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Key to the Yakima Sahaptin Alphabet

- 1. a short-a wáshat riding; ám husband
- 2. aa long-a wáashat dancing or Indian religion
- 3. ch soft-ch chísh water; chémti new
- 4. ch' hard-ch ch'ém sharp; ench'í big
- 5. e short-e ^{k'pét} k'pét bead; ^{Kítu} kéu quick, fast; ^{im} ém mouth
- 6. h aitch hulí wind; haasht breath
- 7. hl aitch-ell hlemtáx head; hlk'ám moccasin
- 8. i short-i iksíks small, little; pípsht bone
- 9. ii long-i ^{niipt} nipt two; miimá old
- 10. k soft front-k ^{Kápin} kápen digging-stick; kálux blueback salmon
- 11. k' hard front-k k'úsi horse; k'ámamul bald eagle
- 12. kw soft front-kw kwíkw whistling; ^{is Columbia River word (kaxá'kw)} xaxáikw money, metal
- 13. kw' hard front-kw kw'ayawi cougar; ^{SADLY} skw'ípa morning
- 14. k soft back-k kíya chickenhawk; ^{twískáka} twískáka robin (^{crack sound})
- 15. k' hard back-k k'ayík colt, calf, elk calf; ^{k'úxhl} k'úxhl knee
- 16. kw soft back-kw kwathlá ^a a balky one (like a horse); ^{Hikers} kwinkwininhlá peddler
- 17. kw' hard back-kw kw'áshkw'ash crane; núkw'aash throat
- 18. l ell lákas mouse; luts'á red
- 19. m em miyáwax chief; meshyú ear
- 20. n enn ^{Boss} núsux chinook salmon; nawát belly
- 21. p soft-p pápsht fir tree
- 22. p' hard-p p'íp'i intestines, guts; táp'ash pine tree
- 23. s ess sawítk Indian carrot; Spilyái Coyote *Spily ay - heng*
- 24. sh esh shúshainsh steelhead *Spily á - common*
- 25. t soft-t tiskái skunk
- 26. t' hard-t t'álpt wampum; t'íxt'ix swallow

27. thl tee-aitch-ell thlúpt jumping; pthlák bitter, pepper
28. tl' hard tee-ell tl'álk blacktail deer; tl'áaxw all
29. ts soft tee-ess tsáuktsauk red-hot; músmustsen cow, cattle
30. ts' hard tee-ess ts'uníps oak tree; ts'áá near
31. u short-u mún when; pnút ^{pnútshe} sleeping
32. uu long-u ap'úus cat
33. w double-u wawá mosquito; wilalík jackrabbit
34. x front eks kauskáux palomino horse; awíix thin
35. xw front eks-w ts'xwilí tepee
36. x back eks xátxat mallard duck; xálish wolf
37. xw back eks-w xwáshxwai bluejay; xwayamá golden eagle
38. y why yáamash mule deer doe; yáxa beaver
39. ' glottal stop á'a crow; ái'ai magpie; pa'áx buckskin horse