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  ESTAMP:ABS  sg:masc:Abs  run  
  The boy run(s).

(2) V̂as vekerula.  
  ESTAMP:ABS  sg:masc:ABS:run  
  The boy runs.

(3) K  -at -ka -cuku-x.  
  ASP  2sg:ABS  1pl:ERG  seek ACT  
  We seek you.

(4) K̂at̃k̃āk̃ūx.  
  ESTAMP:2sg:ABS  1pl:ERG:seek:ACT  
  We seek you.

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