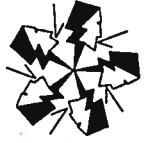







Learning language requires patience, perseverance, practice













ICHISHKIN
ALPHABET AND SOUNDS
Information provided by
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·	a	aa	c	c'	ch	ch'	h
i	ii	k	k'	kw	kw'	l	l'
m	n	p	p'	q	q'	qw	qw'
s	sh	t	t'	tt	tt'	u	uu
w	x	xw	y				






Pronounce these words:

- lákas (lá-kas) 
- pípu (pí-pu) 
- spfiya (spfi-ya) 
- asm (a-sm) 
- wilalfk (wi-la-lfk)  "jackrabbit"






Listen and fill in the missing letters.

- w__wá (w__-wá)  "mosquito"
- tis__ai (tis__ái) 
- as__ (a-s__) 
- __usháinsh (__u-shái-n-sh)  "steelhead"
- __dkas (__-k-as) 
- xwayamá (xwa-ya-má) "Golden Eagle" 
- músmusc (mús-mus-cn) 
- áikws (ái-kws)  "cottontail"
- xúlxul (xul-xul)  "brook trout"
- miimfm (mi-mfm)  "dove"




Listen and fill in the missing letters.

- y__mash (y__-mash)  "deer"
"mule deer"
- wís__aqa (wís__-a-qa)  "robin"
- núsu__ (nú-su__)  "salmon"
- m__n (m__-n)  "mountain sheep"
- xá__xat (xá__-xat)  "duck"





Hard Consonants

- p'dus (p'dus) 
- k'dsi (k'd-si) 
- kw'ayawf (kw'a-ya-wf)  "cougar"
- q'shpalf (q'sh-pa-lf)  "buzzard"
- twf'ash (twf'-ash)  "dark colored grizzly bear"

Barred-l sounds (l)

- qwalqwallá (qwal-qwal-la) "turkey" 
- xwixwt (xwi-xwi)  "meadowlark"
- wapaaná (wa-pana-á)  "light colored grizzly bear"

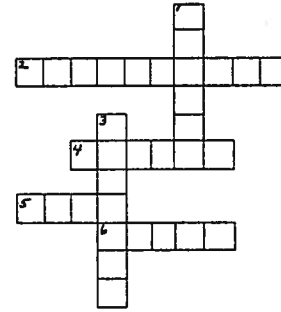
T-barred-l sounds (t)

- táitái (tai-tái) "dancing bells" 
- túpt (tup-t) "to jump" 
- ú'píp (ú'-piip) "wing dress" 
- qw'áshqw'ash (qw'ásh-qw'ash) "crane" 

Crossword Puzzle #1:


The clues are in English, but the answers are in Ichishkin! Look back at the words in Part A to find the answers.

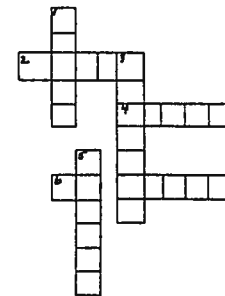
- I howl at night.
- I run in the river in the Fall.
- I have big ears and I hop.
- I stink!
- I buzz.
- I'm a little grey mammal with a long tail.



Crossword Puzzle #2:

The clues are in English, but the answers are in Ichishkin! Look back at Part B to find the correct words.

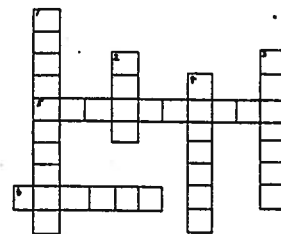
- I can climb steep mountains.
- Salmon.
- Golden Eagle.
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- I am a small fish.
- Moo ...



Crossword Puzzle #3:

The clues are in English, but the answers are in Ichishkin. You will find the words somewhere in Part C.

- This bird is eaten at Thanksgiving.
- This animal wears a saddle.
- This bird eats dead meat.
- This cat is a wild relative of "p'dus".
- This bird has long skinny legs.
- This is the dress that women wear at the Longhouse.



You have learned the Ichishkin alphabet!