

Westcoast word structure • Central Nuuchahnulth*

(1) The four-slot model

word			
slot 1	slot 2	slot 3	slot 4
√root	–aspect	–tense	–mood

(2) The big model

word									
prefixes	√root	suffixes			clitics				
		inner	aspect	outer	inner	past	mood	person	outer
R–		–mis	–(y)aʷ, –ħiʷ	–tana	=ʔis, =ʔic	=(m)it	=ʔiʃ	=s	=λaʷ
T–		–yʷak	–(ʔ)ak, –(ʔ)uk	LS–sa	=ʔaqʷ	=mit	=ħ	=k	=ʔa:ʃ
		–naʷk	–čiʷ, –šiʷ, –uʷ	SS–(q)aq	=!ap	=nit	=liʷ	=∅	=ʔaʃ
		–ca–	LS	–witas	=!aʷ		=ʔiʷ	=n	
		L–(č)iʃ	LTL–(y)a	–maħsa	=!at		=ʔiʷtq	=su:, =č	
			T–č, T–š, T–k	–matak	=ʔak, =uk		=(y)i:		

Glosses follow, excluding mood and person clitics. Templatic elements: L: lengthening; S: shortening; R: CV reduplication; T: CVC₀ reduplication • Inner suffixes: –mis ‘stuff’; –yʷak ‘for the purpose of’; –naʷk ‘having it’; –ca– ‘go to’; L–(č)iʃ ‘do to’ • Aspect suffixes: –(y)aʷ, –ħiʷ, –(ʔ)ak, –(ʔ)uk: continuous; –čiʷ, –šiʷ, –uʷ: complete; LS: ongoing; LTL–(y)a: repetitive; T–č, T–š, T–k: off-and-on • Outer suffixes: –tana ‘a little bit’; LS–sa ‘very, real’; SS–(q)aq ‘very, big’; –witas ‘going to do’; –maħsa ‘want to do’; –matak ‘maybe’ • Inner clitics: =ʔis, =ʔic ‘small’; =ʔaqʷ ‘will’; =!ap: causative; =!aʷ ‘now, then’; =!at: passive; =ʔak, =uk: possessive • Past: =(m)it, =mit, =nit: past • Outer clitics: =λaʷ ‘and, again’; =ʔa:ʃ ‘habitually’; =ʔaʃ ‘they’.

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