

Inuktitut-Root Words- for your IQ File(s)

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In all languages, most conversations can be picked up by using clue words. In Inuktitut, concentrate on the root word.(Beginning of the word).

Ullaakutugaq. The root word here is ullaq. Meaning... morning. –kutugaq is something that you eat for breakfast. Ullaakutugaq = Cereal or breakfast items.

Ululiuqtuq. Ulu. (Women’s knife) –liuq- to build or make. –tuq identifies who is making the ulu.Ululiuqtuq=She/he’s making an Ulu.

Qiniqtunga. Qiniq=Look. –tunga identifies who is looking, first person. Qiniqtunga=I’m looking for...

Siniktuq. Sinik=Sleep. –tuq identifies who is sleeping, third person. Siniktuq=She’s sleeping.

Manniksiuqtuq. Mannik=Egg. –siuq- to look for, third person. –tuq identifies the person\thing. Manniksiuqtuq=She\he\it is looking for eggs.

Qangatasuuq. Qangata...=Fly -suuq. One who does... some thing.... One that flies. Qangatasuuq =Airplane

Arraani ataataga sikituuqtaalauqtuq. Arraani = Last year. Ataataga= My father. Sikituuq=Ski-doo. –taa- got. –lauq-, past tense... did, and –tuq identifies the person. Arraani ataataga sikituuqtaalauqtuq= My father got a ski-doo last year.

Qangatajuq. Qangata...Fly. –juq, person\thing identified...third person. Flying or floating. Does not identify a person\thing. Qangatajuq=He\she\it is flying.

Aullalaaqtunga. Aullaq...Depart. –laaq-will. –tunga...indicates me. Aullalaaqtunga=I will be departing\going away (In the future).

Ilinniarvik. ili...learn. –niaq- in the process..of learning.-vik...place of something. Ilinniarvik=School.

Ilinniaqti. ili..learn. –niaq-in the process ...of learning. –ti...one who is. Ilinniaqti=Student.

Ilisaiji. ili...learn. -sai- one who does. -ti... one who is. Ilisaiji=teacher

Qarasaujaq. Qarasaq=brain. –sau- ...one that looks like\similiar to brain. –jaq identifies the ending. Qarasaujaq=Computer

Niqiliuqti. Niqi...food. –liuq-one who does..cooking. –ti identifies who. Niqiliuqti=cook

