

ch'a +

tlél +

daa(t)

daakw.aa

wáa

aadóo / áa

goo

x'oon

gwátgeen

gwátk

daat yís

daat gáa

wáanáx

sá

-yá, -hé, -wé, -yú

what

which one

how

who

where

how much

when (future)

when (past)

what for<sup>1</sup>

what for<sup>2</sup>

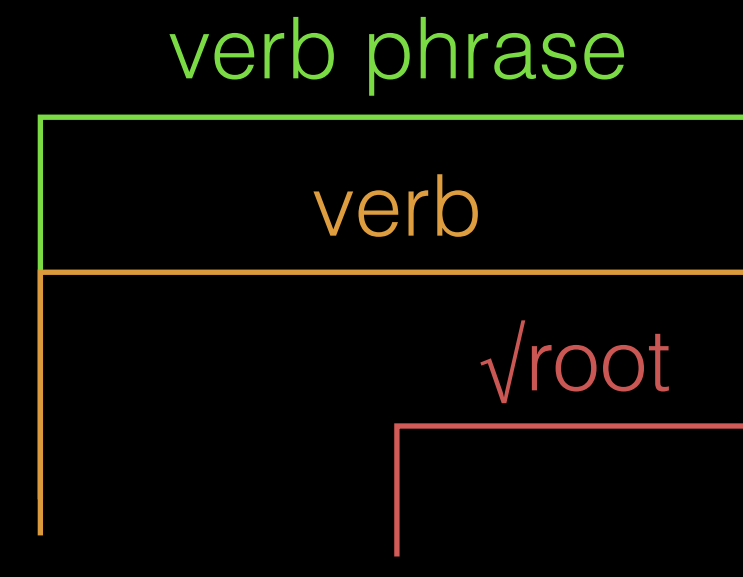
why

<sup>1</sup> benefit  
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wáa sá iyatee?

how are you doing?

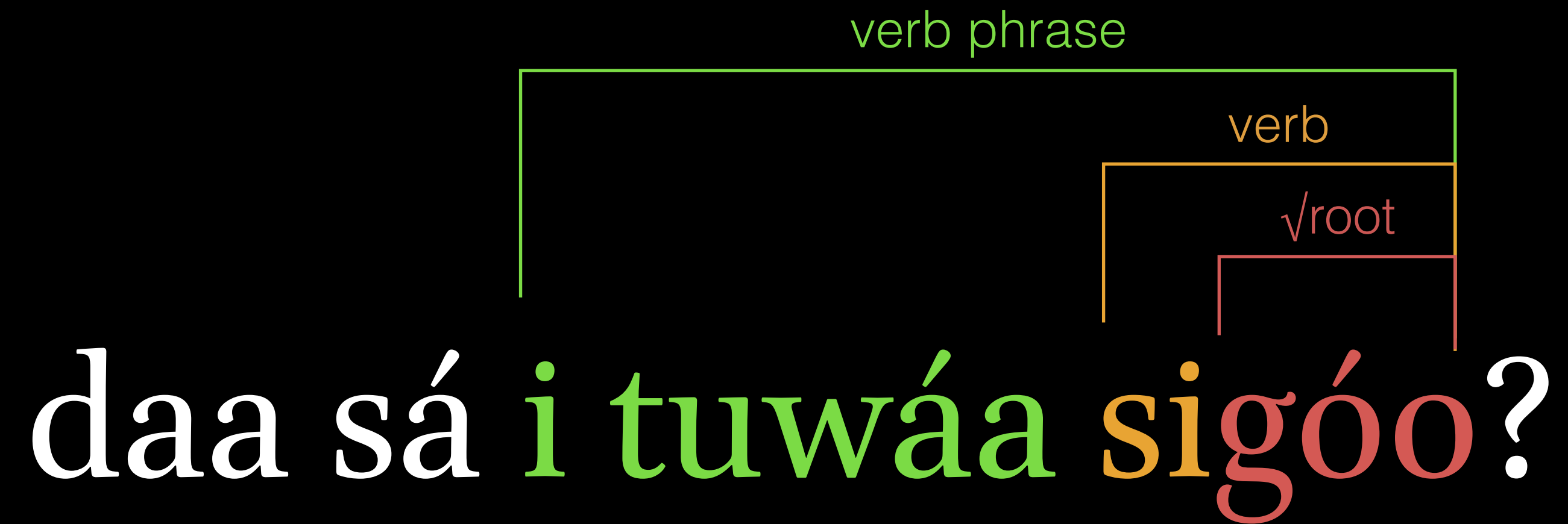
máa sá



máa sá iyatee?

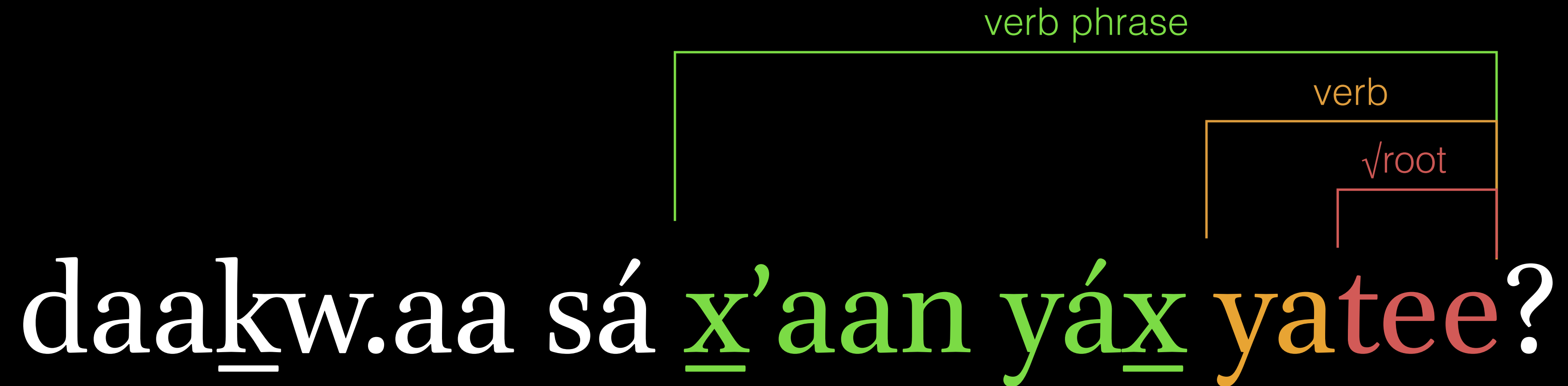
how are you doing?

daa sá



what do you want?

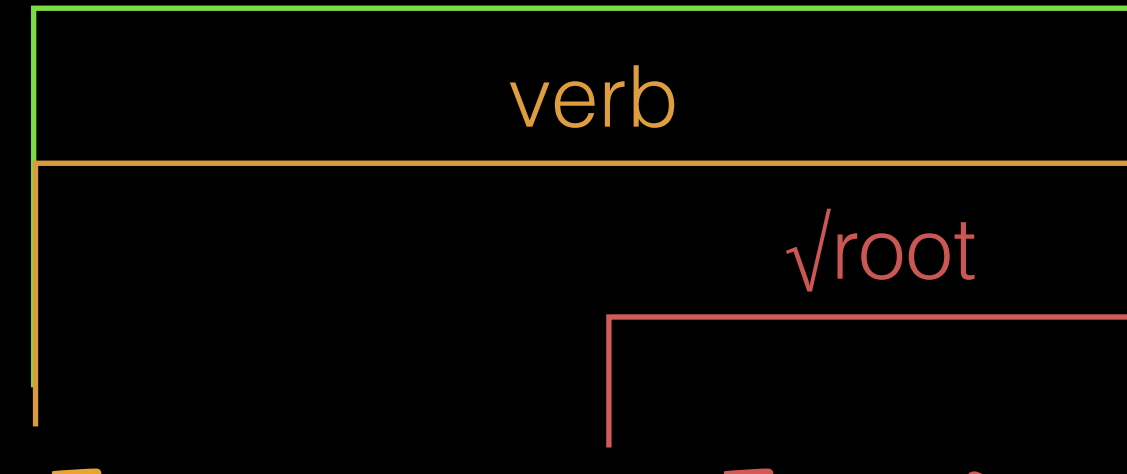
daakw.aa sá



which one is red?

