

Names of the Body - Gigeenix
HUWAHL TK'AM'U

A - a

aak *n.* the lips; part of the mouth, the two fleshy muscular fold that surround the opening of the mouth.

anda'is *n.* urinary bladder; membranous bag to contain urine.

andaltxw *n.* the crown of the head; the top of the head or where the hair forms a little circle on top of the head.

andamihla *n.* gall bladder; the pear-shaped cystic organ attached to the undersurface of the liver, which acts as a reservoir for bile.

an'un *n.* hand or arm or both hand and arm; considering of the palm, fingers, and the arm.

ansgimhlxw *n.* womb; a female organ for containing and nourishing the young during development previous to birth. uterus.

ba'a *n.* thigh; the fleshy part of the leg between the hip and knee. *Pl:* **biba'a.**

B - b

ban *n.* belly; the abdomen contains the kidneys, spleen, digestive organs including the stomach, large and small intestines, liver, pancreas, and, in the

female, the reproductive organs. abdomen.

beex *n.* lung; the two breathing organs by means of which the blood receives oxygen and is relieved of carbon dioxide.

biba'a *n.* thighs. *Sg:* ba'a.

bok' *n.* fleshy part of the buttocks.

D - d

dap *n.* liver; detoxifies the blood and metabolizes nutrients.

dibilix *n.* back of the head above the nape.

dido'o *n.* cheeks; the sides of the face below the eyes. *Sg:* do'o.

dilx *n.* tongue; the fleshy muscular organ at the bottom of the mouth that is the main organ of taste, moves to facilitate chewing and swallowing and a speech organ in humans.

dipxs *n.* heel; the rounded back part of the foot, under and behind the ankle.

do'o *n.* cheek; the side of the face below the eye. *Pl:* dido'o.

dults' *n.* clitoris; the woman's chief organ of stimulation, located usually one or two inches above the vaginal opening.

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gik'aaya *n.* rump, or the tail bone area; the triangular bone at the end of the spine. *sacrum.*

gik'othl *n.* ankle bone; the bone on the outside of the ankle. *talus.*

gits'a'y *n.* bone marrow; fatty substance inside the bones.

gyalp *n.* testicles; the male sperm-producing glands.

G – g

gaagwa galanixs Achilles tendon; the strong tendon joining the muscles in the calf of the leg to the bone of the heel.

gaak *n.* index finger; the finger next to the thumb.

gaakw *n.* tendon; a tough cord or band of dense white fibrous connective tissue that unites a muscle with some other part and transmits the force which the muscle exerts.

gak'esii *n.* knees. Sg: **k'esii.**

gal'ame or gal'amhe *n.* 1) voice box; the modified upper part of the trachea of air breathing vertebrates. *larynx.*

2) windpipe; the passage for the breath from the larynx to the lungs. *trachea.*

galk'an *n.* uvula; the fleshy cone-shaped projection hanging above the back of the tongue.

gal'oost *n.* stomach; the large internal organ, the part of the alimentary canal in which the second stage of digestion takes place.

gaseexw *n.* groin, lower abdomen; the depression between the belly and the thigh.

gas'magax *n.* toothless; to have no teeth, just gums.

gas'win *n.* toothless; to have a tooth or more missing but still have some teeth left.

gats'u'wilint *n.* fingers; the five digits on the hand.

gats'u'winildim se'e *n.* toes; the five digits on the fore end of the foot.

gawil'ihlee'e *n.* vein; blood vessel; a vessel in which blood circulates.

ges *n.* head hair; threadlike outgrowth from the scalp of humans.

golix *n.* scalp; the skin on the top and back of the head, usually covered with hair.

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goot *n.* heart; the hollow, muscular blood-pumping organ which is situated in the left middle portion of the chest between the lungs.

gops *n.* little boy's penis.

H – h

haat *n.* small intestines; lower part of the alimentary canal.

haba wink'esii *n.* kneecap; protective bone covering for the knee joint. Patella.

hage'n *n.* molars; the two sets of back teeth, top and bottom, next to the wisdom teeth.

hahats'a *n.* incisors; your front teeth, top and bottom, which are used to bite with.

hak'yo'o *n.* back; the rear part of the human body esp. from the neck to the end of the spine.

hamhom *n.* wrist bone (the bone sticking out below the little finger).

hananix or hanhanix *n.* temples; the flat part on either side of the head above the cheekbones.

ha'niigan'win *n.* gums for the teeth; the firm flesh in which the teeth are set.

hapt's'a'y *n.* crown; highest point of head at the back.

hasbahupx *n.* receding hairline at the forehead; the forehead has grown from its original size because of the receding hairline at the forehead.

hoonii *n.* calf of the leg; the back part of the leg between the knee and ankle. Syn: hloots'.

hupx *n.* forehead; part of the face just above the eyebrows and between the temples.

