

MYSKOKE PREFIXES

Instrumental 'es-' Prefix



WHAT IS A PREFIX?

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THE INSTRUMENTAL 'ES-' PREFIX

The prefix 'es-' is added to the beginning of a verb to mean that something was done with an instrument or tool. This is why it's called the "instrumental" prefix.

It is often translated as "with (a tool, etc)"

Hoktuce hompes
girl eats

VS

Hoktuce hakkucen eshompes
girl spoon with - eats

The girl is eating

The girl is eating with a spoon



Without this prefix at the beginning, it changes the meaning:

Hoktuce hakkucen hompes
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This prefix is commonly shortened to 's-' when it's before a vowel:

Vhoretv
to sew

'Svhoretv
to sew with (a tool) or
using something

Esketv
to drink

'Sesketv
to drink with

Also 'sesketv' is the word for "cup", because a cup is something you drink with!

Don't forget to add the apostrophe before the S!

'ES-' WITH VERBS OF MOVING VERBS

The prefix 'es-' can be added to motion verbs. These are verbs that indicate the subject is moving (to go, to come, etc). When the prefix is added to these verbs, it has a slightly different meaning.

It can mean to do the movement using something (like driving a car = 'svtohkety), but often, it can indicate that the subject is 'taking' someone or something :

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LET'S PRACTICE

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efv = dog akkopanes = plays

The woman is bringing food

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The man cuts the paper (with a tool)

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