

Special Ktunaxa sounds

Letters

Example

x

a raspy 'h'-sound in your throat (like clearing your throat)

xa·~~ç~~a (four)

ł

'barred-L'-sound: touch the tip of your tongue to the roof of your mouth as if saying 'L' and push air around the sides of the tongue

qała (who?)

ç

like saying 'ts'

xa·~~ç~~a (four)

q

k-sound, but far in the back of your throat

qała (who?)

ʔ or ʼ

this is a glottal stop like the sound in 'oh-oh' (in the US it's written ' and in Canada ʔ)

çuʼu (milk)

ç q p ł k

the glottal on top turns the letters into "pop-sounds" (constrict the airflow first, then let the sound pop out forcefully)

m̐ n̐

the glottal on top shortens m and n (as if you're cutting them off abruptly)

Pronunciation guide

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