Phonetic Alphabet

a a short a sound of "u" in cut

as in the word "aya" meaning many or the word "axa" meaning two

aa long a sound of "a" in father

as in the word "aama" meaning a loon or the word "aaqin" meaning how

c plain c sound of "ts" in hats

as in the word "ciiqciiqa" meaning talking or the word "cicihaaq\(\chi \) meaning wild crabapple

¿ glottlized sound of "ts plus uh"

as in the word "ca?ak" meaning river or the word "ciinu" meaning sand piper

č wedged c sound of "ch" in church

as in the word "ča?ak" meaning island or the word "čapuc" meaning canoe

č' glottlized sound of "ch plus uh"

wedged c as in the word "č'a?ak meaning water

or in the word "č'aḥč'aḥa meaning chipping with an adze

h plain h sound of "h" as in home

as in the word "husmin" meaning bull kelp

or in the word "huyu" meaning golden eyes ducks

h back h sound of "h" deep in the throat

as in the word "hayu" meaning ten or in the word "hiyii meaning snake

i short i sound of "i" in thick

as in the word "7ink" meaning fire or in the word "7imu" meaning can't

ii long i sound of "ee" in feet as in the word "7iihtup" meaning whale or the word "7iih" meaning big

k plain k sound of "k" in keep as in the word "kakawin" meaning killer whale or the word "kamitqši\textcolor" meaning run

k' pop k sound of "k" plus a popping sound in the throat as in the word "kee?in" meaning crow

k" rounded sound of "qui" in quick
as in the word "k"iči\text" meaning to sharpen
or the word "k"ači\text" meaning to back up

k'*glottlized sound of "qui" plus "uh" rounded k as in the word "K'*iis" meaning snow or the word "k'*itmapt" meaning burrs

t barred L sound made by placing tongue behind front teeth and letting air flow out from sides of tongue as in the word "tuucma" meaning woman or in the word "tiwahak" meaning overcast

k barred sound "tla" place tongue behind front teeth and let it drop as in the word "kut" meaning good or the word "kapiqšik" meaning hammer

% glottlized sound "tla" plus "uh" barred as in the word "%uč'im" meaning big rock mussels lambda or the word "%ihuk" meaning red

m plain m sound of "m" in mother
as in the word "muu" meaning four
or the word "muuqmuqa" meaning bubbling

m' glottlized sound of "m" plus "uh"

m as in the word "muksyi" meaning rock or the word "mixa" meaning raining

n plain n sound of "n" in nice

as in the word "nunuuk" meaning singing or the word "nuniiqsu" meaning grandparent

n glottlized sound of "n" plus "uh"

n as in the word "nuč'ak" meaning egg or in the word "nixtin" meaning fish roe

p plain p sound of "p" in pup as in the word "piišpis" meaning cat or in the word "pisatuk" meaning playing

p glottlized sound of "p" plus "uh" as in the word "papii" mea

as in the word "papii" meaning ears or in the word "puni" meaning halibut

q plain q sound – raise the back of tongue while saying k as in the word "quu7us" meaning person or indian or in the word "quḥ" meaning open

q" rounded sound of "plain q" plus "w"

q as in the word "q"inii" meaning seagull or in the word "q"asacus" meaning chair

s plain s sound of "s" as in six
as in the word "suuḥaa" meaning spring salmon
or in the word "saštup" meaning animals

š -wedged sound of "sh" as in shoe

S

as in the word "šišmas" meaning clearing land or in the word ""šiiλuk" meaning move to a different place

t plain t sound of "t" as in two
as in the word "tamis" meaning sickness
or in the word "ta7ak" meaning drifting

t' glottlized sound of "t" plus "uh" t as in the word "t'atne?is" meanining children or in the word "t'at'uus" meaning star

u short u sound "oo" as in book as in the word "?uyii" meaning to give or in the word "?uḥwat" meaning using

uu long u sound "oo" as in moon as in the word "?uuk"iit" meaning making or in the word "?uunux" meaning because

w plain w sound "w" as in wow
as in the word "wik" meaning no
or in the word "we?ič" meaning sleeping

w glottlized sound of "w" plus "uh"
w as in the word "waa?ak" meaning shy
or in the word "wasna" meaning won't

x plain x sound of a mad cat's hiss as in the word "xačaa" meaning separate or in the word "xa7umin" meaning pigeon

x back x sound as if to clear throat of object as in the word "muxšix" meaning to start to boil or in the word "nixšix" meaning got tangled

x rounded sound of "x" plus "w" x as in the word "x akak" meaning swollen

x back sound of "back x plus "w" rounded as in the word "mux aa" meaning boiling

y plain y sound of "y" as in yes as in the word "yu?i" meaning windy or in the word "ya?ak" meaning sore

y glottlized sound of "y" plus "uh" y as in the word "yama" meaning salal berries or in the word "Sakyak" meaning knife

or in the word "finiit" meaning snail

7 glottle sound of "uh"
stop as in the word "7u7uštaq" meaning doing something
this mark is used where a syllable starts with a vowel
e.g. "7ee7ee7iša" meaning hurrying
"7unah" meaning looking for

e short e sound of "eh" used in barkley dialect as in the word "we?ič" meaning sleeping or in the word "te?i1" meaning sick

ee long e sound of the "short e" dragged out as in the word "keekoo" meaning thank you or in the word "eepinis" meaning apples

oo sound of "ooh" Huu-ay-ahth uses this sound as in the word "oomi" meaning mother (when speaking of or in the word "noowi" meaing father them)

n nasal n sound of an "n" made through the nose this sound is heard in songs