

The Lost Lexicon of George Dawson

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Abstract: This paper presents a seven hundred entry, one-hundred-and-thirty-three year old Kwakwala wordlist. It displays the original entries along with their English translations, as well as modern recreations of these words using the Umiita orthography. This resource endeavors to provide the reader with an insight into an older version of Kwakwala, as well as retrieve some vocabulary otherwise lost to time.

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1 Introduction

This paper is a recreation of a wordlist found at the end of a resource titled “Notes and Observations on the Qwakiool People of the Northern Part of Vancouver Island and Adjacent Coasts, Made During the Summer of 1885; with a Vocabulary of About Seven Hundred Words.” It was authored by a geologist named George M. Dawson, who traveled around BC’s coast and islands at that time, conducting examinations of the natural environment. This work put Dawson in intimate association with the Kwakwaka’wakw people of the time, who taught him about their language and customs.

Dawson organized his wordlist by following a previous body of work titled “Introduction to the Study of Indian Languages” by Major J. W. Powell. Dawson states that he elicited the help of an educated speaker, as well as a good interpreter (both unnamed), to compile this list. He claims that this work is superior to a previous publication which was distributed to some communities in the area titled “Comparative Vocabularies of the Indian tribes of British Columbia” by Dr. Tolmie. Despite Dawson’s description of his wordlist being more exact than Tolmie’s, it still suffers from severe underrepresentation of the rich phonemic inventory of Kwakwala, and as such poses some challenges in the modern recreation of each word form. Nevertheless, this resource offers what few others can: an accurate link to a pre-1900s version of Kwakwaka’wakw life, as well as many words otherwise lost to antiquity.

The wordlist below follows exactly the order and grouping of Dawson’s 1885 lexicon. I present the data first with the English translation, then with Dawson’s entry, and finally with the modern equivalent. I came about the

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modern equivalent through research with the FirstVoices website, the Grubb Dictionary (1977), and with a mother tongue speaker of Kwakwala². I have not bothered to include every one of Dawson's diacritics in his entries, as doing so added little to the modern intelligibility and proved very time consuming.

Some modern transcriptions also have a further English gloss in brackets (), where the modern meaning diverges from that stated by Dawson. Modern entries beginning with an asterisk * are my own reproductions of the Dawson transcription into the Um̄ista orthography without any modern verification that this lexeme is still in use. Entries surrounded by square brackets [] are modern words which match the English description, but are not similar to Dawson's transcriptions. In some cases, I give both a recreation of Dawson's entry, as well as the distinct modern word in square brackets.

It is my hope that this work will add some forgotten words to the Kwakwala lexicon, and therefore be of use to linguists and language learners alike.

<u>English</u>	<u>Dawson</u>	<u>Um̄ista</u>
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1 Persons

man	poo-wha'-num bookwa-num	bəgwanəm
woman	sut-ak'	tsədak̄
old man	noo'-mas kwul'- yukoo	nūmas k̄walyakw
oldwoman	tlik.wa'-ne	tl̄kwani
young man	he-uhl-a'	hil̄a
young woman	atloos'-taw-kus	ałustogas
virgin	ke'-i-a'-la	k̄ayala
boy	pa-pa-koom'	babagwəm
girl	tsa-tsa-ta'-kum	tsatsadagam
infant	kin-a-num	gananəm
infant just born	we-yok'-o-mal	wiyugwəmala
twins	yi-kwitl'	yakwił
widower	pukios'	bagwo's
widow	kukios	gago's
old people	no'-ne-mas	ninumas
young people	a-tloos'-taw	ałusto
great talker	ki-aw-tola	katola (good writer) [yak̄antinux] (good talker)
silent person	a-moo'k	m̄alxu
thief	kil-oo-tle-'k	galuł̄ikw