HI- hl

hlaks *n.* fingernail; the thin, transparent plate covering the tips of the fingers.

hlaksim se'e *n.* toenail; the thin, transparent plate covering the tips of the toes.

hloots' *n.* calf of the leg; the back part of the leg between the knee and ankle. Syn: hoonii.

I – i

ihlee'e *n.* blood; a fluid that circulates in the heart, arteries, capillaries, and veins carrying nourishment and oxygen to and bringing away waste products from all parts of the body.

is *n.* urine; the chief excretory product of the body being secreted by the kidney as liquid or semisolid matter rich in end

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products of protein metabolism, salts and pigments forming a clear amber usually slightly acid fluid.

J – j

jalaxsxw *adj.* curly hair; having a tendency to curl, i.e. curly hair, having curls.

jooks *n.* sideburns; a continuation of the hairline in front of the ears.

K' – k'

k'ila'a *n.* wrist; the joint between the hand and the arm.

k'its'ee *n.* kidneys; the two large glandular organs, situated on both sides of the spinal column, deep in the upper and posterior part of the abdominal cavity. Their function is the secretion of urine, which is composed of water, salts, and waste nitrogen-containing products of metabolism. *Syn:* **t'aabee'e;** **t'ak'its'ee.**

K – k

kabi'aak *n.* corners of the mouth.

K' – k'

k'aldixhaat *n.* appendix; a narrow, blind ending, projecting from the part of the large intestine called the cecum, near its

junction with the small intestine.
Vermiform Appendix.

k'ehlx *n.* chest; the upper part of the body between the neck and the abdomen, and which covers the ribs and sternum.

k'esii *n.* knee; joint between the thigh and the lower leg. Pl: **gak'esii.**

k'ets' *n.* chin; the central portion of the lower jaw.

k'o *n.* penis; male organ of copulation and urinary excretion.

L – l

lax *n.* body hair.

laxdibilix *n.* nape of neck; the back of the neck.

lax'oo'l *n.* eyelid; moveable lid of skin and muscle that closes over the eyeball.

laxs'neexs *n.* instep; the top of the foot between the toes and ankle. *Syn:* **naxs'neexs.**

laya goot *n.* chest hairs. An old expression “laya goot”. When someone lights a fuse, tempermant, watch out!

laya k'ehlx *n.* chest hair

laya t'imhlaa'm. *n.* hair on shins.

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laya ts'imts'anks *n.* armpit hair;
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laya woo'lip *n.* eyelash; the fringe of hair
edging the eyelid. *Syn:* **laya woo'pil**

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ligi'l *n.* eyebrow; the arch of hair above
the eye.

lo'oba'un *n.* arm muscle; the muscle of
the upper arm. *biceps brachium.*

luuwilim ts'ee'w *n.* guts; alla the internal
vital organs.

M – m

maaxwsil *n.* the white of the eyes; the
dense fibrous opaque white outer coat
enclosing the eyeball except the part
covered by the cornea. *Sclera.*

mat'uxw'un *n.* left hand.

mihla *n.* bile; a bitter, greenish or yellow
liquid secreted by the liver and stored in
the gall bladder.

miinaxs *n.* ankle.

milkst *n.* sideburn, temple.

moos *n.* thumb; the short first digit on the
hand, capable of touching the four
fingers.

moosim se'e *n.* big toe on the foot; the
biggest of five digits on the foot, used for
balance.

mo'osxw *n.* colour of hair or skin; light
coloured skin. The Gitxsan believe that if
they want a baby to be born with red hair,
they would get a lady bug and tie it to the
abdomen of the expecting mother.

muxw *n.* ear; the organ of hearing.

'M – 'm

'maasaxw *n.* gray hair; having or
becoming gray.

'min *n.* vagina; a canal that leads from
the uterus to the external opening in the
perineum.

'mo'o *n.* semen; a sticky whitish fluid of
the male reproductive tract which carries
sperm.

'moot'ixs *n.* breast; one of two
protuberant milk producing glandular
organs situated on the front of the chest
in the human female; a mammary gland.

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naxs'neexs *n.* instep; the top of the foot between the toes and ankle. *Syn:* **laxs'neexs**.

nix *n.* upper lip; part of the mouth, the upper lip, just below the nose.

no'ohl *n.* shoulder; the joint connecting the arm to the body.

se'e *n.* leg or foot; the lower limb supporting the body and used for walking. *Pl:* **sise'e**.

sgahaat *n.* abdominal oblique muscle internal; the side of the body at the abdominal oblique muscle internal area.

sgans *n.* elbow; the joint between the upper arm and forearm.

sgenix *n.* little finger, pinkie.

'N – 'n

'naagakw *n.* bald head.

'naahanix *n.* soft spot on baby's head.

'naahleek *n.* bald spot; a bald spot or having little or no hair on the head.

sibiido'o *n.* cheekbone; a bone of the side of the face below the eye. zygomatic bone.

silkw *n.* waistline; the part of the body between hips and the ribs.

silkw'inst *n.* middle finger; the second finger from the thumb.

