Expressing the Comparative (Comparing More Than 2 People)

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Directions: Print this sheet out and tape it or place it in a location you will be in everyday (bathroom, kitchen, car, etc.). Practice at least once a day the first part until you memorize it before moving on to the next part.

Vocabulary that you'll need:

Kinship Terms from a Girl's Perspective [pronunciation]

Kinship Terms from a Boy's Perspective [pronunciation]

Generic Kinship Terms [Pronunciation]

tus txiv husband cov nus muag siblings

tus poj niam wife cov viv ncaus sisters (only girls can use this term)

txiv father cov kwv tig cousins/relatives

niam mother tsev neeg family

tus tub son

tus ntxhais daughter

When showing showing that someone "belongs" to you, the structure usually looks like this:

noun/pronoun + classifier

Kuv + tus/leej

Kuv tus tij laug

My older brother

But some kinship terms do not require a classifier:

txiv father pog grandmother (your dad's mom)

niam	mother	yawm txiv	grandfather (your mom's dad)
tawg	grandfather (your dad's dad)	niam tais	grandmother (your mom's mom)

Adjectives [Pronunciation]

We've gone over some of these opposite adjectives before. The ones we have not gone over are *italicized*.

loj	big	rog	fat	ntev	long
me	small	nka	skinny	luv	short
siab	tall	nrawm	fast	ntau	many
qes taub	short	qeeb	slow	tsawg	few
laus	old	Z00	good	nquag l	nardworking/productive
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hluas	young	phem	bad	tub nkeeg	lazy
hluas zoo nkauj					

There are a handful of adjectives using the word "siab," which means "liver."

siab zoo	nice	siab ncaj	honest	muaj siab
siab phem	mean	siab nrawm		ntseeg siab
siab loj	courageous	siab qeeb		
siab me	cowardly	rau siab		
siab nte	patient	mob siab		
siab luv	impatient	ntxhov siab		

To express the superlative form in Hmong

The superlative form is used to compare more than two nouns, and usually to point out the extreme of the nouns. In English, we express the superlative form by adding -est (+ of all). To express the superlative in Hmong, you can use use "yog tus + adjective + tshaj plaws."

Kuv txiv yog tus siab tshaj plaws. My father is the tallest one.