

Flowers

The speakers discuss the season during a break. April 2009.

Speaker 1 I QÁQĚSSET.
APA Transcription ʔiʔ kʷekʷəssət.
Translation It's getting warm.

Fieldworker I QÁQĚSSET TFE SČÁĆEL.
APA Transcription ʔiʔ kʷekʷəssət tθə skʷečəl.
Translation The days are getting warm.

Speaker 2 Yep. Not long. Might be a good, hot summer, eh.

Speaker 1 EWES HIT I ČIL TFE SPAKEN.
APA Transcription ʔəwəs hiθ ʔiʔ kʷil tθə speqəŋ.
Translation It won't be long before the flowers appear.

Speaker 2 NE ČĽ HIĽ KĚĽ SČI,WELES!
APA Transcription nə kʷɪ hił qəl skʷiwələs!
Translation They've been out a long time already.

Speaker 1 NE?
APA Transcription nə?
Translation What?

Speaker 2 HIT KĚĽ SČI,WELES TFE SPAKEN...SPELAKEN.
APA Transcription hiθ qəl skʷiwələs tθə speqəŋ...spələqəŋ.*
Translation The flowers have been out a while.

Speaker 1 JÁN SE U ČIL TFE SPAKEN.
APA Transcription čən sə ʔuʔ kʷil tθə speqəŋ.
Translation The flowers are really going to show.

Fieldworker INET TFE 'SPAKEN'?
APA Transcription ʔinət tθə 'speqəŋ'?
Translation What does 'SPAKEN' mean?

Speaker 2 PEXSISEŇ O? Bloom.
APA Transcription pəχsisəŋ ʔaʔ? Bloom.
Translation blossom time, isn't it? Bloom.

* Speaker 2 uses the general word for 'flower(s)', which can refer to one or more than one, and then switches to the more specific plural 'flowers', which only refers to more than one.