

Vocabulary

Body Parts I: Beginner Body Parts

Basic Rules:

- Body part words must take a Pronomial to indicate *whose* body part your'e talking about (i.e, "possession").
- Body part words can use *either* Set A *or* Set B. Some body parts are Set A, some are Set B. You just have to memorize which is which.
- Body Parts that use Set A can use either /a²/ or /g/ in the 3rd Person Singular. This is based on Kituwah perceptions of how prominent or attention-grabbing the body part is—a person's head /a²/ is more prominent than their shoulder /g/, for example.
- Body parts are pluralized like other Nouns, with the Unreal Distributive /di²²(?)/.

Head and Face

Head / -sko⁴⁴li² /

[Set A, /a²/]

- ji²sko⁴⁴li² *My head.*
- hi²sko⁴⁴li² *Your head.*
- a²sko⁴⁴li² *His/her head.*

Hair / -sti²²y(e³)hgv⁴ /

[Set B]

Lit. "stalks on the scalp," refers to head hair only.

- a²gi²²sti²ye⁰hgv² *My hair.*
- ja²sti²ye⁰hgv² *Your hair.*
- u²²sti²ye⁰hgv² *His/her hair.*
- The singular form refers to a person's *entire* head of hair.
- This is *not* the word you would use to refer to a *single* hair—gi²?hla².

Face / -a²ka²tv⁴ /

[Set B]

- a²gwa²²ka²tv⁴ *My face.*
- ja²ka²tv⁴ *Your face.*
- u²²ka²tv⁴ *His/her face.*

Eyes / -a²ka⁰to⁴⁴li² /

[Set A, /a²/]

- ga²ka⁰to⁴⁴li² *My eye.*
 - o di²²ga²ka⁰to⁴⁴li² *My eyes.*
- ha²ka⁰to⁴⁴li² *Your eye.*
 - o ta²ka⁰to⁴⁴li² *Your eyes.*
- a²kto⁴⁴li² *His/her eye.*
 - o di²²ka⁰to⁴⁴li² *His/her eyes.*

Ears / -?le⁴⁴ni² /

[Set A, /ga²/]

- ji²?le⁴⁴ni² *My ear.*
 - o di²²ji²?le⁴⁴ni² *My ears.*
- hi²?le⁴⁴ni² *Your ear.*
 - o ti²?le⁴⁴ni² *Your ears.*
- ga²?le⁴⁴ni² *His/her ear.*
 - o di²²ga²?le⁴⁴ni² *His/her ears.*

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Nose / -hyv²²so⁴⁴li² / [Set A, /ga²/]

- ji²hyv²²so⁴⁴li² *My nose.*
- hi²hyv²²so⁴⁴li² *Your nose.*
- ga²hyv²²so⁴⁴li² *His/her ear.*

Mouth / -a²ho⁴⁴li² / [Set A, /a²/]

- ji²ho⁴⁴li² *My mouth.*
- hi²ho⁴⁴li² *His mouth.*
- a²ho⁴⁴li² *His/her mouth.*

Tooth / -(a²)na⁰do³³hgv⁴ / [Set A, /g/]

- ji²na¹¹do³³hgv⁴ *My tooth.*
 - o di²²ga²nv¹¹do³³hgv⁴ *My teeth.*
- hi²na⁰do³³hgv⁴ *Your tooth.*
 - o ta²na⁰do³³hgv⁴ *Your teeth.*
- ga²na⁰do³³hgv⁴ *His/her tooth.*
 - o di²²ga²na⁰do³³hgv⁴ *His/her teeth.*

Neck/Throat / -hyv²hje⁴⁴ni² / [Set A, /a²/]

- ji²hyv²hje⁴⁴ni² *My neck/throat.*
- hi²hyv²hje⁴⁴ni² *Your neck/throat.*
- a²hyv²hje⁴⁴ni² *His/her neck/throat.*

Limbs

Shoulder / -(a²)nv²²wo⁴ / [Set A, /g/]

- ji²nv²²wo⁴ *My shoulder.*
 - o di²²ga²nv²²wo⁴ *My shoulders.*
- hi²nv²²wo⁴ *Your shoulder.*
 - o ti²nv²²wo⁴ *Your shoulders.*
- ga²nv²²wo⁴ *His/her shoulder.*
 - o di²²ga²nv²²wo⁴ *His/her shoulders.*

