

BODY PARTS

Words for body parts usually have a "possessive pronoun prefix." Such possessive pronoun prefixes include:

- **shi-** "my" (1st person singular possessive pronoun prefix)
- **ni-** "your" (2nd person singular possessive pronoun prefix)
- **bi-** "his/hers/its" (3rd person possessive pronoun prefix)
- **gu-** "one's" (3a person possessive pronoun prefix) (3a is a special kind of 3rd person)
- **nahi-** (**nai-**) "our², your²" (1st and 2nd person dual possessive pronoun prefix)
- **gúbi-** (**gúi-**) "their²" (3a person dual possessive pronoun prefix)

For example:

- **shigane** [**shi.ga.ne**] "my arm" (1st person singular possessive pronoun prefix)
- **nigane** [**ni.ga.ne**] "your arm" (2nd person singular possessive pronoun prefix)
- **bigane** [**bi.ga.ne**] "his/her/its arm" (3rd person possessive pronoun prefix)
- **gugane** [**gu.ga.ne**] "one's arm" (3a person possessive pronoun prefix)
- **naigane** [**nai.ga.ne**] "our² arms", "your² arms" (1st and 2nd person dual possessive pronoun prefix)
- **gúigane** [**gúi.ga.ne**] "their² arms" (3a person dual possessive pronoun prefix)

Shigane [**shi.ga.ne**] "my arm", for example, has the 1st person singular possessive pronoun prefix **shi-** "my" and the noun stem **-gane** "arm." By "stem", we mean the part of a word to which "prefixes" and "suffixes" attach. Prefixes attach to the front of a stem. Suffixes attach to the back of a stem. A hyphen on the right side of a prefix shows that it binds to the front of a stem. A hyphen on the left side of a stem shows that it must have a prefix. A hyphen on the left side of a suffix shows that it attaches to the back of a stem.

In column one of the following table, we list stems or phrases for body parts without a possessive pronoun prefix. We list these words alphabetically by the initial letter of the stem. In column two, we include words or phrases for body parts that have the possessive pronoun prefix, **shi-** "my." Such forms may take any of

the possessive pronoun prefixes that we listed earlier. In column three, we include the pronunciations of words or phrases. We place such pronunciations in square brackets. In these pronunciations, we mark syllables. We mark the boundary between syllables with a period [.]. Also in column three, we provide a few analyses and notes.

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Body Parts without a Possessive Pronoun Prefix	Body Parts with the 1st Person Singular Possessive Pronoun Prefix, shi-	Pronunciations, Analyses, and Notes
- ãdasilá'ee' "joints"	shiãdasilá'ee' "my joints"	[shi.ã.da.si.lá.'ee']
- bide	shibide "my stomach"	[shi.bi.de]
- chî (or) - chî' "nose"	shichî (or) shichî' "my nose"	[shi.chî] (or) [shi.chî']
- ch'újé (or) - ch'újee' "calf muscle"	shich'újé (or) shich'újee' "my calf muscle"	[shi.ch'ú.jé] (or) [shi.ch'ú.jee']
- ch'úúlaa' "elbow"	shich'úúlaa' "my elbow"	[shi.ch'úú.laa']
- dá'ghe' (or) - dá'ye' "throat" "the inside of the throat"	shidá'ghe' (or) shidá'ye' "my throat" "the inside of my throat"	[shi.dá'.ghe'] (or) [shi.dá'.ye'] shi- "my" (1 st person possessive pronoun prefix)

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		- dá' - "throat" - ghe' (or) - ye' "inside" (postposition stem)
- 'é'áãáyé (or) - 'éããáyé "brain"	shi'é'áãáyé (or) shi'éããáyé "my brain"	[shi.'é'átã.yé] (or) [shi.'éãtã.yé]
- gane "arm"	shigane "my arm"	[shi.ga.ne]
- gansts'ine "collar bone" "shoulder blade"	shigansts'ine "my collar bone" "my shoulder blade"	[shi.gans.ts'ì.ne] shi- "my" (1 st person possessive pronoun prefix) - gans seems to be a "combining" form of - gane "arm." - ts'ine "bone" (noun stem)
- ghéts'ine (or) - yéts'ine "jaw"	shighéts'ine (or) shiyéts'ine "my jaw"	[shi.ghé.ts'ì.ne] (or) [shi.yé.ts'ì.ne]
- gude "knee"	shigude "my knee"	[shi.gu.de]
- jaa' "ear"	shijaa' "my ear"	[shi.jaa']