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2 Parts of the Body

Head	hoo'-mis	xum's
Hair	se'-i-a	saya
Crown of the head	oh-tle-e	uxwtle'
Scalp	kun-uh-kle-e	gw̄amuwxwtle'
Face	ko'-kum-a-e	gugwame'
Forehead	o-kwi-wa-e	ugwiwe'
Eye	ka-yak-us	gayagas
Pupil of the eye	tsa'-ats-o-pe-lik	dzadzaxstubilik
Eyelash	ha-pe-lih	habilik
Eyebrow	a'-un	a'an
Upper eyelid	o'-e-ki-atl-tawe	awigaltoyi
Lower eyelid	pun-kio-tax-tawe	bankutstoyi
Ear	pus'-paio	paspayu
Perforation in the ear	kwa-wutawe	udiiband
Nose	hein-sus	xandzas
Ridge of nose	ko-ko-ya-yilh-pa-e	xagilbayi
Nostril	ai-wa-kai-nis-pa-e	absudilbe'
Septum of nose	awa-koh-ste-e	awałoxste'
Cheek	a-oom-ya-e	awamye'
Beard	ha'-puh-sta-e	habaxste
Mouth	sims	sams
Upper lip	ai-kio-tuh-sta-e	awikudaxste'
Lower lip	pun-kio-tuh-sta-e	bankudaxste'
Tooth	ki-ki	gigi
Tongue	kil-lim	kalam
Saliva	kwe-stu'kw	kwas'id [wabitłaxawe']
Palate	e-kio-TILH	ikotil
Throat	pets'-a-ha-wa-e	pitsaxawe' [kukuña]
Chin	o-tlas'-ke-e	awxdlasxe'
Neck	o-ha'-wa-e	awape'
Adam's apple	ko'-ka-wha-wa-he	kułwaxawe'
Body	o'-kwin-a-e	ukwine'
Shoulder	ok'-si-ya-pa-e	uxsayape'
Shoulder-blade	pa-lot'-se	palutsi
Back	a-wi-ke-e	awige'
Breast	o-paw'-e	u'boyi [usgame']
Hip	o-noo-tse-e	anu'dze'
Belly	ta-'ke'	taki
Navel	kut-a-lo'-kwut-se	gadalukwidze'
Arm	e-yus-so	ayasu
Right arm	hel'-kiots-e-ya-pai-	hiłkultsane'
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Left arm	‘kum-howilts-e-ya-piae	g̑am’xult̑sane’
Arm pit	tum’-kwa’lus	d̑amgw̑alas
Elbow	tl̑a-kwan-e	tl̑akwani
Wrist	o-tlah’-tsan-a-e	utlax̑tsane’
Hand	...	ay̑asu
Palm of hand	o-tsoh’-tsan-a-e	udzoxtsane’
Back of hand	owi-ki-a’tsan-a-e	q̑wigal̑tsane’
Fingers	kwa-kwa-tsang-a-e	k̑wak̑wax̑tsane’
Thumb	ko’-ma	kuma
Pointer finger	tsi-mal’-a	ts̑amala
Longer finger	no’-la	n̑ula
Shorter finger	ke’-eta	keda
Shortest finger	sil-ta’	salta
Finger nail	tsum-tsum	ts̑amts̑am
Knuckle	oh-tle-e	*oxtle’
Space between knuckles	a-wah-ko’-tsan-a-e	q̑ababotsane’ (under finger)
Rump	a-who-koh’-tla-e	awapaxste’
Leg	kio-kwai-o	gugw̑ay̑u
Leg above knee	e-wun-ool-kia-e	iw̑anudze’
Knee	o-kwe-ha-i’	kwexe’ [upige’]
Leg below knee	...	
Calf of the leg	a-wa’-pit-sa-e	*awape’sis
Ankle	...	xax̑aganukwsidze’
Ankle bone	ka-atl’-ko-‘kw	xax̑aganukwsidze’
Foot	...	gugw̑ay̑u
Sole of foot	pulk-a’-sit-sa-e	*palkaxsidze’ [udzagat̑le’]
Heel	oh-tlah’-sit-sa-e	awxd̑laxsidze’
Toes	kwa-kwak-sit-sa-e	k̑wak̑axsidze’
Large toe	ko-ma-sit-sa-e	kumaxsidze’
Second toe	tsim-a-lak-sit-sa-e	ts̑amalaxsidze’
Third toe	no-lak-sit-sa-e	n̑ulaxsidze’
Pinky toe	...	saltaxsidze’
Toe nail	tsum-tsum-sit’-sa-e	ts̑amts̑amxsidze’
Blood	al-kwa	alkwa
Vein or artery	na-sa-e	*nase’ [algwatsi]
Brain	tluk-wa’	lakwa
Bladder	te’-hat-se	esatsi’
Gall	tuh-mas	*tixas [puxw̑ans]
Heart	muk-o-paw’-e	*n̑awik̑wapawē’
Lung	kwa’-wha	*xwaxwa
Liver	te-wana	tiwani
Stomach	po-whuns	puxw̑ans
Rib	ka-lum’	galam
Spine	hum-oom-oi-ki-a-e	*hamumukala [xagige’]

Bone	ha-‘kh	xak̥
Intestines	ya-hi-kil'	ŷaxyag̥il̥

3 Dress and Ornaments

Cap	kla-tumlh'	tłatamł
Moccasins	pel-poh-tsi-tsa-e	*palpotsitse' [salibas]
Cedar-bark hat	tin-sum	dantsam̥
Short petticoat	tse-a-‘ph	tsep (apron)
Girdle	tse-up-tums-a	*tseptamsa
Garters	ke-tsuk-tsi-tsa-e	*katsukw̥tsidze'
Cedar-bark blanket	kio'-pa-os	kubawa
Robe of mink skin	mat-sus-kum	matsasgam̥
Sinew thread	a-tum	atam̥
Necklace	kun-ha-wa-e	kanxawē'
Cedar-bark neck-cloak	wah-saw	*awaso [yayangayuxawi]
Bracelets	ye-kwoi-kila	kukwala
Pouch	tl̥a-pa-tin-ootsa-e	*lapatanutse'
Rod in nose	o'-tai-in	udiłband
Ear-rings	teis'-tuk-wa	tistakwa
Nose-ring	wa'-lil-pa-e	walgiłbe'
Paint (black)	tsotl-na	*tsulna
Paint (red)	ka-kom'-yin	*tlakamyan
Barehead	lool-sum-a	lulsama
Barefoot	lool-tsi-sila	lultsisala
Naked	ha'-na-la	xanala