aadóo sá

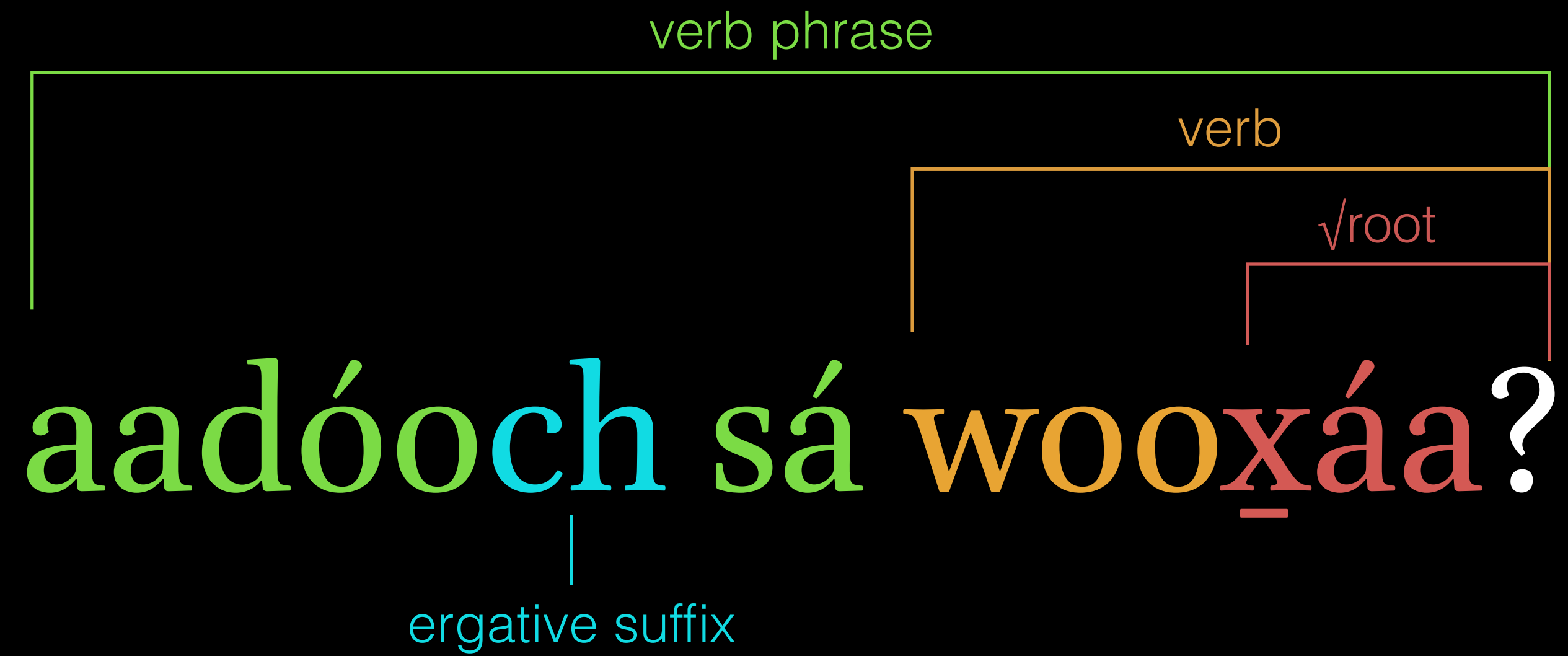
verb phrase



aadóo sá kgeesháa?

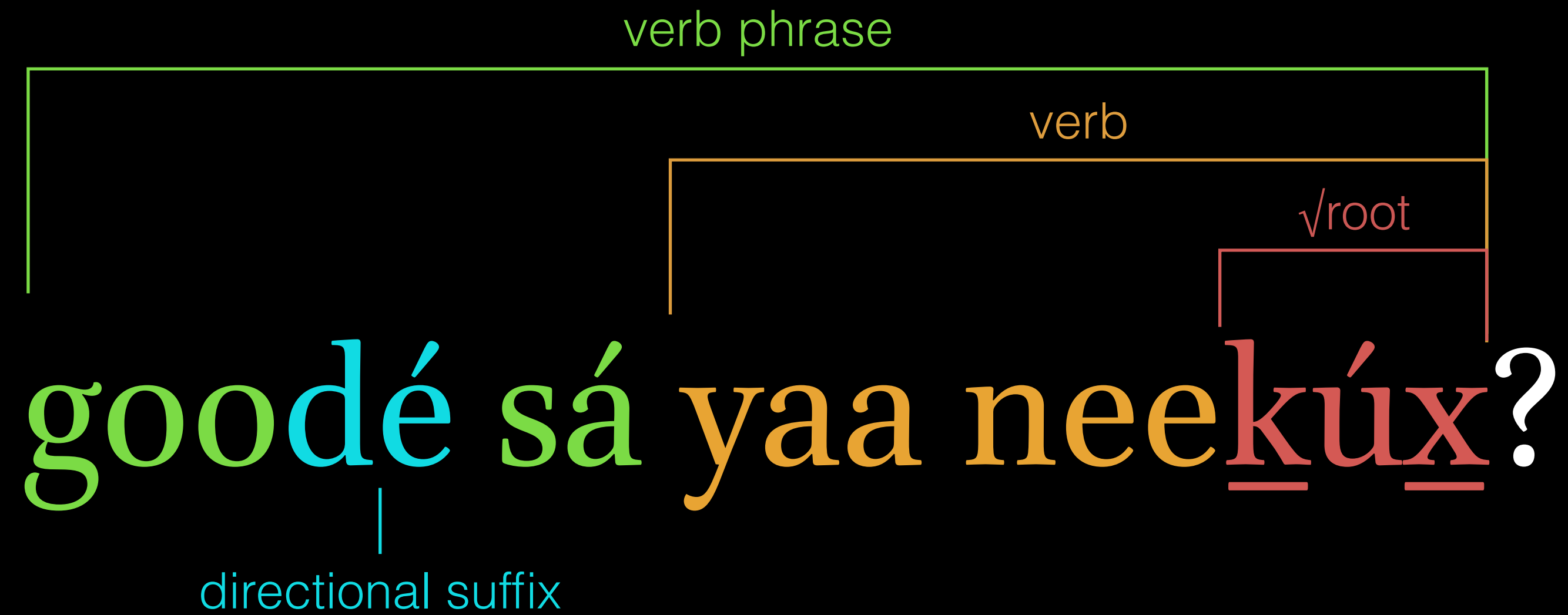
who are you going to marry?

aadóoch sá woxáa?



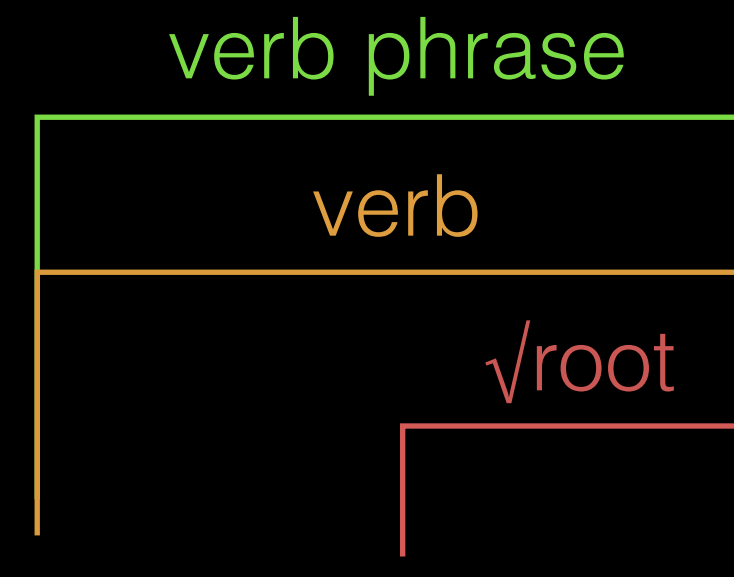
who ate it?

goodé sá



where are you going (by boat or car)?

x'oon sá



x'oon sá **iya.oo**?

how many did you buy?

gwátgeen sá



when are you going home?

gwátk sá



when did you get here?