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<p>-jaa'yee' (or) -jaa'ghee' "ear, the inside of the ear"</p>	<p>shijaa'yee' (or) shijaa'ghee' "my ear, the inside of my ear"</p>	<p>[shi.jaa'.yee'] (or) [shi.jaa'.ghee']</p> <p>-jaa' "ear" (noun stem) -ye' (or) -ghee' "inside" (postposition stem)</p> <p>Note: The postposition stem -ye' "inside" is pronounced in several different ways, including -ye', -ghe', -ghee', and -yee'.</p>
<p>-jáde "leg"</p>	<p>shijáde "my leg"</p>	<p>[shi.já.de]</p>
<p>-jadé ntsaaz-í (or) -jadé ntsaas-í "thigh"</p>	<p>shijádé ntsaaz-í (or) shijádé ntsaas-í "my thigh"</p> <p>Note: This phrase literally means, "my leg that is large."</p>	<p>[shi.já.dén.tsaaz.zí] (or) [shi.já.dén.tsaas.sí]</p> <p>Note: [dén] has falling tone; [é] is high tone and [n] is low tone.</p> <p>shi-"my" (1st person possessive pronoun prefix) -jade "leg" (noun stem)</p>

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		<p>ntsaas (or) ntsáás "he/she/it is big" (3rd person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)</p> <p>-í (or) -'í "the, the one that" (an enclitic that sometimes changes a verb into a noun) (definite, topic, or relative enclitic)</p> <p>Note: When added to a word ending in [z], -í sounds like [zí]. When added to a word ending in [s], -í sounds like [sí]. In the square brackets above, we indicate these pronunciations by adding [z] and [s] to the last syllable.</p> <p>Note: The long vowel in the verb stem of ntsaas seems to be somewhat unusual. In ntsaas, the long vowel seems to be "mid-tone." It is not as high as regular "high tone" vowels, but not as low as regular low tone vowels. In addition, sometimes</p>

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		this vowel sounds high tone and sometimes it sounds low tone.
-jéí "heart"	shijéí "my heart"	[shi.jéí]
-jéjé (or) -jéjee' "chest area" "on the inside of the chest"	shijéjé (or) shijéjee' "my chest area" "on the inside of my chest"	[shi.jé.jé] (or) [shi.jé.jee']
-k'ale "hip"	shik'ale "my hip"	[shi.k'a.le]
-kangha "back"	shikangha "my back"	[shi.kàn.gha] - kan "body" (noun stem) - gha "behind" (postposition stem)
-kansht'a "arm pit"	shikansht'a "my arm pit"	[shi.kànsh.t'a] - kansh "body" (noun stem) - t'a "side, fold, pocket" (postposition stem)
-káshí "body" "on the surface of the body"	shikáshí "my body" "the surface of my body"	[shi.ká.shí] - ká "on the surface of" (postposition stem)

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		-shí "at, from" (postposition enclitic)
-kee' "foot"	shikee' "my foot"	[shi.kee'] Note: When "foot, shoe" has a possessive pronoun prefix, it is usually pronounced -kee' . When "foot, shoe" does not have a possessive pronoun prefix, it is often pronounced ké .
-kee'zhááyé (or) -kézhááyé "little toe"	shikee'zhááyé (or) shikézhááyé "my little toe"	[shi.kee'.zháá.yé] (or) [shi.ké.zháá.yé] shi- "my" (1 st person possessive pronoun prefix) -ké (or) -kee' "foot, toe" (noun stem) -zhááyé "he/she/it is little" (3 rd person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb) Note: Compare to: bizâáyé "he/she/it is little", "he/she/it is small" (3 rd person).

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		<p>imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)</p> <p>Note: People also seem sometime to use bizââyé as a noun that means, "little one" or "his/her/its little one."</p>
<p>-këshgane "toenail"</p>	<p>shikëshgane "my toenail"</p>	<p>[shi.kësh.ga.ne]</p> <p>shi-"my" (1st person possessive pronoun prefix)</p> <p>-ké "foot, toe" (noun stem)</p> <p>-shgane "claw, nail" (noun stem)</p>
<p>-kétaaã "heel"</p>	<p>shikétaaã "my heel"</p>	<p>[shi.ké.taa'ã]</p> <p>Note: The long vowel [aa] is "creaky" during the last half of its pronunciation prior to [ã]. We mark such "creakiness" by inserting a glottal stop ['] following the vowel and prior to [ã].</p> <p>shi-"my" (1st person possessive pronoun prefix)</p>

