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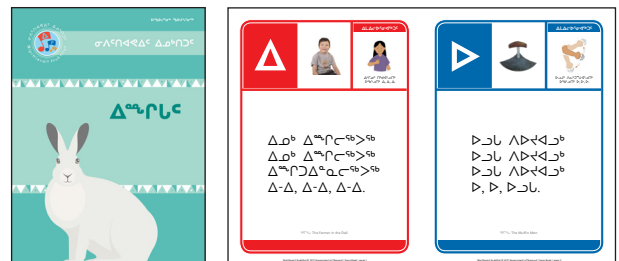
Nipittivait Inuktitut is a phonics, word study, and language study program created for Inuktitut Titiqqiriniq. The program was originally developed in Nunavut by a group of teachers from Ataguttaaluk Elementary School in Iglulik and was then adapted and developed by a group of Northern educators, linguists, and translators. In addition to providing teachers with lessons about concepts in phonics, word study, and language study, the program includes a full printing program for the 45 syllabics.

The program includes:

- Teacher resources (Levels 1, 2, 3)
- Songs CDs (Levels 1, 2)



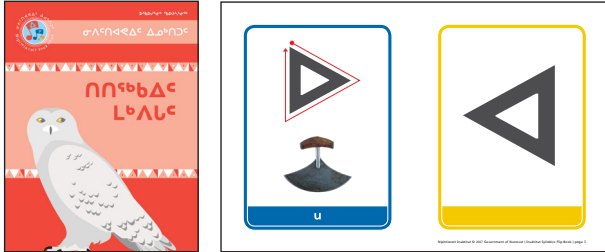
- A song book



- Student books (Levels 1, 2, 3)



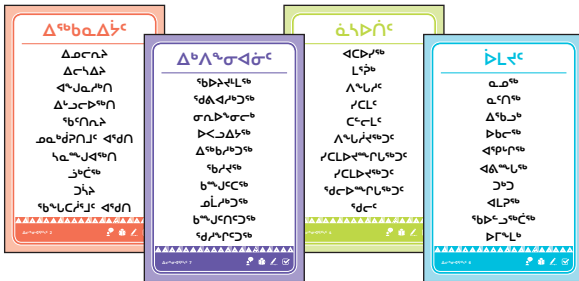
- A syllabics flip book



- Wall cards



- Spelling cards



How can this resource be used in the classroom?

Nipittiaivait Inuktitut is a three-level program.

- Level 1 provides a framework for introducing students to the concept of syllabic-sound relationships and is intended for use with students who attend school for half a day and have little or no knowledge of phonics.
- Level 2 provides step-by-step daily lessons that teach and review the sounds of the 45 syllabics, with an introduction to finals.

- Level 3 is divided into six units of study. The first unit reviews the syllabic and final sounds. The other units introduce students to some of the basic patterns and rules of the language and teach early spelling strategies.

Each lesson in Nipittiaivait Inuktitut has been designed to actively engage students in their learning and ends with students applying and practising what they have learned in their student books.

Support for teachers

Levels 2 and 3 of Nipittiaivait Inuktitut provide clearly written and easy-to-follow lessons that require minimal preparation. Each lesson builds on the knowledge and skills already taught and incorporates plenty of opportunities for review of previous lessons. The structure of each lesson is predictable, and all of the resources required to teach each lesson are included with the program. Level 2 provides a simple assessment tool to help track each student's syllabic-sound knowledge.

Why use these resources?

Inuktitut is a unique language with its own rules and patterns that need to be learned when developing oral communication, reading, and writing skills. Learning these rules and patterns includes studying phonology (the sounds that make up the spoken language) and morphology (how words are built). Knowing how to read and build words and sentences gives students the power of effective communication. Nipittiaivait Inuktitut provides teachers with easy-to-use, fun lessons that give students the opportunity to develop the strong word and language study skills essential for strong literacy skills.

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Where can I find out more?

In addition to the teacher resources, an inservice video called “ᑎᑎᑦᑖᑖᑕᑕ ᑕᑕᑖᑖᑕᑕ: ᑎᑎᑦᑖᑖᑕᑕ ᑕᑕᑖᑖᑕᑕ ᑕᑕᑖᑖᑕᑕ ᑕᑕᑖᑖᑕᑕ” (“Nipittiaivait Inuktitut: A Phonics and Word Study Program for Inuktitut”) is available on the Inuktitut Titiqqiriniq USB drive. You can also email EDUResources@gov.nu.ca.

