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Inuktitut Sentence Structure

Definitions:

Root Word: Root words are verbs/action words. For example, to eat or to listen. Root words can also be nouns which are people, places or things.

Affixes: There are several different ways to use affixes. Affixes are attached at the end of the root word and often refer to:

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

Language Rules for Sentence Structure:

- 1) Verbs are root words and can never be said on their own, they are always attached to a verb ending or affix.
- 2) Nouns are also root words, but can be said on their own, and do not need to be attached to an affix.
- 3) More than one affix can be added to the same root word.