

S/he’s Visiting (Him)

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a²¹ji²²hwa²htv²²hi²³do³²ha²

/a²¹ji²²/, v.tp-p, Lexical Root, JW p.37, CED p.27

NCMP*	-hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² h-	Present	
		ji ²² wa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² ha ²	<i>I’m visiting him/her.</i>
		a ²¹ gi ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² ha ²	<i>S/he, It’s visiting me.</i>
		hi ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² ha ²	<i>You’re visiting him/her.</i>
		ja ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² ha ²	<i>S/he, It’s visiting you.</i>
		a ²¹ hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² ha ²	<i>[Technically formed correctly, but not likely to be said. Hard to understand. This person-person verb works poorly with Set A pronouns—it is strange to say one is “visiting” an inanimate thing, which is what /a²¹/ here denotes. The more correct 3rd person singular form is directly below.]</i>
		a ²¹ ji ²² wa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² ha ²	<i>S/he, It’s visiting him/her/it.</i>
Past			
		ji ²² wa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² hv ²³ ?i ²	<i>I was visiting him/her.</i>
		a ²¹ gi ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² hv ²³ ?i ²	<i>S/he, It was visiting me.</i>
		hi ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² hv ²³ ?i ²	<i>You were visiting him/her.</i>
		ja ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² hv ²³ ?i ²	<i>S/he, It was visiting you.</i>
		gv ²¹ hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² hv ²³ ?i ²	<i>I was visiting you.</i>
		i ²¹ jv ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² hv ²³ ?i ²	<i>I / We were visiting you / y’all.</i>
		sgi ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² hv ²³ ?i ²	<i>You were visiting me.</i>
		i ²¹ sgi ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² hv ²³ ?i ²	<i>You / Y’all were visiting me / us.</i>
Habitual			
		ji ²² wa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² ho ³³ ?i ²	<i>I visit him/her.</i>
		a ²¹ ji ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² ho ³³ ?i ²	<i>S/he, It visits him/her/it.</i>
Future			
		ji ²² wa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² he ³³ sdi ²	<i>I’ll be visiting him/her.</i>
		a ²² gi ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² he ³³ sdi ²	<i>S/he, It will be visiting me.</i>
		gv ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² he ³³ sdi ²	<i>I will be visiting you.</i>
		i ²² jv ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² he ³³ sdi ²	<i>I / We will be visiting you / y’all.</i>
		sgi ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² he ³³ sdi ²	<i>You will be visiting me.</i>
		i ²² sgi ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² he ³³ sdi ²	<i>You / Y’all will be visiting me / us.</i>
CMP	-hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² l-	Past	
		ji ²² wa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² lv ²³ ?i ²	<i>I visited him/her.</i>
		a ²¹ gi ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² lv ²³ ?i ²	<i>S/he, It visited me. (or) I visited it.</i>

		hi ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² lv ²³ ?i ²	You visited him/her.
		ja ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² lv ²³ ?i ²	S/he, It visited you.
		u ²¹ hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² lv ²³ ?i ²	S/he, It visited him/her/it.
		Future	
		da ² ji ²² wa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² li ²	I will visit him/her.
		dv ²² gi ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² li ²	S/he, It will visit me.
		ti ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² li ²	You will visit him/her.
		da ² ja ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² li ²	S/he, It will visit you.
		dv ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² li ²	S/he, It visited him/her/it.
		dv ²² ga ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² li ²	S/he, It visited him/her/it.
IMM	-hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ d/a ²	Command	
		hwi ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ²	You go visit him/her!
		dj ² sgi ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ²	You come visit me!
		di ²² sgi ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ²	You / Y'all come visit me!
INF	-hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ³² sd/i ²	Basic Infinitive	
		ji ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ³² sdi ²	For Me to visit him/her.
		a ²² gi ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ³² sdi ²	For Him, Her, It to visit me.
		hi ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ³² sdi ²	For You to visit him/her.
		ja ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ³² sdi ²	For Him, Her, It to visit you.
		a ²¹ ji ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ³² sdi ²	For Him, Her, It to visit him, her, it.
		gv ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ³² sdi ²	For Me to visit you.
		i ²² jv ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ³² sdi ²	For Me / Us to visit you / y'all.
		sgi ² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ³² sdi ²	For You to visit me.
		i ²² sgi ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ³² sdi ²	For You / Y'all to visit me / us.

