INCORPORATION ROOTS WITHIN ROOTS

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GF-Changing Morphology Conclusions

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- b. Pet wa'r-ha-hwist-ahtu-'rt-a'r. pat PAST-3.MASC.SG-money-lost-CAUS-ASP "Pat lost money."

(11) S. Tiwa (Kiowa-Tanoan; NM & TX):

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