4 Dwellings

Village	kio-kwila	gukwila (to live)
House	kiok̥	gukw̥
Doorway	ta'-hila	taxala
Somke-hole	kwa-natzε	kwanatsi (stovepipe)
Fire-place	luk'-wilus'	lagwilas
Fire	kwul'-ta	*kwalta [xikala]
Fire-wood	luk-wa	lakwa
Blaze	a-no-pe-hula	anubaxala (sparks)
A light	kwa-katla	kwakała
Dead coals	tsult'-na	*tsulna
Ashes	kwun-a-e	gwane'
Smoke	kwa'-hila	kwaxala
Soot	kwa'-tloops	kwalubas
Poker	klun-ka-klata'	*tlankatla

A seat	kwa-ta-milh'	kwagalił
Seating place	kwat-se-lus	kwaga'las
Upright house post	tla'-mi	dłam
Main house rafter	kiat-te-wahe	katł
Mat	kle-wa-e	tląbil
Bed	ke-e-lus	kwa'las
Floor	pa'-eihł	banił (below, inside)
Ceiling	se'-la	*selā [po'yo'yī]
Wall	tsa'-kum	tsagił
Lintel	ka-i-kial-taw-e'	*gikaltowe'
Window opening	na-kwatse	*nakwatsi
Carved post	tla-us	dłam
Carved post	tla-elh	*dłamił
Stairway	ta-heil-ten'	tanaxaliłala
A stone	tai-sum	tisam
Paint mortar	kia-tatse'	*katatsi
Spring	wa-wa-kula	*wawałuka [kułustola]
Water	wap	wap

5 Implements and Utensils

Bow, of wood	tli-kwis'	łakwi's
Bow string	tli-kwi-tsim	łakwi'stim
Arrow	a-nut-lum	hanałam
Notch in arrow	kul'-pas	galpas
Stone arrow-head	TLUH-pa-e	*tłaxpe'
Arrow feathers	tsul-kiuh-ste-e	*tsałkaste'
Quiver	a-na-thlum-atze	hanthłamatsi
War-club (stone)	klah-sta-la	*tłaxstala
Fish-club	tul'-wa-kan	tałwałka
War-spear	mas-to'	*matso [saka]
Sling	yin'-ka-yo	yankayu
Canoe	wha'-kwunna	xwakwana
Canoe (large)	kwuh'-um	xwaxam
Canoe (medium)	whi-took-u'h	xwitłx
Canoe (small)	wha'-who-koom	*xwaxwąkam [tugwaga]
Fish-line	to'-kwa-a-no-e	*dukwanowe' [kipix]
Fish-line, of kelp	sa'-na-patl	*sanapał
Fish-net	ke'-tlum	kidłam
Oolachan net	how-tai-o	*xutayu [kana]
Halibut hook	yi-kio	yaku

6 Food

Food	he-ma-omis	ḥ̥am̥a'umas
Meat	ul'-tsi	al̥dzi
Milk	tsa-me	dz̥ame' (breast milk)
Juice	sa-a'k	*sak
Dried salmon	ha'-mas	xamas
Dried herring-eggs	a-unt'	a'q̥and
Dried meat	lumo-ul'-tsi	*l̥am̥xwäl̥tsi [xa al̥dzi]
Dried halibut	'kia'-was	kawas [m̥älm̥adzu]
Oolachan grease	'kli'-ina	t̥lin̥a
Dried berries	'ta-uk-a	t̥aka
Dried clams	kioo'-matse	kumatsi
Hemlock cambium	law-KH	*lawx
Dried sea-weed	hluk-us-tun'	[l̥am̥xwa xa] l̥akastan̥

7 Colours

Black	tsoo-tla	tsuł̥a
Blue	tsa'-sa	dzasa
Brown	kle-aha	kw̥an̥xa
Green	klin-huh	t̥lan̥xa
Red	tl̥a'-kwa	tl̥ak̥wa
White	mel-a	m̥ala
Yellow	klin-huh	t̥lan̥xa (lemanstu)

8 Numerals

One	num	ńam
Two	matl̥	ma'ł̥
Three	in-tooh	yudaxw
Four	mo	mu
Five	sik'-i-a	saka
Six	ka-tla	katla
Seven	atle-poo'	aq̥labu
Eight	matl-kwin-atl'	ma'lgwa'nał̥
Nine	na-ne-ma'	ńan̥ama
Ten	les-too'	lastu
Eleven	num-a-gioo	ńamagiyu
Twelve	matl-e-gioo	ma'lagiyu
Thirteen	intooh-wha-gioo	yudaxwagiyu
Fourteen	mo-a-gioo	muwagiyu
Fifteen	sik-i-a-gioo	sakagiyu

