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Pronunciation Guide to First Nations in British Columbia

Name	Pronunciation
Ahousaht	A-house-sat
Aitchelitz	A-che-leets
Aiyansh	Eye-ANSH
?Akisq'nuk	A-kiss-qe-nuk
Cayoose	Kiy-oos
Chawathil	Shi-wath-il
Cheam	Chee-am
Chehalis	Che-HAY-lis / Sh-HAY-lis
Chemainus	Tz-MAY-nus / Sh-MAY-nus
Cheslatta	Chess-LAH-ta
Clayoquat (Tla-o-qui-aht)	Clay-kwot
Cowichan	Cow-ut-zun
Dakelh	Ka-kelh
Da'naxda'xw (formerly Tanakteuk)	Da-NUK-dah
Delgamuuk'w	DEL-ga-mook
Dene Tsaa Tse K'Nai (now Prophet River)	De-ney Sah Say Neigh
Ditidaht	Dee-tee-dot / Dee-tee-dat
Ehattesaht	Eh-hat-eh-sat
Esketemc	Es-KET-em
Esquimalt	Ess-KWY-malt
Gingox / Gingolx	Gin-GOL-ch
Gitanmaax	Git-an-maax
Gitanyow	GIT-an-yow
Gitga'at	GIT-gat
Gitlakdamix	Git-lah-d-aa-mix
Gitmaxmak'ay	git-MUHH-muhh-HI
Gitsegukla	Git-zee-gee-u-kla
Gitwangak	Git-win-gah
Gitwinksihlkw	Git-win-k-shisq
Gitxaala (Kitkatla)	GHEET-h-khat-la

Gitksan / Gitxsan	GIT-san
Gwa'Sala-Nakwaxda'xw (Tsulquate)	Gwa-Sala Nak-wah-dah
Hagwilget	Hag-wil-get
Haida	HIGH-dah
Haisla	Hyzlah
Halalt	Ha-lalt
Hamatla	Ham-AT-lah
Heiltsuk	HAIL-tsuk
Hesquiaht	HESS-kwee-at
Hul'qumi'num	Hul-ka-MEE-num
Hupacasath (Opetchesah)	Who-petch-ah-set
Huu-ay-aht	Hoo-EYE-at / Hoo-AY-at
In-SHUCK-ch	In-SHOOK-ch
Iskut	Iss-kut
Kanaka	Ka-KNOCK-a
Katzie	KUT-zee
Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k:tləs7et'h' (formerly Kyuquot)	Ky-YOU-cut
Kispiox	KISS-pee-ox
Kitamaat	KIT-a-mat
Kitasoo	Kit-AH-soo
Kitselas	Git-SEL-as
Kitsumkalum	KIT-tsem-k-ay-lem
Klahoose	Kla-HOOS
Kluskus	Klus-kus
K'omoks (Comox)	Co-mox
Ktunaxa	Tun-AH-hah
Kwadacha	Kwa-dah-cha
Kwagiulth	Kwa-gulth
Kwakiutl	Kwog-you-tul
Kwakwaka' wakw	Kwalk-walk-ya-walk / Kwalk-walk-ya-walk-wuh
Kwaw-kwaw-Apilt	Kwa-kwa-a-pilt
Kwiakah	KWEE-kah
Kwicksutaineuk-ah-kwaw-ah-mish	Kweek-soo-tain-nuk-an-kwa-a-meesh
Kwikwetlem (Coquitlam)	Kway-quit-lum
Laich-Kwil-Tach	Lack-KWIL-tach
Laxgalt'sap / Lakalzap	Lak-al-zap

