

Lushootseed (Skagit; Salishan)

Problem 5

1. x^wí?g^wəc?əsxəʔ 'I'm not sick.'
2. x^wí?ug^wəs?əs?ituts 'Isn't he asleep?'
3. x^wí?g^wəs?əshiiʔəx^ws 'He's not happy now.'
4. x^wí?x^wù?əłəg^wəʔus?əshiiʔčəʔ 'Maybe we won't be happy.'
5. x^wí?g^wəʔəc?əshiiʔ 'You're not happy.'
6. x^wí?əx^wg^wəs?əshiiʔləp 'You [pl] aren't happy any more.'
7. ?uk^wá?adčəd 'I dropped it.' [≠ (8)]
8. ?uk^wá?dx^wčəd 'I dropped it.' [≠ (7)]
9. k^wáx^watubuʔ 'Help us!'
10. k^wáx^wdubuʔ 'Give us a lift!'
11. x^wí?g^wəʔuck^wàx^watubuʔəd 'I won't help you [pl]'
12. x^wí?g^wəʔuck^wàx^wdubuʔəd 'I won't give you [pl] a lift.'
13. x^wí?g^wəc?əx^wk^wàx^wdx^wəb 'I don't want to give him a lift.'
14. x^wí?k^wí?əc?uk^wàx^wac 'Don't help me!'
15. x^wí?g^wəs?uk^wàx^wadčəʔ 'We didn't help him.'
16. x^wí?g^wəs?uk^wàx^wdubšləp 'You [pl] didn't give me a lift.'
17. x^wí?g^wəc?uk^wàx^wdubicid 'I didn't give you a lift.'
18. k^wəáytiʔiʔ 'This is a stick.'
19. x^wí?ləsk^wəáystiʔa 'That's not a stick.'
20. x^wí?k^wí?əc?uk^wà?adtək^wəáy 'Don't drop the stick!'
21. x^wí?k^wí?əc?uk^wà?adk^wik^wəáy 'Don't drop any stick(s)!'
22. ?uk^wəʔəʔədčəx^wtəq^wù 'You poured the water.'
23. ?uk^wəʔəʔdx^wčəx^wtəq^wù 'You spilled the water.'
24. k^wáx^wacut 'Help yourself!'
25. ?upúsuccəx^w 'You threw something at me [and hit me].'
26. ?upúsdubščəx^w 'You threw s.t. [and it happened to hit me].'
27. g^wək^wáx^wacidčəʔu 'Can we help you?'
28. g^wəʔílibčəd?u 'May I sing?'

Note: There are two basic transitive suffixes, each with its own object pronoun set (and partial overlap); the semantic distinction between them doesn't always show up in the glosses. (7)-(8) do **not** mean the same thing, regardless of the gloss; cf. (21)-(22) for this distinction lexified in English, and (25)-(26) for glosses that distinguish it. This causes unpredictable meaning shifts, e.g. (9)-(10).