Sixteen	ka-tla-gioo	kałlagiyu
Seventeen	atle-poo'-gioo	adłəbugiyu
Eighteen	matl-kwin-atl-gioo	ma'lgwə'nałgiyu
Nineteen	na-ne-ma-gioo	nañamagiyu
Twenty	mat-sum-gioo-staw	ma'łtsəmgusto
Twenty-one	nu'-num-a-kaw-la	nañamgola
Twenty-two	a-matl-aw-la	hama'lola
Twenty-three	in-te-heaw-la	hayudaxola
Twenty-four	a-mo-a-kaw-la	hamugola
Twenty-five	sik-i-a-kaw-la	sikasgamgola
Twenty-six	ka-tla-kaw-la	kałlagola
Twenty-seven	atl-po-kaw-la	adłəbugola
Twenty-eight	a-matl-kwin-alt-heaw-la	hama'lgwəñałola
Twenty-nine	na-ne-ma-kaw-la	nañanamagola
Thirty	in-tooh-sim-gioo-staw	yudəxwsəmmgusto
Fourty	mo-skum-gioo-staw	musgəmgusto
Fifty	sik-i-a-stum-gioo-staw	sakasgamgusto
Sixty	ka-tlas-kum-gioo-staw	kałtasgamgusto
Seventy	atl-poo-kum-gioo-staw	adłəbusgamgusto
Eighty	matl-kwin-atl-sum-gioo-staw	ma'lgwə'nałsgəmgusto
Ninety	na-num-soo-kwa:	nañamsukwa
One hundred	la'-kin-te	lakənd
One hundred and one	la'-kin-te-he-me-sa-num	lakənda hame sa ñam
One thousand	loh-sum-git	luxwsəmə'id
One half (in length)	ap-spa-e	sups'and
One half (in volume)	nuk-o-yawla	*nakayawala
One half (in solids)	nuk-sa-a-kh	*nukwsə'axw
All	na-wha	naxwa
None	ki-aws	kay'o's

9 Division of Time

A year	num-ah-unh	ńama'ənx
A moon	num-skum	ńamskəm
A half moon	nuk-sa-e	naxs'a'kw məkwala
First quarter of moon	hwut-tai-oo	*xwutayu
Last quarter of moon	hi-na-kwula	*hinakwala

Day	na'-la	ńala
Night	ka'-nootl	ganuł
Dawn	nu-na-kwula	ńa'nakwala
Sunrise	tle'-tsin-a-kwula	tl̄isinakwala
Morning	ka-al'-a	ḡala
Mid-forenoon	ka-al'-a-pai	*ḡa'lapayi
Noon	nuk'-ke-la	nákela
Afternoon	kwa'-punt	*kwabənd [gwał nákela]
Sunset	len'-sa	*lānsa
Dusk	tsa-kwun-a-kula	dzakwanakwala
Evening	tsa-oos-too-wit	dzaxwstuxwi'd
Midnight	nuk-ai'-ki-e	nāgige'
Day before yesterday	he-look-swtl	hiluxwsol
Yesterday	hlen-swtl	łānswał
Today	wha-na-luh	χwa ńalax
Tomorrow	hlin-stla	łānsle'
Day after tomorrow	he'-looh-sa	hiluxwsa
Now	hoh-te	xuxw da _____
October	wul-et'-sun-uh	*wāletsāna [magwaboyi]
November	ki-okwa-tela-an-uh	*kokwatāla'ana [gwax̄sam]

10 Standards of Value

Dentalium shells	utl-tl-a or a-tl-a	*ułtla or *atla
Blanket (2.5 point)	ul'-hul-as-kum	palx̄lasgam
Copper (large)	tl̄a-kwa	tl̄akwa
Copper (small)	tl̄a-tloh-sum	tl̄atłoxsäm

11 Animals

Bat	ba'-kwul-ow-e	bałwalawi
Beaver	tsa-we	tsawi
Bear (grizzly)	gil-a	gala
Bear (black)	kla-e	tl̄ayi
Dog	wat'-se	watsi
Deer (general)	kai-was	giwas
Fawn	to-pe-wa	tupina
Deer (half grown)	ko'-kwaio	*gagwāyu
Deer (buck)	wut-look	wądłakw (wądłam – antlers)
Elk	tl̄a'-wols	tl̄awal's
Ermine	ki-kil-um'	gagalam
Fox	a-tsai	*atsa'i
Goat (mountain)	mul'-uh-klo	mālx̄thu

Lion (mountain)	put-e'	bədi
Mink	mut-su	mətsa
Mouse	ki-ki-a-tsuk	gigayatsaga [hełamolaga]
Mole or Shrew	kiap'-kepu-s	*kapkapus (gnawed thing)
Marten	kluk-uh-kio	tłagakw
Otter	hoom'-te	χwəmdi
Otter (sea)	'kas-uh	kəsa
Porcupine	mi-hite	mixədi
Rabbit	us-aw-a	dəxdus (Haisla)
Racoon	mai'-oos	mayus
Seal	mi-gwat	migwat
Seal (fur)	HA-wuh	χawa
Skunk	yah-pa-la	yaxpala
Squirrel	ti-me-nas	taminas
Wolf	a-tla-num'	atłanəm
Whale (large)	kwa-yim	gwəyəm
Whale (smaller)	pel'-ke-na	palkola (reef?)
Whale (killer)	mah-e-nooh	max'inux
Wolverine	na-tla-e	*natle'
Sea lion	kle'-uh-un	tl̥ix'an
Antlers and horns	wut-LAH	wadłam
Claw	tsum'-tsum	tsəmtṣəm
Hoof	tsoh-tsok	*tsax̣tsak
Hide (hair or wool)	ha-pis-a-na-e	habəs'ane'
Hide (leather)	kwat-se	k̥wətsi
Tail	a-poh-ste-e	hətsax̣ste'

12 Birds

Bird	pe-pa-tloomis	piptłumas (birdlife) [tsəskwana]
Raven	kwa-wi-nuh	gwawina
Cormorant (large)	lah-luhw'	*ləxluxw (over there?)
Cormorant (small)	klo'-ba-nuh	thubəni
Crow	KIH'-a-la-ka	kaxalaga
Dipper or water- ouzel	kil-e-whut-sa	gəlixwitsa
Duck	pe-pa-tloomis	(birdlife)
Duck (mallard)	klat-kioo	łałku [kwəyu'x]
Duck (pin-tail)	wi-tsin	*witsən
Duck (harlequin)	ma-tsi-nuh	*mətsina
Duck (buffle- head male)	bla-a-tle	ḍładłana'el (woodpecker?)

