



Getting Started with the Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey Language Portal

The **Portal** contains an extensive collection of language resources.

[Dictionary entries](#) for Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey words, with English translations. Entries have all or some of the following features:

- Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey word and its English translation
- Example sentences using the entry word, with translation
- Notes about the word and cross-references to other entries
- Audio recordings by native speakers of the word and example sentences
- Links to video recordings in which the word is used by speakers
- Additional information, such as part of speech, plural, other forms of the word, word-stems, variants, and English keywords that link to related words

[Video recordings](#) documenting natural group conversation and activity, with transcripts and subtitles in Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey and English. In many videos, words in the subtitles are linked to their dictionary entries.

[Links](#) to other language resources.

Search capability for all Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey and English content.

Search

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Reference documents about the language, including complete verb conjugations.

This **Quick Guide** will help you get started using the dictionary, the videos, and the other resources the **Portal** offers. A video [User's Guide](#) is also available on the Portal home page.

Take time to enjoy exploring all the possibilities!

pomawsuwin
noun animate
person, human being
Plural : pomawsuwinuwok persons, people
Possessed : 'pomawsuwinumol
Locative : pomawsuwinuwihkuk where people live
Diminutive : pomawsuwinuhsis

Example Sentences :

Passamaquoddy-Maliseet	English Phrase
Tokec ntahcuwi-wiwisa-natsakiyak kotokik npomawsuwinumok, supekuk qihiw wikulticik. Npomawsuwinumok.	Now I have to hurry to see others of my people, who live near the salt water. (LM) My people.
Komac kiluwaw kuleyuwawak pomawsuwinuwok.	You treat people very well.
Nit-olu, nit-te msiw kisi-yuhul. Kat nil pomawsuwin, kehtaqs nil.	Now that's all that I can tell you. I'm not a living person; I'm a ghost. (MT)

Notes : (often shortened to mawsuwin)

Keywords :
person human being

Audio Recordings :

Audio Recording	Type of Recording	Authored by
-0:02	word	Stephanie
-0:02	example	Stephanie
-0:01	word	Dolly
-0:02	example	Dolly

Videos Referencing This Word :

Name

They Brought Medicine Here

He Taught Us Not To Think Poorly of People

Reference Documents

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- [Guide to Noun & Verb Charts](#)
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Finding a Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey or English Word

Search: In the “Search” box in the right-hand sidebar, type the word you are looking for, in Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey or in English. This feature looks for *whole* Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey words. For example:

Searching for “[wikuwam](#)” will find the entry for this word, other entries containing *wikuwam*, and video transcripts in which the word is used.

Search

The Search feature looks for whole English words, too, and also finds the same word with an added *-s*, *-es*, *-ed*, or *-ing*.

Searching for “[sing](#)” will find *sing*, *sings* and *singing* (but not *sang* or *sung*).

Search

The results of the Search are listed in three columns:

- **Entry:** the dictionary entry or video in which the word is found (click on the word to see the full entry)
- **English Concepts:** the English keywords associated with that entry
- **Excerpt:** places where the word is used in context in the entry

The first results in the list are those most relevant to the search term. The remaining results include videos or entries in which the search term is used in a sentence or somewhere else in the entry, even when the entry word itself is unrelated to your search term ([lahkalusonihikon](#) for example, in the search results below).

Note: If you search for a very frequently used English word—such as *on*, *for*, *by*, *this*, *not*—you will get “no results” if the word occurs in too many entries.

Search results		
Entry	English Concept(s)	Excerpt
wikuwams	house, shack, hovel	... (pejorative form of wikuwam) ... wikuwamsol ... house in poor condition, old house, ugly house ... house ... shack ... hovel ... wikuwams ...
wikuwam	house, building, dwelling	... wikuwamol ... Elikok yuhtol wikuwamol Moskuwal nicanol wikuwamihkuk Sipayik Matolen. ... Elkihqaks yut wikuwam! ... Ma-te ihiv elacimok wikuwamihkuk These houses ...
wiluwikuwi-wikuwam	mansion	... wiluwikuwi- wikuwamol ... mansion ... mansion ... wiluwikuwi- wikuwam ...
lahkalusonihikon	fence	... kci-lahkalusonihikon naka tuciw 'punomoniya epahsiw kci- wikuwam tepahkalusoniw. ... Wen pawatok lahkalsusonihikon? ... to make a great fence; and in addition they put a great wikuwam in the center, within the fence. (LM) ... Who wants a ...
wikuwamsis	bathroom, outhouse, rib, hut, latrine	... (see wikuwam) ... wikuwamsisol ... Nil nit nwikuwamsisom Kosona iey sakhi-tuwapit not Mali Susehp pahkak. Nit tutte nit nekom wikuwamsisom , on nit 'tapqotehtun possiyantehsok. Nit ...

