

ᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐ — Event Words

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N.B. The following texts are designed to illustrate typesetting Inuktitut with XeLaTeX, the Unicode version of LaTeX. Note the use of syllabics and roman characters in the same block of text, footnotes, tables, two columns, itemization, macro files to create special symbols, and hyperlinks to IPA related LaTeX packages.

For convenience the most common LaTeX commands are listed in the file [FORM_INUKTITUT_LATEX.tex], and in the file for this text, just before the point where the text is typed.

Dorais, [1988, Chapter 3, p. 47] describes “event words” (ᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐ)¹ as answering the following questions:

ᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐ—suva	What is he/she/it doing?
ᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐ ᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐ—qanuq piva?	how does he/she/it act?

Here are some of the examples that Dorais gives:

- ᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐ • ᓂᐱᓐ — tiki • puq: *he/she/it arrives*
- ᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐ • ᓂᐱᓐ — sinip • put: *you sleep*
- ᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐ • ᓂᐱᓐ — iliinniatitsinilir • jutit: *you deal with education*

Some Examples of Event words

ᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐ — aanniaq: *to be sick*
 ᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐ — ani: *to go out*
 ᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐ — aullaq: *to leave depart*



ᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐ — ikajuq: *to help*
 ᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐ — iqalugasuk: *to go fishing*
 ᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐ — ilinniaq:
 to learn / to study / to go to school.
 ᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐ — imiq: *to drink*
 ᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐ — iqqanaijaq: *to work*²

¹ Dorais calls these ᐱᓐᓂᐱᓐ—suniit.

² I use the Nunavik ᓂ syllabic here and in the author’s name.

1. UNICODE IPA symbols; IPA extensions; Phonetic Extensions Supplement

You can also make your own shortcuts for the codes; they are shown in the Libertine chart; see [unicode..inuktitut.mac] for the format.

2. covington [LaTeXmacros for Linguistics]
3. xsipa; based on the x-sampa. For transcriptions: IPA \leftrightarrow x-sampa
4. xipauni [based on Tipa]
5. vowel [vowel charts]

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