The semantics of the O'odham determiner *g*
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Semantic study of Indigenous languages remains an under-represented aspect of linguistic inquiry. The research presented in this project aims to discover the semantic nature of an under-documented Indigenous language, O'odham (Uto-Aztecan). Spoken in southern Arizona and northern Sonora, MX, the O'odham language employs the use of a determiner *g* which is often recorded ambiguously as both a definite and indefinite determiner. For example, two interpretations are available for the following sentence in O'odham:

> *Hi:nk   'o   g   gogs*
> bark   3.SG   DET   dog
> a. 'The dog is barking.'
> b. 'A dog barks.'

In this research, I argue that the determiner *g* in O'odham can best be represented as a definite determiner. I show that the determiner *g* exhibits the distinctive features of a definite determiner and aim to reconcile its seemingly ambiguous use in indefinite descriptions by treating these as instantiations of definite DPs used in conjunction with kind and generic level predicates. It is hoped that this account will further an understanding of definite/indefinite descriptions in natural languages while adding to a growing body of literature regarding the semantics of under-documented languages. Given the endangered status of the O'odham language currently, it is also hoped that this analysis will provide a more profound treatment of an understudied aspect of O'odham grammatical usage for heritage learners and speakers.