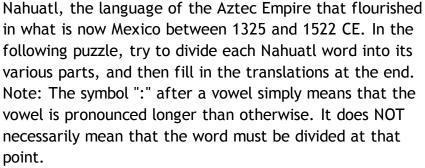
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Classical Nahuatl (Aztec)

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In many languages of the world, whole sentences can be expressed with a single word.

This is true in Classical



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Nahuatl Word	English translation	Nahuatl Word	English translation
1. nicho:ka	'l cry.'	10. tikochi	'You sleep.'
2. nicho:kani	'I am crying.'	11. ancho:kah	'Y'all cry.'
3. ankochinih	'Y'all are sleeping.'	12. tikochis	'You will sleep.'
4. tikochih	'We sleep.'	13. ticho:kayah	'We were crying.'
5. kochiya	'He was sleeping.'	14. cho:ka	'He cries.'
6. kwi:kas	'He will sing.'	15. kochini	'He is sleeping.'
7. ankochiyah	'Y'all were sleeping.'	16. ancho:kayah	'Y'all were crying.'
8. nicho:kas	'I will cry.'	17. ticho:kanih	'We are crying.'
9. cho:kayah	'They were crying.'	18. kwi:kah	'They sing.'

Now, considering the patterns you have noticed in the above words, translate the following into English:

19. tikwi:kani	Fill in the blanks.
20. nikwi:kaya	
21. cho:kanih	

Now translate the following English sentences into Classical Nahuatl (be sure to include the ":" symbol where appropriate):

22.	'They sleep.'	Your score.
23.	'I will sleep.'	

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24. You will cry.'

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