

What's in a Name? (Teacher's answer key)

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)	Place of waterfall.
Iqaluktuuttiaq	A very good place to fish.
Uqsuqtuuq	Place of a lot of blubber.
Taloyoak (Talurjuaq)	A large caribou blind.
Kugaaruk	A small river.
Umingmaktuuq	A place of many muskox.
Qingauk	A place where the land juts out.
Nunavut	Our land.
Iqaluit	Many fish

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	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