

# Yukon Keyboard Layout

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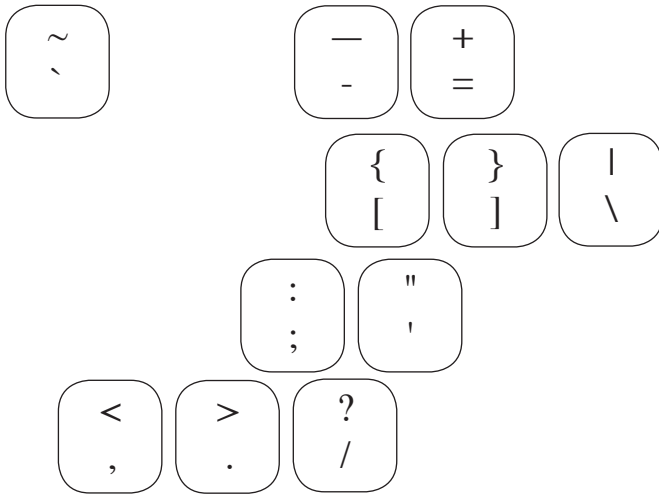
## The Caps Lock Advantage

With the Yukon keyboard on both Mac and Windows, the Caps Lock key is used to toggle between English typing and Yukon typing. With Caps Lock off or out, the keyboard is ordinary English with all characters where they are expected. With Caps Lock on or in, the keyboard is Yukon and the special characters are available in the same locations as with earlier Yukon typing systems. Both English and Native Language are easily typed in the same font, and the font can be any of several of the core fonts on either system. Some older fonts or decorative fonts may not work. The small disadvantage to using Caps Lock as a toggle is that a shift key must be held down to type a series of upper case letters.

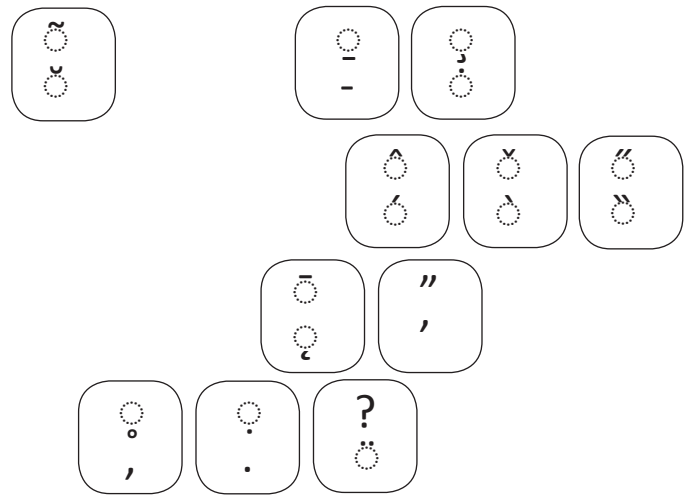
## Diacritics

The accents or diacritics which go above and below base letters are accessed on Macintosh and Windows in the same way, with identical key strokes.

### *Caps Lock off/out = usual typing*



### *Caps Lock on/in = Yukon typing*



### Notes

- hyphen, comma, period and question mark are not affected by Caps Lock.
- Caps Lock changes the single and double quotation marks, to apostrophe and double apostrophe modifier letters. These letters look like quotes but do not trigger word wrap and are not automatically converted to curly left and right quotes by text processors like MS Word (smart quotes) or InDesign (printer's quotes).
- the key at top left (~, ` = ˜, ˘) is just for technical linguistic work.

## Base Letters

The most important non-English base letters for Yukon languages are ɫ and ɮ. On Macintosh these are accessed through **option-l** and **option-shift-L**. On Windows these are available at **alt-ctrl-l** and **shift-alt-ctrl-l**, but because MS Word uses those combinations as keyboard shortcuts, Word for Windows users need to either disable those shortcuts in Word, or type **1** for ɫ and **shift-1** for ɮ. Several other base letters are available for linguistic and historical purposes. They are similarly accessed through option or ctrl-alt modifiers. In the chart below, the top line shows the desired character and the bottom line shows the key pressed with option on Macintosh or alt-ctrl on Windows.

character	ɫ	ɮ	ə	ɛ	ρ	χ	ʔ	ŋ	Ŋ	œ	Œ
name	bar-l	bar-L	schwa	epsilon	rho	chi	glottal stop	eng	Eng	oe	OE
key	l	L	e	E	r	x	/	n	N	o	O