daat yís sá

verb phrase

verb

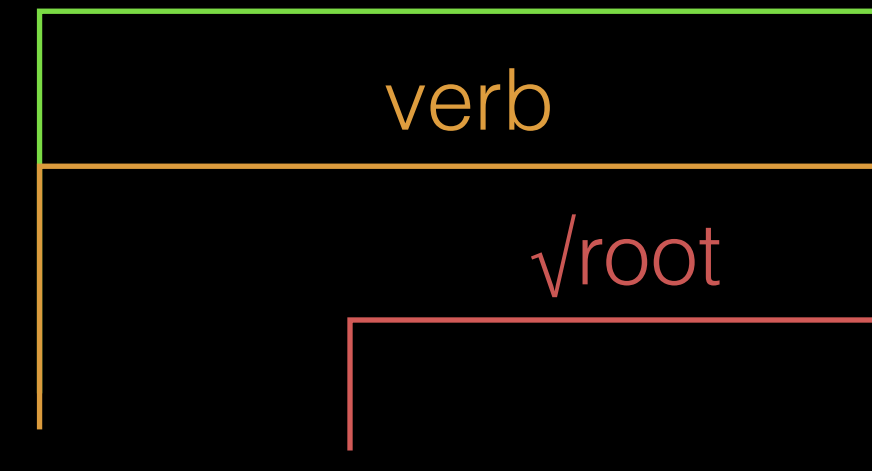
√root

daat yís sá **yisa.ée**?

what are you cooking it for?

daat gáa sá

verb phrase

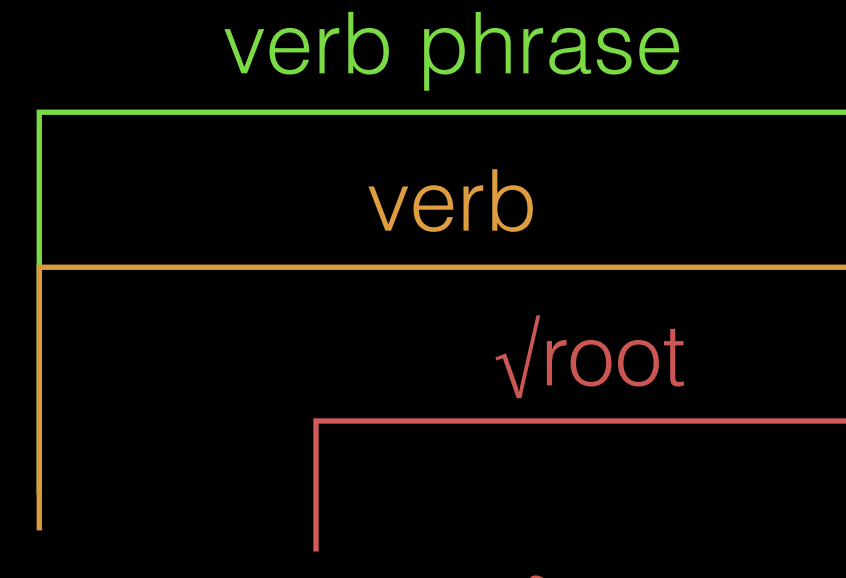


daat gáa sá kushée?

what is s/he looking for?

daat gáa sá

wáanáx sáyá



wáanáx sáyá eegáax?

why are you crying?

daa sáwé?

daa sáwé?

what is that?

