

Inuktut Qaliujaaqpait



NIPIT	A	I	U
p	pa	pi	pu
t	ta	ti	tu
k	ka	ki	ku
g	ga	gi	gu
m	ma	mi	mu
n	na	ni	nu
s	sa	si	su
l	la	li	lu
j	ja	ji	ju
v	va	vi	vu
r	ra	ri	ru
q	qa	qi	qu
ng	nga	ngi	ngu
hl	hla	hli	hlu
h	ha	hi	hu
ch	cha	chi	chu
rh	rha	rhi	rhu
shr	shra	shri	shru
f	ffa	ffi	ffu
'	a'	i'	u'

What is Inuktitut Qaliujaaqpait?

Inuktitut Qaliujaaqpait is a unified orthography for Inuktitut that is representative of sounds across all dialects. Speakers of any Inuktitut dialect can use Inuktitut Qaliujaaqpait following the pronunciation specific to their dialect.

A unified Inuktitut orthography was a recommendation of the National Strategy on Inuit Education (2011), to improve the sharing of educational resources across Inuit Nunangat, facilitate communication across regions and improve teacher and student mobility.

It was developed through eight years of work by Inuit language experts and is the only written form of Inuktitut that was developed by Inuit.

How to use Inuktitut Qaliujaaqpait

- For long vowels, double the a/i/u (aa, ii, uu)
- When an apostrophe is used after a vowel (i, u, or a), it marks a glottal stop, the “catch in the throat” sound heard in some dialects in words like ma’na, a’aa or Qamani’tuaq
- When an apostrophe is used after an n, it means pronounce the n separately from the following ng sound (as in avin’ngaq in some dialects)
- When an apostrophe is used after an r, it means pronounce the r separately from the following rh sound (as in qar’rhuk in some dialects)