

# The Inuit Language

In the movie  $H_2O$ , 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	^ pi	> pu	(A dot on a grapheme
Q na	σ ni	o nu	makes the vowel twice
ˆ sa	ˆ si	ˆ su	as long.)
└ la	└ li	└ lu	

Match the Inuktitut word  
with its translation:

◁ ˆ ˆ Δ └ Q ▷

ani	nau	ili	nai	aluru	sai
= outside	= boat	= to learn	= over there	= hello	= before / in front of

## Going further

Ainngai	aĩn-gaĩ	◁ Δ ˆ ◁ Δ	= Hello
Ullaakkut	ou-lou-koute	▷ └ ˆ dˆ	= Good morning
Uvanga __ atira	ou-von-ga __ a-ti-ra	▷ ˆ ˆ ˆ __ ◁ ˆ ˆ	= My name is __
Qujannamik	cou-ya-na-mik	ˆ dˆ ˆ Q ˆ ˆ	= Thank you