



First Peoples' Cultural Council: 34 Languages of British Columbia

Please see the appendix for definitions of the categories.

Family Subfamily	Language Group Name ¹	Other Language Names ²	Dialects ³	Communities Where Spoken ⁴
ALGIC ALGONQUIAN	Anishnaubemowin	Saulteau Plains Ojibway Ojibway	Saulteau	Fort Nelson First Nation Saulteau First Nation West Moberly First Nations
ALGIC ALGONQUIAN	ᑕᑦ ᐃᓗ ᐅᐃᑦ (Nēhiyawēwin)	Cree	Plains Cree	Blueberry River First Nation Fort Nelson First Nation Saulteau First Nation West Moberly First Nations
ATHABASKAN-EYAK- TLINGIT ⁵ DENE (ATHABASKAN)	Dakelh (Cᑲᓗ)	Carrier les Porteurs Takulie Takelne Dakelhne	Nak'albun-Dzinghubun/Stuart-Trembleur Lake (Tl'azt'en, Yekooche, Nak'azdli) Fraser-Nechakoh (Cheslatta, Sdelakoh, Nadleh, Saik'uz, Lheidli) Blackwater (Lhk'acho, Lhoosk'uz, Ndazko, Lhtakoh)	Lheidli-T'enneh Band Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation Lhtako Dene Nation Maiyoo Keyoh Society Nadleh Whut'en Band Nak'azdli Band Nazko First Nation Saik'uz First Nation Stellat'en First Nation Takla Lake First Nation Tl'azt'en Nation Tsil Kaz Koh (Burns Lake) Ulkatchot'en First Nation Yekooche First Nation

¹ The "Language Names" are those used on *First Peoples' Language Map of British Columbia* and were compiled in consultation with First Nations communities in BC.

² The "Other Language Names" are as listed on *First Peoples' Language Map of British Columbia*. These are names by which the language has been known, today or in the past. Some of these names may no longer be in use, and may not be deemed acceptable by the relevant community.

³ Only dialects spoken in BC are included here. There may be variation in the spelling of dialect names.

⁴ Only the First Nations communities in BC associated with each language are listed, but it should be noted that many of BC's languages are also spoken in towns and cities across the province.

⁵ The Athabaskan-Eyak-Tlingit family is part of the larger Dené-Yeneseian language family.

ATHABASKAN-EYAK-TLINGIT DENE (ATHABASKAN)	<u>Dane-Zaa (Cᑕᑭ)</u>	Beaver Dunne-za danneza Dane-zaa Záágé?	Blueberry River Doig River Halfway River Prophet River West Moberly Lake	Blueberry River First Nation Doig River First Nation Halfway River First Nation Prophet River Band Saulteau First Nation West Moberly First Nations
ATHABASKAN-EYAK-TLINGIT DENE (ATHABASKAN)	<u>Danezāgé'</u>	Kaska Kaska Dena		Daylu Dena Council Dease River First Nation Liard First Nation
ATHABASKAN-EYAK-TLINGIT DENE (ATHABASKAN)	<u>Dene K'e</u>	Dene Dene Tha' Acha'otinne Slave(y)	South Slavey	Fort Nelson First Nation
ATHABASKAN-EYAK-TLINGIT DENE (ATHABASKAN)	<u>Nedut'en / Wet'suwet'en</u>	Babine Lake Babine, Nadot'en Nedut'en Nat'oot'en Wet'suwet'en Babine-Witsuwit'en Bulkley Valley/Lakes District Language	Babine (Takla Lake, Lake Babine) Wet'suwet'en (Moricetown, Hagwilget, Wet'suwet'en, Skin-Tayi, Nee-Tahi-Buhn)	Cheslatta Carrier Nation Lake Babine Nation Takla Lake First Nation Hagwilget Village Council Moricetown Band Office Nee-Tahi-Buhn Indian Band Skin Tyee Nation Tsil Kaz Koh (Burns Lake) Wet'suwet'en Nation
ATHABASKAN-EYAK-TLINGIT DENE (ATHABASKAN)	<u>Tāltān</u>	Tahltan Nahanni		Iskut First Nations Tahltan Band
ATHABASKAN-EYAK-TLINGIT DENE (ATHABASKAN)	<u>Tse'khene</u>	Sekani Tsek'ehne Tsek'hene t0ek'ehne	Fort Ware McLeod Lake	Kwadacha Band McLeod Lake Indian Band Tsay Keh Dene Band

