

## Wh-Words and Question Formation in Shughni

### 1. Yes/No Question Formation

Yes/no question formation is done with intonation leaving the syntactic structure as in statements.

You see it.                    wəneyo (wineyo)

You saw it.                    tut wint

Do you see it?                wəneyo (wineyo)

Did you see it?                wint tat to

Can you see it?                wəneyo (wineyo)

Could you see it?              wint tat to

### 2. Wh-Question Formation

Wh-questions are structured much as in English. Wh-words move in Shughni to the front of the sentence and rising intonation occurs on the final syllables of the sentence. Presumably, the DP is replaced by a trace marker which connects to SpecCP which the wh-word occupies.

Who - čaiy

What - čiz

Where - kadand

When - tsawaxt

How - tsarang

Why - čizzhat

tsawaxtum oz pɛxt

when-1<sup>st</sup> sing. I [did] cook?

mašam <maš-am> čiz pɛxt

We-1<sup>st</sup> pl. what [did] cook?

čizzhatam maš pɛxt

Why-1<sup>st</sup> pl. we [did] cook?

tsarangam maš pɛxt

How-1<sup>st</sup> pl. we [did] cook?

tsawaxtam maš pɛxt

When-1<sup>st</sup> pl. we [did] cook?

kadandam maš pɛxt

Where-1<sup>st</sup> pl. we [did] cook?

### 3. Multiple Wh-Constructions

čaiyɛ čiz pɛxt

Who-3<sup>rd</sup> sing. what cooked?

### 4. Person Markers

A person marker occurs on many of the wh- words which corresponds with the subject.

1<sup>st</sup> person singular marker → -um

1<sup>st</sup> person plural marker → -am

2<sup>nd</sup> person singular marker → -at

3<sup>rd</sup> person singular marker → -ɛ

Examples with 1<sup>st</sup> singular and plural are given above in **1**.

Examples of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> person follow.

čizut pɛxt

What-2<sup>nd</sup> sing. [did] you cook?

kadandat to pɛxt

Where-2<sup>nd</sup> sing. [did] you cook?

tsawaxtat pɛxt

When-2<sup>nd</sup> sing. [did] you cook?

tsarangat dɛ pɛxt

How-2<sup>nd</sup> sing. it [did] you cook?

čizzhatat pɛxt

Why-2<sup>nd</sup> sing. [did] you cook?

ozum azwe pɛxst čaiyɛ pɛxt

I him asked who-3<sup>rd</sup> sing. cooked

čaiyɛ pɛxt

Who-3<sup>rd</sup> sing. cooked?

čizɛ monan pɛxt

/ monan čizɛ pɛxt

What-3<sup>rd</sup> sing. [did] my mother cook?

/ my mother what-3<sup>rd</sup>

sing. [did] cook?

kadandɛ yö pɛxt

Where-3<sup>rd</sup> sing. [did] he cook?

tsawaxtɛ yö pɛxt

When-3<sup>rd</sup> sing. [did] he cook?

tsarange yō pɛxt

How-3<sup>rd</sup> sing. [did] he cook (it)?

čizzhate yō pɛxt

Why-3<sup>rd</sup> sing. [did] he cook?

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