ch'a +

tlél +

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ch'a daa sá

whatever

tlél daa sá

nothing

ch'a wáa sá

however

tlél wáa sá

it's okay

ch'a aadóo sá / ch'a áa sá

whoever

tlél aadóo sá / tlél áa sá

nobody

ch'a goodé sá

going wherever

tlél goodé sá

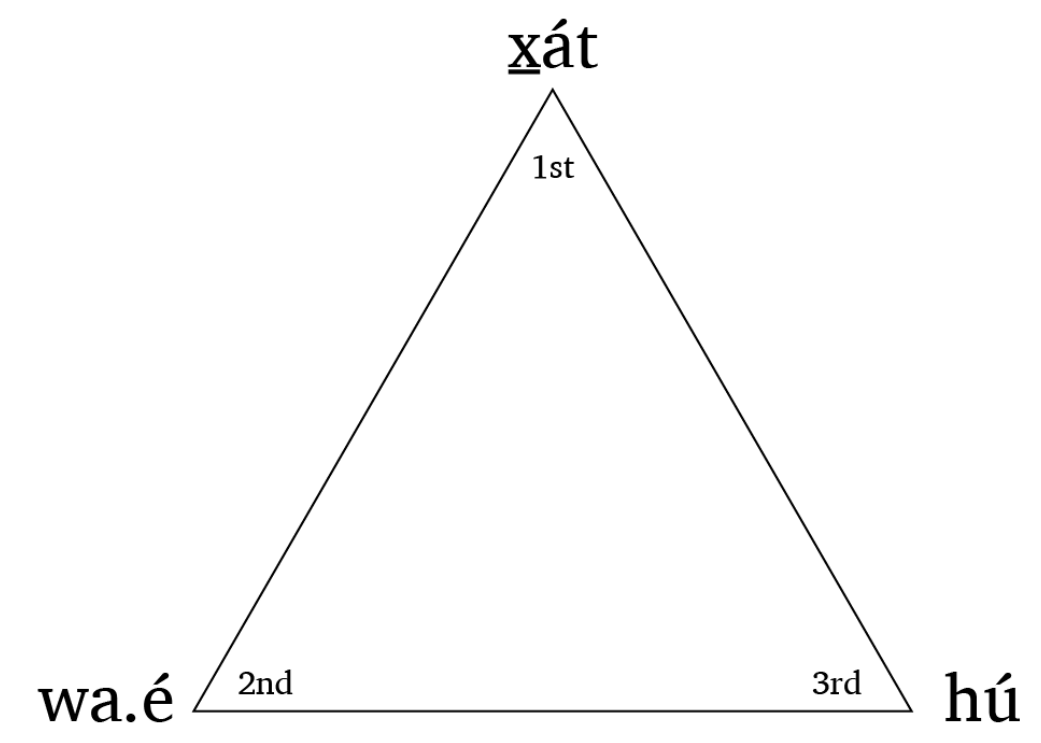
going nowhere

ch'a daakw.aa sá

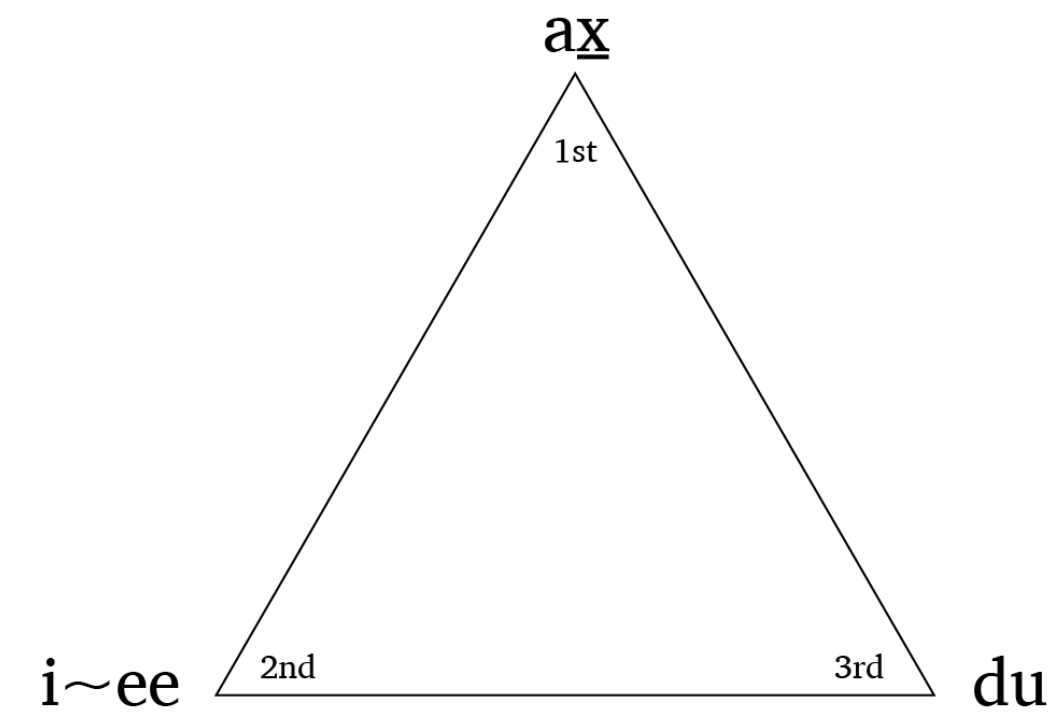
whichever one

ch'a x'oon sá

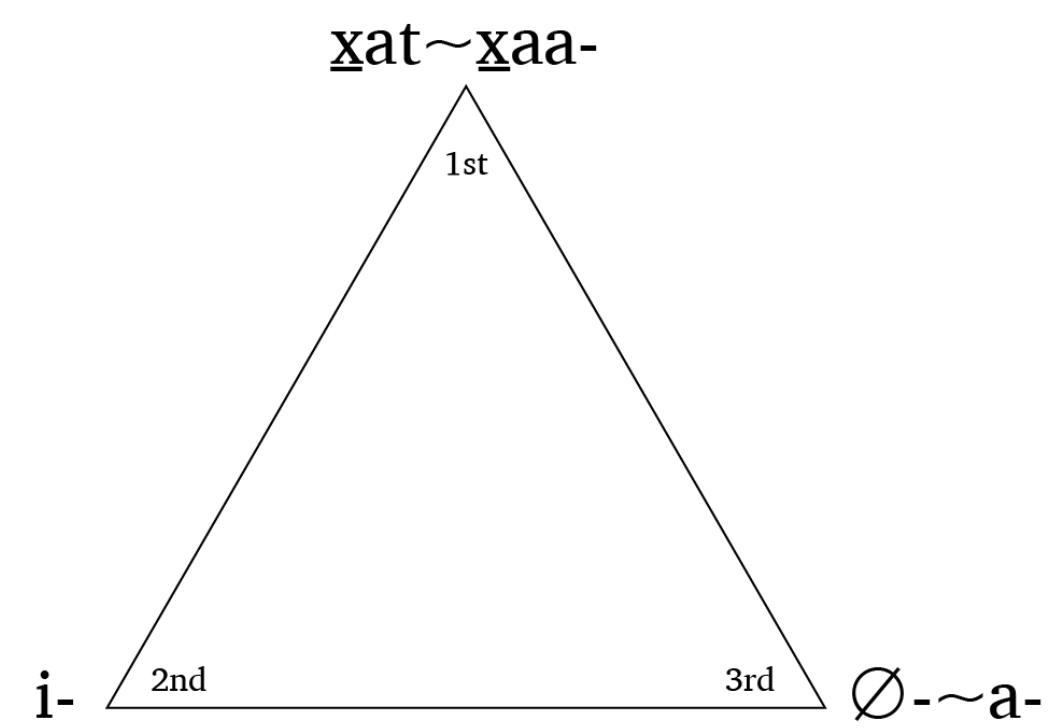
however many



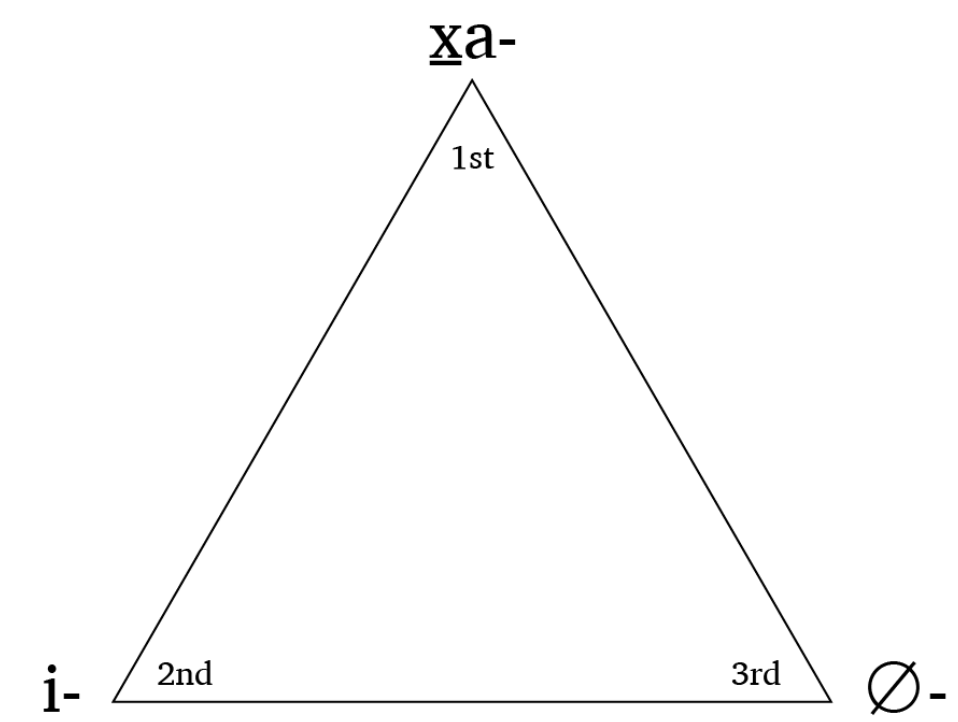
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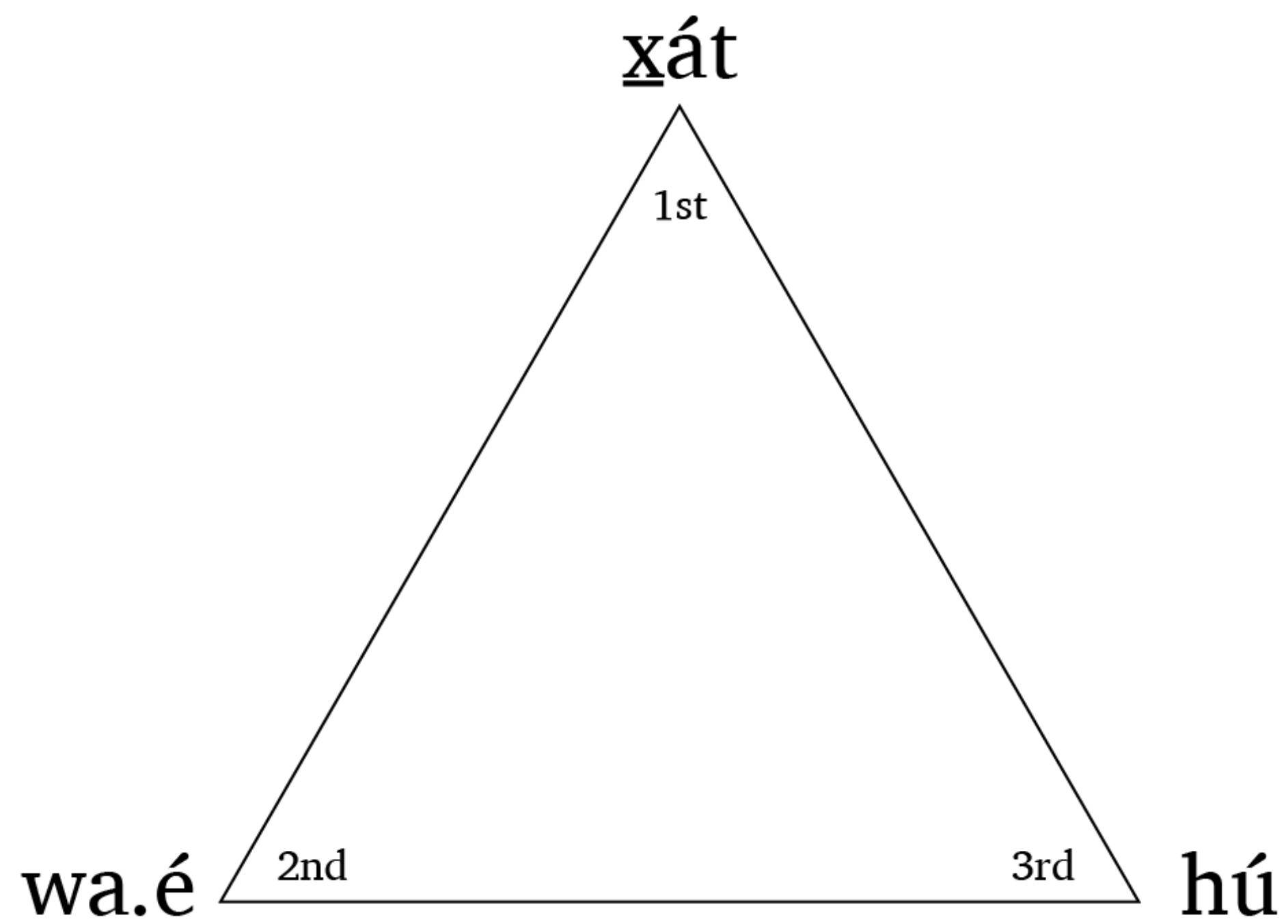
