

## KEY TO THE YAKIMA PRACTICAL ALPHABET

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	ts'múy <u>warm</u>
uuy	húuy <u>can't</u>
	púuy <u>snow</u>
aw	cháw <u>no</u>
	ka'áw <u>fast, quick, swift</u>
aw	ka'áaw <u>lightweight</u>
	wáaw <u>mountain goat</u>
iw	kíwkiwlas <u>drum</u>
	wíwnu <u>huckleberry</u>
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ay [eye]	<sup>(ai) sound</sup> páysh <u>maybe</u> [peye sh] <sup>like cake</sup>
	sikáywa <u>breadroot</u> [see keye wah]
aay [eyai]	yéay <u>beargrass</u> [yiii] <sup>use for basket</sup>
uy [oi]	anahúy <u>black bear</u> [ah Nah hoi'e]
	ts'múy <u>warm</u> [ts' moi e]
uuy [oo]	húuy <u>can't</u> [hoo e] (barely do)
	púuy <u>snow</u> [poo e]
aw [ow]	cháw <u>no</u> [chow]
	ka'áw <u>fast, quick, swift</u> [Kuh ow]
aaw [oo]	ka'áaw <u>lightweight</u> [kuh ooow]
	wáaw <u>mountain goat</u> [woow]
iw [iu]	kíwkiwlas <u>drum</u> [Que Que Luhs] Luhs
	wíwnu <sup>Laas</sup> <u>huckleberry</u> [whew New]
iiw [eew]	fiwsh <u>urine</u> [eewe sh]

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aay	yáay <u>beargrass</u> ?	y i long y (boil) áwá <small>where who</small>	short n short h short a y Diphthong
uy	anahúy <u>black bear</u> (oi) ts'múy <u>warm</u>	-hard ts' moywe mówee	
uuy	húuy <u>can't</u> (barely do) púuy <u>snow</u>	whoó we h <small>uuy</small> poó we <small>diphthong</small> soft.	
aw	chāw <u>no</u> ka'āw <u>fast, quick, swift</u>	chōw hard short k long a glottal owl (āw) <small>back</small>	soft ch á short w ká'āw
aaw	kn'āw <u>lightweight</u> wāw <u>mountain goat</u>	- wāa w (wōw)	
iw	kíwkiwlas <u>drum</u> wíwnu <u>huckleberry</u>	soft k q q las weé'knew weew'knew eyáw'ish weew'noó eluwesh	
iiw	fiwsh <u>urine</u> ?? cewshā "		

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