



Glossary of Terms and Pronunciation Guide

The following are guidelines for pronouncing common Inuktut (Inuit language) words.

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Phonetic pronunciation: **ih-new-eat tuh-pih-reet kuh-nuh-tuh-me**

The letter ‘i’ is pronounced as a hard e in each of the three words, as in equal. The pronunciation of ‘r’ in the word “Tapiriit” is similar to but more guttural than the French ‘r’ in the word ‘merci.’

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami means “Inuit are united in Canada” in Inuktut, the Inuit language.

Inuit Nunangat

Pronunciation guide: **ih-new-eat new-nuhng-uht**

The letter “i” in Inuit is pronounced as a hard e. The letter u in Nunangat is pronounced as an oo sound, as in numerical

The homeland of Inuit in Canada. Inuit Nunangat is the geographic area made up of Canada’s four Inuit land claims regions (Inuvialuit Settlement Region in the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Nunavik (Northern Quebec), and Nunatsiavut (Northern Labrador).

Nunatsiavut

Pronunciation guide: **new-NUT-see-uh-vewt**

The letter “u” (used twice) in Nunatsiavut is pronounced as an oo sound, as in numerical.

The homeland of Inuit in Labrador. Approximately 2,300 Inuit live along the Labrador coast, primarily in five communities (Rigolet, Postville, Makkovik, Hopedale, and Nain). Nain is the largest Inuit community in Labrador, and is also the administrative center, with a population of 1,100. Hopedale is the legislative centre and home to the Nunatsiavut Legislative Assembly. The Nunatsiavut Government is responsible for implementation of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement (2005), as well as carrying out certain governmental functions such as economic development planning and the delivery of social programs.

Inuit; Inuk

Pronunciation guide: ih-new-eat; ih-nook

The letter “i” in Inuit and Inuk are pronounced as a hard e as in equal. The letter “u” in both words is pronounced as an oo sound, as in numerical.

Inuit is the collective term for the original Indigenous inhabitants of Canada’s Arctic and subarctic regions. In Inuktitut, Inuit means “the people.” Inuk is the singular form. Usage: “Inuit gathered at Hebron for the launch of the National Inuit Suicide Prevention Strategy. Inuk Elder Rita Anderson said the opening prayer.”

Inuktitut

Pronunciation guide: ih-nook-tewt

The letter “I” is pronounced as a hard e as in equal. The letter “u” is pronounced as an oo sound, as in numerical.

The language spoken by Inuit of Canada. It is inclusive of all regional dialects, including Inuktitut, widely used in the Eastern Arctic; and Inuinnaqtun, spoken in the Western Arctic.

Additional Pronunciation Guidance

Natan Obed: NAH-tan OH-bed (**Na** in **Natan** is the same as the “a” sound in the word lap)

Hebron: HEE-bron

Nunavut: new-nuh-vewt

Nunavut Tunngavik Inc: new-nuh-vewt tewng-uh-vick

Makivik Corp: mah-kih-vick

Nunavik: new-nuh-vick

Inuvialuit: ih-new-vee-ah-lew-eat