

**Our journey into person marking starts with first person singular—
'een'thu "me"**

First person singular pronouns in English are: "I", "me", "my", "mine". Here are all the different ways of expressing first person singular in Hul'q'umi'num'—

• **'een'thu ~ 'unthu "It's me" "I am" "to/for/by... me"**

- (1) 'een'thu Swustanulwut. I am Swustanulwut.
 (2) 'een'thu tse' kwu'elh le'lum'ut. It is me that will be looking after him.
 (3) m'i ch tseelqum 'utl' 'een'thu. Come follow me.

• **tsun ~ tsu "I"**

The first person singular subject pronoun is *tsun* "I". Put *tsun* after the first major word of the sentence. It is a *second position clitic*—a small word that clings.

- (4) nem' **tsun** 'umshasum'. I am going for a walk.
 (5) ni' **tsun** kwu'elh kwunnuhw. I indeed got it.
 (6) 'i **tsun** t'ut'i'wi'ulh. I am praying.
 (7) t'i'wi'ulh **tsun** tse'. I will pray.
 (8) yuxwule' **tsun**. I am an eagle.
 (9) nan **tsun** 'uw' kw'ekw'i'. I am very hungry.

• **nu "my"**

- (10) sii'em' nu siiye'yu my respected friends and relatives
 (11) ni' 'untsu kwthunu kapou? Where is my coat?
 ni' 'unuts kwunu kapou? Where is my coat?

• **kwunus "that I (do something)" "for me... (to do something)"**

- (12) skw'ey kwunus nem' tl'tawun. I can't got to town.
 (It's impossible for me to go to town.)
 (13) 'uy' kwunus huye'. I'd better leave.
 (It is good for me to leave.)
 (14) 'uy' **nu** shqwaluwun kwunus lumnamu. I am happy to see you.
 /shqweluwun (My thoughts are good that I see you.)