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# Inuit pronunciation guide



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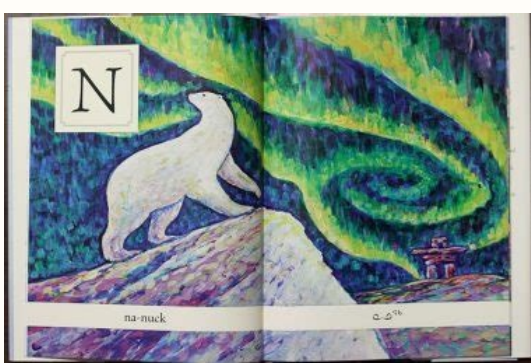
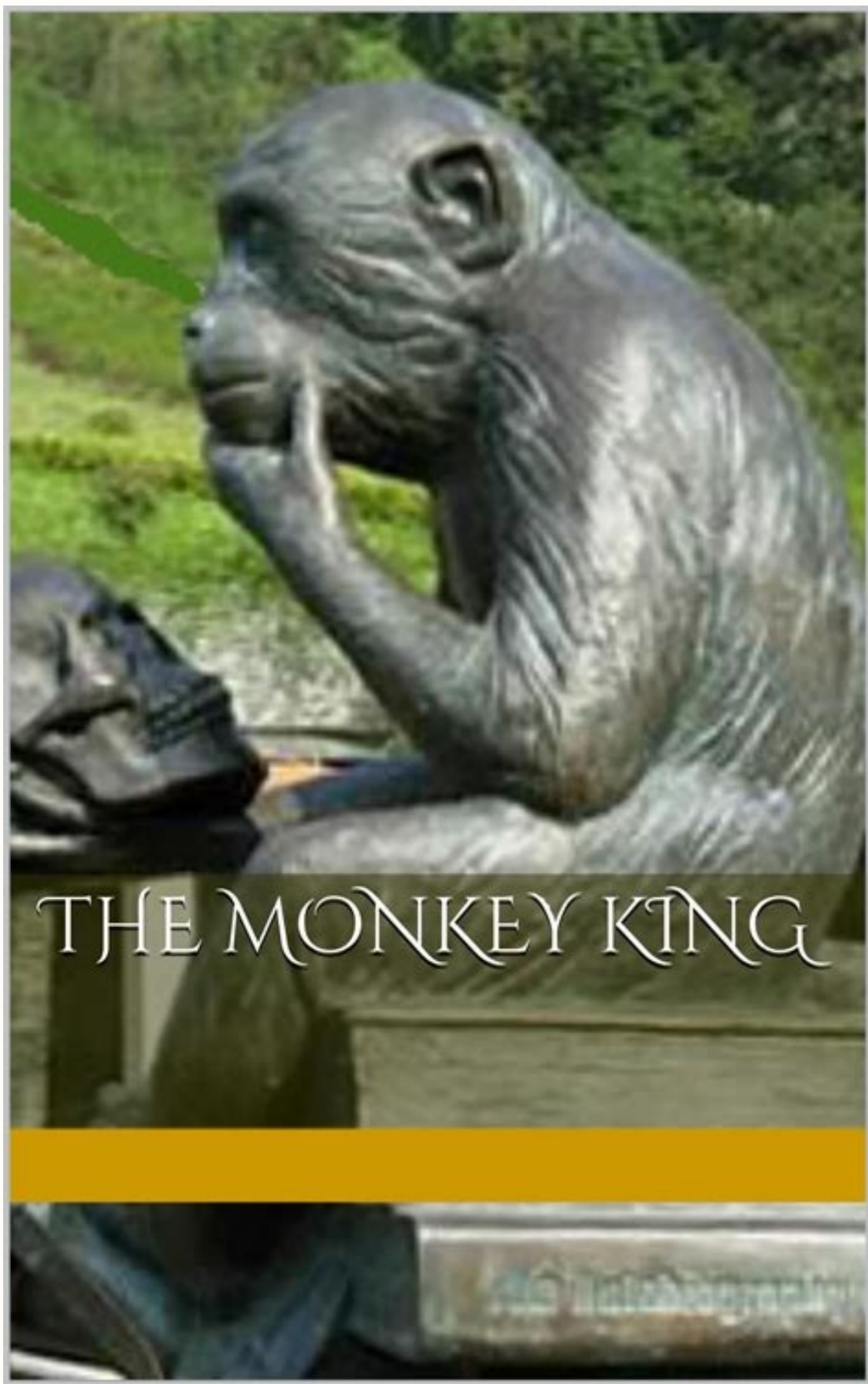
Linking, Contractions, Tinting, and Reductions

**Linking Consonants to Vowels C-Y**  
Look like the last consonant & vowel of the word in the next word are joined together to form one sound.