Duck (buffle-head female)	hiu-pe	*xupe'
Duck (merganser male)	ko-kos	gag̓os
Duck (merganser female)	tlum'-kai-o	tłam̓kayu
Duck (teal)	tl̓a-tlan-e	dładłana'el (woodpecker?)
Bald Eagle	kwi-kw	kwikw
Goose (wavy)	kle-stah	*tłesta (red alder?)
Goose (small)	nil-a	*nila
Goose (brant)	nan-a-ha-kum	nanaxag̓am
Goose (Canada)	nuh-a-'kh	naxak̓
Grebe (small)	kow-tak-uh	*kodaxa
Grebe (large)	ha'-ma-si-la-lis	*ham̓asilalis (cooking outdoors?)
Grouse (dusky)	hom-ho-ma	ham̓ham̓a (food?)
Grouse (ruffed)	koo-koo'-mish	kw̓akw̓aml̓
Gull	tse-kwe	tsik̓wi
Hawk	ma-ma-nuh	mamaňa
Heron	kwa'-kwa-ne	kwačwani
Humming-bird	kwa'-a-koom-te	kwa'akw̓am̓ta
Jay	kwus'-kwus	kw̓askw̓as
Kingfisher	kit-il-ow'-e	kadalawi
Loon	kiuh-kuh-es	*kaka'es [xawi]
Owl	tuh-tuh-hil-etl	daxdax̓al̓il̓
Owl (small)	puk-wa'-e	bačw̓alawi (bat)
Owl (white)	kia'-sa-ha	*kasaxa
Oyster-catcher	kwi-kwi-kwi	*kwikwikwi
Pigeon	a'-moo	ham̓u
Plover	ka-til'-sil-a	*kataſsila
Curlew	kwa'-kwa-koom	*kwakwakw̓am
Robin	tso'-pa-le	tsupali [gagalaf]
Sandpiper	tsus-ho-ew'-a-koh	tsupapala
Snipe	tsa'-tsal-kio	*tsatsalku
Sparrow	tsus-kwa-nuh	tsaškwana
Swan	ka-ko-'kh	gagučw [n̓ała]
Swallow	ma-ma-tle-kia'	mamaňika
Woodpecker (red-shafted)	kwool-tum'	*kw̓altam̓
Woodpecker (red-head)	tl̓a-tlan-a-etl'	dładłane'ił
Widgeon	whe'-pa-la	xwipala (whistling)
Wren	wha-ta	χwata
Feathers	tsul'-tsul-ke	tsaltsalka
Wings	pul-lum'	pačlam̓
Tail	nah'-ste-e	naxste [h̓ačsaxste']

Egg	tse'-kwunoo	tsigw <u>ə</u> nu
Yolk of egg	kloh'-se	*tlo <u>χ</u> se'
Bird's nest	kul-ha-tse	kalxatsi
To fly	put-la-na-kwula	p <u>ə</u> tla nakw <u>ə</u> la

13 Fish, etc.

A fish	ma'-ma-omis	mama'omas
Crab	'kow'-mis	kumis
Dog-fish	whul'-a-koom	xwalgwam
Halibut	paw'-e	poyi
Mussel (large)	HO'-le	xola
Mussel (small)	la-es'	la'is
Shark	whul-a-koom-ak'-sa	xwalgwis
Trout	ko-la	kulu'xw (smoked fish?)
Salmon (silver)	tsa-wun'	dz <u>ə</u> wan (coho)
Salmon (dog-tooth)	kwa-ha-nis'	gwaxnis (chum)
Salmon (quinnat)	mit-lek	ma <u>ł</u> lik (sockeye)
Salmon (summer)	ha-no'-na	hanu <u>n</u> (pink) [sats <u>ə</u> m] (spring)
Oolachan	tsa-whun	dzaxw <u>ə</u> n
Mackerel	kul-ai'-ookwa	*galayukwa
Flounder	pa-es	pa'is
Herring	wa'-na-e	wa'ne'
Cod (black)	tlah'-sta-la	d <u>ł</u> axstala
Cod (red)	kloh'-sum	tl <u>ə</u> 'xws <u>ə</u> m
Clam (large)	mut-a'-ne-e	ma <u>ł</u> tani
Clam (medium)	kia-we-ka'-nim	gawi <u>ł</u> kan <u>ə</u> m
Clam (small)	kul-kul-amuh'	gal <u>ł</u> alukw
Cockle	tso-le	dzoli
Chiton (black)	ka'-nis	kanis (beach fungus)
Chiton (large red)	kin-oot'	*kanut
Gills	kow'-sin-a-e	kusine'
Breast-fin	pa'-spile or put-la'	p <u>ə</u> tla
Belly-fin	kit-a'-ke-e	*k <u>ə</u> tak <u>ə</u> e'
Back-fin	kit-e'-ki-a-e	*k <u>ə</u> tak <u>ə</u> a
Tail-fin	tsa'-sne-e	tsasne'
Scales	kow'-pet	gubat
To swim	ma-na'-kwula	*m <u>ə</u> nakw <u>ə</u> la [gal <u>ə</u> k <u>ə</u>]
Spine on fishes	pa-spile	*paspile' [xakadzu]
back		
Roe	kai'-ne	gi <u>ñ</u> i

14 Reptiles

Frog	wik-ais'	wakes
Lizard	kut-us'	kutsos [gwalas]
Snake	si-tlum	siłam
Snake (water)	ka-lowe	*kalawe' (kelp?)

