Ottawa Inuit Children's Centre ᐊᑐᕝᒥ ᐃᓄᓐᓄᑦ ᓱᕈᓯᕐᓄᑦ ᐱᓕᕆᕕᒃ

Time and Tense

Language Rule: Time is used as an affix and is added to the root word.

English	Roman Orthography	Syllabics
Past Tense:		
Yesterday and Before	**-lauq-**	-ᓚᐅᖅ-
E.g. I was sewing yesterday.	miqsu**lauq**tunga.	ᒥᖅᓱᓚᐅᖅᑐᖓ.
Long time ago	**-lauqsima-**	-ᓚᐅᖅᓯᒪ-
E.g. I arrived a long time ago.	tiki**lauqsima**junga.	ᑎᑭᓚᐅᖅᓯᒪᔪᖓ.
Today in the Past:		
2 minutes ago	**-saattiaq-**	-ᓴᑦᑎᐊᖅ-
E.g. He left 2 minutes ago.	ani**saattiaq**tuq.	ᐊᓂᓴᑦᑎᐊᖅᑐᖅ.
1 hour ago	**-saaq-**	-ᓴᖅ-
E.g. He came here 1 hour ago.	isi**saaq**tuq.	ᐃᓯᓴᖅᑐᖅ.
More than 1 hour ago	**-qqau-**	-ᖅᑲᐅ-
E.g. He ate more than 1 hour ago.	niri**qqau**juq.	ᓂᕆᖅᑲᐅᔪᖅ.
Today in the future:		
In 2 minutes...	**-nialiq-**	-ᓂᐊᓕᖅ-
E.g. He will go out in 2 minutes.	ani**nialiq**tuq.	ᐊᓂᓂᐊᓕᖅᑐᖅ.
In one hour or more.	**-niaq-**	-ᓂᐊᖅ-
E.g. He is going to dance in one hour.	mumir**niaq**tuq.	ᒧᒥᕐᓂᐊᖅᑐᖅ.
Time of Day:		
Morning	ullaaq	ᐅᓪᓚᖅ
E.g. I came here this morning.	ullaaq qaiqqaujunga.	ᐅᓪᓚᖅ ᖃᐃᖃᐅᔪᖓ.

Afternoon	unnuksaq	ᐅᓐᓄᒃᓴᖅ
E.g. I will come here this afternoon.	unnuksaq qainiaqtunga.	ᐅᓐᓄᒃᓴᖅ ᖃᐃᓂᐊᖅᑐᖓ.
Evening	unnuk	ᐅᓐᓄᒃ
E.g. I will come here this evening.	unnuk qainiaqtunga	ᐅᓐᓄᒃ ᖃᐃᓂᐊᖅᑐᖓ

<u>Extra: Not in the Video*</u>

Present Tense:		
Today*	ullumi	ᐅᑦᓗᒥ
Now*	maanna	ᒫᓐᓇ
Past Tense:		
Yesterday*	ippaksaq	ᐃᑉᐸᒃᓴᖅ
Before*	sivunittinni	ᓯᕗᓂᑦᑎᓐᓂ
Last Week*	pinasuarusiulauqtumi	ᐱᓇᓱᐊᕈᓯᐅᓚᐅᖅᑐᒥ
Last Month*	taqqiulauqtumi	ᑕᖅᑭᐅᓚᐅᖅᑐᒥ
Last Year*	arraani	ᐊᕐᕌᓂ
Future Tense:		
Later*	uattiaru	ᐅᐊᑦᑎᐊᕈ
Tonight*	unnuaq	ᐅᓐᓄᐊᖅ
Midnight*	unnuaraaluk	ᐅᓐᓄᐊᕌᓗᒃ
Tomorrow*	qaukpat	ᖃᐅᒃᐸᑦ
Soon*	maannapalukkut	ᒫᓐᓇᐸᓗᒃᑯᑦ
Next Month*	taqqiulaaqtumi	ᑕᖅᑭᐅᓚᐅᖅᑐᒥ
Next Year*	arraagu	ᐊᕐᕌᒍ
Noon*	ulluq qitiraliqtillugu	ᐅᑦᓗᖅ ᕿᑎᕋᓕᖅᑎᑦᓗᒍ
I will come today.*	ullumi qainiaqtunga.	ᐅᑦᓗᒥ ᖃᐃᓂᐊᖅᑐᖓ.
I will arrive tonight.*	unnuaq tikinniaqtunga.	ᐅᓐᓄᐊᖅ ᑎᑭᓐᓂᐊᖅᑐᖓ.

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