**Linking Vowels to Vowels I-Y**  
The vowel in the second word is pronounced like the vowel in the first word.

**Consonant Tinting**  
The vowel in the second word is pronounced like the vowel in the first word.

**Remember**



"It was fun for me to do it so other people can understand how our language is supposed to sound," Pirti-Duplessis told CBC in an interview Tuesday. "Inuktitut — the Inuit language — is traditionally written in symbols called syllabics, but when you write it in Roman letters, there are certain letters that are pronounced differently," Cengic told CBC Tuesday. She gave the example of Iuvjuvik, the northernmost community in Nunavik. She said the letter 'j' in the word should be pronounced more like a 'y': ee-voe-ye-e-vik as opposed to ee-voe-jee-vik. "It's really important to finally officialize the place names of our territory which have been used by our ancestors for so many generations," Pirti-Duplessis said. Notes on Inuktitut Pronunciation There are some sounds in Inuktitut that may be unfamiliar to English speakers. • ŋ is a sound similar to "ng" in the word "sing." • q is a "uvular" sound, which is a sound that comes from the very back of the throat (the uvula). • Capitalized letters indicate emphasis. Quebec's toponymy commission now has online recordings of how to correctly pronounce some of the Inuktitut names of communities in Nunavik, the Inuit territory of northern Quebec. qa-nu-ik-ka-vit What's wrong? Pirti-Duplessis said he made sure to reflect the two regional dialects in Nunavik. He said there are subtle differences in the accents of people who come from the Ungava Bay side of Nunavik and those who are from the Hudson Bay side. qarmaq QAR-maq sod house qulliq QUL-liq seal oil lamp qunqullit qu-nu-LIT mountain sorrel savikkuvik sa-vik-ku-VIK grub box sila SI-la sky Siqiniq si-QI-niq name sitamat SI-ta-mat four taqtuimi TAAQ-tu-mi in the dark taima TAI-ma the end lallimaa TAL-li-mat five tauviguaq tau-VIG-u-aq the great darkness Tavviniiphi? Audio recordings of each of the terms above to come. The institute has been helping the commission determine how to write traditional Nunavik place names in Roman letters and to explain their meaning and history. The Quebec government department responsible for authorizing place names, the Commission de toponymie du Québec, has launched a new online audio guide to help people correctly pronounce Inuktitut place names. The commission worked with the Avataq Cultural Institute, which has been promoting Inuit culture in Quebec since it was founded in 1980. Visitors to the commission's website can now hear audio recordings of the correct Inuktitut pronunciation of 125 names of communities, rivers, lakes, mountains and other geographical features in Nunavik, the Inuit territory of northern Quebec. Qanuingilait? "I think it's a fantastic idea to have the place names in audio, so people can listen to them. It gives them an idea of the colour of the language," he said. (Makivik Corporation) Names used for many generations Elsa Cengic, an archeologist who works at the institute, helped to organize the project. tav-va-NEEP-pit Are you there? So far Pirti-Duplessis has only recorded newly formalized place names for the commission. The commission said the ultimate goal is to record all of the registered place names in Inuktitut in its database, so people can pronounce them correctly. The diagram below shows the place of articulation (the origin of the sound in the mouth) for each Inuktitut sound. Timuu ti-MOO name tiriganniaq ti-Ri-GAN-ni-aq Arctic fox Tuavi! tu-A-VI Hurry up! tuktu TOOK-tu caribou tulugaq TU-lu-gaq raven Tuniit tu-NEET plural of Tuniq Tuniq TU-niq extinct race of people that populated the Arctic before Inuit tupiq TU-piq tent tuungait TUUR-na-it spirit guides tuurmgaaq