ATHABASKAN-EYAK-TLINGIT DENE (ATHABASKAN)	Tsilhqot'in	Chilcotin Tzilkotin		?Esdilagh First Nation Tl'esqox Indian Band Tl'etingox-T'in Government Tsi Del Del First Nation Ulkatshot'en First Nation Xeni Gwet'in First Nations Government Yunesit'in Government
ATHABASKAN-EYAK-TLINGIT DENE (ATHABASKAN)	Tutchone	Tutchone	Southern	Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN)
ATHABASKAN-EYAK-TLINGIT TLINGIT	Lingít	Inland Tlingit Tlingit	Northern Southern	Taku River Tlingit First Nation
KTUNAXA	Ktunaxa	Kootenay Kootenai	Upper Ktunaxa	Akisknuk First Nation Lower Kootenay Band St. Mary's Indian Band Tobacco Plains Indian Band
SALISHAN COAST SALISH	Éy7á7juuthem	Mainland Comox Comox Sliammon	Q'ómoḵʷs ʔayʔajúθəm	Homalco First Nation Klahoose First Nation K'omoks First Nation Sliammon First Nation
SALISHAN COAST SALISH	Hul'q'umi'num' / Halq'eméylem / həŋqəminəm	Hul'q'umi'num' Halq'eméylem həŋqəminəm Halkomelem	Hul'q'umi'num' Halq'eméylem həŋqəminəm	Aitchelitz Band Beecher Bay First Nation Chawathil First Nation Cheam First Nation Chehalis Indian Band Chemainus First Nation Cowichan Tribes Halalt First Nation Katzie First Nation Kwantlen First Nation Kwaw-kwaw-aplit First Nation Kwikwetlem First Nation Lake Cowichan First Nation Leq'a:mel First Nation Lyackson First Nation MÁLEXEĒ (Malahat First Nation) Matsqui First Nation Musqueam Indian Band Nanoose First Nation Pauquachin First Nation Penelakut Tribe Peters Band

				Popkum First Nation Qayqayt First Nation Qualicum First Nation Scowlitz First Nation Seabird Island Indian Band Shxw'owhamel First Nation Shxwha:y Village Skawahlook First Nation Skowkale First Nation Skwah First Nation Snuneymuxw First Nation Soowahlie Indian Band Squiala First Nation Sumas First Nation Tsawwassen First Nation Tseil-Waututh Nation Tzeachten First Nation Union Bar Band Yakweakwioose Band Yale First Nation
SALISHAN COAST SALISH	SENĆOTEN / Malchosen / Lekwungen / Semiahmoo / T'Sou-ke	Northern Straits Salish	SENĆOTEN Malchosen Lekwungen Semiahmoo T'Sou-ke	Esquimalt Nation MĀLEXEĒ (Malahat First Nation) Pauquachin First Nation Semiahmoo First Nation Songhees Nation T'Sou-ke Nation Tsartlip First Nation Tsawout First Nation Tseycum First Nation
SALISHAN COAST SALISH	She shashishalhem	Sechelt sháshishálem		Sechelt Indian Band
SALISHAN COAST SALISH	Skwxwú7mesh sníchim	Squamish		Squamish Nation
SALISHAN INTERIOR SALISH	Nl̓eʔkepmxcín	Thompson Nlaka'pamux Nlha7kápmx	Lytton Merritt Nicola Valley Spuzzum	Ashcroft Indian Band Boothroyd Band Boston Bar First Nation Coldwater Indian Band Cook's Ferry Indian Band Kanaka Bar Indian Band Lower Nicola Indian Band Lytton First Nation Nicomen Indian Band Nooaitch Indian Band

				Oregon Jack Creek Band Shackan Indian Band Siska Indian Band Skuppah Indian Band Spuzzum First Nation
SALISHAN INTERIOR SALISH	Nsyilxcən	Okanagan	Northern	Lower Similkameen Indian Band Okanagan Indian Band Osoyoos Indian Band Penticton Indian Band Upper Nicola Band Upper Similkameen Indian Band Westbank First Nation
SALISHAN INTERIOR SALISH	Secwepemctsin	Shuswap Secwepemc	Eastern Western Northern	Adams Lake Indian Band Bonaparte Indian Band Canim Lake Band Canoe Creek Band Esketemc First Nation High Bar First Nation Kamloops Indian Band Little Shuswap Indian Band Neskonlith Indian Band Shuswap Indian Band Simpw First Nation Skeetchestn Band Splatsin Indian Band Whispering Pines/Clinton Band - the Pellt'iq't People Williams Lake Indian Band Xats'ull First Nation
SALISHAN INTERIOR SALISH	Státimcets	Státimc Lillooet Statimc Stl'atl'imx Stl'atl'imc Sł'áł'imxəc Stlatiumh Slatlemuk	Upper Lower	Bridge River Indian Band Cayoose Creek Band Douglas First Nation Lil'wat Nation N'Quatqua First Nations Samahquam Ucwalmicw Seton Lake Band Skatin Nations Council T'it'q'et Administration Ts'kw'aylaxw First Nation Xaxli'p Band
SALISHAN NUXALK	Nuxalk	Bella Coola Nass		Nuxalk First Nation
TSIMSHIANIC	Gitsenimx	Gitsanimx	Eastern/Gaanimx	Gitanmaax Band Council

