

Lesson of The Day

A previous lesson asked the question “Chi hohchifo yvt nanta?” (What is your name?) This lesson answers that question.

Sv hohchifo yvt (your name here).

My name is (your name here).

Word Meaning:

hohchifo (hoh-che-fo) = name

yvt (yaht) = subject marker – points back to the subject ‘hohchifo’. When translating back to English, correct grammar requires the insertion of the articles –a, -is or –the, to complete the sentence. It does not, however, mean that the articles are literal translations of ‘**yvt**.’

sv (sah) = my This word is prefixed before nouns that name things that cannot be separated from one’s self.

Ex.: body parts: my eyes – **sv** nishkin
kinship terms: my mother– **sv**shki
emotions: I am happy – **sv** na yukpa

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