

## Guide to Pronunciations for B.C. First Nations

Please note: there may be regional variations to pronunciations.

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First Nation	Pronunciation
Acho Dene Koe	<b>A-ko</b> -den-eh-ko
Adams Lake	<b>A</b> -dams Lake
Ahousaht	<b>A-house</b> -aat
Aitchelitz	<b>A-che-leets</b>
Alexandria	Al-ex- <b>an</b> -dre-aa
Alexis Creek	<b>A-lex</b> -is Creek
Alkali Lake	Al-ka-li Lake
Anderson Lake	<b>An</b> -der-son Lake
Ashcroft	<b>Ash</b> croft
Beecher Bay	<b>Bee</b> -cher-bay
Blueberry River	<b>Blue</b> -ber-ry River
Bonaparte	<b>Bon</b> -a-part
Boothroyd	<b>Booth</b> -roy-d
Boston Bar	<b>Bos</b> -ton Bar
Bridge River	<b>Bridge</b> River
Broman Lake	<b>Bro</b> -man Lake
Burns Lake	<b>Burns</b> Lake
Burrard	<b>Burr</b> ard
Campbell River	<b>Cam</b> -bell River
Canim Lake	<b>Ca</b> -nim Lake
Canoe Creek	Can- <b>oo</b> Creek
Cape Mudge	Cape Mudge
Carcross-Tagish	Car-cross-Ta- <b>geesh</b>
Cariboo Tribal Council	<b>Care</b> -i-boo Tribal Council
Carrier Chilcotin	Carry- <b>er</b> Chill- <b>coh</b> -tin
Carrier Sekani	Carry- <b>er</b> Se- <b>can</b> -ee
Cayoose Creek	Ky- <b>oose</b> Creek
Champagne-Aishihik	Sham-pane- <b>A</b> -sh-i-ack
Chawathil (formerly Hope)	<b>Shi</b> -wat-hill
Cheam	<b>Chee</b> -am
Chehalis	Sh- <b>hay</b> -lis
Chemainus	She- <b>may</b> -nis
Cheslatta Carrier Nation	Chess- <b>latt</b> -a
Chilcotin	Chil- <b>coh</b> -tin
Coast Salish	Coast Say-lish
Coldwater	<b>Cold</b> -water
Columbia Lake	Co- <b>lum</b> -bia Lake
Comox	<b>Ko</b> -mox
Cook's Ferry	<b>Cooks</b> Ferry

Coquitlam	Ko- <b>qwit</b> -lam
Cowichan	<b>Cow</b> -i-chan
Cowichan Lake	<b>Cow</b> -i-chan Lake
Dakelh	Da-kelh
Da'naxda'xw	<b>Da</b> -nak-dah
Dax Ka Nation	<b>Dax</b> -ka Nation
Dease River	<b>Dees</b> River
Dene-thah	De-ney-ta
Ditidaht (formerly Nitinaht)	<b>Dit</b> -ee-dat
Doig River	<b>Dayg</b> River
Douglas	Doug-lass
Dunne-za	De-ney-za
Ehattesaht (formerly Douglas)	Eh- <b>hat</b> -eh-sat
Esketemc (formerly Alkali Lake)	Es- <b>ket</b> -em
Esquimalt	Es- <b>kwy</b> -malt
Fort Nelson	Fort Nelson
Fort Ware	Fort Ware
Fountain	Faun tain
Gingolx	Gin-golth
Gitanmaax	Git- <b>an</b> -maa
Gitanyow (was Kitwancool)	Git- <b>an</b> -yow
Gitlakdamix	Git lah t aa mix
Gitga'at	Git-gat
Gitsegukla	Git-zee- <b>gee-u</b> -kla
Gitxsan	Git- <b>san</b>
Gitwangak	Git-wan- <b>gah</b>
Gitwinksihlkw (formerly Canyon City)	Git-win- <b>k</b> -see-thl-k
Gitxaala	Kit-sa-la
Glen Vowell	<b>Glen</b> Vow-ell
Gwa'Sala-Nakwaxda'xw	Gwa-sala- <b>nak</b> -wah-dah
Gwawaenuk	Gwa- <b>wae</b> -nuk
Haida	<b>High</b> -da
Haida Gwaii	Hy-dah G-why
Hagwilget	Hag-wil- <b>get</b>
Haisla	High- <b>sla</b>
Halalt	Ha- <b>lalt</b>
Halfway River	Half-way River
Hamatla	Ha- <b>mat</b> -la
Hartley Bay	<b>Hart</b> -lee Bay
Heiltsuk (formerly Bella Bella)	Hel-sic
Hesquiaht	<b>Hesh</b> -kwit
High Bar	<b>Hi</b> -bar
Homalco	Ho- <b>mall</b> -ko
Hupacasath	Who-pe- <b>chess</b> -it