		Gitxsan Gitksen Gitksan Hazelton	Western/Geets'imx	Gitanyow Band Council Gitsegukla Band Council Gitwangak Band Council Glen Vowell Band Kispiox Band Council
TSIMSHIANIC	Nisga'a	Nisga'a Nishga Niska' Nisk'a'		Laxgalts'ap Village Government New Aiyansh Village Government Nisga'a Village of Gingolx Nisga'a Village of Gitwinksihlkw
TSIMSHIANIC	Ski:xs	Klemtu Southern Tsimshian		Kitasoo Band Council
TSIMSHIANIC	Smalgyax	Coast Tsimshian Tsimshian		Gitxaala Nation Hartley Bay Village Council Kitselas First Nation Kitsumkalum Band Council Lax Kw'alaams Band Metlakatla Governing Council
WAKASHAN	Diitiid?aatx	Ditidaht Nitinat	Diitiid?aatx	Ditidaht First Nation Pacheedaht First Nation
WAKASHAN	Hailhzaqvla	Heiltsuk Bella Bella Heiltsuk-Oweek'ala		Heiltsuk Nation
WAKASHAN	Kwakwala	Kwakwaka'wakw Kwakiutl	Bak'wamk'ala Kwakwala Gwawaenuk Nak'wala Gutsala Tlatlasikwala Liq'wala	Da'naxda'xw First Nation Gwa'Sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Nation Gwawaenuk Tribe Kwakiutl Band Council Kwiakah First Nation Kwicksutaineuk/Ak-Kwa-Mish Tribes K'omoks First Nation Mamalilikulla-Qwe'Qwa'Sot'Em Band Namgis First Nation Quatsino First Nation Tlatlasikwala First Nation Tlowitsis Tribe Dzawada'enuxw First Nation Wei Wai Kai First Nation Wei Wai Kum First Nation
WAKASHAN	Nuučaanuł	Nuu-chah-nulth Nootka ⁶	Northern: Chicklisah	Ahousaht First Nation Ehattesaht First Nation

⁶ This is an outdated term for Nuučaanuł (Nuu-chah-nulth) that some Nuučaanuł people consider derogatory. We have included it for reference purposes for people

		Nootkans West Coast Aht	Kyuquot Ehattesaht Nuchatlaht Mowachaht Muchalaht Central: Hesquiaht Ahousaht Tla-o-qui-aht Southern: Ucluelet Toquaht Tseshaht Huu-ay-aht Uchucklesit Hupachasath	Hesquiaht First Nation Hupacasath First Nation Huu-ay-aht First Nation Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k:tlles7et'h' First Nation Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations Nuchatlaht First Nation Pacheedaht First Nation Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation Toquaht Nation Tseshaht First Nation Uchucklesaht Tribe Ucluelet First Nation
WAKASHAN	Oowekyala/'Uikala	Oowekeno Oweek'ala Heiltsuk-Oweek'ala	'Uikala	Wuikinuxv Nation
WAKASHAN	Xenaksialakala / Xa'islakala	Haisla Kitimat Kitlope Northern Kwakiutl	Xenaksialakala Xa'islakala	Kitamaat Village Council
XAAD KIL	Xaad Kil / Xaaydaa Kil (Haida)	Haida	Skidegate Masset	Old Massett Village Council Skidegate Band Council

who may want to look for older resources that could be listed under this name.

APPENDIX: Definitions

English is used as an example for illustration, but these terms are relevant to *all* languages.

LANGUAGE FAMILY

Languages that are related by descent from a common ancestor language (proto-language). Relationships can be determined through shared grammatical characteristics. Language families may include many subfamilies.

Example: The Indo-European language family is made up of many branches, including the Germanic language family of which English is a member.

LANGUAGE (Language Group Name)

A system of communication used by a particular nation or people. Languages may include several different dialects.

Example: English

DIALECT

Varieties of a language that differ based on geographical region or social group. Dialects of the same language are *mutually intelligible*. This means that speakers of variety A can understand variety B and vice versa.

Example: British English or Canadian English (geographically defined), African-American English (defined by social group)