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		<p>-ké "foot, toe" (noun stem)</p> <p>-taaã (a verb stem meaning, "to kick")</p>
<p>-kétãáshí</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>-kétãáyá</p> <p>"the sole of the foot"</p>	<p>shikétãáshí</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>shikétãáyá</p> <p>"the sole of my foot"</p>	<p>[shí.ké.tãá.shí]</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>[shí.ké.tãá.yá]</p> <p>shi-"my" (1st person possessive pronoun prefix)</p> <p>-ké "foot, toe" (noun stem)</p> <p>-tãá- "underneath, under" (postposition stem)</p> <p>-shí "at, from" (postposition enclitic)</p> <p>-yá "there at the place" (postposition enclitic)</p>
<p>-kétsine</p> <p>"ankle"</p>	<p>shikétsine</p> <p>"my ankle"</p>	<p>[shí.ké.tsì.ne]</p> <p>-ké "foot" (noun stem)</p> <p>tsine "stick, handle, tree" (noun)</p>
<p>-kétsu</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>-kétsuu'</p> <p>"big toe"</p>	<p>shikétsu</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>shikétsuu'</p> <p>"my big toe"</p>	<p>[shí.ké.tsu]</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>[shí.ké.tsuu']</p> <p>-ké "foot" (noun stem)</p>

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		- tsu "he/she/it is big" is a reduced form of nitsu or ntsu . nitsu (or) ntsu "he/she/it is big" (3 rd person, imperfective mode, neuter, intransitive verb)
-k'us "neck"	shik'us "my neck"	[shi.k'us] Note: k'us also means, "cloud." When k'us has a possessive pronoun prefix, it usually means, "neck."
-laa' "hand"	shilaa' "my hand"	[shi.laa']
-laa' diāchi-í (or) -laa' bee diāchi-í "pointing finger"	shilaa' diāchi-í (or) shilaa' bee diāchi-í "my pointing finger"	[shi.laa' diāchi.í] (or) [shi.laa' bee diāchi.í] shi - "my" (1 st person possessive pronoun prefix) -laa' "hand, finger" (noun stem) bee "by means of him/her/it", "with him/her/it" (postposition) bi - "him/her/it" (3 rd person pronoun object prefix)

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		<p>-ee "by means of, with" (postposition stem)</p> <p>Note: When bi- is added to a postposition such as -ee that begins with a vowel, the -i- is dropped.</p> <p>diāchi "he/she points" (3rd person, imperfective mode, intransitive verb)</p> <p>-í (or) -'í "the, the one that" (an enclitic that sometimes changes a verb into a noun) (definite, topic, or relative enclitic)</p>
<p>-laa' gustsa badanát'â-í</p> <p>"ring finger"</p>	<p>shilaa' gustsa badanát'â-í</p> <p>"my ring finger"</p> <p>Note: This phrase literally means, "the finger on which a ring is placed"</p>	<p>[shi.laa' gus.tsa ba.da.ná.t'âí]</p> <p>shilaa' "my hand", "my finger" (noun)</p> <p>gustsa "ring" (noun)</p> <p>badanát'â "it is on it" (or) "it usually goes there" (as a cap goes on a bottle or a ring on a finger)</p> <p>-í (or) -'í "the, the one that" (an enclitic that sometimes changes a verb into a noun) (definite, topic, or relative enclitic)</p>

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<p>-laa' iãñî'í</p> <p>"middle finger"</p>	<p>shilaa' iãñî'í</p> <p>"my middle finger"</p>	<p>[shi.laa'.iãñî.'í]</p> <p>shilaa' "my hand", "my finger" (noun)</p> <p>'iãñî' "middle", "center" (probably a postposition)</p> <p>-í (or) -'í "the, the one that" (an enclitic that sometimes changes a verb into a noun) (definite, topic, or relative enclitic)</p>
<p>-laa'shgane</p> <p>"fingernail"</p>	<p>shilaa'shgane</p> <p>"my fingernail"</p>	<p>[shi.laa'sh.gane]</p> <p>Note: The long vowel [aa] is "creaky" during the last half of its pronunciation prior to [sh].</p> <p>shi-"my" (1st person possessive pronoun prefix)</p> <p>-laa' "finger, hand" (noun stem)</p> <p>-shgane "claw, nail" (noun stem)</p>
<p>-laa'tāáyá</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>-laa'tāáshí</p> <p>"the palm of the hand"</p>	<p>shilaa'tāáyá</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>shilaa'tāáshí</p> <p>"my palm, the palm of my hand"</p>	<p>[shi.laa'.tāá.yá]</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>[shi.laa'.tāá.shí]</p>