P – p

pdal *n.* ribs; the paired curved bony or partly cartilaginous rods that stiffen the walls of the body and protect the internal organs of the upper body (i.e. the heart, liver, or lungs).

simmo'osxw *n.* blond hair; the true blond.

sim'un *n.* right hand.

S – s

sda'lixs *n.* ring finger

sdo'oixs *n.* side of the body; the right or left part of the body, the abdominal oblique muscle area.

sip *n.* bone; the hard substance forming the skeleton of humans and animal.

sise'e *n.* legs or feet. *Sg:* *se'e*.

si'wintxw *n.* false teeth.

smax *n.* human body flesh.

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swink'ehlx *n.* the breastbone; a long flat bone articulating with the cartilage of and forming the support of most of the ribs.
sternum.

T – t

tk'a *n.* body skin; the skin covering the whole body.

tk'am'u *n.* the body of a vertebrate; the entire body; the entire body and all of its organs. Is: tk'am'u'y – my body.

T' – t'

t'aabee'e *n.* kidney; organ located in the abdominal cavity close to the back functions to keep proper water balance in the body and excrete wastes in the form of urine. *Syn:* k'its'ee; t'ak'its'ee.

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t'ikw' *n.* belly button, navel; a depression in the middle of the abdomen where the umbilical cord was attached to the fetus.

t'imges *n.* head; the upper division of the body that contains the brain, the chief sense organs and the mouth.

t'imbok' *n.* hips, upper thigh; the part of the body between the waist and thigh that projects outward over the hipbone.

t'imhlaa'm *n.* shin bone; the larger inner bone of the vertebrate lower leg. tibia.

t'imilwilgit *n.* the skull bone; the bones of the head.

t'imk'aax *n.* the entire arm plus the shoulder blade; upper limb on humans.

t'imk'uukw' *n.* buttocks and tailbone area; the tailbone area and either of the two rounded fleshy part of the rump.

t'imk'yo'o *n.* the back bone, spine; the series of small bones along the middle of the back that encloses and protects the spinal cord and provides support for the body.

t'imlanix *n.* neck; the part linking the head and the main trunk.

t'uuts'il *n.* pupils of eyes; the dark opening in the center of the iris through which light enter the eyes.

TS' – ts'

ts'a'a *n.* 1) eye; organ of sight. 2) face; the front part of the human head including the chin, mouth, nose, cheeks, eyes, and the forehead.

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ts'ak *n.* nose; organ of smelling and breathing.

ts'imaak *n.* mouth or inside the mouth; used for eating or speaking.

ts'iman'un *n.* palm of the hand; the somewhat concave part of the human hand between the bases of the fingers and the wrist.

ts'imdibilix *n.* the back of the neck, nape; the back of the neck where the spine meets the head.

ts'imk'ehlx *n.* inner chest; enclosed by the ribs and sternum.

ts'imko'o *n.* anus; the lower opening of the alimentary tract through which the waste products of digested and metabolized food and undigested food particles are eliminated.

ts'imsaa'y *n.* back of the knee; the part of the leg opposite the knee, at the leg joint.

ts'imse'e *n.* the sole of the foot; the bottom or the under surface of the foot.

ts'imts'ak *n.* nostrils, inside the nose; the openings of the nose, or inside

ts'imts'anks *n.* armpit; the hollow beneath the junction of the arm and shoulder.

ts'imts'exhl *n.* between the legs; between the pubic area and the anus.

ts'oohlimuxw *n.* behind the ear, pressure point; just behind the earlobes.

U – u

uksxw *n.* to have blond hair, light in colour.

W – w

winges *n.* brain; the large gray nerve tissue enclosed in the cranium of a vertebrate that interprets sensory impulses, coordinates and controls bodily functioning, and is the center of emotion and thought.

wit' *n.* collarbone; a bone of the vertebrate shoulder girdle typically serving to link the shoulder blade and the breastbone. *clavicle.*

'W – 'w

'wii'aak *n.* 1) big mouth. 2) a loud-mouthed person. This expression is used if a person is loud, does not always mean the size of the mouth.

'win *n.* tooth; a set of hard bonelike structures rooted in sockets in the jaw, for chewing and for speaking.

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'winim us *n.* canine teeth; the upper canine teeth.

'winim ts'a'a *n.* canine teeth; the lower canine teeth; eye teeth.

X – x

xbaa'w *n.* jaw; bony structures consisting of an upper jaw more or less firmly fused with the skull, and a lower jaw hinged, movable, and articulated with the temporal bone of either side.

xgilkw *n.* sweat; perspiration; a saline fluid secreted by the sweat glands.

xsindok *n.* earwax; the yellow waxy secretion from the glands of the external ear. *cerumen.*

Y – y

yahlx *n.* saliva; the clear, watery juice secreted by the salivary glands. The ducts of the glands pour saliva into the mouth, where it serves to moisten and lubricate food during the chewing process; it also helps in the beginning of digestion of starchy food by means of an enzyme called amylase.

