

Finding Oneself Somewhere, S/he’s Visiting (a Place)

Reviewed with JW Webster.

a²¹da²²hwa²htv²²hi²³do³²ha²
/a²¹/, v.i., Lexical Root, JW p. 2, CED p. 3

NCMP*	-a ² da ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² h-	Present	
		ga ² da ¹¹ wa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² ha ²	I’m finding myself there.
		ha ² da ²² wa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² ha ²	You’re finding yourself there.
		a ²¹ da ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² ha ²	S/he’s finding him/herself there.
		Past	
		ga ² da ¹¹ wa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² hv ²³ ?i ²	I was finding myself there.
		a ²¹ da ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² hv ²³ ?i ²	S/he was finding him/herself there.
		Future	
		ga ² da ¹¹ wa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² he ³³ sdi ²	I’ll be finding myself there.
		ha ² da ²² wa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² he ³³ sdi ²	You will be finding yourself there.
		a ²² da ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² he ³³ sdi ²	S/he will be finding him/herself there.
		Habitual	
		a ²¹ da ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² ho ³³ ?i ²	S/he finds him/herself there [habitually].
CMP	-a ² da ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² l-	Past	
		a ²¹ gwa ² da ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² lv ²³ ?i ²	I found myself there.
		ja ² da ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² lv ²³ ?i ²	You found yourself there.
		u ²¹ da ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² lv ²³ ?i ²	S/he found him/herself there.
		Future	
		da ² ga ² da ¹¹ wa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² li ²	I will find myself there.
		ta ² da ²² wa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² li ²	You will find yourself there.
		dv ²² da ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ do ³² li ²	S/he will find him/herself there.
IMM	-a ² da ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ d/a ²	Command	
		ha ² da ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ²	You find yourself there! [Command]
INF	-a ² da ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ³² sd/i ²	Basic Infinitive	
		a ²² gwa ² da ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ³² sdi ²	For me to find myself there.
		ja ² da ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ³² sdi ²	For you to find yourself there.
		u ²² da ²² hwa ² htv ²² hi ²³ da ³² sdi ²	For him/her to find him/herself there.

Notes: This verb’s literal meaning is “to find oneself somewhere,” and is included in the CED as an Intransitive form of “visiting.” In the sense intended by the CED, the verb refers to “just visiting” a place, as opposed to being there for a specific purpose or living there. In a more general sense, the verb is a synonym of “S/he is Somewhere,” e²³do³²ha²—both can be used for basically the same kinds of expression. This verb is much longer and less convenient to pronounce, so it’s far less common in ordinary speech than e²³do³²ha². A new learner would be better served to learn e²³do³²ha² first.

Compound Root Formula:

$/a^2d(a^{22}d)/$ Outsource	+	$/hwa^2ht/$ True Root Find	+	$/v^{23}h(v^3)/$ Reduplicative “Taking Time” PRC Stem	+	$/i^{23}do^{32}h/$ Ambulative “Going Around” PRC Stem	=	$/a^2da^{22}hwa^2htv^{22}hi^{23}do^{32}h/$ PRC Stem	=	Approximate Literal Meanings “Going around finding oneself [somewhere] over time.” “Take time finding oneself [somewhere].” “Happen upon oneself somewhere.” (JW)
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Alternate Pronunciations: $/hwa^2/$ syllable sometimes cut short, pronounced $/wa^0/$. This is common with the “Find (It)” Root—consider **$a^{21}go^{22}hwa^0hti^{23}ha^2$** .

SENTENCES:

Hla ayv agwenvsv yigi ahani. $Ga^2da^{11}wa^2htv^{22}hi^{23}do^{32}ha^2gwu^3$.
/ not / me / my house / not / here / I’m just visiting it /
This here is not my house. I’m just visiting [it]. (CED)

$Wi^2ga^2da^{11}wa^0htv^{22}hi^{23}do^{32}he^{33}sdi^2 sa^2na^{33}le^{44}?i^2$.
/ I will be away visiting / tomorrow /
I’ll be visiting [there] tomorrow. (JW)

Kuwohi $wi^2di^{21}da^{22}hwa^0htv^{22}hi^{23}do^{32}lv^2$ Jalaguweti widedohv’i.
/ Clingman’s Dome / we all visited there / North Carolina / [while][†] we were there /
We visited Clingman’s Dome while we were in North Carolina. (JW)

Tladv $yiwigvgwadahwa^0htv^{22}hi^{44}da^{32}sdi^2$ gesesd adelv⁰ junisgwani⁰ godi sanale’i.
/ definitely not / i cannot visit there / money / where they save it / tomorrow /
I can’t visit the bank tomorrow. (JW)

Doyu osi gali’eligi sigwu $de^{21}ga^2da^{22}hwa^0htv^{22}hi^{23}do^{32}lv^2$ kohusv’i.
/ really / fine / I’m happy / again / we all found each other / tonight /
I’m really happy we all found each other again tonight. (JW)

Tlado yiganvdadi nuyehldi $ji^2wi^2ga^2da^{22}hwa^0htv^{22}hi^{23}do^{32}lv^2$ kohusv’i.
/ not really / i’m not remembering it / the reason in all / that I was there /
I can’t really remember the reason I found myself there.* (JW)

Tladv $yiji^{22}go^v$ gatiyo vhna $ja^{21}gwa^2da^{22}hwa^0htv^{22}hi^{23}do^{32}hv^4$ ohni.
/ definitely not / I didn’t see him / stomp ground / there / I found myself / visited / last /
I didn’t see him the last time I was at the stomp grounds.* (JW)

Lvhiiyus Jalaguwet $wi^2ja^2da^{22}hwa^0htv^{22}hi^{23}do^{32}le^{33}?i^2$?
/ is it ever / North Carolina / you have found yourself going around there (or) visited it /
Have you ever visited North Carolina?* (JW)

* These last three are examples of sentences where speakers are more likely to use “ $e^{23}do^{32}ha^2$ ” instead of this verb. In may be more common to use “be there” in most situations where this verb would otherwise be applicable—again, this is likely a limited-use-case verb for most learners. Of course, this isn’t different from English—I’m more likely to ask whether someone’s “been” to North Carolina than “visited” it myself. (JRL)

RELATED WORDS: “S/he’s Visiting (Him),” $a^{21}ji^{22}hwa^2htv^{22}hi^{23}do^{32}ha^2$, No. 114; “S/he’s Finding (It, Him) – Neutral, Living,” $a^{21}hwa^2hti^3ha^2$, No. 113; “S/he’s Finding (It) – Long,” $a^{21}yv^{22}hwa^2hti^3ha^2$, No. 306; “S/he’s Finding (It) – Flexible,” $ga^2na^{32}hwa^0hti^3ha^2$, No. 463; “S/he’s Finding (It) – Liquid,” $ga^2ne^{22}hwa^2hti^3ha^2$, No. 474; “S/he’s Seeing (It),” $a^{21}go^{22}hwa^0hti^3ha^2$, No.073.

[†] A subordinated CMP Past verb, followed by an NCMP Past verb, can basically function as a “while” statement. Note that there is no single word or morpheme in the Cherokee sentence that directly correlate to “while” appearing in the English—in Cherokee, the “while” idea is implied by an understood interrelationship between the CMP Past and NCMP Past verbs in the sentence, when arranged in this way and in this context.