



Greenlandic word list

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- A -

aallarpoq (v(see notes))	leaves, departs.
aallartippoq	begins, starts (to do something)
aamma	and / also (used with nouns, not with phrases)
assiak (pl aasiaat)	spider
aaveq (pl aarfit)	walrus
aaveq qernertoq	black walrus
Arfininngorneq	Saturday
ajaa	aunt (mother's sister)(see also "atsa")
ajorpoq (v)	is bad
ajunngilaq (v)	is good (ajorpoq + -nngilaq)
Akilinermiut	Canadian Inuit (lit: "those who live on the far side [of the sea]")
akkaq	uncle (father's brother)
allaffik	desk / blackboard (allapoq + -fik)
allakkerivik	post office
allappoq (v)	writes
aliqa(q(see notes))	boy's older sister
anaana	mother
angaju(q)	same sex older sibling
angerlarpoq (v)	goes home
angerlarsimavoq (v)	to have come home / to be at home
angut	man
ani	girl's older brother
anivoq (v)	goes out
aperivoq (v)	asks
appa (pl appat)	auk
aput	snow on the ground
aqerluusaq	pencil
aqisseq (pl aqissit)	ptarmigan
aqqalu	girl's younger brother
aqqusineq	road
arlallit	several
arnaq	woman
arsaq	ball
asanninneq	love
asannippoq (v)	loves
assak (pl assaat)	hand
assut	very
Ataasinngorneq	Monday
ataata	father
ateq	name
ateqarpoq (v)	be called (lit: have a name, preceded by the name with -mik (q.v.))
atsa	aunt (brother's sister)(see also "ajaa")
atuarfik	school (atuar + -fik (q.v.))
atuagaq (pl atuakkat)	book(s) (atuar + -gaq (q.v.))
atuagaasivik	brief case
atuangiffik	school holiday
atuarpoq (v)	reads / goes to school
atuartoq	pupil (atuar + -toq (q.v.))
aviisi	newspaper

- Affixes - Uiguutit -

-araq (n -> n(see notes))	young
-asaq (n -> n)	something that resembles

- B -

biili	car
biilipoq (v)	drives (a car)
busserpoq (v)	travels by bus

- E -

eqaluk	trout
eqalussuaq	shark (eqaluk + -suaq)
erfalasoq	flag
erneq (pl ernerit)	son

- F -

feeriarpoq	is on holiday (UK) / is on vacation(Am)
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- Affixes - Uiguutit -

-fik / -vik (v -> n)	a place where [verb] is carried out (e.g., "atuarfik" - "school")
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- G -

- Affixes - Uiguutit -

-gaq / -saq / -taq (v -> n)	see -taq
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- H -

hiisti	horse
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- I -

I.I.	see Inussiarnersumik Inuulluarit
iffiaq	bread
iga	pot
igaffik	kitchen
ikinngut (pl ikinngutit)	friend
ikitsit (pl ikitsisit)	match (for cigarette)
ilinniarpoq (v)	studies / learns
ilinniarlerpoq (v)	begins to study/learn (ilinniar + -ler (q.v.))
ilisimatusarfik	University
ilissi	you (pl) / your (pl)
illit	you (sing) / your (sing)
illoqarfik	town
illu(q)	house
iluliaq (pl ilulissat)	iceberg
imaq	sea
imaqa	perhaps
inerpoq (v)	finishes
inersimasuk	adult (presumably iner + -sima ?)
ini	room
inuk (pl inuit)	person
Inussiarnersumik Inuulluarit	"with friendly wishes" (written ending salutation)
Inuss. Inuull.	see Inussiarnersumik Inuulluarit
iperartortarpoq	flogs
iserpoq (v)	enters
isersimavoq (v)	is at home
isertarfik	entrance
issiavik	chair (issiavoq + -vik)
issiavoq (v)	sits

- J -

juulli	Christmas
juullisiorpoq	celebrates Christmas

- K -

kaffi	coffee
kalaaleq pl kalaallit	Greenlander(s)
kalaallit nunaat	Greenland
Kalaallisut	Greenlandic language (lit: In the mode of a Greenlander - uses -sut (q.v.))
kamik	boot
kangerluk	fjord
kiisa	end
kiisami	at the end, finally (kiisa + -mi (q.v.))
kingulleg	last
kisianni	but
kisiannili	however
kusanarpoq (v)	is beautiful
kusanartoq	the beautiful one

- Affixes - Uiguutit -

-kkut	Used with a person "that person and others with him/her"
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- L -

