

## Adjectives, adverbs, and other modifiers

- some adjectives

'uy'	good	qul	bad
'uy'uy'mut	clean, beautiful	quliima'	dirty, ugly
'iyus	happy	qiqul'us	sad
thi	big	'uhwiin'	small
xwum	fast	'ayum	slow

- (1) *Adjectives go before noun they modify*

'uy' skweyul.                      Good day.  
 'uy' netulh.                      Good morning.  
 thi lelum'                      bighouse  
 'uy' slheni'                      good woman  
 'uy'uy'mut q'e'mi'              beautiful girl  
 thi mustimuhw // thi musteyuhw    big/important people

- (2) *Person markers and other leaning particles come after first word.*

thi tseep mustimuhw. //thi tseep musteyuhw. You are important people.  
 'uy' 'u ch slheni'?                      Are you a good woman?

- (3) *As in English, the order is determiner, adjective, noun.*

lemut tthu xwum snuhwulh.                      Look at the fast canoe.  
 ni' tsun lumnuhw kwthu thi spe'uth.              I saw a big bear.

- (4) *There is no word meaning “be” in Hul'q'umi'num'.*

thi 'un' syaays.                      Your work is important  
 'uhwiin' tun' tselush.              Your hands are small.  
 xew's 'u tun' snuhwulh?              Is your car new?  
 xwum 'u tthun' sqe'uq?              Is your little brother fast?

- adjectives come in singular and plural forms

singular	plural	
'uy'	'eli'	good
qul	qeql	bad
thi	thithu	big
xwum	xwaxwum	fast
kw'akw'um'	kw'alum'kw'um'	strong
tl'eqt	tl'eluqt	long
si'si'	suli'si'	afraid

## Qualifiers and intensifiers

### (1) nan 'uw' .....

### “very, too”

nan 'uw' 'uy'	very good
nan tsun 'uw' kw'es.	I am very hot.
nan 'u ch 'uw' 'ayum?	Are you very slow? / late?
nan 'uw' tsakw kwthun' lelum'.	Your house is too far away.
nan 'uw' xwum kwthunu snuhwulh.	My canoe is very fast.
nan 'uw' xe'xe' tu s'aa'lh sqwal.	Our language is very sacred.

### (2) tl'lim' 'uw' .....

### “really”

tl'lim' 'uw' 'uy' skwuyul	really nice day
tl'lim' 'uw' tskwim	really red
tl'lim' 'uw' thu'it sqwul'qwul'.	The story is really true.
tl'lim' xuytl' 'u kw'un'a snet.	It was cold last night.
tl'lim' 'uw' thi tun' lelum'.	Your house is really big.
tl'lim' 'uw' xwum tthun' sqe'uq.	Your little brother is really fast.

### (3) tuw'

### “a little”

tuw' hwthiqun ch p'e'.	Speak a little louder.
tuw' xwum' ch kw'un's yaay'us.	Work a bit quicker.
'i tsun tuw' q'aq'i'.	I am a little bit sick.

### (4) 'uw'...'ul'

### qualifier: “just”, “quite”

ni' 'u ch 'uw' 'imush 'ul'?	Did you just walk? (as opposed to getting a ride)
ni' tsun 'uw' 'unuhw 'ul'.	I just stopped.
'uw' 'ayum ch' ul'!	Just go slow! (Just take it easy!)
'i 'u ch 'uw' 'uy' 'ul'?	How are you?/Are you (quite) all right?
'i tsun 'uw' 'uy' 'ul'.	I'm good.
'i 'u tseep 'uw' 'eli' 'ul'?	How are you (pl)?
'i tst 'uw' 'eli' 'ul'.	We are good.

### (4) hay...'ul' “very”, superlative (best, most, greatest), “only”

hay 'ul' 'uw' xwumxwum tthunu tth'ele'. My heart was beating very fast.

hay 'ul' xwaxwum 'u kws xwchenums tthu kw'alum'kw'um' suw'wuy'qe'.  
These were the very fastest and the strongest men.