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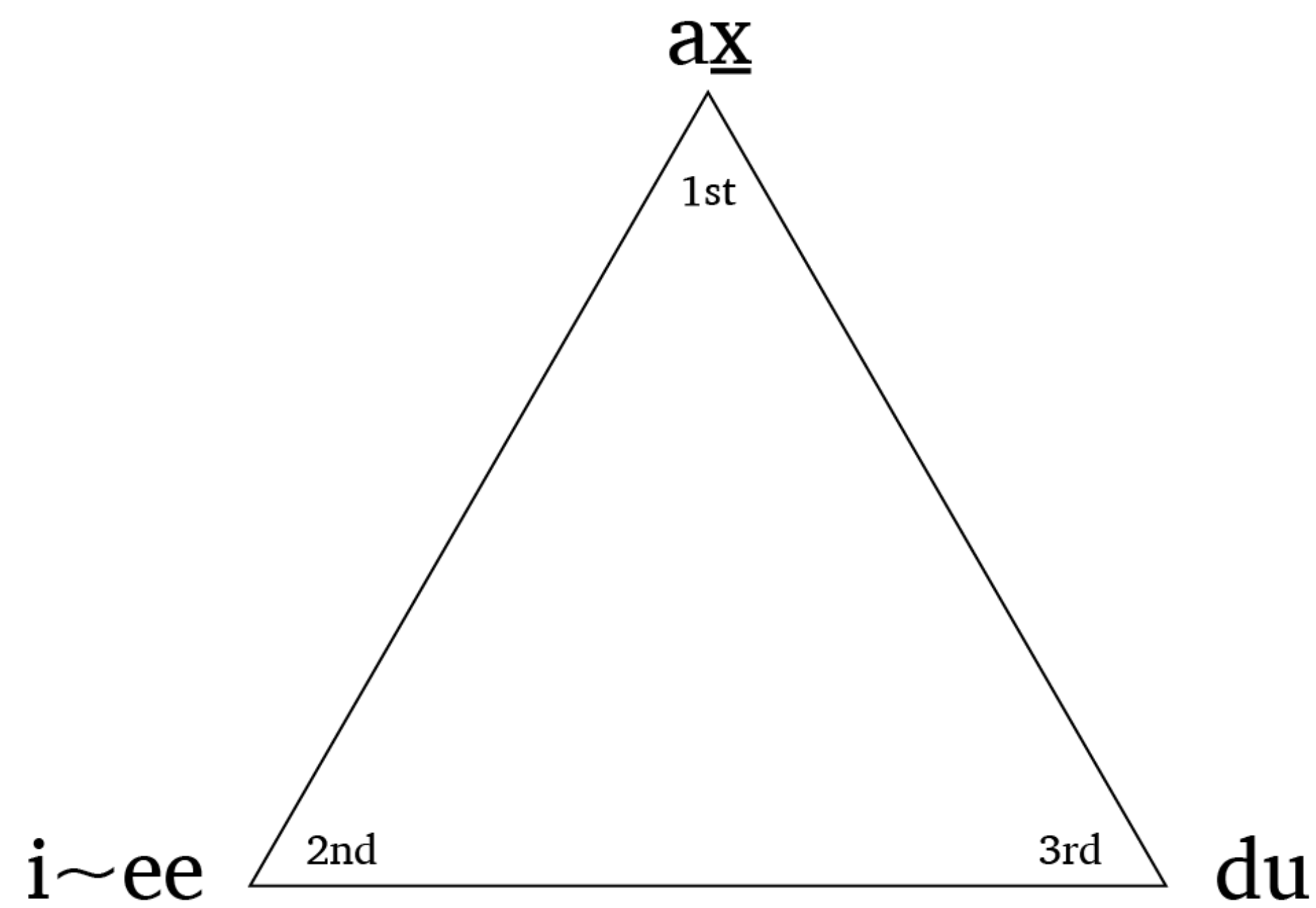
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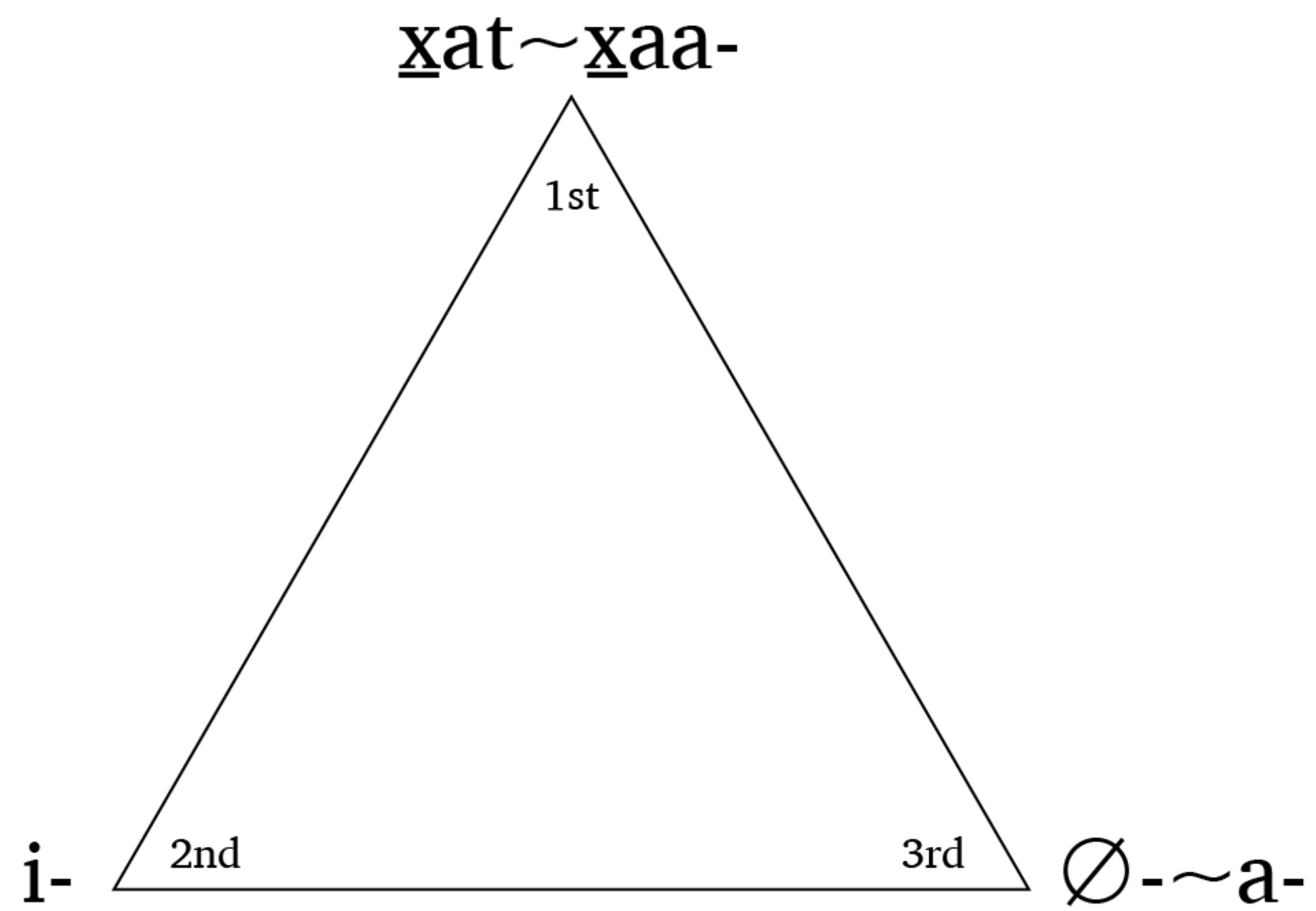
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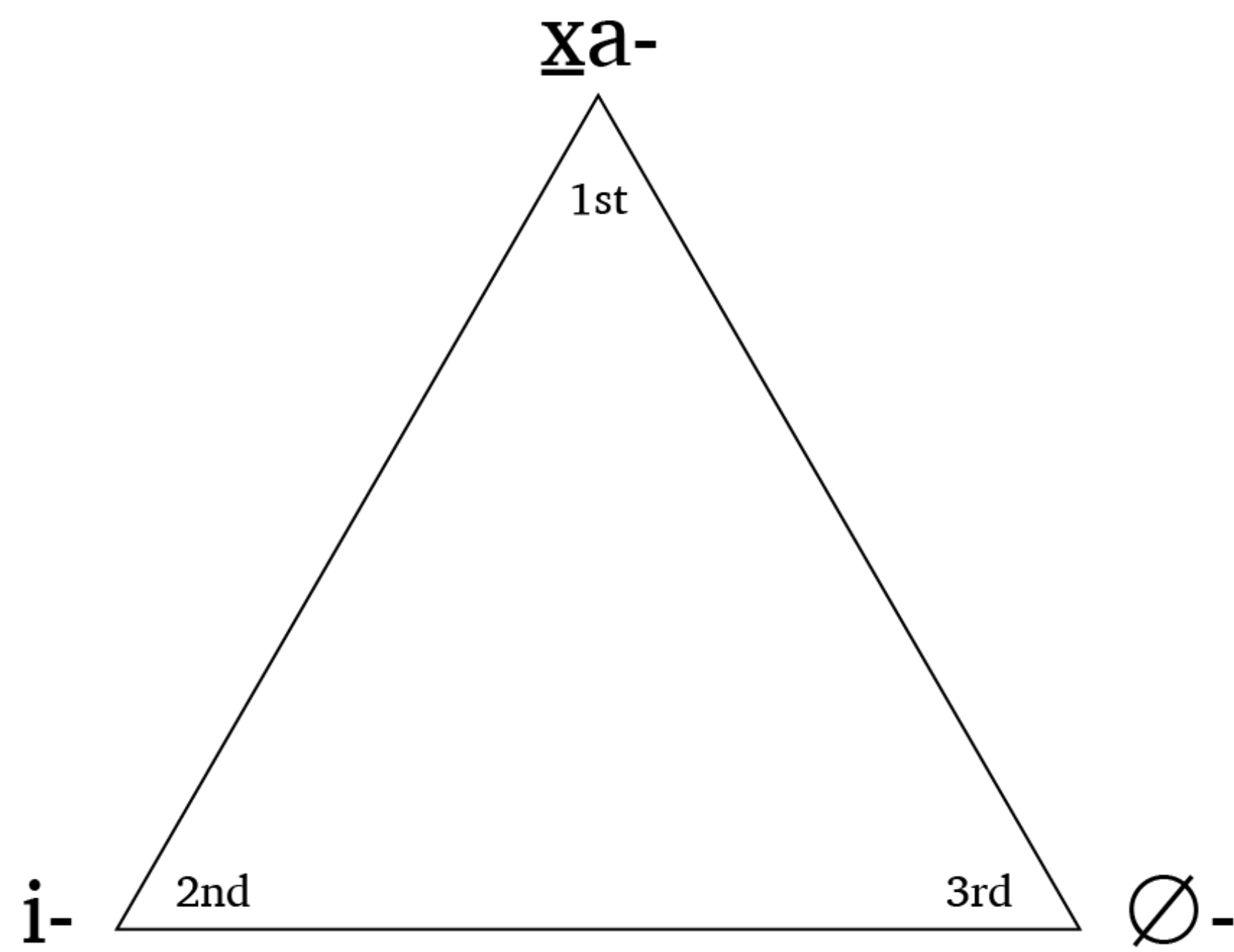
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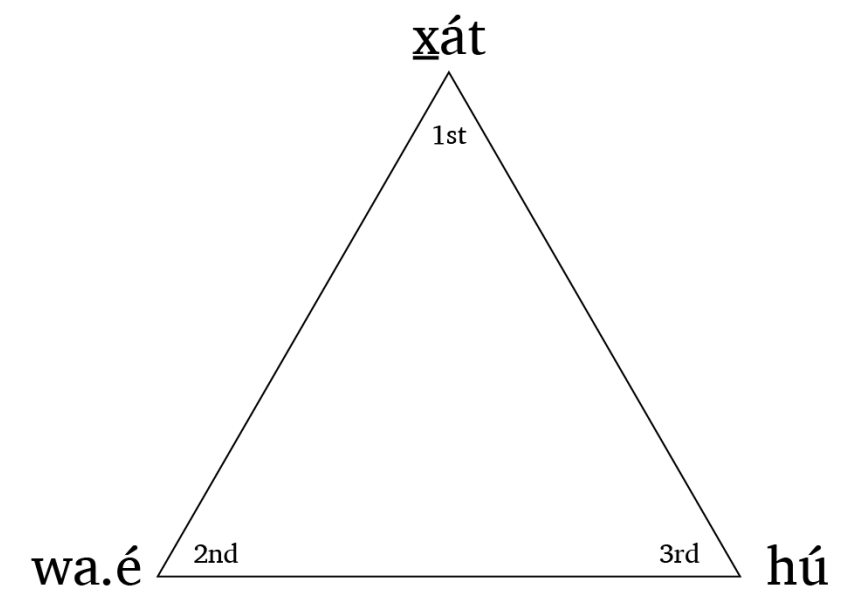
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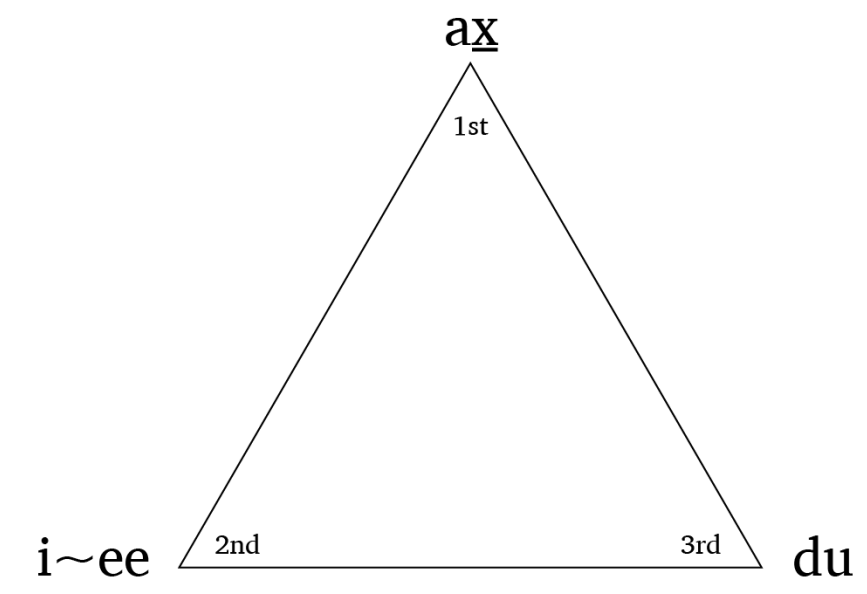
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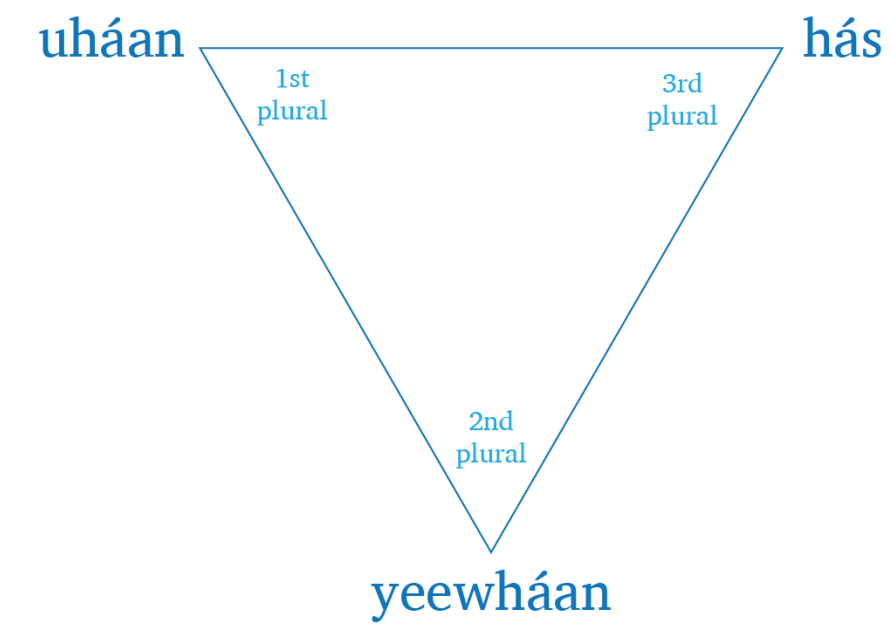