Hul'qumi'num	Hull-kah- <b>me</b> -num
Huu-ay-aht (formerly Ohiaht)	Ooh- <b>ay</b> -at
In-SHUCK-ch	In- <b>Shuck</b> -shuh
Iskut	<b>Is</b> -cut
Kamloops	<b>Kam</b> -loops
Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/che:K'tles7et'h' (formerly Kyoquot)	Ky- <b>yuk</b> -et/Check-le-set
Kanaka Bar	Can- <b>aka</b> -bar
Kaska	<b>Kass</b> -kah
Katzie	<b>Kat</b> -zee
Kincolith Village Government	Kin- <b>ca</b> -lith
Kispiox	<b>Kiss</b> -pee-ox
Kitamaat (formerly Haisla)	Kit- <b>a</b> -mat
Kitasoo	Kit- <b>a</b> -zoo
Kitkatla	Kit- <b>cat</b> -la
Kitselas	<b>Kit</b> -se-las
Kitsumkal	Ki- <b>tsem</b> -kay-lem
Klahoose	Kla- <b>hoos</b>
Kluskus	<b>Klus</b> -kus
K'omoks	<b>Ko</b> -mox
Kootenai	<b>Koot</b> -nee
Ktunaxa-Kinbasket	<b>Tun</b> -ah-hah-kin-basket
Kwadacha	<b>Kwa</b> -dach-a
Kwakuitl (formerly Fort Rupert)	<b>Kwa</b> -gyu-th
Kwantlen	<b>Kwant</b> -len
Kwa-wa-aineuk	Kwa-wa- <b>ay</b> -neuk
Kwaw-kwaw-a-pilt	Kwa-kwa- <b>a</b> -pilt
Kwiakah	Kwee-a-ka
Kwakiutl	Kwa-gyu-th
Kwicksutaineuk-ah-kwah-ah-mish	Kweek-soo- <b>tain-nuk</b> -ah-kwa-a-meesh
Kyuquot	<b>Kyu</b> -kwat
Lakahahmen	Lak- <b>aha</b> -men
Lakalzap	Lak- <b>al</b> -zap
Lake Babine	Lake <b>Ba</b> -been
Langley	<b>Lang</b> -ley
Lax-kw'alaamas	Lax-kwa- <b>laams</b>
Laxqalts'ap	Lah-gal-stup
Lheidli T'enneh	<b>Klate</b> -lee-Ten-eh
Lheit Lit'en	<b>Lay</b> -letten
Lillooet	<b>Lil</b> -low-wet
Lil'wat	<b>Lil</b> -watt
Little Shuswap	Little <b>Shoe</b> -swap
Lower Kootenay	Lower <b>Koot</b> -ney
Lower Nicola	Lower Ni- <b>cole</b> -la
Lower Similkameen	Lower Sim- <b>milk</b> -a-meen
Lyackson	Ly- <b>ack</b> -sun
Lytton	Lit- <b>ton</b>

