

What's in a Name?

Fill out the table below with what you think the translations of each of the Kitikmeot communities traditional names mean. Also included are Nunavut's capital city and Nunavut itself.

Place Name	Meaning in English
Kugluktuk (pronounced Qurluqtuq)	
Iqaluktuuttiaq	
Uqsuqtuuq	
Taloyoak (Talurjuaq)	
Kugaaruk	
Umingmaktuuq	
Qingauk	
Nunavut	
Iqaluit	

Inuinnaqtun/Inuktitut	English translation
iqaluk	fish
talo (Talu)	hunting blind
kugluk (pronounced qurluq)	waterfall
nuna	land
Qingauk	Jutting nose (also name of a King Eider duck as the male as a big nose)
umingmak	muskox
Inuk	person
uqsuq	blubber
kugaq	river
-vut	Meaning 'our'
-yoak (-juaq)	large
-tuuq (tuq or tuk)	place of many
-ttiaq	very good, nice or fine
-ruk (-juk in other dialects)	little, small or lesser when compared to something larger
-it	Means more than two...plural

For the proper pronunciation of each community name click over the hyperlink to listen to how the name should sound. Darren...perhaps this should be on a map.