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<p>-laa'tsîne</p> <p>"wrist"</p>	<p>shilaa'tsîne</p> <p>"my wrist"</p>	<p>[shi.laa'.tsî.ne]</p> <p>Note: The long vowel [aa] is "creaky" during the last half of its pronunciation.</p> <p>shi-"my" (1st person possessive pronoun prefix)</p> <p>-laa' "finger, hand" (noun stem)</p> <p>tsîne "stick, handle, tree" (noun)</p>
<p>-laa'tsu</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>-laa'tsuu'</p> <p>"thumb"</p>	<p>shilaa'tsu</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>shilaa'tsuu'</p> <p>"my thumb"</p>	<p>[shi.laa'.tsu]</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>[shi.laa'.tsuu']</p>

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<p>-laa'zháá'yé</p> <p>"little finger"</p>	<p>shilaa'zháá'yé</p> <p>"my little finger"</p>	<p>[shi.laa'.zháá'.yé]</p> <p>Note: The long vowel [aa] is "creaky" during the last half of its pronunciation.</p> <p>shi-"my" (1st person possessive pronoun prefix)</p> <p>-laa' "finger, hand" (noun stem)</p> <p>-zháá'yé "he/she/it is small, little"</p>
<p>-lúí</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>-lu'í</p>	<p>shilúí</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>shilu'í</p>	<p>[shi.lúí]</p> <p>(or)</p> <p>[shi.lu.'í]</p>

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"muscle"	"my muscle"	
-nák'ee' "eye area"	shinák'ee' "my eye area"	[shi.ná.k'ee']
-nát'éjé (or) -nát'éejé "eyebrow"	shinát'éjé (or) shinát'éejé "my eyebrow"	[shi.ná.t'é.jé] (or) [shi.ná.t'ée.jé] Note: -ná- seems to be a form of the word meaning "eye" Note: Some people pronounce the syllable [jé] as [zhé] as in shinát'ézhé (or) shinát'éezhé .
-nat'íjé (or) -nat'ízhé "eyelash"	shinát'íjé (or) shinát'ízhé "my eyelash"	[shi.ná.t'í.jé] (or) [shi.ná.t'í.zhé] shi- "my" (1 st person possessive pronoun prefix) Note: -ná- seems to be a form of the word "eye"
-ndáa' (or) -ndáá' (or) -dá'	shindáa' (or) shindáá' (or) shindá'	[shin.dáa'] (or) [shin.dáá'] (or) [shin.dá']

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"eye"	"my eye"	
- nii' (or) - nii'í "face" "mind"	shinii' (or) shinii'í "my face" "my mind"	[shi.nii'] (or) [shi.nii.'í] Note: Compare to: baashi'nii' "I want it", "I want to buy it"
- nii'tsü' "cheek"	shinii'tsü' "my cheek"	[shi.nii'.tsü'] shinii' "my face" -tsü' "flesh, meat" (noun stem)
- niyá "nostril"	shiniyá "my nostril"	[shi.ni.yá] -ní- "nostril" (noun stem) -yá "there at that place" (postposition enclitic)
- táshí (or) - táyá "forehead"	shitáshí (or) shitáyá "my forehead"	[shi.tá.shí] (or) [shi.tá.yá] shi- "my" (1 st person possessive pronoun prefix) -tá- "forehead" (noun stem)

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		- shí "at, from" (postposition enclitic) - yá "there at that place" (postposition enclitic)
-téle "chest area" "on the outside of the chest"	shitéle "my chest area" "on the outside of my chest"	[shi.té.le] shi- "my" (1 st person possessive pronoun prefix)
-tsá' (or) -tsâ' "rib" "womb"	shitsá' (or) shitsâ' "my rib" "my womb"	[shi.tsá'] (or) [shi.tsâ']
-tságushch'úújee' (or) -tságushch'úúzhee' "kidney"	shitságushch'úújee' (or) shitságushch'úúzhee' "my kidney"	[shi.tsá.gush.ch'úú.jee'] (or) [shi.tsá.gush.ch'úú.zhee'] shitsá "my rib" shi- "my" (1 st person possessive pronoun prefix) gush.ch'úú.zhee' (no analysis)
-tsii' "head"	shitsii' "my head"	[shi.tsii']
-tsii' "flesh"	shitsii' "my flesh"	[shi.tsii']

