

Ktunaxa Grammar Rules-

Section #1: Showing a Subject

The Following is the Section #1 of Ktunaxa Grammar Rules and is meant to show a subject.

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Pronoun Words and Pronoun Additions / Affixes

Ktunaxa

English Description

Forms used to Show a Subject:

“**Hu**” is used when the next word begins with a consonant. “**Hun**” is used when the next word begins with a vowel or glottal stop.

Please Note: some speakers put the “n” at the beginning of the verb root instead of attaching it to “hu”.

Hu / Hin = I / You

Examples:

Hu skikiʔ ʔitkini kikiʔ = I am cooking a meal.

Hu cxaʔ ʔitkini kikiʔ. = I will be preparing a meal.

Pikaks **hu** nuʔ ʔitkini kikiʔ. = I have already prepared a meal.

Hun ʔupxni. = I know.

Hu qakiʔni maʔʔ. = I said don't.

Hun ʔini Ktunaxa. = I am Ktunaxa.

Hun ʔiyakuʔni ʔakawutʔaʔnam. = I put up a tipi.

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Hu / Hun + naṭa = We / all of us / all us people (more than one person, including the speaker).

“Hu” / “Hun” + naṭa is used with a verb word and is often placed into the middle of a verb.

Examples:

Hun ṭinnnaṭaṭni Ktunaxa. = “We are Ktunaxa.” Or “All of us are Ktunaxa.”

Hun ṭumaznaṭaṭni. = “All of us laughed.” Or “We all laughed.”

Hin / Ninku = You (singular-one person)

Sometimes “Hin” and “Ninku” are used separately and sometimes they are used together.

Examples:

Ninku, ṭitkinin kíkíṭ. = “You, prepare a meal.” (*said like a Command directly to one person.*)

Ninku, **hin** cxaṭ ṭitkini kíkíṭ. = “You, you will be preparing a meal.”

Ninku, kaṭ kin ṭaqaṭwiy? = “You, what do you think?”

Hin cxaṭ ṭitkini kíkíṭ. = “You will prepare a meal.”

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Hin + kiʔ / ʔuki + kiʔ = You / all of you / all you people
(plural- more than one person
excluding the speaker)

“kiʔ” is used with a verb word and is put into the middle of a verb or used at the end of one.

Examples:

ʔukiʔ ʔinakiʔ ʔaʔam. = All of you go to ʔaʔam. (command)

ʔinaʔ ʔi-kiʔ. = All of you, go eat. (command)

Hin ʔinkiʔni _____. = You are _____.
