

# Iñupiaq Matching

Draw a line from the Iñupiaq name to the English name for Snow Terms

<b>Agniaq</b>	<b>Dry Snow Storm</b>
<b>Apun</b>	<b>Snow on the Ground</b>
<b>Apuyyaq</b>	<b>Snow Block Shelter</b>
<b>Auksalaaq</b>	<b>Rapidly melting Snow</b>
<b>Illuksi</b>	<b>Snow Blindness</b>
<b>Immaktinniaq</b>	<b>Slushy, wet Snow</b>
<b>Irriqutit</b>	<b>Ice Crystals in the air</b>
<b>Masallak</b>	<b>Damp Snow for Snowballs</b>
<b>Natigvik</b>	<b>Low Blowing Snow</b>
<b>Nuturuk</b>	<b>Firm Snow for Snow House</b>
<b>Piqsiaq</b>	<b>Wet Snow Storm</b>
<b>Qannik</b>	<b>Falling Snow</b>
<b>Qimuagruk</b>	<b>Snow Drift</b>
<b>Saviuraqtuun</b>	<b>Snow Knife</b>
<b>Silliq</b>	<b>Hard, wind-blown Snow</b>

Note: Iñupiaq name spellings vary between regions.  
 Reference: Iñupiatun Uqaluit Taniktun Sivuniqit. 2014.  
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# Apun Facts

## Did you know that?

- ◆ Snow cover forms a “blanket” to keep plants and small mammals such as lemmings warm during the winter. Lemmings live in the snow layer just above the ground, digging tunnels, and making nests and food caches. Snow cover also protects plants from drying out.
- ◆ Caribou have wide hooves and wolves have wide paws in order to run over the top of snow drifts.
- ◆ Snowflake crystals are always hexagonal-shaped.
- ◆ Snow cover insulates the sea ice - slowing its formation, and slowing its melting.
- ◆ Pukak is granular snow found under hard packed snow, and it is good to melt for drinking water.

Reference: Sturm, Matthew. 2009. *Apun, the Arctic Snow*. University of Alaska Press, Fairbanks, AK.

# Apun

Can you draw a picture of these types of snowdrifts?  
 Read the description, and draw the snowdrift as if you were looking at it from the side.

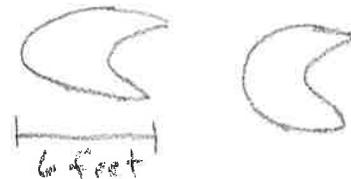
1 **Qayuqłak** or Sastrugi: snowdrift that looks like a ripple on the surface of the snow; usually about 3 feet long. Show the prevailing wind when navigating.

wind →



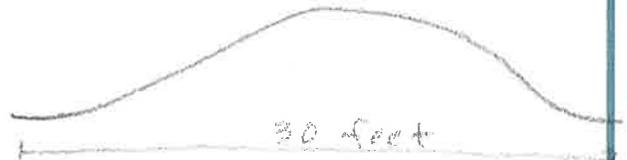
2 **Aniuvauraq** or Barchans: snowdrift with a sharp down-wind side and a more gradual incline on the upwind side; usually about 6 feet long or so.

wind →



3 **Agiuraq** or Whaleback: snowdrift in the shape of a whale back; usually about 30 feet long.

wind →



4 **Aniuvak** or Snowbank: snowdrift filling a gully; could be used by a female polar bear as a den.

