

Iñupiaq Matching

Draw a line from the *Iñupiaq* name to the English name for Terms to Travel

<i>Aḡayuk</i>	Against the wind
<i>Anisaaq</i>	By boat
<i>Arguq</i>	By car
<i>Kiluliñaaq</i>	By dog team
<i>Kiluvaq</i>	By airplane
<i>Kivaliñaaq</i>	East
<i>Niḡḡum kiluliñaana</i>	North
<i>Niḡḡum salliñaana</i>	Northeast
<i>Qamatmuaq</i>	Northwest
<i>Qamutitaaq</i>	South
<i>Salliñaaq</i>	Southeast
<i>Tiḡḡutitaaq</i>	Southwest
<i>Ualiñaaq</i>	To travel
<i>Umiaqtuq</i>	Toward the Ocean
<i>Uḡallam kiluliñaana</i>	Travel inland
<i>Uḡallam salliñaana</i>	West
<i>Uniaḡaq</i>	With the wind

Note: *Iñupiaq* name spellings vary between regions.

Iñupiaq Games for Winter

Aakkuu - one team calls a member of the second team to come over and retrieve an object, but they must not smile or laugh

Aanaruuraq - two people kneel side-by-side, knees touching, and grasp each other around the shoulders or under armpits, and try to unbalance the other one

Isaqqiḷauraq - one person hops on hands with feet twisted around arms, like an injured bird

Kakisugaaq - swing a neck bone (vertebrae) attached by a string to a stick; try to get the hole in the neck bone to fall on the stick

Magrikaqtaq - one jumps up from the knees to a standing position and kicks something

Maq - players take turns making silent gestures and funny faces to make others laugh; the winner is the one who does not laugh or smile

Paqqaurraq - play ice hockey

Piannaq - play cards

Pisiktanḡuaq - to throw fur mittens, turned inside out, at each other and whoever is hit is "it"

Taammak - play checkers

Taptauraq - one player pulls down parka hood over eyes, holding it in teeth so she/he cannot see, and tries to grab others

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Aḡvanḡaq

Did you know that?

Aaḡruliḡvik, another name for December, means the "time when the two stars, *Aaḡruuk*, appear." *Aaḡruuk* are the Big Star, Vega or *Uvluḡiaqpak*, and a smaller star in the constellation Lyra, called *Suvulliik* or the Morning Star. The appearance of these two stars in late December, the larger Vega above the smaller Morning Star, signals the start of the New Year, *Aḡvanḡaq*, and the beginning of longer days.

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