TUUR-paq a spirit guide ukpiq OOK-pik snowy owl Ulu u-LEE name ulu OO-lu crescent knife traditionally used by women utiqtuq u-TIQ-tooq returning or going back This list of Inuktitut terms will be continually updated and expanded. Inuktitut Term Pronunciation Meaning aakuluk AA-ku-look deer Aasivak AA-si-vak mythological being that is an ancient spider in human form ai ai greeting aji a-YAI whoa ajaranq a-ya-RAAQ string game alianait a-LI-A-na-it expression of joy amarujaq a-na-RUU-yaq wolf game amauti a-MOW-ti woman's parka with a pouch for carrying a child Anaana a-NAA-na Mother Anaanatsiaq a-NAA-nat-si-aq Grandmother angaju a-IJA-yu older brother angakkuq a-pak-KOOQ shaman Anigit! a-NE-git Get out! Anirniq a-NIR-niq name Arnariniq a-RN-ree-naq name Ataata a-TAA-ta Father Ataatsiaq a-TAA-tat-si-aq Grandfather atausiq a-TOW-siq one ati a-TEE come on Avani! A-va-ni Q away! Avvaja av-VAJ-jah place name iggaak ig-GAAK snow goggles iglu IG-loo snow house igluit IG-loo-it snow houses ii ee yes ijiraujaq e-yi-ROW-yaq zombie Ijiraujaq qukiqtara e-yi-ROW-yaq qu-kiq-ta-ra I shot a zombie Ijiraujat e-yi-ROW-yat zombies Iksarvik ik-SAR-vik breakwater Inu I-nu name Inugarulligaarjuit e-nu-ga-Rul-li-GAAR-ju-it mythological race of little people Inukpasujuit e-NOOK-pa-SOOG-ju-it mythological race of great giants, can be massive, nearly the size of mountains inuksuit e-NOOK-su-it plural of inuksuk inuksuk e-NOOK-sook rock cairn used to aid hunters and indicate direction Inuktitut e-NOOK-ti-toot Inuit language, when using or referring to a specific dialect Inuktit e-NOOK-toot Inuit language, when referring to all dialects of Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun iqaluit e-QA-lu-it many Arctic char iqaluk E-qa-look Arctic char Iqsinaqtutalik Piqtuq IQ-si-naq-TOOQ-ta-lik PIQ-tooq haunted blizzard Ittuq IT-tooq name kakivaak ka-ki-VAAK kamiik ka-MEEK two skin boots kamiit ka-MEET many skin boots kamik ka-MIK one skin boot Kinnigait KING-na-it place name Kivuiq KI-vi-ooq great adventurer from Inuit mythology kunik KOO-nik kiss given by placing the nose on a person's face and breathing in Mahaha MA-ha-ha mythological creature that tickles people to death maktaaq mak-TAAQ maktak MUK-tuk bowhead skin and blubber Markoosie MAH-koo-see name marruk ma-R-ROOK two naja NA-ya older sister nanuq na-NUQ polar bear nanurlik na-NUR-look giant polar bear natsiq NAT-siq seal niam NI-am yummy Niagunngup Kuuanga n-ia-qung-nup koo-qa Apex River niksik NIK-sik a hook used to snag a shot seal nukaq NOO-kaq younger brother Nulajuk nu-LI-a-yook the name of a spirit that lives at the bottom of the sea and controls the sea mammals nunangat nu-na-pat homeland pana PA-na snow knife Panik PA-nik Daughter pingasut pi-pa-SOOT three pissi PIS-si dried fish puukuluk POO-ku-look birth mother qagigiq QAG-giq a large iglu made for celebration purposes, also the name of the celebrations held in this iglu qajait ka-YA-it kayaks qajaq QA-yaq kayak qallunaq qal-lu-NAAQ a white person qallunaat qal-lu-NAAT white people qallupilluit QAL-lu-PIL-lu-it plural of qallupilluq qallupilluq QAL-lu-PIL-look mythological sea creature that seals children through ice cracks qamutiik qa-mu-TEEK sled qamutiit qa-mu-TEET many sleds Qanukkait? This is different from the k sound, which is the same as the typical English k sound (known as a "velar" sound). Nicolas Pirti-Duplessis, an information agent at the institute who is from Akulivik, recorded the correct pronunciation of all the place names. qu-nu-ing-gi-LA-tit Are you okay? • R is a rolled "r" sound. The pronunciations below convey those sounds in the following ways: • A double vowel (e.g., aa, ee) creates a long vowel sound. Now people can go to the commission's website, click on a name and listen to how to correctly pronounce it. • R is a rolled "r" sound.

