

KEY TO THE YAKIMA PRACTICAL ALPHABET

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| a | short a | ám <u>husband</u> ásham <u>wife</u> wáshat <u>riding</u> |
| aa | long a | káatnam <u>long</u> táak <u>meadow</u> váashat <u>Indian religion; dancing</u> |
| ch | soft ch | chífish <u>water</u> chímti <u>new</u> íchi <u>this</u> |
| ch' | hard ch | ch'ím <u>sharp</u> uch'í <u>big, large</u> ch'íya <u>flicker (a bird)</u> |
| h | aitch | háasht <u>breath</u> hawláak <u>spirit; abyss; bottomless space</u> hulí <u>wind</u> |
| i | short i | ímk <u>you</u> íksiks <u>little, small</u> pípsn <u>bone</u> |
| ii | long ii | íi <u>yes</u> níipt <u>two</u> tfin <u>Indian, person</u> |
| í | barred í | ím <u>mouth</u> úshím <u>come in!</u> kítu <u>fast, quickly, swiftly</u> |
| k | soft front k | kápín <u>diggingstick</u> kálux <u>blueback salmon</u> kayásu <u>arrow</u> |
| k' | hard front k | k'ámamul <u>bald eagle</u> k'aywá <u>short</u> k'úsi <u>horse</u> |

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| <u>k</u> | soft back k | <u>kashkáash</u> <u>roan horse</u> <u>twískaka</u> <u>robin</u> <u>íkú</u> <u>heavy</u> |
| <u>k'</u> | hard back k | <u>k'ayík</u> <u>colt, calf, elk calf</u> <u>k'úx̌l</u> <u>knee</u> <u>k'shpálfí</u> <u>buzzard</u> |
| <u>kw</u> | soft front kw | <u>kwíkw̌t</u> <u>whistling</u> <u>kwyáam</u> <u>true</u> <u>áykw̌s</u> <u>cottontail rabbit</u> |
| <u>kw'</u> | hard front kw | <u>kw'ayawí</u> <u>mountain lion, cougar</u> <u>skw'ípa</u> <u>morning</u> <u>íkw'ak</u> <u>that</u> |
| <u>kw</u> | soft back kw | <u>ikwátsha</u> <u>he's stuck</u> <u>kwninkwninľé</u> <u>peddler</u> <u>pakwchtpamá</u> <u>electric socket</u> |
| <u>kw'</u> | hard back kw | <u>kw'áshkw'ash</u> <u>crane</u> <u>kw'ít</u> <u>plain, visible</u> <u>núkw'ash</u> <u>throat</u> |
| <u>l</u> | ell | <u>lákas</u> <u>mouse</u> <u>latít</u> <u>flower</u> <u>lulúu</u> <u>smooth</u> |
| <u>ł</u> | barred ł | <u>łíikw'i</u> <u>all day</u> <u>łímtáx</u> <u>head</u> <u>łk'ám</u> <u>moccasins</u> |
| <u>m</u> | em | <u>máamín</u> <u>Appaloosa horse</u> <u>mimím</u> <u>dove</u> <u>miyáwax</u> <u>chief</u> |
| <u>n</u> | enn | <u>nawát</u> <u>belly</u> <u>nusúx</u> <u>salmon</u> <u>núshnu</u> <u>nose</u> |

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| p | soft p | pamtá <u>toad</u> páps̥h <u>fir tree</u> plásh <u>white</u> |
| p' | hard p | p'íp'i <u>guts, intestines</u> p'íyu <u>nighthawk</u> p'ushtáy <u>hill</u> |
| s | ess | sawítk <u>Indian carrot</u> Spilyáy <u>Coyote</u> |
| sh | ess-aitch | asúm <u>eel, lamprey</u> sháxat <u>raspberry</u> shúshaynsh <u>steelhead</u> shwá <u>forehead</u> |
| t | soft t | táp'ash <u>pine tree</u> táshtash <u>canvasback duck</u> tiskáy <u>skunk</u> |
| t' | hard t | t'ixt'ix <u>swallow (a bird)</u> t'ft'sh <u>grasshopper</u> t'álpt <u>wampum</u> |
| tl | soft tee-barred ell | tlúpt <u>jumping</u> ktlásak <u>jagged</u> ptlák <u>bitter, pepper</u> |
| tl' | hard tee-ell | tl'álk <u>blacktail deer</u> tl'áaxw <u>all</u> tl'ít'lím̥xw <u>redwing blackbird</u> |
| ts | soft tee-ess | tsawktśáwk <u>red hot</u> páts <u>your younger brother</u> (a woman's word) tsníts <u>your younger sister</u> (a man's word) |

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| ts' | hard tee-ess | ts'āa <u>near</u> ts'í <u>sweet</u> ts'uníps <u>oak tree</u> |
| u | short u | útpaas <u>blanket, robe</u> múps <u>fawn</u> púsha <u>father's father</u> |
| uu | long u | púush <u>juniper tree</u> ttúush <u>some</u> ap'úus <u>cat</u> |
| v | double-you | wavá <u>mosquito</u> watám <u>lake</u> wilalík <u>jackrabbit</u> |
| x | front eks | ívíix <u>thin</u> kawxkáwx <u>palomino horse</u> p'isx <u>sour</u> |
| <u>x</u> | back eks | xálish <u>wolf</u> xátxat <u>mallard duck</u> kawxkawx <u>shiny</u> |
| xw | front eks-w | kwáyxw <u>basket net</u> ts'xwílíf <u>tepee</u> |
| <u>xw</u> | back eks-w | xwáshxway <u>bluejay</u> xwayamá <u>golden eagle</u> xwén <u>sucker (a fish)</u> |
| y | why | yápaash <u>grease</u> yáxa <u>beaver</u> yáamash <u>mule deer</u> |
| | glottal stop | á'a <u>crow</u> áy'ay <u>maggie</u> pu'úuł <u>blind</u> |