

OBJECT & SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

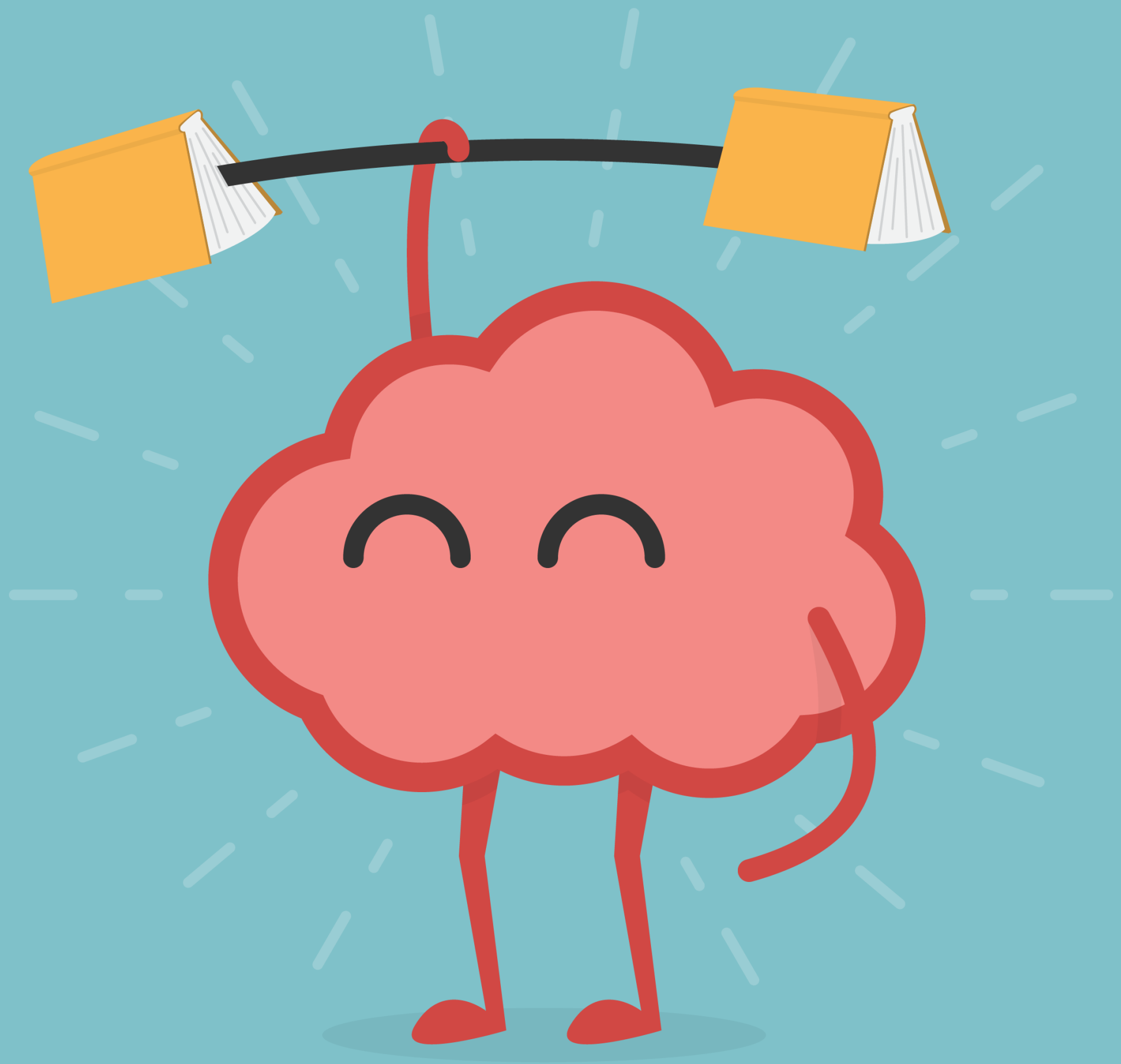
Tlingit Brain Power



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kei naltseen áwé haa yoo x'atángi

activating thematic prefixes creates new verbs

preverb
 off Ø&na ga ga
 tlél
 motion: Ø na ga ga
 Ø&na = yaa
 ga = kei
 ga = yei
 activating motion preverb will set the conjugation prefix for the verb.