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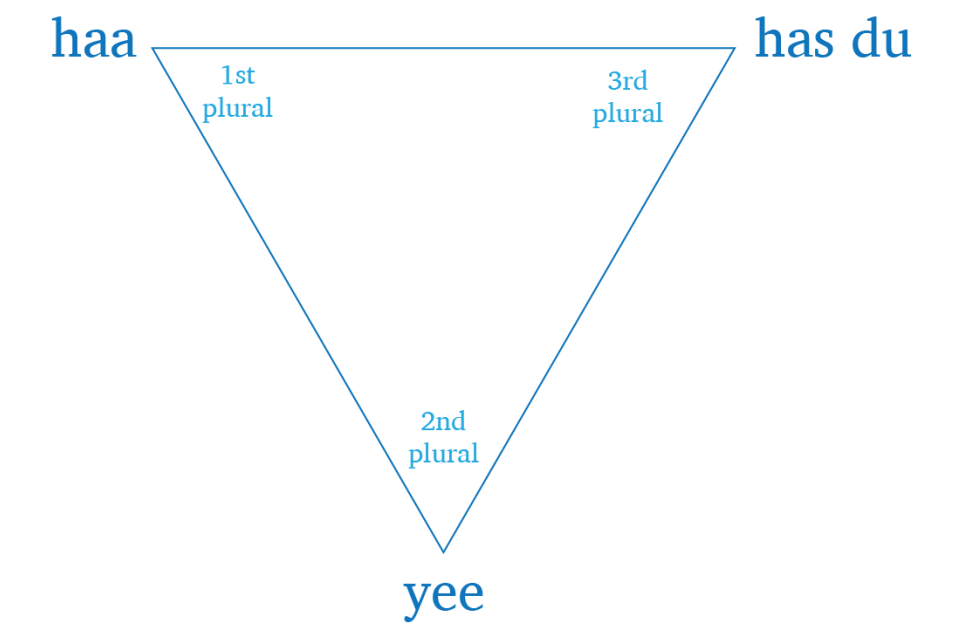
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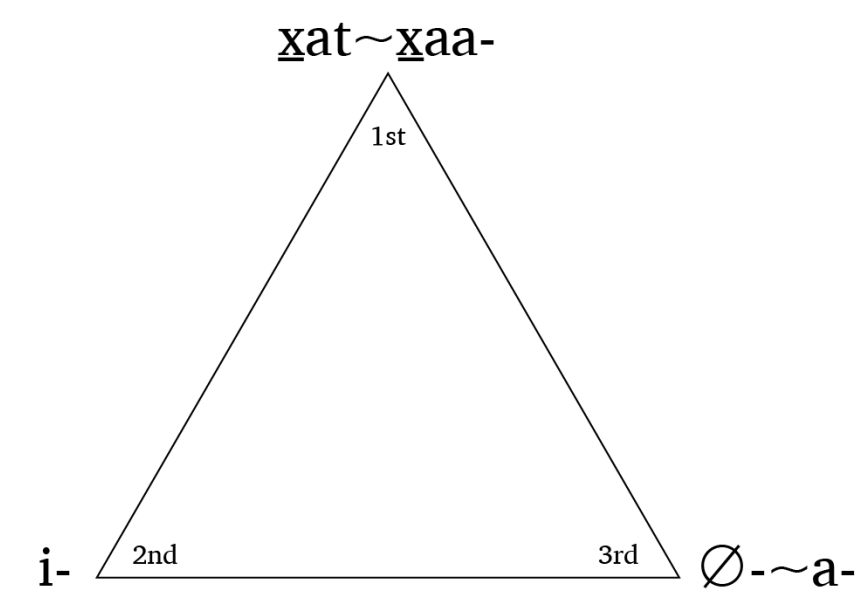
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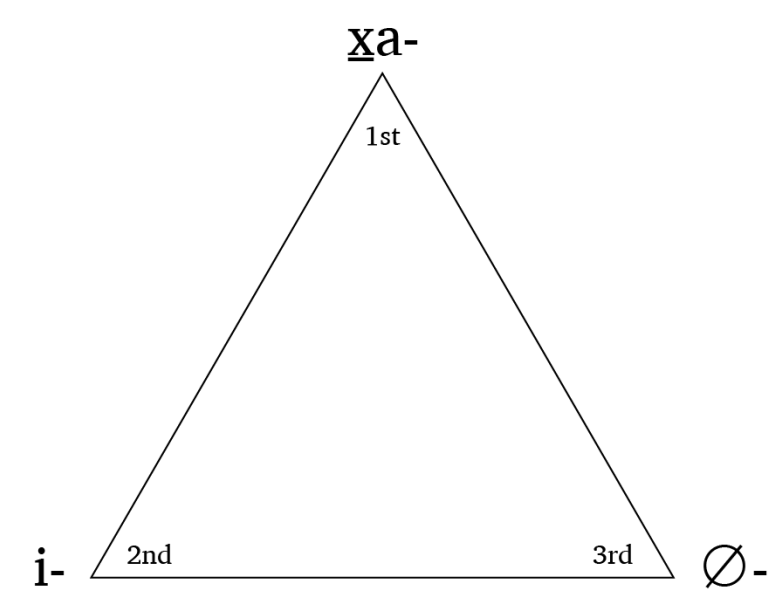
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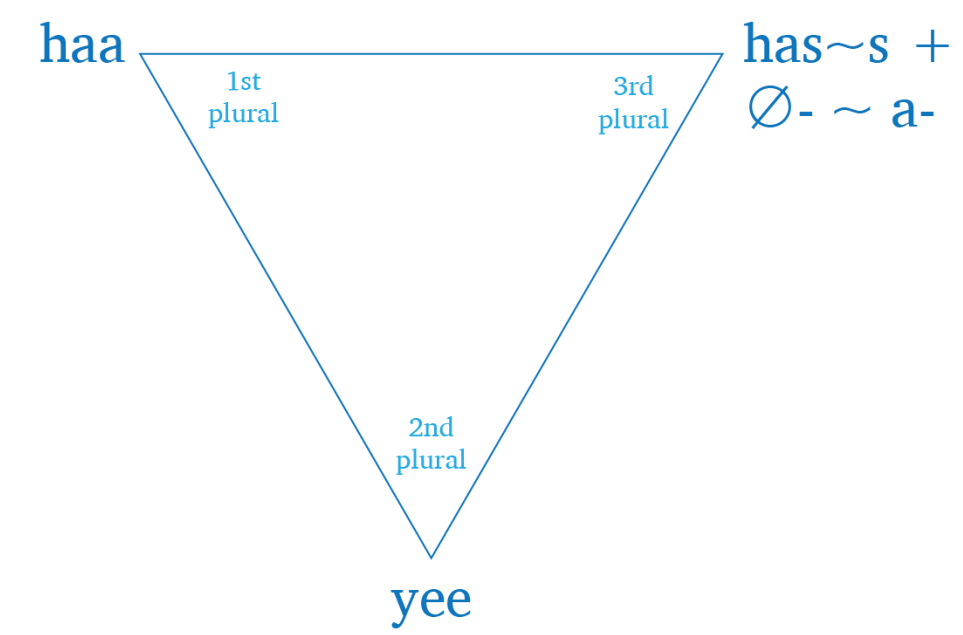
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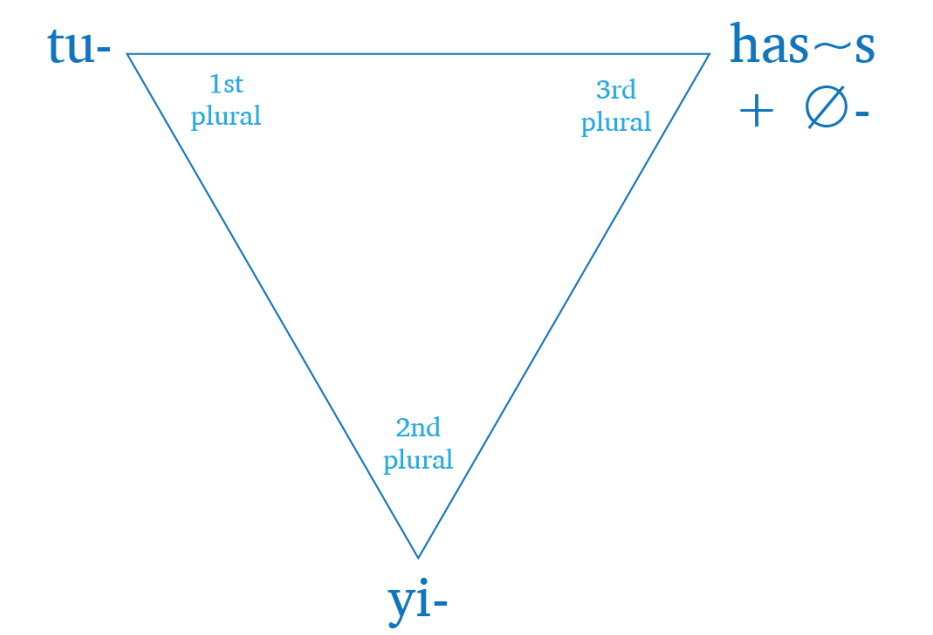
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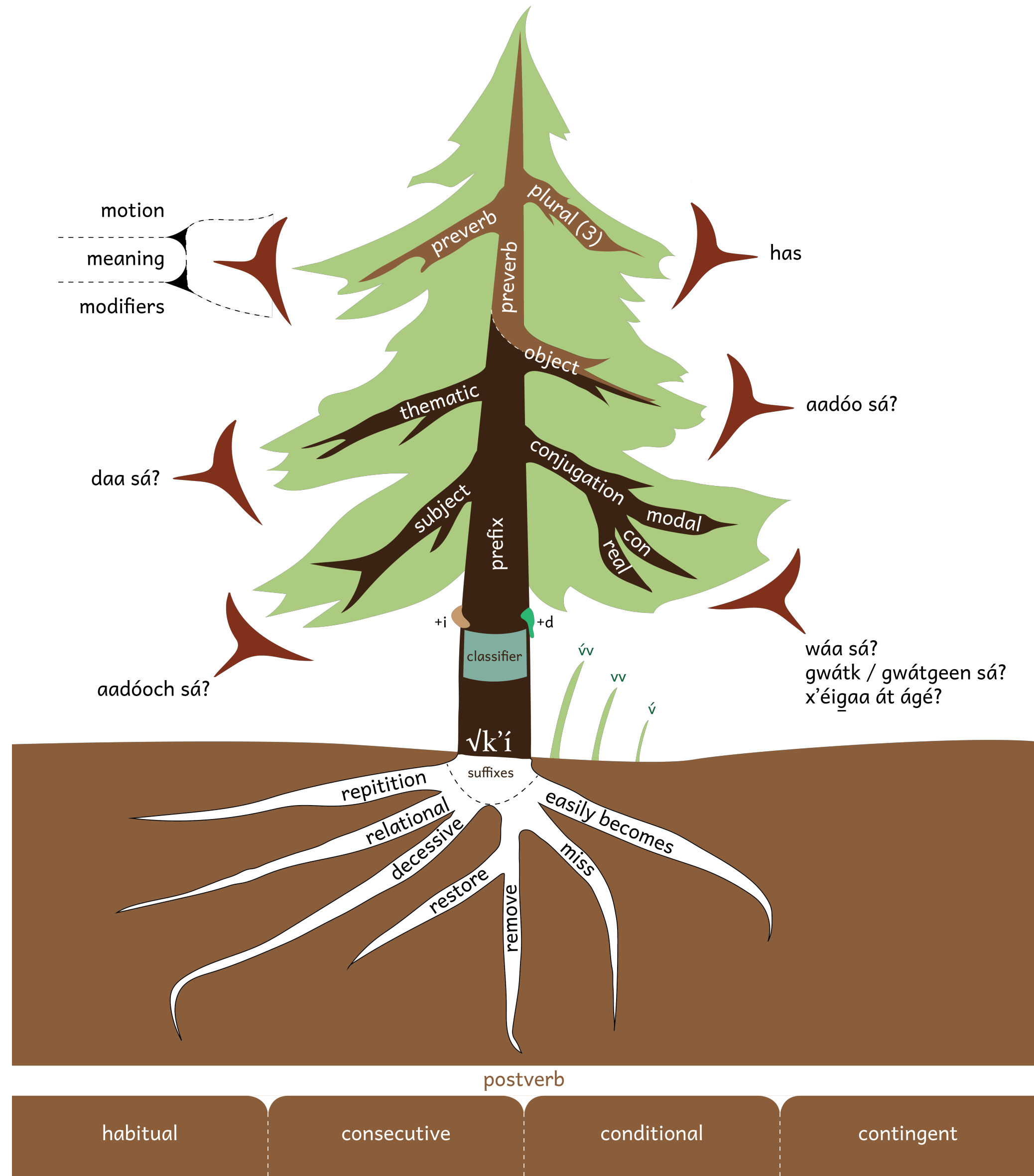