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<p>-tsii'ghaa' (or) -tsii'gha "hair, head hair"</p>	<p>shitsii'ghaa' (or) shitsii'gha "my hair, my head hair"</p>	<p>[shi.tsii'.ghaa'] (or) [shi.tsii'.gha]</p> <p>-tsii' "head" (noun stem) -ghaa' (or) -gha "hair" (noun stem)</p>
<p>-tsii'naa'shi "the side of the head"</p>	<p>shitsii'naa'shi "the side of my head" "at the side of my head"</p>	<p>[shi.tsii'.naa'.shi]</p> <p>Note: The long vowels are "creaky" during the last half of their pronunciations prior to the glottal stops ['].</p> <p>-tsii' "head" (noun stem) naa'shi "at the side" (particle) Note: Some people say nan'shi "at the side" (particle) [n'] is a low tone glottalized nasal consonant. naa' (or) nan' "sideways", "to the side" (particle or proclitic) -shi "at, from" (postposition enclitic)</p>
<p>-tsii'ya "the back of the head"</p>	<p>shitsii'ya "the back of my head"</p>	<p>[shi.tsii'.ya]</p>

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	<p>shitsii'yá-shí "at the back of my head" "from the back of my head"</p> <p>shitsii'ya'ee' "at the back of my head"</p>	<p>Note: The long vowel [ii] is "creaky" during the last half of its pronunciation.</p> <p>-tsii' "head" (noun stem) -ya- (no analysis) -shí "at, from" (postposition enclitic) -'ee' "at a specific place where, there at a specific place" (postposition enclitic)</p>
<p>-tsii'zis "scalp"</p>	<p>shitsii'zis "my scalp"</p>	<p>[shi.tsii'.zis]</p> <p>Note: The long vowel [ii] is "creaky" during the last half of its pronunciation.</p> <p>shi-"my" (1st person possessive pronoun prefix) -tsii' "head" (noun stem) zis "bag" (noun)</p>
<p>-ts'ine "bone"</p>	<p>shits'ine "my bone"</p>	<p>[shi.ts'i.ne]</p>
<p>-ts'ùùs "vein" "artery"</p>	<p>shits'ùùs "my vein" "my artery"</p>	<p>[shi.ts'ùù's]</p> <p>Note: The long vowel [ùù] is "creaky" during the last half of</p>

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		its pronunciation We mark such "creakiness" by inserting a glottal stop ['] after the vowel and prior to [s].
-wus (or) -ghus "shoulder"	shiwus (or) shighus "my shoulder"	[shi.wus] (or) [shi.ghus]
-wútsì' (or) -wútsiì' "gums"	shiwútsì' (or) shiwútsiì' "my gums"	[shi.wú.tsì'] (or) [shi.wú.tsìi'] Note: It seems that most people say shiwútsì' . Note: High tone on [ú] is correct. We are not sure why this word has high tone. -wuu' (or) -ghuu' [ghuu'] "teeth" (noun stem) -tsiì' "flesh" (noun stem)
-wuu' (or) -ghuu' "tooth, teeth"	shiwuu' (or) shighuu' "my tooth, my teeth"	[shi.wuu'] (or) [shi.ghuu']

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		Note: Elderly people or people speaking carefully are more likely to say [ghuu']. Most contemporary speakers say [wuu'], especially in normal conversation.
-zaa'de "tongue"	shizaa'de "my tongue"	[shi.zaa'.de] Note: -de is, perhaps, an archaic relative enclitic.
-zábààde "lip"	shizábààde "my lip"	[shi.zá.bàà.de] -zá-"tongue" -bàà "at the edge of, on the edge of" (postposition stem) Note: -de is, perhaps, an archaic relative enclitic.
-zee' (or) -zée' (or) -zée' "mouth"	shizee' (or) shizée' (or) shizée' "my mouth"	[shi.zee'] (or) [shi.zée'] (or) [shi.zée']
-zide (or)	shizide (or)	[shi.zi.de] (or)

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-zii'de "liver"	shizii'de "my liver"	[shi.zii'.de] Note: -de is, perhaps, an archaic relative enclitic.
-zúle "throat"	shizúle "my throat"	[shi.zú.le]
-zule (or) -zuu'le "lungs"	shizule (or) shizuu'le "my lungs"	[shi.zu.le] (or) [shi.zuu'.le]