

Subject **Western Keres (Acoma) myths**
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Dear members of the Keres language project,

my name is Chris Bentz, I'm currently a PostDoc at the University of Zurich in Switzerland. Together with other researchers I work on a text collection for 100 diverse languages around the world (<https://www.spur.uzh.ch/en/departments/research/textgroup/MorphDiv.html>). One of the languages in our sample is Western Keres. We have started to manually and automatically transcribe hand-written field notes of Franz Boas from 1928 who recorded creation myths and other stories in Acoma (find attached a sample text). These are also given with an English translation. Now I came across the website of the Keres Language Project, and I realized that these texts could be very helpful for revitalization and teaching of your language. I wonder if there are ways of collaborating with you to put our work into concrete use for the Keres people? I think this could be an exciting project of mutual benefit.

Let me know what you think,
Best,
Chris Bentz