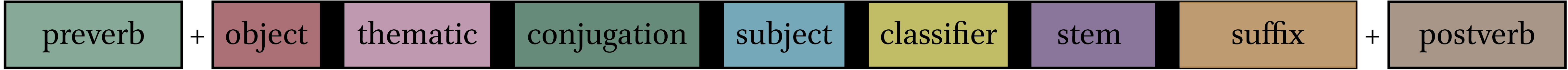
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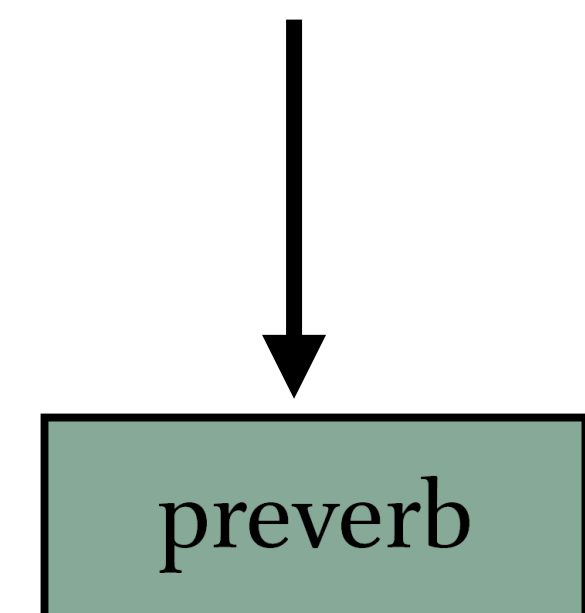
motion,  
plural,  
to self,  
negative