reciprocal(+d)
 off on
 woosh ~ wooch

3p plural
 off on
 has
 3s or 30 required

object
 1s 1p 2s 2p 3
 off
 4h 4n 3px part rflx(+d)
 1s = xat 4h = kaa-ku-
 1p = haa 4n = at
 2s = i- 3px = ash
 2p = yee part = aa
 3 = Ø-a- rflx = sh-Ø-

thematic 1
 off ku ka a
 ku = areal
 ka = comparative
 a = a-thematic

thematic 2
 off ji tu lu
 x'a-x'e-k'a sa-se (etc)
 daa sha shu ya
 ji = hand daa = around
 tu = inside sha = head
 lu = nose/point shu = end
 sa-se = voice ya = vertical surface
 x'a-x'e-k'a = mouth/opening

thematic 3
 off ka ka
 ka = spherical/round
 ka = horizontal surface

self-benefactive (+d)
 off on
 ga

Tlingit Verb Conjugation Switchboard

outer conjugation
 off ga-con ga-md
 ga conjugation prefix
 ga mode

irrealis
 off on
 u
 verb has not occurred

inner conjugation
 Ø-con ga-con na-con na-md
 off
 Ø conjugation
 ga conjugation
 na conjugation
 na mode

pfv & ga mode
 off pfv ga-md
 perfective = yu
 ga mode

subject
 1s 1p 2s 2p 3 4h
 off
 1s = xa 2p = yi
 1p = tu 3 = Ø
 2s = i 4h = du

classifier group
 Ø s l sh
 Ø group = default
 s group = classifying/agency
 l group = verbed noun/agency
 sh group = pejorative

d component
 -d +d
 +d = middle voice
 (subject also object)
 antipassive
 (removing object)

i component
 -i +i
 -i = incomplete verb
 +i = completed verb

Perfective Mode (-)

The Tlingit Classifier & Verb Modes

		-i	+i	
∅ group	∅	∅-	yə-	-d
	d+∅	da-	di-	+d
s group	s	sa-	si-	-d
	d+s	s-	dzi-	+d

		-i	+i	
l group	l	la-	li-	-d
	d+l	l-	dli-	+d
sh group	sh	sha-	shi-	-d
	d+sh	sh-	ji-	+d

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l group	l	la-	li-	-d
	d+l	l-	dli-	+d
sh group	sh	sha-	shi-	-d
	d+sh	sh-	ji-	+d

-i modes

act imperfective (+): *s/he is doing it; s/he does it*

imperfective (-): *s/he is not doing it; s/he does not do it*

progressive imperfective (+): *s/he is in the process of doing it*

perfective (-): *s/he didn't do it*

imperative: *do it!*

perfective habitual (+): *s/he does it (every time)*

perfective habitual (-): *s/he hasn't done it yet*

future (+): *s/he will do it; it will happen*

future (-): *s/he won't do it; s/he is not going to do it; it won't happen*

hortative: *let her/him do it; let us do it*

repetitive imperfective: *s/he does it (regularly)*

potential decessive: *s/he would have done it*

conditional: *if/when s/he does it*

+i modes

state imperfective (+): *s/he is doing it; s/he does it*

perfective (+): *s/he did it*

potential (+): *s/he might do it*

potential (-): *s/he might not do it*

potential attributive: *no way s/he can do it*

(preverb) O-(prefix)-(CP)-S-cl-√root (postverb) [type]