- Affixes - Uiguutit -

-ler (v -> v)	begin to do the [verb]
-li	but
-liaq (-> n)	something made by somebody
-livik (n -> n)	a container for something (e.g., naasulivik - "a container for flowers" = "vase")
-lluar	"nice", "well" (see also -rluar)
-lu	and
-luunniit	or / even

- M -

maana	now
Marlunngorneq	Tuesday
massakkut	now
matu	door
matuersaat	key
matuvoq (v)	closes
meeraq (pl meeqqat)	child
mikivoq (v)	is small

- Affixes - Uiguutit -

-mi (pl -ni)	(locative case marker) in, at
-mi	(emphatic ending) as for, howabout, indeed
-mik (pl -nik)	(marker indicating instrumental case - e.g. savemik - using a knife e.g. X-mik ateqarpunga - I am called X)
-mit (pl -nit)	(ablative case marker (motion away from))
-mut (pl -nut)	(allative marker (motion towards))

- P -

palasi	priest
panik (pl paniit)	daughter
pillugu	about
Pingasunngorneq	Wednesday
pujortaat	pipe
puisi	seal (the marine mammal)

- Affixes - Uiguutit -

-(p)pat	Used <i>inter alia</i> with days of the week to signify "next", e.g., next Monday = ataasinngorpat next Saturday = arfininngorpat <i>but</i> next Sunday = sapaatiuppat (sapaati + -u- + -ppat)
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- Q -

qaamat (pl qaamatit)	moon(s), month(s)
qaammataasaq	satellite (qaamat + -asaq (q.v.))
qajaq (pl qaannaq)	kayak (canoe)
qamutit	sledge (note: noun used in plural form)
qanik	snowflake
qanoq?	how?
qanoq ippit?	how are you?
qanormi	how on earth???
qaqortuuvoq (v)	(qanoq + -mi (emphatic))
qaqqaq	is white
qatanngut (pl qatanngutit)	mountain
qernertoq (v)	sibling
qimmeq	is black
qimminnuaq	dog
qoororta	puppy (qimmeq + -nnguaq)
qujanaq(v)	valley
qulleq	thanks
	lamp

- Affixes - Uiguutit -

-qar (n -> v)	exists / possesses
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- R -

- Affixes - Uiguutit -

-rluar	"nice", "well" (see also -lluar)
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- S -

Sapaat (pl sapaatit)	Sabbath/Sunday
sapaatip akunnera	week (sabbath interval)
savik	knife
scootererpoq (v)	travels by scooter
sianeq (pl siarngit)	bell
siku	ice
silá	weather
silagippoq	weather is good
silami	outside (silá + -mi)
silarsuaq	the world (silá + -suaq)
Sisamangorneq	Thursday
suaarpoq (v)	shouts
sulivoq (v)	works
sullivik	workshop

- Affixes - Uiguitit -

-sima- (v -> v)	(perfective) does, is/has been done (e.g., matusimavoq - is closed)
-saq /-taq / -gaq (v -> n)	see -taq
-sar- /- tar-	(habitual marker)
-ssa (n -> n)	(future tense marker)
-soq /-toq (v -> n)	a person who does [verb] (e.g., "atuartog" - "pupil")
-suaq (pl -suit n -> n)	large
-sut / -tut (n -> n)	in the way of (see Kalallisut)

- T -

taassuma	this
Tallimangorneq	Friday
ti	tea
tikiippoq (v)	comes
toqusimasoq	dead
toquvoq (v)	dies
tujuuluk	sweater
tuluit nunaat	England
tulu(k)	Englishman
tuluuvoq	is English (tulu(k) + -u- (q.v.))
tupeq (pl toqqit)	tent
tuttu (pl tuttut)	reindeer

- Affixes - Uiguitit -

ta-	(prefix) the one previously mentioned
-tar /-sar (v -> v)	(habitual marker)
-taq /-saq / -gaq (v -> n)	the thing to which the verb applies (e.g., atuagaq "book" = atuar + -gaq)
-toq /-soq (v -> n)	a person who does [verb] (e.g., "atuartog" - "pupil")
-tuar (v -> v)	the whole time, continuously
-tut / -sut (n -> n)	in the way of (see Kalallisut)

- U -

uanga	I / my
uffarfik	bath / bathroom (uffarpoq + -fik)
uffarpoq (v)	bathes
uagut	we / our
ui	husband
ukiaq	autumn
ukioq (pl ukiut)	winter, year
ukiormanna	this year
ukioqarpoq (v)	has X winters (X-nik ukioqarpoq - be X yrs old)
uku	they
ukua	their
ulloq	day
ullumi	today
una	he/she/it
umiaq	boat
umiarsuaq	ship (umiaq + -suaq (q.v.))
uterpoq (v)	returns, comes back
uuma	his/her/its

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-u-	is
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