15 Insects, etc.

Ant	kiat'-sa-lut-se	kadzalat'si
Bee	hum'-tsa-lut-se	humdzalat'si
Butterfly (large)	hum-oom-oo	hamumu
Butterfly (small)	lo'-le-nooh	lolinuxw (ghost) [məstłakwa]
Caterpillar	ye-a-kwae	*yə'akwe'
Dragon-fly	ma'-ma-'kwa	mamakwa
Flea	to'-pai-ut-se	tupayatsi
Fly	ka'-ka-te-na	gagadina
Horse-fly	sa'-te-kwa	sadik'wa
Louse	kai-in'	gin [u'u]
Maggot	a-pa-ne	abani
Mosquito	tli'-stluna	dlsdłana
Ichneumon	kul-ai'-tan-uh	*kalatqna
Spider	ya-kit-tin'-ekuh	yayakitine'ga (to knit)
Fly-blow	wha-sa-e	xwasa
Snail (helix)	ka-lowe	*xalawe' (shell?)
Slug	kwa-a-tsú'k	kwatsaq

16 Plants

Bud of tree	kwa'-sa-ma	*kwaxsama
Leaf	ma'-me-muh	mamima
Limb	tlin-a-'k	tlanak (wood knot)
Bark	HA-koom	xakam
Bark (cedar)	tin-as'-s	dixwa
Stump	tsuk-oo-metl'	tsakusmas (sword fern)
Root	tlo-p'ke	tlupaq
Tree	tlo'-us	dlo's
Tree (fallen, with root)	ho'-puk-umola	hupagamala
Wood	luk-wa	laqwa
Brush	tse'-tsuso	tsabayu
Forrest	tlo'-a-tsi-kwula	dlo'sikwala (lots of trees) [atli]
Berry (sal-lal)	nuk-watl	nakwatl

Berry (crab-apple)	tsul'-uh	ts <u>al</u> xw
Berry (salmon)	hum'-tsu-kw	k <u>am</u> dz <u>a</u> kw
Berry (arctostaphylos)	kwa'-atum	gwad <u>a</u> m
Grass	ki'-itum	kit <u>a</u> m
Ripe	tlo-pa	thupa
Unripe	kis-tlo-pa	ki's thupa
Cedar tree	kwah-tla'-oo	kw <u>a</u> xt <u>h</u> u (cedar wood)
Cedar tree (huge)	wil'-koo	wilk <u>w</u>
Yellow cypress	te'-wh	*taxw
Alder	klaw'-ha-mis	tl <u>a</u> 'xw <u>m</u> <u>as</u>
Crab-apple	tsul'-a-whom-is	ts <u>al</u> xw <u>m</u> <u>as</u>
Maple	kioo'-tlas	kulas (oak) [tsixa]
Douglas fir	HOWH'-mis	xaxw <u>m</u> <u>as</u>
Hemlock	ule'-wus	lox <u>m</u> <u>as</u>
Yew	tlum'-ake	tl <u>a</u> m <u>ki</u>
Scrub-pine	ka'-kul-wamis	ka <u>l</u> kasalams
Raspberry	mat-'tsoo-mis'	m <u>a</u> dz <u>a</u> kw
Kelp	wa'-wa-te	wawadi
Bladder-weed	tls'-tluk-'kw	tl <u>a</u> st <u>l</u> akw

17 Geographical Terms

South-east	nul'-tse	*nultse'
North-west	gwe-na-kw	gwe <u>ñ</u> akw (upriver)
Out to sea	tl <u>a</u> sakw	tl <u>a</u> sakw
North-west wind	tsa'-kw	*tsakw
South-east wind	mat-las	*ma'las
South-west wind	tlas'-pa-la	*tlaspala
West wind	keaks'-ala	*kax <u>s</u> ala
East wind	HA-iootl	* <u>x</u> ayu <u>ł</u>
North-east wind	yoo'-yala	*yuyola

18 The Firmament, etc.

Cloud	un'-a-wae	anwayi
Horizon	ki-a-thila	*kalila
Sun	na-la	ñala (day) [thisala]
Moon	muk-wila	m <u>a</u> kwala
Full moon	na-'kum	*nak <u>q</u> am
Stars	to-taw	tutu
Rainbow	wa-ka-loos	wagalus
Fog	ul'-hula	p <u>al</u> x <u>q</u> ala
Hoar-frost	ki-wi-sut-sum-is	gawismis

Snow	na-e	ne'
Hail	tso-kwa-kul	tsałxa
Ice	'kloh	tluxw
Icicle	tsa'-ma-'ke	*dzamake
Water	wap	wap
Current	tsa'-la	tsala (rip tide)
Eddy	kut-o'-suh	*kətosa
Tide	iu'-na-kwila	*yunakwila

