

Introducing yourself in hułqumínum

In many Indigenous communities, it is customary to introduce yourself and state your relationships to your close relatives and home community. Learning how to introduce yourself in **hułqumínum** the language of the Coast Salish People including the Snaw Naw As, Snuneymuxw, and Stz'uminus First Nations. Is one way to show respect for the territory and language.

If you not from a **Hułqumínum** speaking territory and are familiar with your own traditional or ancestral language you may also want to be prepared to introduce yourself in that language as well. **Click on the speaker to hear the phrase.**



u' skweyul

Good Day



si:'ém nu siyéyu

honoured ones, my friends/relatives



e:nthu _____

I am (Name)



tun ni cun utí _____

I am from (Home community)



'u' qwunus 'i lumnálu

It is good to see you all

Pronunciation approximation guide:

u' skweyul (eye skway-ul) **si:'ém nu siyéyu** (see-YEM nuh see-YET-Yuh)

e:nthu pe__ (ain-thuh puh) **tun ni cun utí __** (tun neet sun ut ____)

'u' qwunus 'i lumnálu (eye kwun-us ee lum-NAH-luh)

Introduction example:

u'y skweyul

Good day

si:'ém nu siyéyu

my honoured friends/relatives

e:nthu pe Squtxulenuhw

I am indeed Squtxulenuhw

tun ni cun utí Stz'uminus

I am from Chemainus

'u'y qwunus 'i lumnalu

It is good to see you all.

