

Suppose you want to look up the word **akotyóhkwaʔ**.

prefix	noun root	suffix
ako- +	-ityohkw- +	-aʔ
<i>her</i>	<i>group</i>	

[Notice the parts of the word can be modified when they are combined. In this case the **i** at the beginning of the noun root is lost before many prefixes ending in vowels. This is a regular modification rule.]

There are three ways to look up this word.

- If you know it means something about a group, you can search on the English *group* or its synonyms *people* or *team*.
- If you recognize the root in the word, you can search on that root (**-ityohkw-**). You'll get a list of, in this case 13, citation forms that contain that root. Choose the simplest (**kAtyóhkwaʔ**).
- If you don't know anything about the word, you can use the tools to separate the noun root from the prefixes and suffixes and then search for that root (**-ityohkw-**). The prefix search tool will give you 5 possibilities to try. Without any additional knowledge, you'll have to try them all to find the right one. Similarly with separating off suffixes although the odds are that the suffix is either a final glottal stop or the final glottal stop and the vowel before it.