Maa-Nulth	<b>Maa-nul-th</b>
Maiyoo Keyoh	MAY-o KAY-o
Malahat	Mal- <b>a</b> -hat
Mamaleleqala-qwe-qwa-sot-enox	Mamma-leel-eh-qwala-queek-qwa-soot-ee- <b>nuk</b>
Matsqui	Mat- <b>skwee</b>
McLeod Lake	Ma- <b>cloud</b> Lake
Metlakatla	Met-la- <b>ka</b> -tla
Moricetown	<b>Mo</b> -ris-town
Mount Currie	Mount <b>Currie</b>
Mowachaht/Muchalaht	Mow- <b>i</b> -chit/Much- <b>a</b> -laht
Musgamagw	Moose- <b>gah</b> -makw
Musqueam	<b>Mus</b> -kwee-um
Nadleh Whuten (formerly Fraser Lake)	<b>Nad</b> -lay-woten
Nak'azdli (formerly Necoslie)	Nak- <b>ah</b> -dzlee
Namgis	Nam-gees
Nanaimo	Na-ny-mo
Nanoose	Na- <b>noose</b>
Naut'sa Mawt Tribal Council	NOT-sa MOTT
Nazko	Naz- <b>ko</b>
Nee-Tahi-Buhn (formerly Omenica)	Nee- <b>tahee</b> -boon
Nemaiah Valley	Na- <b>ma</b> -eh Valley
Neskonlith	Nes- <b>kon</b> -lith
Nicomen	Nick- <b>oh</b> -men
Nisga'a	<b>Niss</b> -gah
Nlaka'pamux	<b>Nick-Kluck-mix</b>
Nooaitch	Noo- <b>eye</b> -chi
North Thompson	North <b>Tom</b> -son
Nuu-Chah-Nulth	Noo- <b>chah</b> -noolth
Nuchatlaht	Nu- <b>chat</b> -lat
Nuxalk (formerly Bella Coola)	Noo- <b>huk</b>
Ohiaht	Oh-high-at
Okanagan	Oh-can-a-gan
Old Masset	Old Mass-et
Omahil	Oo- <b>ma</b> -hil
Opetchesaht	Oh- <b>pet</b> -chee-sat
Oregon Jack Creek	Ore- <b>e</b> -gon Jack Creek
Osoyoos	O- <b>soo</b> -yoos
Oweekeno	O- <b>wee</b> -ken-o
Pacheedaht	Pak- <b>eed-aat</b>
Pauquachin	<b>Pak</b> -qwa-chee-sat
Pavilion	Pa- <b>vil</b> -yon
Penelakut	Pen- <b>e</b> -la-kut
Penticton	Pen- <b>tic</b> -ton
Peters	<b>Pete</b> -rs

Popkum	<b>Pop-kum</b>
Prophet River	Pro- <b>phet</b> River
Qualicum	Qwal- <b>i</b> -come
Quatsino	<b>Qwat</b> -sino
Red Bluff	Red <b>Bluff</b>
Saik'uz	<b>Sake</b> -ooz
Samahquam	<b>Sam</b> -ah-quam
Saulteaux	<b>Soe</b> -toe
Scowlitz	<b>Scow</b> -litz
Seabird Island	<b>Sea</b> -bird Island
Sechelt	<b>See</b> -shelt
Secwepemc	She-whep-m
Sekani	Sik-an-ee
Semiahmoo	Sem- <b>ee</b> -a-moo
Seton Lake	<b>See</b> -ton Lake
Shacken	<b>Shack</b> -en
Sheshaht	<b>Tse</b> -shat
Shuswap	Shu- <b>swap</b>
Siska	Sis- <b>ka</b>
Skawahlook	<b>Skwa</b> -ha-look
Skeetchestn	<b>Skeet</b> -cha-sun
Skidegate	<b>Skid</b> -a-gate
Skookumchuck	<b>Skook</b> -um-chuck
Skowkale	Skow- <b>kale</b>
Skuppah	Skupp- <b>ah</b>
Skwah	<b>Skwaa</b>
Skyway	<b>Sky</b> -way
Sliammon	Sly- <b>ah</b> -mon
Snaw-Naw-As (Nanoose First Nations)	Sna-No- <b>Az</b>
Snuneymuxw (formerly Nanaimo)	Shnah- <b>nay</b> -mo
Soda Creek	<b>So</b> -da Creek
Songhees	<b>Song</b> -hees
Sooke	Sook
Soowahlie	<b>Soo</b> -wall-ee
Spallumcheen	<b>Spall</b> -ium-cheen
Spuzzum	<b>Spuzz</b> -um
Squamish	<b>Squa</b> -mish
Squiala	<b>Skwye</b> -ala
St. Mary's	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Stl'atl'imx	Stat-la-mick or Stat-leum
Stellaquo	Stell- <b>ack</b> -oe
Stellat'en	Stell- <b>at</b> -in
Sto:lo	<b>Stow</b> -low
Stone	<b>Stone</b>
Stoney Creek	Ston- <b>ee</b> Creek
Sumas	<b>Soo</b> -mass