19 Kinship

My son	whun'-ookw	xwənukw
My father	hun-omp	xən ump
My son's child	tso'-la-ma	tsultlame'
My mother	hun-opump	xən əbamp
My father's father	on-pas-in-omp'	umpasən ump
My wife	hun'-ka-num	xən ganəm
My husband	hun'-sla-wuna	xən ɬawanəm
Male orphan	ha'-ma-la	xamala
Female orphan	ha'-ma-la-kus	xamalagas
Family	kai-a-'kap	*kayačap [nəmwayut]

20 Social Organisation, etc.

Name of tribe	Kom-o-yawe	*Kumuyawe' (Comox?)
Indian	pa-'koom	bakwəm
White man	ma-matl-a	mamała
Negro	tsoo-tlum	tsułam
Half-breed	nuh-saw'-e	naxsoyi' (half)
Indians to the North	kwi-tula	*gwitala
West coast people	kwi-kwa-tula	gwigwatala (derogatory)
Indians of Comox	ko-mook-e	łumuxs'i
Inland people	ta'-whul-is	laxwaliś
Chief	ki'-a-kun-a-e	gigame'
Young man to chief	kia'-ki-aka	*gagi'aka
Leading man	ow'-i-la	*owila
Man of knowledge	naw'-kate	nogade'
Friend	ni-mokw	nəmukw
Warrior	how'-sla-wai-nooh	*huława'inux
Enemy	ka'-kis	*kaxas
A coward	ki-kelpis	*kikəlpas

War-whoop

we-kia-hints

*wəkaxənts

21 Religion, Mortuary Customs, Medicine

God	ki-i	gi'ya (Lord)
The ancients	toh-tsus	*totsus [wi'ump]
The future world	a-tla-kowa	*atlagawē'
The sun (worshipped)	ki-a-kun-a-e	gigame'
Dead body	'tla-la or o'-tsi-hit	ɬala
Soul or spirit	puh-when-a-e	bak'wine'
Grave in ground	tik-i-as'	dagidzas
Grave in tree	tuh-pe'-kh	*dəbex
Coffin-box	tik-i-a'-tse	dagatsi
Health	a-aik'-ik-sal	*a'igas
Sickness	tsuh-ko'-lum	tsəkoləm
Pain	tsi-hila	tsaxala
Vertigo	kiat-til'-a-hula	kaɬala (scared)
Headache	tsuh-tsaw'-luh	tsaxstola
Toothache	ki-katla	gikaɬa
Cough	luh-aw	laxo
Small-pox	ki-kin-a'-e	kikəna (bad cold)
Boil	tsum-sa-e	tsəmse'
Cut with knife	puh tsa'-na-e	tutəstsala
Cut with axe	soo-sis	supa
Scar	kwut-a	kwəta
Bruise	tei'-wha	tixwa
Splinter on foot	kin-uk-ses'	*kənuχwsis [tlattsidze']
Sick at stomach	tsik-sum-sila'	tsaxsəmsala
Sea-sickness	ka-wu'p	*kəwəp
Sick man	kul'-wha-tla	kalxwatla (lying down from sickness)
Lame man	kioh-sis	kayox si's (he doesn't have it)
Blind man	pa-pas'	palpas
Deaf man	kwul'-akoom	gwalkwəm
Breath	a-sa-a	hase'
Sweat (face)	kowa-sa-ma-e	gusəmala
Sweat (general)	tsul-kwa	gusa
Blood	ul'-akw	alkwa
Medicine	put-a-e	pata
Medicine man	puh-ul'-a	paxala
Medicine song	kum'-tum	kamdqəm (song)
Sweat-house	kia-tlila	*kalila
A dream	me'-a-pula	mixala

22 Amusements

Doll	kia'-kin-atlum	gaganał'aₘ
Rattle	yia-tin	yadən
Swing	a-wa-haioo	hawaxayu
Song	kum'-tum	ḳamdaₘ
Dance	yiuh-wha	yaxwa
Mask	yuh-oomilh	yaxwamł
Gambling sticks	le'-pa-iu	*lebayu [alaxwa]
Gambling with sticks	la'-pa	*laba

23 New Words

Horse	kioo-tan	gudan
Cow	moos-moos-a	musmus
Sheep	la-ma-ta	lamadu
Hog	koo-sho	gwəsu
Cat	poo'-se	busi
Cock, hen	ka'-ka-o	gaga'o
Goose	tle-sta	*tłesta (red alder?) [naxak]
Axe	soo'-pairoo	subayu
Auger	wun-aioo	wanayu
Awls of metal	sil'-um	*silam
Beads	kla-yala	tłayala
Broom	hi'-kwa-yoo	higwayu
Cloth	ya-wa-pit-soo	yawapətso
Comb	HUK-um	χagam
Knife (pocket)	kios-kiosa	kuskusa
Fork	ha-maioo	ha'mayu
Hoe	hul-paioo	halbayu
Hammer	lik-i-aioo	dła'bayu
Kettle	hun'-uh-klawooth	hanxłanu
Tin plate	sik-ik-i-a	*sixixa
Scissors	kiup-aioo	kąbayu
Table	hun-ta-mitl	ham'xdə'miₘ
Pistol	ap-soot-tik-uk-kw	*apsutikąkw
Gun	hun-tlum	həndləm
Rifle	tsa'-kioo	*tsaku
Ramrod	tlim-kwaioo	*limkwayu
Cannon	hai-mun-us	*xemənəs
Bullet	tl-gi'-la	*tləgilə
Gun-flint	kip-il-pa-e	*kapılıbaₘ
Powder	tso'-laioo	*tsolayu (put it in)
Brass	hlin-ha	*linxa
Iron	tsih-in'	dzəx'an

