

The name means, in their language, "people". and they applied it to specific social and geographical groupings of themselves and to other groups as well. For example, a southern Raven lineage was called Ganxet xaidaga-i R1 272 and one in the north, in the different dialect, Nedan xada-i R2le 272

The people of the southern end of the islands were known collectively as Kunhip-People; those of the north, around Masset, Gao-Haida. Inlet<sup>7</sup>People

They applied it as well to some foreign Indian groupings; for example, Kilgat-Haida for Mainland People, although they also had specific names for other tribes.

When the whiteman appeared they dubbed him Yetz-Haida "Iron-People"

Most of their neighbours on the mainland also knew them by the name Haida, although the Tlingit used the expressive name Dekina, meaning outer islanders. The Tsimshian had more specific names for segments of Haida; for example, the people they Haida called Gao-Haida, they called Gitgao, with the same meaning.

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