

Ktunaxa Grammar Rules-

Section #7: Suffixes - Verb-root Additions

The Following is **Section #7** of the Ktunaxa Grammar Rules and is meant to show the use of Verb-root Suffixes (or additions to verbs) “kin”, “iki”, “xa”, “xu” & “ku”. (Referenced from Grammar Rules Booklet- Acknowledgements to the KKLK).

Knowing the meaning of a suffix helps to understand a word or a phrase.

Ktunaxa	English Description
“kin”	

kin = By Hand

The suffix **“kin”** is placed **after an action word** (verb or verb phrase) and shows that something is happening “by hand”.

Examples-

ʒinkin. = Pushing or moving with your hands.

ʒinkin. = Grabbing or catching something with your hands.

ʔukinkin. = To open (a door) with your hand.

Wukin = To reach out and touch (with your hand) or to receive by hand (something gets to your hand).

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Mank <u>kin</u>	=	To close (a door) with your hands.
Maž <u>kin</u>	=	To soil with dirty hands.
Hu <u>kin</u>	=	To finish with your hands.
‡u <u>kin</u>	=	To take off with your hands.
ʔumiz <u>kin</u>	=	To break off with your hands.
ʔi ʔt <u>kin</u>	=	To make with your hands.
Pis <u>kin</u>	=	<u>To let go</u> with your hands or something going <u>out of your hands</u> .
Xat <u>kin</u>	=	To drop something that you are holding.
ʔa‡a <u>kin</u>	=	To put on (eg. a hat or a coat).
Xma <u>kin</u> (you) ‡a ma <u>kin</u> (close door by hand) ‡aǰanxuʔna‡?	=	Would you please close the door?
Mank <u>kin</u> in ‡aǰanxuʔna‡.	=	Close the door.

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Hu xatkini kituq̄tiḡaḡ. = I dropped the papers.

“iki”

iki = Done with your foot.

The suffix “**iki**” is placed **after an action word** (verb or verb phrase) and shows that something is happening “by foot”.

Examples:

ḡiniki = Pressed down with your foot.

ḡinmitiki = Move with your foot to a certain place.

qanmitiki = Kicking around (with foot).

xunmitiki = Kick something into the fire.

ḡanmitiki = Kick it out (of the door).

Kin ḡinmitiki waḡkum? = Did you kick the ball?

Hiy, hu ḡinmitikini waḡkum. = Yes, I kicked the ball.

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“xa”

xa = Done with your mouth.

The suffix “xa” is placed **after an action word** (verb or verb phrase) and shows that something is **“done with your mouth”**.

Examples:

ʒinxa = Grab with your mouth.

ʔitxa = Bite.

pisxa = Drop from your mouth.

ʔakunxa = Pulling on something with your mouth.

Kin ɔxaʔ ɔmakqniyxa nis hin ʔitxa? = Are you going to bite down hard when you bite?

“xu”

xu = With your body.

The suffix “xu” is placed **after an action word** (verb or verb phrase) and shows that something is **“done with your body”**.

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Examples:

qanax <u>xu</u>	=	To fall down.
ʔaqaɛ <u>xu</u>	=	Hit accidentally.
ʔit <u>xu</u>	=	To get caught.
Haʔ <u>xu</u>	=	To pack something on your back.
qas <u>xu</u>	=	Using your body force to chip away at something.
ɛin <u>xu</u>	=	For the body to be <u>Squeezed</u> or <u>Stuck</u> somewhere.
ɛik' <u>xu</u>	=	To <u>chop</u> or <u>split</u> something using your body force.
Hu ɛik' <u>xu</u> ʔni ʔuk.	=	I split wood.

ku

<u>ku</u>	=	With your finger or a pointed object.
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The suffix “ku” is placed **after an action word** (verb or verb phrase) and shows that something is **“done with your finger” or “a pointed object”**.

Examples:

ʔiktka <u>ku</u>	=	To raise or pull up on a stick.
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Wa· <u>kú</u> / Wah <u>á</u> <u>kú</u>	=	To raise.
ʔiya <u>kú</u>	=	To put up on to sticks or to put up a tipi.
ʔumiz <u>kú</u>	=	Caught and ripped on a stick or something sharp.
z <u>in</u> <u>kú</u>	=	Caught on a stick (a stick that you stopped).
Qanmit <u>kú</u>	=	Move with a stick (playing pool).
Xunmit <u>kú</u>	=	Poke with a stick (ie. Poking something into a fire).
ʔitmu <u>kú</u>	=	To plant with your fingers (in a garden).
Kin ʔitmu <u>kú</u> ʔ	=	Did you plant a garden?
Hu(n) ʔitmu <u>kú</u> ʔni.	=	I did plant a garden.