Sununeymuxw	Shnah-nay-moh
Tagish	Ta-gish
Tahltan	<b>Tall</b> -tan
Takla Lake	<b>Tak</b> -la Lake
Taku River Tlingit	<b>Ta</b> -koo River Tlin-gits
Tanakteuk	Tun- <b>aah</b> -duck
Te'mexw	Te- <b>muck</b>
Tla-o-qui-aht (formerly Clayoquot)	T- <b>lay</b> -qwat
Tlatlasikwala	Tla-tla- <b>see</b> -kwa-la
Tl'azt'en (formerly Stuart-Trembleur Lake)	Tl- <b>az</b> -din
Tlingit	Kling-kit
Tlowitsis-mumtagila	<b>Tla</b> -oe-wad-zees-mum-ta-gee-la
Tobacco Plains	To- <b>back</b> -co Plains
Toosey	<b>Too</b> -see
Toquaht	<b>Toe</b> -kwat
Tsartlip	<b>Tsar</b> -lip
Tsawataineuk	<b>Tsa</b> -wa-tay-nook
Tsawout	<b>Tsa</b> -woot
Tsawwassen	<b>Tsa</b> -wah-sen
Tsay Keh Dene	<b>Tsa</b> -Kay-Den-ee
Tsehaht	Tse- <b>shat</b>
Tseycum	<b>Tsay</b> -come
Ts'ilhqot'in	Tsil- <b>coh</b> -tin
Tsimshian	Sim- <b>she</b> -an
Ts'kw'aylaxw	<b>Ski</b> -lak
Tsleil-Waututh	<b>Tslay</b> -wa-tooth
T'sou-ke (formerly Sooke)	<b>Sook</b>
Tutchone	Too- <b>chohn</b> -ee
Tzeachten	<b>Chak</b> -tum
Uchucklesaht	U- <b>chuck</b> -le-sat
Ucluelet	U- <b>clue</b> -let
Ulkatcho	Ul- <b>gat</b> -cho
Union Bar	<b>Uun</b> -yon Bar
Upper Nicola	Upper <b>Ni</b> -cola
Upper Similkameen	Upper Sim- <b>milk</b> -ka-meen
Wei Wai Kai	<b>Wee</b> -way-kay
Wei Wai Kum	<b>Wee</b> -way-come
Westbank	<b>West</b> -bank
Wet'suwet'en	Wet- <b>sew</b> -et-en
West Moberly	West <b>Mo</b> -ber-lee
Whe-La-La-U	We-la-la-U
Whispering Pines (formerly Clinton)	<b>Wiss</b> -purr-ing Pines
Williams Lake	<b>Will</b> -yams Lake
Wuikinuxv	Ohh-weeken-oh
Xai-xais	shy shy

Xaxli'p	<b>Hock-lip</b>
Xeni Gwet'in	Honey-wuh-teen
Yakwekwioose	Yak- <b>week</b> -we-oose
Yale	<b>Yale</b>
Yekooche	Ye- <b>koo</b> -chee
<b>Other Aboriginal Names</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>
Clayoquot	<b>Clay</b> -o-quot
Coast Salish	Coast Say- <b>lish</b>
Haida Gwaii	<b>High</b> -da G- <b>why</b>
Winalagalis	Win-lag-a- <b>lees</b>