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Inuktitut syllabics ([[Inuktitut](#): ᓄᐅᑦᓴᔭᒃᕈᖁᖅ<Δ̣ [ganiujaːqpaʲit]^[1] or በበና፡ጥᓴᐅᑦᓴᐅᑐᖅᓴᔭᒃᕈᖁᖅ [[titiɪau'siq_nu'taːq\]](#)) is an [[abugida](#)-type writing system used in [[Canada](#) by the [[Inuktitut](#)]-speaking Inuit of the [[territory](#)] of Nunavut and the Nunavik region in Quebec. In 1976, the Language Commission of the Inuit Cultural Institute made it the co-official script for the [[Inuit languages](#), along with the Latin script.

History[[edit](#)]

The first efforts to write Inuktitut came from [Moravian missionaries](#) in [Greenland](#) and [Labrador](#) in the mid-19th century using Latin script. The first book printed in Inuktitut using [Cree script](#) were selections from the [Gospels](#) in the dialect of the Inuit of [Little Whale River](#) (ᐱᓄᓐᓂᓐ ᐅᑲᓐᓂᓐᓂᓐ, *Jesus' words*),^[3] printed by [John Horden](#) in 1855–56 at [Moose Factory](#) for Edwin Arthur Watkins to use among the Inuit at [Fort George](#). In November 1865, Horden and Watkins met in London under [Henry Venn](#)'s direction to adapt Cree syllabics to the Inuktitut language.^[4] In the 1870s, [Edmund Peck](#), another [Anglican](#) missionary, started printing according to that standard. Other missionaries, and later linguists in the employ of the [Canadian](#) and [American](#) governments, adapted the Latin alphabet to the dialects of the [Mackenzie River](#) delta, the western [Arctic islands](#) and [Alaska](#).

Inuktitut is one variation on [Canadian Aboriginal syllabics](#), and can be digitally encoded using the [Unicode](#) standard. The [Unicode block](#) for Inuktitut characters is called [Unified Canadian Aboriginal Syllabics](#).

The consonant in the syllable can be g, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, ng, ʈ, or absent, and the vowel can be a, i, u, ai (now only in Nunavik), or absent.

Table[[edit](#)]

The Inuktitut script (*titirausiq nutaaq*) is commonly presented as a syllabary. The dots on the letters in the table mark long vowels; in the Latin transcription, the vowel is doubled.

Note: An [image of the chart](#) is also available.

Short	Trans. ¹
ᐅ	ai
ᐅ̇	pai
ᐅ̈	tai
ᐅ̉	kai
ᐅ̊	hai

ᑭ	gai
ᑭ	mai
ᑭ	nai
ᑭ	sai
ᑭ	lai
ᑭ	jai
ᑭ	jjai
ᑭ	vai
ᑭ	rai
ᑭ	qai
ᑭ	qqai
ᑭ	ngai

Short	Long	Trans.
ᐃ	ᐃ̃	i
ᐅ	ᐅ̃	pi
ᐇ	ᐇ̃	ti

ᐅ	ᐅ̇	ki
ᐆ	ᐆ̇	hi
ᐇ	ᐇ̇	gi
ᐈ	ᐈ̇	mi
ᐉ	ᐉ̇	ni
ᐊ	ᐊ̇	si/hi
ᐋ	ᐋ̇	shri
ᐌ	ᐌ̇	hi
ᐍ	ᐍ̇	li
ᐎ	ᐎ̇	ji
ᐏ	ᐏ̇	jji
ᐐ	ᐐ̇	ři
ᐑ	ᐑ̇	vi
ᐒ	ᐒ̇	ri
ᐓ	ᐓ̇	qi
ᐔ	ᐔ̇	qqi
ᐕ	ᐕ̇	ngi/ŋi
ᐖ	ᐖ̇	nngi/ŋŋi
ᐗ	ᐗ̇	ti

Short	Long	Trans.
ᐘ	ᐘ̇	u

>	ᐅ	pu
ᐅ	ᐅᐅ	tu
d	ḋ	ku
ᐅᐅ	ᐅᐅᐅ	hu
ᐅ	ᐅᐅ	gu
ᐅ	ᐅᐅ	mu
ᐅ	ᐅᐅ	nu
ᐅ	ᐅᐅ	su/hu
ᐅ	ᐅᐅ	shru
ᐅᐅ	ᐅᐅᐅ	hu
ᐅ	ᐅᐅ	lu
ᐅ	ᐅᐅ	ju
ᐅᐅ	ᐅᐅᐅ	jjū
ᐅ	ᐅᐅ	řu
ᐅ	ᐅᐅ	vu
ᐅ	ᐅᐅ	ru
ᐅᐅ	ᐅᐅᐅ	qu
ᐅᐅᐅ	ᐅᐅᐅᐅ	qqu
ᐅᐅ	ᐅᐅᐅ	ngu/ᑎᑭᑦᑭᑦ
ᐅᐅᐅ	ᐅᐅᐅᐅ	nngu/ᑎᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ
ᐅᐅ	ᐅᐅᐅ	tu