Notes: This Person-Person verb refers specifically to visiting another person—as in, going to find them to socialize with them, typically by going to pass some time with them at their house. Maybe this verb is based on the Root “Find” /hwa²ht/ to denote the element of travelling to someone else’s house, having “sought them out,” or “gone out seeking” someone. I’m speculating, but to me that element of travel, of going out to seek someone’s company to pass the time, is the most likely common ground between the two concepts of “visiting” someone and “finding” them. In English, we also sometimes use the verb “visit” to refer to “chatting,” as in “when I ran into my friend at the supermarket, we visited a little while”—note that this verb does *not* work that way in Cherokee. It only refers to the act of going to see someone for a while. This is a high-use verb, good for students to pick up early in the learning process.

Root Formula:

/hwa ² ht/	+	/v ²³ hv ²² /	+	/i ²³ do ³² h/	=	/hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² h/	=	Approximate Literal Meaning
True Root		Reduplicative		Ambulative		PRC Stem		“Going around finding (him, her) over time”
Find		Over Time		“Going Around”				“Taking one’s time going around finding someone”
		PRC Stem		PRC Stem				

Alternate Pronunciations: /hwa²/ syllable sometimes cut short, pronounced /wa⁰/. This is common with the “See (It)” Root—consider a²¹go²²wa⁰hti²³ha².

SENTENCES:

Gago hi²²wa²htv²²hi²³da³²sdi² jaduli?
/ who / for you to visit him, her / you are wanting it /
Who do you want to visit? (CED)

Sigwu i²²sgi²²hwa²htv²²hi²³do³²lv²²?i² !
/ again / you, y’all visit me, us /
Y’all visit us again [sometime]! [†]

Eji ase ji²²hwa⁰htv²²hi²³da³²sdi² kilawu iyusdi. Tladv yi²ji²²hwa²htv²²hi²³do³²lv² hlega.
/ mom / must / for me to visit her / very soon / like that / truly not / I haven’t visited her / a while /
I should visit my mother soon. I haven’t visited her in a while. (JW)

Svndodawasd jigesv⁴, Svnoyi Jigeyuhno Agusiya wunenvsv ale Jigeyuhnv unali a²¹na²hwa⁰htv²²hi²³do³²hv² jo²i iga igohida.
/ one specific week / when it was / Svnoyi / and Jigeyu / Mvskoke-place / they were there / and / Jigeyu / they-friend / they were visiting her / three / day / span /
Svnoyi and Jigeyu were visiting Jigeyu’s friend in Okmulgee for three days last week. (JW)

RELATED WORDS: “Finding Oneself Somewhere,” a²¹da²²hwa²htv²²hi²³do³²ha², No. 006; “S/he’s Finding (It, Him) – Neutral, Living,” a²¹hwa²hti³ha², No. 113; “S/he’s Finding (It) – Long,” a²¹yv²²hwa²hti³ha², No. 306; “S/he’s Finding (It) – Flexible,” ga²na³²hwa⁰hti³ha², No. 463; “He’s Finding (It) – Liquid,” ga²ne²²hwa²hti³ha², No. 474; “S/he’s Seeing (It, Him),” a²¹go²²hwa⁰hti³ha², No. 073.

[†] The “sometime” meaning included in the English translation is not directly correlated to any particular word in the Cherokee sentence. The /v²²?i²/ Tense Suffix is inherently vague in terms of time—it denotes “sometime” in the future. So, the “sometimes” meaning is implied by the /v²²?i²/ Tense Suffix in the CMP Future Command verb.