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Key to Yakama Practical Alphabet

a	short a	ám	husband
		ásham	wife
		wáshat	riding

aa	long a	Káatnam	long
		táak	meadow
		wáashat	Indian Religion; dancing

ch	soft ch	chiish	water
		chímti	new
		íchi	this

ch'	hard ch	ch'ím	sharp
		nch'í	big, large
		ch'íya	flicker (a bird)

h	aitch	háasht	breath
		hawláak	spirit; abyss; bottomless space
		hulí	wind

i	short i	ímK	you
		íksiks	little, small
		pípsh	bone

ii	long ii	íi	yes
		niipt	two
		tíin	Indian, person

+	barred +	+m	mouth
		ásh+m	come in!
		Kítu	fast, quickly, swiftly.

K	soft front K	Kápin	diggingstick
		Kálux	blueback salmon
		Kayáasu	arrow

K'	hard front K	K'ámamul	bald eagle
		K'aywá	short
		K'úsi	horse

<u>K</u>	soft back K	<u>K</u> ash <u>K</u> āash	roan horse
		twí <u>s</u> ka <u>k</u> a	robin
		+ <u>K</u> ú	heavy

<u>K'</u>	Hard back K	<u>K'</u> ayí <u>K</u>	colt, calf, elk calf
		<u>K'</u> ú <u>x</u>	knee
		<u>K'</u> shpalí	buzzard

Kw	soft front Kw	Kwíkwut	whistling
		Kwyáam	true
		áykw's	cottontail rabbit

Kw'	Hard front Kw	Kw'ayawí	mountain lion, cougar
		skw'ípa	morning
		íkw'aK	that

<u>Kw</u>	soft back Kw	íkwátsha	he's stuck
		kwninkwninta	peddler, ^{hobo} packer
		pa kwcht pamá	electric socket

<u>Kw'</u>	hard back Kw	<u>Kw'</u> áshkw'ash	(bird) crane
		<u>Kw'</u> íit	plain, visible
		núkw'ash	throat

l	ell	lákas	mouse
		latit	flower
		lulúu	smooth

+	barred	íikw'i	all day
(d)	& Lambáx	íimtáx	head
		&k'ám	moccasins

m	em	máamín mimím miyáwax	appaloosa horse dove chief, headman, supervisor, boss
n	enn nusux,	nawát nusúx núshnu	belly, abdomen, stomach salmon nose
p	soft p	pamtá pápsh plásh	toad, mt. toad fir tree white
p'	hard p'	p'íp'i p'íya p'ushtay	guts, intestines nighthawk hill
s	ess	sawítK Spilyáy asúm	Indian carrot Coyote common spilya coyote eel, lamprey
sh	ess- aitch	sháxat shúshaynsh shwá	raspberry steelhead salmon forehead trout
t	soft t	táp'ash táshtash tiskáy	pine tree canvasback duck skunk

t' hard t

t'ixt'ix

swallow (a bird)

t'ít'sh

grasshopper

t'á|pt

wampum

tʔ

soft

tʔúpt

jump

tee-barred

ktʔák

jagged, open

ell

ptʔák

bitter, pepper

tʔ'

hard

tl'álk

blacktail deer

tl'

tee-ell

tl'áaxw

all - adv.

tl'ítl'ím̄xw

redwing

black bird

ts

soft

tsawktsáwk

red hot

tee-

páts,

your younger brother (woman word)

ess

tsnits

your younger

sister (man's word)

ts'

hard

ts'áa

near - close by

tee-

ts'í

sweet -

ess

ts'unips

oak tree

u

short

útpaas

blanket, robe

(u) you

múps

fawn (baby deer)

púsha

father's father

uu	long u	púush ttúush ap'uus	juniper tree some cat
w	double- you	wawá watám wilalik	mosquito lake jackrabbit
x	front eks	+wíix kawxkáwx p'isx	thin palomino horse sour
<u>x</u>	back eks	<u>x</u> álish <u>x</u> atxat kawxkawx	wolf mallard duck shiny
xw	front eks-w	Kwáyxw ts'xwili	basket net teepee
<u>x</u> w	back eks-w	<u>x</u> wáshxway <u>x</u> wayamá <u>x</u> wín	bluejay golden eagle sucker (a fish)
y	why	yápaash yáxa yáamash	grease beaver mule deer
'	glottal stop	á' a áy' ay pu'úut	crow magpie blind

3 diphthongs: a combination sound of a short or long vowel plus y or w.

ay páysh maybe - *adverb possibly but not certain*
siKáywa breadroot -

ay yáay beargrass -

uy anahúy blaek bear -
ts'múy warm - *warmth (noun)*

uy húuy Can't cannot
púuy snow -

aw ch'áw no
Ka'áw fast, quick, swift (adj')

aaw Ka'áaw lightweight - (adj')
wáaw mountain goat

iw Kíwkiwlas drum
wíwnu huckleberry

iiw íiwsh urine