Silver	ta'-luh	dala
Cap	tl-tum'-tl	tl̄at̄am̄l
Necktie	la'-la-whi-wae	*lalaxwiwe'
Coat	ta'-tuts-a-wak-uh	dadat̄ls̄a'wakw
Vest	akwa-ya'-e	kūxkiye'
Shirt	kus-un-a'-e	kašanayi
Trousers	wun-kai'-sta	*w̄an̄kasta
Shoes	te'-paioo	tibayu
Boots	hai-yim'-gioo-staw	*hayimgusto
Stockings	tsa'-tsi-tsil-lak-tsi-tsae	*tsatsitsilaxtsitse'
Ribbons	tsu-wul'-tsu-wakw	*ts̄aw̄alts̄awakw
Shawl	lowk'-sum	loks̄am̄
Handkerchief	milh'-sa	mal̄xsa
Dress	koom'-tso-wioo	kw̄am̄dzayu
Bread	kwa'-kook-sum	*kwagoks̄am [kw̄anikw]
Flour	kwaH	kw̄ax
Match	ki-tsaioo	kidzayu
Sugar	e'-gi-sila	igisila [sugwa]
Soap	tso-kwao	tsugwayu
Tobacco	tlo'kwe	tl̄ok̄wi
Whiskey	nun-kai'-ma	n̄ank̄uma (alchoholic drink)
Finger-ring	kai'-a-kut-ut-klaw	kikatax̄t̄le'
Mirror	un'-ha-tse	hanxatsi
Picture	kia'-tum-a'k	kat̄amakw
House	kiok	gukw
Roof	se'-la	*sela (ceiling?) [ugwes]
Window	na'-kwotse	naxwstōyi
School-house	kia-ka'-tuksi-lut-se	kakadaxwsila'as
Church	tsa'-ma'tse	tsam̄atsi
Barn	ki'-tut-se	*kit̄amtsi
Pencil	kia'-taioe	kadayu
Paper	kia-takoh	kat̄ xuxw (write there)
Newspaper	tsi-ki-al'-um-tsaw-luh	tsakalam̄tsuxw̄ala
Road or trail	ta'-hi-la	taxala (also doorway)
Wagon	tse-tsik	tsiktsik
Bridge	pa'-wi-hlila	pawil̄ala
Well	la'-pakh	lapax
Steamboat	hi-aka-ya-la	xikayala
Railway	hi-aka-ya-lil-sila	*xikayalilsila
Interpreter	he-loh'-stae	*haloxste' [kwaxwsista]
Blacksmith	li-ki-nooh	*likenuxw
Trader	ka-kil-a-wil-a-tsi-la	kakalwilatsila

24 Adjectives, Pronouns, Verbs, etc.

Large	wa'-lis	walas
Small	um-a'-e	amabidu
Strong	tlo'-kwi-mas	łokwimas (łokwa - strong)
Old	noo'-mas	numas
Young	a'-tloos-to	alusto
Good	ai'k	ik
Bad	yak'-sum	yaxsəm
Dead	hla'-la	łal
Alive	kwula	k̄wala
Cold	wut-ala'	wadala
Warm, hot	tsul'-kwa	tsałkwa
Afraid	kit'-lila	kałala
Far	kwe-sa'-la	k̄wisala
Near	nih-wha'-la	naxwala
I	yin	yən
Me	noo'-kwa-um	nugwa'əm
Thou	yoo-tl	yutł
He	yu'k	yuxuxw
We	yinooh	yu'qnu'xw
Ye	yih-ta-whootl	yuxdaxwał
They	yihta-wha'-ta	yuxdaxwa xuxw da
This	yih-kia'-ta	gem gada
That	yah-ha'-ta	yuxuxw da
All	na-wha	naxwa
Many	'kai-nim	kinam
Who	yuh-un'-kwa	angwa
Here	lah-kia	laxga
There	la-ha	laxa
Yes	kai-tl	keł
No	ki	ki
To eat	ha-map'	hałmap
To drink	na-'kh	naka
To run	tsil-whila	dzałxwala
To dance	yuh-wha'	yaxwa
To sing	tun-uh-HULA	dənxala
To sleep	mi'-uh-a	mixa
To speak	ya-kun-tala	yakantala
To see	to-kwula	dukw'ala
To love	tla-whula	laxwala
To kill	ki'-la-kia	kilaka
To sit	kwa'-hila	k̄wałala
To stand	kla'-wha-tla	dłaxwala
To go	hai'-kia	haga
To come	ke'-la-kia	galaga

To walk	ka'-sa	kasa
To work	e-a-hula	i'axala
To steal	kil-ootla'	galutla
To lie	klal-kwala	tl̄ikw̄ala
To give	tso or ya-kwa	tso or yak̄wa (potlatch)
To laugh	ta-tlila	da'ɬ̄ala
To cry	'kwa'-sa	k̄wasa

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