

Ktunaxa Grammar Rules-

Section #6: Verb Tenses - Present Tense & Future Tense

The Following is **Section #6** of the Ktunaxa Grammar Rules and is meant to show the use of Verb tenses -“Present Tense” and “Future Tense”.

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Ktunaxa	English Description
Present Tense	

skikiṭ = Shows that something is happening *right now*.

The word “**skikiṭ**” before an action word (verb or verb phrase) shows that something is happening right now or presently.

Examples- When responding to a question such as, “What are you doing?”:

Hu **skikiṭ** ṭitkini kikiṭ. = I am preparing a meal.

Hu **skikiṭ** ṭikni. = I am eating.

Skikiṭ ṭitkinitni yaqsuṭmiṭ. = They are making a boat.

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Future Tense

ꞡxaʔ = Shows that something will be happening *in the future*.

The word “**ꞡxaʔ**” **before a verb** shows that something will be happening in the future.

Examples:

Hu **ꞡxaʔ** ʔitkini kikiʔ... = I will prepare a meal....

Hu **ꞡxaʔ** žinaxaʔaʔni ʔakikʔuʔnam. = We will be going to town.

Hu **ꞡxaʔ** ʔituqʔiʔqni.... = I will write....
