitkum – SIT-cum

half

Skookum – SKOO-kum

strong, powerful

Smoke – SMOKE

smoke, fog, clouds, steam

Snass – SNASS

rain

Spooh – SPOOH

faded, pale, any light color, drab

Spose – SPOZE

if, suppose

Stick – STIK

tree, forest, wood, wooden object

Stotekin – STOTE-kin

eight

Sun – SUN

day, sun

T**Taghum** – TOG-hum

six

Tahlkie – TALL-kee

yesterday

Tahtlum – TOT-lum

ten

Tamanawas – tah-MAH-na-was

medicine or guardian spirit, anything supernatural

Tanse – TANSZ

dance

Tenas – TEN-as

little, small, child

Tikegh – TE-keg

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

Tillicum – TIL-i-kum

people, tribe, nation, friend, family

Tintin – TIN-tin

bell, hour, music

Toketie – TOE-keh-tie

pretty, attractive

Tomolla – tow-MAWL-la

tomorrow

Tukamonuk – tuk-a-MOH-nock

hundred

Tumtum – TUM-tum

heart, mind

Tyee – TY-ee

chief, leader, boss

Tzum – tsss-ZUM

marks, figures, mixed colors, pictures, spots, stripes, paint, anything printed, writing

W**Wake** – WAKE

No

Waum – WAUM

warm

Wawa – WA-wa

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

Y**Yahwa** – YAH-wa

there, beyond, in that place

Yaka – YAH-ka

he, she, it, him, he

Yukwa – YUK-wa

here, in this place, this way