

Inuktit Language Resource Booklet

A Resource for Learning Inuktit for all Ages

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The Inuit language is one of only three aboriginal languages in Canada spoken by a large enough population to likely survive (Norris, 2007). The reality, however, is that fewer are able to speak Inuktit and are not speaking it at home (Statistics Canada, 2008). The main reasons for the decrease are the results of Residential Schools, where speaking in your mother tongue was prohibited (Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, 1996) and situations where Inuit are living and working in non-Inuit communities, thus adopting the languages and cultures that are predominant in their communities (Tulloch, 2008).

Inuuqatigiit Centre recognizes the risks of losing language and culture and has endeavoured to ensure this is not the case through the many programs they offer to the Inuit community.

This booklet was created to provide educators and coordinators quick access to Inuktit language resources.

Funding, provided by Heritage Canada, allowed us to hold several activities that included Language Nest, language coaching and the creation of resources contained in this booklet.

It is organized beginning in the early years and continues on to include youth and adult language resources. Many resources will appear in more than one section as they are often applicable to more than one group.



Early Years

Following are language resources with a few other fun activities suitable to use with young children to enhance language development.

Arts/Crafts/Colouring

Free downloadable Inuit colouring pages

<https://www.coloring.ws/inuit.htm>

In order to use the following resource, click “offered online” in the article

<https://nunatsiaq.com/stories/article/itk-shares-free-colouring-pages-for-kids/>

<https://www.qia.ca/colouring-book-pages/>

Books

The following are links to free downloadable books for children in Inuktitut.

<https://inhabiteducationbooks.com/collections/inuktitut>

<https://nti-inhabit.com/>

<http://nbes.ca/project/out-on-the-ice-inuktitut/>

<http://nbes.ca/project/action-words-inuktitut/>

<http://nbes.ca/project/arctic-little-folk-inuktitut/>

<http://nbes.ca/project/a-walk-on-the-tundra-kivalliq-inuktitut/>

<http://nbes.ca/project/the-orphan-and-the-polar-bear-kivalliq-inuktitut/>

<http://nbes.ca/project/iaalugasugatigillugu-anaanatsiaq-fishing-with-anaanatsiaq/>

<http://nbes.ca/project/ukiuqtaqtumi-tingmiat/>

<https://www.nunavikchildcare.ca/en/educational-program/children-s-book-collection>

<https://www.qia.ca/free-inuktitut-books/>



Inuit Culture/Activities

A fun file-folder activity that can be adjusted to include words in Inuktitut.

<https://filefolderfun.com/wp-content/uploads/Subscriber/SecondGrade/ArcticAnimals.pdf>

Language/Activities

Inhabit Education provides Inuit Nipingit – Inuit Sounds which provides detail on Inuktitut Pronunciation and is suitable for all ages.

<https://inhabiteducation.com/inuitnipingit/>

Learncloud provides language instruction for learners infant - adult

<https://learncloud.rumie.org/collection/view/1651/inuktitut-language-and-culture>

Linguashop offers an online Inuktitut dictionary with over 5000 of the words that are used the most and necessary for regular communication.

<https://www.linguashop.com/inuktitut-dictionary>

Omniglot is an online encyclopedia of learning systems and languages which also provides additional resources for learning Inuktitut phrases and numbers

<https://omniglot.com/writing/inuktitut.htm>

Uqausiit Pinnguarutiit is an Inuit language learning app that provides young children with fun activities that support shape and sound recognition, as well as, vocabulary development.

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.aedesign.lra&hl=en_CA&gl=US

Word of the day is a resource from Qikiqtani Inuit Association which encourages learners to go to the website daily to learn a new word and practice all day each day.

<https://www.qia.ca/word-of-the-day/>

Tusaalanga contains a glossary of words in English, Inuktitut with the ability to click "show syllabics" for additional learning.

<https://tusaalanga.ca/glossary>



Click the link below to download flashcard for children to learn numbers 1 – 10 in Inuktitut

<https://www.twinkl.ca/resource/ca-n-11-counting-to-10-in-inuktitut-flashcards>

Songs

The following are links to Inuktitut songs that can be played in the programs while children are playing or for use in circles and other activities.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbYfMhjWeF8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9NAwcazz10>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uu0cQNB6UE4>

The Inuktitut Alphabet Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-XIFApDh-c>

Twinkle Little Star

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dLOBirnKz4>

Naasailu – Counting Song

<https://vimeo.com/298285646>

Qaariaq

<https://vimeo.com/534978495>

Takuqqauj akka

<https://vimeo.com/534999826>

Umajut – A song that encourages healthy eating, specifically country food

<https://vimeo.com/298285594>

Program

The following is a link to the children's television program, Anaana's Tent on CBC Gem. Membership is free. Click on the link to get started.

<https://gem.cbc.ca/media/anaanas-tent/s01>



Youth

Following are language resources suitable for youth learners.

Language/Activities/Information

Memrise.com takes readers through a series of exercises learning basic Inuktitut vowels

https://app.memrise.com/aprender/learn?course_id=357524

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<https://freezingblue.com/flashcards/266350/preview/inuktitut-1>

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A word game for school age children

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58d29e6ccd0f6829bdf2f58f/t/595404e69de4bba71fcf7dd9/1498678502761/MOV_Matching_Vocab_Game.pdf



Here is a link to download an app with various lessons. Click on to find the download page

<https://tusaalanga.ca/ios/download>

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The University of Washington's Canadian Studies Centre, Arctic and International Relations offers Inuktitut Language Modules.

<https://jsis.washington.edu/canada/programs/inuit-language-training/inuktitut-language-module/>

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