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Affixes

Language Rule: Affixes are attached at the end of the root word and refer to:

- 1) The person who is doing the action
- 2) The time the action took place
- 3) Adjectives
- 4) Possessives

Language Rule: -junga, -jutit and -juq are used when the word part before it ends in a vowel.
(e.g. niri-)

I am...	You are...	He/She/It is...
-junga	-jutit	-juq

English	Roman Orthography	Syllabics
I eat/I am eating.	nirijunga.	ᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ.
You eat/ You are eating.	nirijutit.	ᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ.
He eats/He is eating.	nirijuq.	ᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ.

Language Rule: -tunga, -tutit and -tuq are used when the word part before it ends in a consonant (e.g. pisuk-)

I am...	You are...	He/She/It is...
-tunga	-tutit	-tuq

English	Roman Orthography	Syllabics
I walk/I am walking.	pisuk <u>t</u> unga.	ᐱᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ.
You walk/You are walking.	pisuk <u>t</u> utit.	ᐱᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ.
He walks/He is walking.	pisuk <u>t</u> uq.	ᐱᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ.

The Affix of Time

Time can also be added as an affix (past tense or future).

Language Rule: Please note that –lauq- and –laaq- are deleters. The root endings k, t, or q are deleted when –lauq- and –laaq- are added.

English	Roman Orthography	Syllabics
Past Tense (yesterday and before)	-lauq-	-ᑕᐅᑭᑲ-
Future Tense (tomorrow and after)	-laaq-	-ᑕᑲᑲ-