woosh~wooch	each other +D
has	they / them

xat	me	1s
haa-	us	1p
i-	you	2s
yee-	you all	2p
∅- ~ a-	her / him / it	3
kāa- ~ kū-	someone	4h
at	something	4n
chush ~ sh-	-self +D	

xā-	i	1s
tu-	we	1p
i-	you	2s
yi-	you all	2p
∅-	she / he / it	3
du-	someone *	4h

* (+D) for {s,l,sh} classifiers
(-D) for {∅} classifiers

∅ group		l group	
-i	+i	-i	+i
∅-	ya-	la-	li-
da-	di-	l-	dli-
-d	+d	-d	+d
s group		sh group	
-i	+i	-i	+i
sa-	si-	sha-	shi-
s-	dzi-	sh-	ji-
-d	+d	-d	+d

act	Type: Every verb belongs to one of these categories, which determines how the verb functions and conjugates. You can often figure out what type of verb it is by what the verb does, but some are surprising because the verb functions differently from a Tlingit perspective.
event	
state	
motion	
positional	

∅	terminal	Conjugation Prefix: Every verb belongs to one. It only appears in certain verb modes, but affects stem variation. They are derived from types of motion, as listed here.
na	unbounded	
ga	upward	
ga	downward	

Classifier:
A part of the verb that combines with the root to form the heart of the verb. It belongs to a group (∅, s, l, sh) and moves within the group to change modes and voice. The root determines the overall meaning of the verb, and the classifier helps determine what the verb does.

A classifier is -i or +i depending on the mode of the verb. The -i group often indicates that the verb has not occurred, and the +i group often indicates that the verb has occurred.

A classifier is generally -d unless the verb has middle voice (subject is also an object) or when a transitive verb (has an object) changes to subject-intransitive by removing the object.

STEM VARIATION: STEM TYPES

	open		closed			
	regular	fading	regular	glottalized	ejective	invariable
appearance	cvv	cvv ^h	cvvc	c'vc	c'vc'	*
example	√ <u>k</u> aa	√tee ^h	√gaan	√sháat	√géex'	√xán [*]

(yéi) + ya-S-∅-√kaa¹ (na act verb – subject intransitive) say; confess; acknowledge; declare | for S to say (a certain thing); for S to confess, acknowledge, declare (a certain thing)

(yéi) + O-∅-√tee^h¹ (na state verb – object intransitive) be | for O to be (that way)

a-d+∅-√gaan¹ (ga event verb – impersonal) sun; shine | for the sun to shine

O-S-∅-√sháat (ga event verb – transitive) catch; grab; hold; arrest; trap | for S to catch O; for S to grab, take hold of, snatch O; for S to arrest O; for S to trap O

kut + O-S-∅-√géex' (ga motion verb – transitive) lose | for S to lose O

O-S-s-√xán^{*} (ga state verb – transitive) lovep | for S to love O

STEM VARIATION: STEM TYPE + CONJUGATION CLASS + MODE

Perfective (+)

	open		closed		
conjugation class	regular	fading	regular	glottalized	ejective
∅	c'v̄v	c'v̄v	c'vc	c'vc	c'vc'
na, ga, ḡa	cvv	cvv	cvvc	c'vc	c'vc'

Perfective (-)

	open		closed		
conjugation class	regular	fading	regular	glottalized	ejective
∅	c'v̄	c'v̄	cvvc	c'vc	c'vc'
na, ga, ḡa	cvv	cvv	cvvc	c'vc	c'vc'

STEM VARIATION: STEM TYPE + CONJUGATION CLASS + MODE

Future (+)

	open		closed		
conjugation class	regular	fading	regular	glottalized	ejective
∅, na, ga, ḡa	c'v̄v	c'v̄v	c'v̄vc	c'v̄vc	c'v̄vc'

Future (-)

	open		closed		
conjugation class	regular	fading	regular	glottalized	ejective
∅, na, ga, ḡa	cvv	cvv	cvvc	c'v̄vc	c'v̄vc'