Showing the first five results in the list of 65 entries containing the word “wikuwam”

For some words, this general search produces a large number of results. Click on the **Advanced Search** link to refine your search.

Use the [Advanced Search](#) link to refine your search by entering a search term in one or more of the fields on the page. Advanced Search will find entries with exact matches for **partial words** or **whole words** or **phrases**. The results of an Advanced Search list entry words with their definitions, for the entries in which the search term is found.

Hint: Experiment and take time to play with the Advanced Search feature—by using one or more fields—in order to narrow down your search. For example:

Search for [“salt” in the Definition field with “verb” in the Part of Speech field](#) to find *salawehtun* ‘s/he salts it’ and *salawehpukot* ‘it tastes salty.’ If instead you use [“noun”](#) in the Part of Speech field, you will get different results, including *salawey* ‘salt’ and *supeq* ‘salt water.’ You can also search for “salt” in the [Keyword](#) field.

Search for [“hikon”](#) in the Entry field along with [“noun”](#) in the Part of Speech field to see how this word-ending is used in Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey names of tools and other functional objects.

You can find English or Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey words, phrases, and partial words in the Example Phrase fields at the bottom of the Advanced Search page, to see how they are used in sentences and how they are translated into the other language. **Hint:** Partial words usually produce more results than whole words or phrases.

Enter a whole or partial Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey word in the Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey Example Phrase field. For example, enter “nomiy” or [“nemiy”](#) (a stem of the verb [nomiyal](#)) to see how forms of the verb meaning “see” are used in Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey sentences.

Enter a whole or partial English word in the English Example Phrase field. For example, enter “love” to find sentences with *love*, *loved*, *glove*, *plover*, etc.

Note: You can search for certain frequently used English words—such as *on*, *for*, *by*, *this*, *not*—in the Keywords field.

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Definition

salt

Changed Verb Stem

Locative

Possessed

Part of Speech

verb

Entry

hikon

ewepaqhikon	pole used to prop up clothesline
kahsicukhikon	dishtowel, dishcloth
'kahuwikhikon	eraser
kcitahihikon	ice auger

Passamaquoddy–Maliseet Example Phrase

nemiy

Search results

Entry	Definition
acomu	s/he tells a story, tells what happened
ahkoninagsu	s/he appears to be in good health (after having been ill)

Click on the link for the entry [“acomu”](#), to find the sentence with “nemiy” and see how it is used.

acomu

verb ai 1

s/he tells a story, tells what happened

Plural : acomultuwok

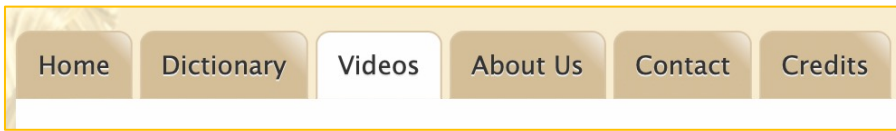
Verb Stem : -acomi-

Example Sentences :

Passamaquoddy–Maliseet	English Phrase
Kisacomuhtihtit eci-assokitahasi.	When they told the story, I was surprised.
Kisacomu etoli-tpolutomawotimok.	He made a statement in the court.
Etutacomit nemiyat kukonasikonol.	She certainly was talking a lot about seeing the skeleton.



Other Features of the Portal



Videos: The “Videos” tab at the top of the page takes you to a listing of all the video clips on the Portal.

The videos have subtitles in both English and Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey, and you can choose to watch with captions in one or both (or neither) of these languages. In many videos, underlined words in the captions are linked to the relevant entry in the dictionary.

Word-building: These are short video clips that show how Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey words are put together from meaningful parts (prefixes, roots, and endings). A video that includes all of the clips is listed under the **Videos** tab.

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“she brushes her teeth”

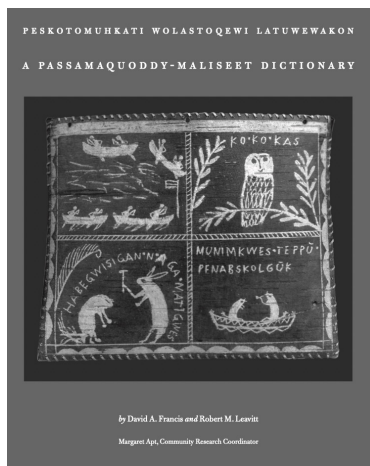
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Noun and Verb Charts: These charts show all the forms of Passamaquoddy-Maliseet nouns and verbs. The [Guide to Noun & Verb Charts](#) explains their use.

Numbers: This chart shows the system of Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey cardinal numbers (1, 2, 3...), ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd...), and other number forms.

- 1 pesq, neqt
- 2 nis, tapu
- 3 nihi, 'sis
- 4 new
- 5 nan



Dictionary Introduction: This is the introduction to the book version of the dictionary. Consult this document for detailed information about the Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey language.