Lax-kw'alaams	La-kwa-lahms
Leq'á:mel (formerly Lakahahmen)	La-camel
Lheidli T'enneh	Klate-lee Ten-eh
Lyackson	Lay-ik-sen
Maa-nulth	Mah-NULTH
Malahat	Malah-hat
Mamalilikulla-Qwe'Qwa'Sot'Em	Mamma-leel-eh-quala-quee-qwa-soot-ee-nuk
Matsqui	Mat-squee
Metlakatla	Met-la-kat-la
Mowachaht	Mow-ah-chat
Muchalaht	Mooch-al-aht
Musgamagw	MOOSE-ga-muh
Musqueam	MUSS-quee-um
Nadleh Whuten	Nad-lay Woo-ten
Nak'azdli	Na-k-ahz-dlee
Namgis	NOM-gees
Naut'sa Mawt	NOT-sa MOTT
Nazko	NAZ-koh
Nee-Tahi-Buhn	Nee-tahee-boon
Neskonlith	Nes-con-lith
Nisga'a	Nis-gah
Nlaka-pamux	Ing-khla-kap-muh
Nooaitch	Noo-eye-ch
N'Quatqua / N'Quat'Qua	N-kwat-kwa
Nuchatlaht	Noo-HAT-lat
Nuu-chah-nulth	New-cha-nulth
Nuxalk	NOO-hulk
Osoyoos	O-soy-use
Pacheedaht / Pacheenaht	Pah-chee-da
Pauquachin	Pak-quw-chin
Penelakut	Pen-EL-ah-kut
Qayqayt (New West)	Kee-kite
Qualicum	KWAH-lik-uhm
Quatsino	Quat-seeno
Saik'uz	Sake-ooz
Samahquam	Sam-ah-kwam

Saulteau	Saul-toe
Scowlitz	Scow-litz
Sechelt	SEA-shelt
Secwepemc	Shi-HUEP-muh / She-KWE-pem
(Carrier) Sekani	Seh-KAH-nee
Shackan	Shah-ken
Shuswap	Shoe-swap
Shxwhá:y (Formerly Skway)	Sh-why
Shxw'ow'hamel	Sh-wow-HA-mel
Similkameen	Si-MIL-kuh-meen
Simpcw	Simp-qwuh
Siska	Sis-kah
Skatin	Skah-teen
Skawahlook	Skwa-ha-look
Skeetchestn	Skeet-ch-sin
Skookumchuck	Skoo-kum-chuck
Skowkale	Sko-kale
Skuppah	Skup-pa
Skwah	Squah
Sliammon	SLIGH-am-un
Snuneymuxw	Snoo-NAI-muk / Snuh-NAY-mow
Songhees	Song-hees
Soowahlie	Soo-wall-ee
Spallumcheen	Spal-um-sheen
Squamish	SKWA-mish
Squiala	Skwye-ala
Sto:Lo	STOH-lo
Stellat'en	Stell-at-in
Stl'atl'imc / Stl'atl'imx / St'át'imc	Stat-lee-um
Tahltan	Tall-tan
Takla Lake	Tack-lah Lake
Taku River Tlingit	TA-koo River Kling-git
Te'mexw	Tuh-MUK
Teslin Tlingit	TES-lin Kling-git
T'it'q'et / T'it'kit	Tlee-tl-cut
Tla-o-qui-aht (Clayoquat)	Clay-kwot

Tlatlasikwala	Tla-tla-see-kwa-la
Tl'azt'en	TLAZ-din
Tl'etingox-t'in	Clay-teen-co-teen
Tlowitsis	Tla-oe-was-zees
Toquaht	Toe-quat
Tsartlip	Sart-lip
Tsawataineuk	Tsa-wa-tay-nook
Tsawout	Tsa-woot
Tsawwassen	tah-WASS-en
Tsay Keh Dene	Say Keh De-NEH
Tsessaht	Tse-shat
Tseycum	Tsay-kum
Tsilhqot'in (Chilcotin)	Tsill-COAT-ten
Tsimshian	Sim-SHE-an
Ts'kw'aylaxw	TS-KWHY-lux
Tsleil-waututh	tSLAY-wah-tooth
T'Sou-ke	Sook
Tzeachten	Chak-tun
Uchucklesaht	U-CHUK-le-sat
Ucluelet	You-CLUE-let
Ulkatcho	Ul-gat-cho
Vuntut Gwitchin	Vun-tut Gwit-chen
Wei Wai Kai	Wee Way Kay
Wei Wai Kum	Wee Way Kum
Wet'suwet'en	Wet-SOO-wet-en
Winalagalis	Win-LAG-a-lees
Wiumasgum-Qwe'Qwa'Sot'Em	We-um-ass-goom-kway-kwa-sot-em
Wuikinuxv (Oweekeno)	O-wik-en-o
Xaxli'p	HAA-clip
Xeni Gwet'in	Ha-nay Gwet-een
Xwémalhkwa (Homalco)	Ho-mall-ko
Yakwekwioose	Yak-week-wee-oose
Yekooche	Ye-KOO-chay

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