

# To The Yakima Practical Alphabet

1. a short-a	ám-ásham	husband wife
2. áa long-aa	Káatnam	long-longhouse
3. ch soft-ch	chíish	water
4. ch' hard-ch'	ch'ím	sharp
5. h aitch-h	háasht	breath
6. í short-í	ímK	you
7. íi long-íi	íi	yes
8. í barred-í	ím	lips/mouth
9. k softfront-k	Kápin	digging iron
10. k' hardfront-k'	Káywá	short
11. k softback-k	<u>k</u> ash <u>k</u> aash	roan horse
12. k' hardback-k'	<u>k</u> 'ay <u>k</u>	colt/calf
13. kw softfront-kw	Kwyáam	true
14. kw' hardfront-kw	Kwáyawí	cougar
15. <u>kw</u> softback- <u>kw</u>	<u>k</u> kwát <u>sh</u> a	stuck
16. <u>kw</u> ' hardback- <u>kw</u> '	<u>k</u> w'ásh <u>k</u> w'ash	crane (bird)
17. l ell-l	lákas	mouse
18. t barred-t	líi kwí	all day
19. m em-m	máamin	appalocsa (horse)
20. n enn-n	nusúx	salmon
21. p soft-p	pápsh	fir tree
22. p' hard-p'	p'ushtáy	hill-knoll
23. s ess-s	sawítK	indian carrot
24. sh ess-aitch-sh	sháxat	raspberry
25. t soft-t	tápash	pine tree

6.	t' hard-t'	t'ixt'ix	swallow (bird)
7.	tk-soft tee barred ell-	t'úpt	jumped
8.	tl' hard tee-ell	tl'áik	blacktail deer
9.	ts soft tee ess	ts'nits	boy's younger sister
10.	ts' hard tee-ess	ts'áa	near
11.	ú short-ú	útpaas	blanket
12.	úu long-úu	púush	juniper tree
13.	w double-you	wawá	mosquito
14.	x front-eks	+wíix	thin
15.	x back-eks	xálish	wolf
16.	xw front-eks-w	kwáyxw	basket net
17.	xw back-eks-w	xwáshxway	blue jay
18.	y why-y	yápaash	lard/greas/oil
19.	' glottal stop	a'a	crow
	" "	áy'ay	maggie
	" "	pu'úut	blind

There are also eight diphthongs. A diphthong is a combination sound that consists of a short or long vowel plus y or w. Some examples of diphthongs in YAKIMA word are:

..	áy	páysh	maybe
		sikáywa	breadroot
..	áay	yáay	beargrass
..	úy	anahúy	bear
..	úuy	húuy	can't
..	áw	cháw	no
..	áaw	ka'áaw	light weight
..	iw	kiwkiwlas	drum
		wíwnu	huckleberries