Arm / -(a²)hno²²ge⁴⁴ni² / [Set A, /g/]

- ji²hno²²ge⁴⁴ni² *My arm.*
 - o di²²ji²hno²²ge⁴⁴ni² *My arms.*
- hi²hno²²ge⁴⁴ni² *Your arm.*
 - o ti²²hno²²ge⁴⁴ni² *Your arms.*
- ka²no²²ge⁴⁴ni² *His/her arm.*
 - o di²²ka²no²²ge⁴⁴ni² *His/her arms.*

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Hand / -o¹¹ye⁴⁴ni² / [Set B]

- a²gwo¹¹ye⁴⁴ni² *My hand.*
 - o di²²gwo¹¹ye⁴⁴ni² *My hands.*
- jo¹¹ye⁴⁴ni² *Your hand.*
 - o di²²jo¹¹ye⁴⁴ni² *Your hands.*
- u²wo¹¹ye⁴⁴ni² *His/her hand.*
 - o ju²wo¹¹ye⁴⁴ni² *His/her hands.*

Finger / -(a³³)ye²²sa³?dv⁴ / [Set A, /g/]

- ji³³ye²²sa³?dv⁴ *My finger.*
 - o di²²ji³³ye²²sa³?dv⁴ *My fingers.*
- hi³³ye³³sa³?dv⁴ *Your finger.*
 - o ti³³ye²²sa³?dv⁴ *Your fingers.*
- ga³³ye²²sa³?dv⁴ *His/her finger.*
 - o di²²ga³³ye²²sa³?dv⁴ *His/her fingers.*

Leg / -(a²)nv¹¹sge⁴⁴ni² / [Set A, /g/]

- ji²nv¹¹sge⁴⁴ni² *My leg.*
 - o di²²ji²nv¹¹sge⁴⁴ni² *My legs.*
- hi²nv¹¹sge⁴⁴ni² *Your leg.*
 - o ti²²nv¹¹sge⁴⁴ni² *Your legs.*
 - o /di²²/ + /hi²/ = /ti²²/ (pronoun takes long tone from distributive)
- ga²nv¹¹sge⁴⁴ni² *His/her leg.*
 - o di²²ga²nv¹¹sge⁴⁴ni² *His/her legs.*

Foot / -a²la¹¹si²hde⁴⁴ni² / [Set B]

- a²gwa²la¹¹si²hde⁴⁴ni² *My foot.*
 - o di²²gwa²la¹¹si²hde⁴⁴ni² *My feet.*
- ja²la¹¹si²hde⁴⁴ni² *Your foot.*
 - o di²²ja²la¹¹si²hde⁴⁴ni² *Your feet.*
- u²la¹¹si²hde⁴⁴ni² *His/her foot.*
 - o ju²la¹¹si²hde⁴⁴ni² *His/her feet.*

Toes / -(a³)hna³²sa²?dv⁴ / [Set A, /g/]

- ji³na³²sa²?dv⁴ *My toe.*
 - o di²²ji³na³²sa²?dv⁴ *My toes.*
- hi³hna³²sa²?dv⁴ *Your toe.*
 - o ti²³hna³²sa²?dv⁴ *Your toes.*
- ka³na³²sa²?dv⁴ *His/her toe.*
 - o di²²ka³na³²sa²?dv⁴ *His/her toes.*

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Center

Chest / -(a²)ne²²ji⁴ /

- ji²ne²²ji⁴
- hi²ne²²ji⁴
- ga²ne²²ji⁴

[Set A, /g/]

My chest.
Your chest.
His/her chest.

Back / -(a²²)so²hi⁴ /

- ji²²so²hi⁴
- hi²²so²hi⁴
- ga²²so²hi⁴

[Set A, /g/]

My back.
Your back.
His/her back.

Belly / -sgwo²²hli⁴ /

- a²²gi²sgwo²²hli⁴
- ja²sgwo²²hli⁴
- u²²sgwo²²hli⁴

[Set B]

My belly.
Your belly.
His/her belly.

Butt / -(a²)gi⁰se⁴⁴ni² /

- a²²gwa²gi⁰se⁴⁴ni²
- ja²gi⁰se⁴⁴ni²
- u²²gi⁰se⁴⁴ni²
- This refers to a person's *entire* ass. Both cheeks.
- Not the anus.

[Set B]

My butt.
Your butt.
His/her butt.

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