Eskimo (/ ˈ ɛ s k i m oʊ / ESS-kih-moh) or Eskimos is a term used to refer to two closely related Indigenous peoples: The Inuit (including the Alaskan Iñupiat, the Greenlandic Inuit, and the Canadian Inuit) and the Yupik (or Yuit) of eastern Siberia and Alaska. A related third group, the Aleut, which inhabit the Aleutian Islands, are generally excluded from the definition of Eskimo. Learn pronunciation. HowToPronounce.com also allows you to avail audio name pronunciation, which is a free, fast, and, fun solution to learn how to say anyone's names from real people instantly. Hear the audio till you get your pronunciation right. We strive to eliminate the mispronunciation of names by allowing you to learn how to pronounce ... Indigenous leadership. As there are over 650 Indigenous communities and over 50 Indigenous nations in Canada, each with its own heritage, culture and social system, it cannot be assumed that standard titles or styles of address can relate to all Indigenous Peoples. 16/01/2022 · Breadcrumb Trail Links. Local News; Mark Indigenous languages decade by making Inuktitut official in Canada: Inuit UN rep. The international UNESCO drive ... Inuktitut: [noun] the group of Eskimo dialects spoken by the Inuit of central and eastern arctic Canada. Indigenous Writes: A Guide to First Nations, Métis and Inuit Issues in Canada. Non-Fiction. Delgamuukw. Sixties Scoop. Bill C-31. Blood quantum. Appropriation. The List of Avatars refers to the complete list of people who have been named as the Avatar, a powerful being who is able to control the four elements of the world. The Avatar is unique due to a reincarnation that allows the Avatar to never truly die, but to also be reborn as another person in ... Kalaallit pronunciation: f. f. Like f in fox. g. y ~ g. Normally this sound is pronounced raspy, like the g in Spanish saguaro. It sounds like the ch in German ach, only voiced. In words borrowed from Danish it is sometimes pronounced like g in girl. Like many other languages, English has wide variation in pronunciation, both historically and from dialect to dialect. In general, however, the regional dialects of English share a largely similar (but not identical) phonological system. Among other things, most dialects have vowel reduction in unstressed syllables and a complex set of phonological features that distinguish fortis and ... The charts below show the way in which the IPA represents Inuktitut pronunciations in Wikipedia articles. For a guide to adding IPA characters to Wikipedia articles, see {} and Wikipedia:Manual of Style/Pronunciation § Entering IPA characters. See Inuit phonology for a more thorough look at the sounds of Inuktitut and other Inuit languages. how to pronounce inuit names. February 13, 2021 in Uncategorized in Uncategorized Greenlandic (Kalaallit) Greenlandic is an Eskimo-Aleut language spoken by about 60,000 people (in 2007) in Greenland (Kalaallit Nunaat) and Denmark (Danmark / Qallunaat Nunaat). There are three main dialects: West Greenlandic (Tunumiisut / Tunumit oraasiat) and North Greenlandic (Avanersuaqutut), West Greenlandic ... Inuit Inuit 1 are Indigenous Peoples living in the Arctic regions of Canada, Greenland, Alaska, and Russia. Inuit have lived and thrived in the Arctic for thousands of years. Traditionally they lived off the resources of the land, hunting whales, seals, caribou, fish, and birds, and many Inuit continue to harvest these resources today. 23/11/2021 - Available in Inuktitut and English, the book includes a glossary of Inuktitut words and a pronunciation guide. It's another example of how Nunuk perseveres by using art to share and preserve the stories of the Inuit as well as showcasing wholly Indigenous-created art. Meaning, pronunciation, picture, example sentences, grammar, usage notes, synonyms and more. Toggle navigation. Redeem Upgrade Help ... In both the US and Britain they used to be called Eskimos but the name Inuit which means 'the people' is now usually used and is preferred by many of the people ... your indispensable guide to problems in English. A Guide to the Pronunciation of Indigenous Communities and Organizations in BC 292.05 KB; Website Link. Rachel and Sean Qitsaulik-Tinsley's Skraelings is a wonderfully rich exploration of Vikings, Tuniit (Dorset people), and Inuit interactions aimed at pre-highschool readers. Skraelings was awarded the Burt Award for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Literature's prize.



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