**aadé** kkwagóot  
i am going to go there

**sh** tóo xaltóow  
i am studying it

**has** akawshixít  
they wrote it

**tlél** xwasakú  
i don't know



yeis kkwahéinin, tlél kkooshk'éi **nooch**  
when fall comes, it is always bad weather

ch'a tlákw askúkw **nooch**  
s/he coughs all the time

↑  
habitual

to whom

it is happening

**xat** isixán

you love me

yei **ikk**wasatéen

i will see you

**xat** yeeyshúk

you all laughed at me

**haa** woo.éex'

s/he invited us



who is  
doing it

i **x**sixán

i love you

yei ik**k**wasatéen

i will see you

ye **x**waashúk

i laughed at you all

has wu**tu**wa.éex'

we invited them

alters  
meaning

xwalixít

i've made furrows

kaxwshixít

i wrote it

a daat yoo x'atán!

talk about it!

a daat yoo **t**után!

think about it!



<u>k</u> u-	relating to a space	<b>j</b> i-	hand/possession	ka-	spherical
ka-	compared to	<b>t</b> u-	inside	ka-	horizontal surface/on
		sa- ~ se-	voice/neck	<b>y</b> a-	vertical surface/face
		<b>l</b> u-	nose/point		
		daa-	around		
		<u>x</u> 'a ~ <u>x</u> 'e ~ <u>k</u> 'a-	mouth/opening		
		sha-	head/top		
		<b>sh</b> u-	end		
		a-	a-thematic		

∅ keitl xatéen  
i see a dog

l wé keitl xalátín  
i'm watching that dog

s wé keitl xwasiteen  
i saw that dog

sh tléil kooxshatéen  
i am blind

marking completion  
classification  
causation



real  
did  
will  
might

aadé yaa nxagút  
i am going there

aadé kkwagóot  
i will go there

aadé xwaagoot  
i went there

aadé nkagoot!  
let me go there!