

(How did he talk?)

Well, it's kind of hard to say, what kind of words he used, but he can understand it. But you don't have to get exposed (?) you know. Some of the words he used it's not correct. But he can understand it. That's real Indian trying to talk.

English. Just like we was eating dinner over there at Brownsville (Texas.)

It's way down in the valley, you know. We was eating dinner. We went across (to Mexico) and come back. Evelyn and myself took one table with our kids.

And my mother and the Old Man took another table there. Cause there were

Mexicans over there and they got small tables. That's the kind of a classy

place, you know. So there's a couple brought in a couple of kids, you know--

a boy and girl. Oh, they're like 10 or 12 years old, you know. Boy and a girl.

They took a table right next to theirs--boy--this boy was looking at the Old Man--

he's got braids, you know! And the old man was talking Apache. "I better not

do anything--this boy's looking at me pretty hard. Might keel over," he said.

So this boy, he spoke up: "Boy," he said. "That's a real American." His father

was English and his mother's Mexican. Boy look at the Old Man and said, "Boy

I don't believe he can speak a word of English!" Old Man answered him: "You think

so!" And the mother and father, they got a big kick out of it.

(Evelyn: What about Charlie Harris, isn't it--his best friend--he's a sales

managet at the Ford Garage, Anadarko. He always did look like he was sick, you

know. This Charlie, you know, he's real skinny like. He's tall. And the Old

Man (Apache Ben) says to him: "Hello Charlie!" He goes, "Hi Big Ben!" So one

day he say, "Well, Charlie, Look at you. My goodness! Me, I'm gonna go eat a

juicy steak!" So he say, "Oh Big Ben," he said, "You know, Charlie," he said,

"What you gonna do? You save that money and some day your'e gonna die! You're

saving that money for your wife's next husband! Me," he said, "I'm gonna use all

my money up! He always used to talk about that when he was living. He said, "You"

he said, "You're just stingy! You're just saving your money right here,"