

Lesson Six: This and That, and Stuff

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Kaltxi nìmun. This time, let's talk about "this" and "that" a little bit, and about using words marked as *adp.* in the dictionary, such as *in*, *under*, *behind*, *across*, etc.

This and That

So, to get started... This and that. How many times have you wanted to say something in Na'vi like *This tree is huge* and *That plant is poisonous*, etc? Well, it's super easy to do this. We have **fi-** and **tša-** which go onto the beginning of the word.

fi- *this*

tša- *that*

For example:

1. **Fiutral** tsawl lu nìtxan nang!

This tree is huge!

2. Lu **tša'ewll** txumnga'.

That plant is poisonous.

These and Those

Miftxele, It's very similar and just as easy to say *these* and *those*. It's just **fi-** and **tša-** combined with **me+**, **pxe+**, or **ay+** (remember those?) So you get:

these (two)

fime+

fipxe+ *these (three)*

fay+ *these*

tsame+ *those (two)*

tsapxe+ *those (three)*

tsay+ *those*

There's just one exception to this. 'u. for this word, it's always me+, pxe+, or ay+ first, then fi- or tsa-. So the following are correct.:

mefi'u

pxefi'u

ayfi'u

mesa'u

pxesa'u

aysa'u

More *adp.* words

Now. Remember in Lesson Three I said that me+, pxe+, and ay+ weren't the only things that cause a word to change its first letter? Well, I'm about to list every *single* other word that does this. This would be good to remember.

fpi+ *for the sake/benefit of*

ilä+ *according to, by, via*

lisre+ *by, before*

mi+ *in, on*

nuä+ *beyond*

pxisre+ *right before*

ro+ *at*

sko+ *as, in the role of*

sre+ *before*

wä+ *against*

These words here are all *adp.* in the dictionary. They are used like this...

For example:

1. **oel wutsoti hawl fpi soaia.**
I prepare dinner for the family.
2. **İlä Feyral**, muntxa soli Ralu sì Newey nìwan mesrram.
According to Peyral, Ralu and Newey were secretly married the day before yesterday.
3. **Tiflä latem ilä seynga ftxey fkol sänumet livek fuke.**
Success changes according to the answer whether instruction is followed or not.
Success depends on whether or not one follows instructions.
4. **Kem si lisre srray**
Do it by tomorrow.
5. **Fitrrmì letsranten ftxozä si ko.**
Let's celebrate on this important day.
6. **Oeri skxir a mìn syokx tisraw si.**
As for me, the wound on the hand hurts.
The wound on my hand hurts.
7. **Awnga kelku si nuä ayram alusing.**
We live beyond the flying mountains.
8. **tsampxisre hawl aysamsiyu.**
The warriors prepare right before the war.
9. **Po käteng soaiahu txepro.**
He spends time with family at the fire
10. **Sko Sahik ke tsun oe miftxele tsngivawvik.**
As Tsahik, I cannot weep over this matter.
11. **tätxaw sre fwa sngap zize'**
Return before the hellfire wasp stings (as soon as possible)
12. **Peyä tsatipe'un a sweylu txo wivem ayoeng Omatikayawä lu fe'.**
His decision that we should fight against the Omatikaya was a bad one.

Some notes

As you see, In these numbered examples, the words in green are used as

separate words before the thing they work with. If it's working with a single word, it may go onto the end of the wordlikethis. So *separate before*, *attached after*. All adp. words work like that. The green Na'vi words in the numbered examples make the first letter change thing happen so watch out!