

# Ktunaxa Grammar Rules-

## Section #5: Using “Would” / “Should”

The Following is **Section #5** of the Ktunaxa Grammar Rules and is meant to show the use of “would” / “should”.

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Ktunaxa	English Description
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<b>xma</b>	=	Would / Should
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“xma” is a word meaning “would” or “should” and **can be used alone** or **in a combination with pronoun words**.

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**“xma” alone**- When you use the word “xma” **by itself with a verb** it means **he or she would / should**.

**Example:**

<b><u>Xma</u></b> skiŋ haŋqantik.	=	He / She should go along.
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<b><u>Xma + hu = xmau</u></b>	=	Means “ <b><u>I should</u></b> ”. If it is combined with “ <b><u>aŋa</u></b> ”, it means “ <b><u>we should</u></b> ”.
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**Examples:**

<b><u>Xmau</u></b> ŋanmiti ka ŋaŋ.	=	<b><u>I should</u></b> throw my shoes out.
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<b><u>Xmau</u></b> skiŋ ŋanmit <b><u>aŋa</u></b> ŋaŋnis.	=	<b><u>We should</u></b> throw your shoes out.
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Xma + hin = Xma·n = “You should” (singular- one person)

Xma·n \_\_\_\_\_ ki† \_\_\_\_\_ = “You should” (plural- more than one)

“Xma·n” combined with “ki†” in a verb, means “You should” plural- more than one.

### Examples:

Xma·n ʔanmiti. = You should throw it out.

Xma·n ʔanmitki†ni. = You, (you people) should throw it out.

Xma·n ʒinaxi. = You should go.

Xma·n ɣxanaʔti. = You should let him know.

Xma·n ʒkaxi. = You should come.

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