

pressed by the suffix -ēxst, for instance, nā'qēxst *to desire to drink*; a causative -mas, for instance, qā'samas *to cause to walk*; -^snakula implying a gradual motion, for instance, tē'gu^snakula *to hang one after the other* (from tē'kwa *to hang*). The most important forms in this group are the inchoative and the "tentative," which latter expresses the attempt to perform an action.

The inchoative is very frequently used, the continuative form being strictly distinguished from it, as is also the case in the allied Nootka. The continuative of most verbs ends in -a, while the inchoative ends in -x^sid, which ending, however, undergoes many changes according to the rules of euphony. From qā'sa *to walk*, we have qā's^sid *to begin to walk*; from mō'kwa *to tie*, mō'X^swid. The locative suffixes, which will later be mentioned, have separate forms for inchoative and continuative, which are formed somewhat irregularly (see page 718).

The "tentative" is formed by reduplication with long ā vowel, and hardened terminal consonant: dā'doq!wa *to endeavor to see*, from dō'qwa, *to see*.

Conjunctive suffixes are numerous. The simple verbal endings described before are used only when the sentence is without inner connection with previous statements—that is to say, when a new idea is introduced in the discourse. That a subject has been referred to before, or that it has been in the mind of the speaker before, is expressed by the suffix -m. g'ā'xEn^snEmō'kwē means "my friend of whom I have not been thinking has come unexpectedly"; g'ā'xmEn^snEmō'kwē means "my friend who was expected has arrived." -mēs indicates a very weak causal relation, similar to our "and so"; -g'iḷ is causal, signifying "therefore"; -ṭa and -ṭla signify "but"; -xa, "also."

More or less adverbial are the following: -k'as *really*; -x'lā *very*; -xṭa *too bad, that!* -x'st! *as usual*; -x'sā *still*; -axōṭ and *I did not know it before*, a mild expression of surprise.

Locative suffixes are very numerous. Many of them have distinctive continuative and inchoative forms: