

## Lesson Twelve: -ing in Na'vi

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**Kaltxi** nìmun! This time I wanna talk about the three different ways to say -ing in Na'vi.

In English, we use the same -ing ending in at least three different ways. In Na'vi, all three of those translate to three different ways instead of using the same one.

In English, the three main uses for -ing are as in the following examples:

1. She *is hunting* a hexapede.
2. *Hunting* is fun.
3. A *hunting* thanator is dangerous.

In 1, we are talking about a girl who is currently hunting and is not finished yet.

In 2, we are talking about the action of hunting as a thing and call it fun. This means we just turned the verb hunt into a noun, *((the action of)) hunting*.

In 3, we are talking about a hunting thanator, as opposed to a sleeping thanator, or a dead thanator. This means we just turned the verb hunt into an adjective, hunting.

In Na'vi, these same three are:

1. **Pol teraron yerikit.**
2. **Titusaron lu 'o'.**
3. **Tusarona palulukan lu lehrrap.**

Note that <er> already has the meaning of "*am/is/are doing*" built right in. So there's no need to say stuff like \*Po lu **teraron** or \*Po lu **tusaron**. It's actually incorrect those two ways if you want to say something like in the 1st example.

Oh, so hunting is fun? Hunting what is fun? Hunting hexapede is fun! How do I say that in Na'vi? Is it..

\*Titusaron yerikit lu 'o'..?

kehe. It's actually not. This kind of usage is incorrect even though it make sense in English. So how DO you say "hunting hexapede is fun"?... Well, I guess I'll leave that question open to comment, and explain in the next lesson.

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