

# The Inuit Language

In the movie *H<sub>2</sub>O*, some names come from the Inuit language, spoken by peoples who live in very cold regions.

For example, *Toklo* means bear, *Sedna* is the name of a sea goddess, and *Kuak* means *hole in the ice*. You too can discover Inuktitut, which is part of the Inuit language family.

# Learn to Speak Inuktitut



## Some graphemes:

◀ a	Δ i	▶ u
◀ pa	Λ pi	▶ pu
ο na	σ ni	ο nu
χ sa	χ si	χ su
ε la	ε li	ε lu

(A dot on a grapheme makes the vowel twice as long.)

Match the Inuktitut word with its translation:

◀ ⌂ ▶

<i>ani</i>	<i>nau</i>	<i>ili</i>	<i>nai</i>	<i>alunu</i>	<i>sai</i>
= outside	= boat	= to learn	= over there	= hello	= before / in front of

## Going further

<b>Ainngai</b>	aïn-gaï	▷Δ <sup>aa</sup> ◁Δ	= Hello
<b>Ullaakkut</b>	ou-lou-koute	▷c <sup>b</sup> d <sup>c</sup>	= Good morning
<b>Uuanga __ atira</b>	ou-uon-ga __ a-ti-ra	▷ø <sup>a</sup> ʃ __ ◁ʊø	= My name is __
<b>Qujannamik</b>	cou-ya-na-mik	‘d <sup>a</sup> ʃ <sup>a</sup> q <sup>b</sup> Γ <sup>b</sup>	= Thank you