Short	Long	Trans.
◁	◁̇	a
<	<̇	pa
⏟	⏟̇	ta
ᑭ	ᑭ̇	ka
ᑭ̂	ᑭ̂̇	ha
ᑭ̃	ᑭ̃̇	ga
ᑭ̄	ᑭ̄̇	ma
ᑭ̅	ᑭ̅̇	na
ᑭ̆	ᑭ̆̇	sa/ha
ᑭ̇	ᑭ̇̇	shra
ᑭ̈	ᑭ̈̇	ha
ᑭ̉	ᑭ̉̇	la
ᑭ̊	ᑭ̊̇	ja
ᑭ̋	ᑭ̋̇	jja
ᑭ̌	ᑭ̌̇	řa
ᑭ̍	ᑭ̍̇	va
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ᑭ̏	ᑭ̏̇	qa
ᑭ̐	ᑭ̐̇	qqa
ᑭ̑	ᑭ̑̇	nga/ŋa
ᑭ̒	ᑭ̒̇	nnga/ŋŋa
ᑭ̓	ᑭ̓̇	ᑭ̓a

Final	Trans.
<	p
c	t
b	k
ᑲ	h ¹
ᑭ	g
ᑭ	m
ᑭ	n
ᑭ	s/h ²
ᑭ	shr ^{3, 4}
ᑭ	h ^{3, 4}
ᑭ	l
ᑭ	j
ᑭ	jj
ᑭ	ř ³
ᑭ	v
ᑭ	r
ᑭᑭ	q
ᑭᑭᑭ	qq ⁵
ᑭ	ng/ŋ ^{6, 8}

ᑭᑭ	nng/ᑭᑭ ^{7, 8}
ᑭ	ᑭ ⁹
b	b ¹⁰
H	h ⁵
ᑭ	' /ʔ/

1 Found in Nunavik

2 *s* in eastern Nunavut but *h* in western Nunavut

3 Found in Nattilingmiutut

4 ᑭ and ᑭ Not yet in Unicode. Approximated here as ᑭ' series with a bar through the stem (much like with ᑭ series) for *shr* and ᑭ' series with acute, grave, or slash off the head (much like with ᑭ series) for *h*

5 Found in Nunavut

6 ᑭ is a ᑭᑭ ligature in most areas but a ᑭᑭ ligature (which may resemble ᑭ⁸) in Nunavik

7 ᑭ is a ᑭᑭᑭ ligature in most areas but either a ᑭᑭᑭ ligature (which may resemble ᑭ⁸) or a doubled ᑭᑭ ligature (which may resemble ᑭ⁸) in Nunavik

8 These are generally romanized as *ng* and *nng*, but in Nattilingmiutut as *ᑭ* and *ᑭᑭ*

9 Found in North Qikiqtaaluk, Nattilingmiutut, Aivilingmiutut and Paallirmiutut; ocaasionally ᑭ is transcribed as &

10 Found in Aivilingmiutut

Modifications[[edit](#)]

The [Makivik Corporation](#) expanded the official version of the script to restore the *ai-pai-tai* column. The common [diphthong](#) *ai* has generally been represented by combining the *a* form with a stand-alone letter Δ [\[example needed\]](#). This fourth-vowel variant had been removed so that Inuktitut could be typed and printed using [IBM Selectric balls](#) in the 1970s. The reinstatement was justified on the grounds that modern printing and typesetting equipment no longer suffers the restrictions of earlier typewriting machinery. The *ai-pai-tai* column is used only in Nunavik.

Variations[[edit](#)]

The Inuit languages are written in different ways in different places. In Greenland, Alaska, Labrador, the Mackenzie River delta in the [Northwest Territories](#) and in part of Nunavut, it is written with the Latin alphabet (also known as Roman orthography in some regions). In all of Nunavut, east of [Cambridge Bay](#), and in Nunavik, Quebec, Inuktitut is written using the Inuktitut script. At present, Inuktitut syllabics enjoys official status in Nunavut, alongside the Latin alphabet, and is used by the [Kativik Regional Government](#) of Nunavik. In Greenland, the traditional Latin script is official and is widely used in public life.

Because the Inuit languages are a continuum of only partially intercomprehensible dialects, the language varies a great deal across the [Arctic](#). Split up into different political divisions and different churches reflecting the arrival of various missionary groups, Inuktitut writing systems can vary a great deal.

See also[\[edit\]](#)

- [Inuit phonology](#)
- [Inuktitut Braille](#)

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