

Northern Tutchone Alphabet

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Consonants

← front of mouth back of mouth →

	labial	dental	alveolar	lateral	palatal	velar	labial velar	glottal
aspirated plosives (stops)			t			k	kw	'
unaspirated plosives (stops)	(b)		d			g	gw	
ejective plosives (stops)			t'			k'	k'w	
nasals	m		n					
prenasalized plosives (stops)	mb		nd		nj			
voiceless fricatives		th	s	ɬ	sh	kh	khw	h
voiced fricatives		dh	z		zh	gh	ghw	
aspirated affricates		tth	ts	tl	ch			
unaspirated affricates		ddh	dz	dl	j			
ejective affricates		tth'	ts'	tl'	ch'			
voiced approximants			r	l	y		w	

Vowels

- Nasalized vowels are written with a nasalization hook under the vowel. Example ɥ.
- Low tone vowels are unmarked. Example ɯ.
- High tone vowels are indicated with an acute accent over the vowel. Example ú.
- Mid tone is marked with a macron (bar) over the vowel. Example ā.
- Low-rising tone is indicated with a caron (hachek) over the vowel. Example ǎ.

Vowels

	front	central	back
close	i		u
close-mid	e	ä	o
open-mid	ae		
open			a

Diphthongs

front	central	back
	ay, aw	



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unaspirated plosives (stops)	(b), /p/		d, /t/			g, /k/	gw, /k ^w /	
ejective plosives (stops)			t', /t'/			k', /k'/	k'w, /k' ^w /	
nasals	m, /m/		n, /n/					
prenasalized plosives (stops)	mb, / ^m p/		nd, / ⁿ t/		nj, / ⁿ tʃ/			
voiceless fricatives		th, /θ/	s, /s/	ł, /ł/	sh, /ʃ/	kh, /x/	khw, /x ^w /	h, /h/
voiced fricatives		dh, /ð/	z, /z/		zh, /ʒ/	gh, /ɣ/	ghw, /ɣ ^w /	
aspirated affricates		tth, /tθ ^h /	ts, /ts ^h /	tl, /tł ^h /	ch, /tʃ ^h /			
unaspirated affricates		ddh, /tθ/	dz, /ts/	dl, /tł/	j, /tʃ/			
ejective affricates		tth', /tθ'/	ts', /ts'/	tl', /tł'/	ch', /tʃ'/			
voiced approximants			r, /ɹ/	l, /l/	y, /j/	w, /w/		

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- Following the vowels /i/ and /u:/ <n> is pronounced as [ŋ].
- The <e> vowel is [e:] in stems, but is often [ɛ] in prefixes.

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close	i, /i/		u, /u/
close-mid	e, /e/	ä, /ʌ/	o, /o/
open-mid	ae, /æ/		
open			a, /ɑ/

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	au, /ʌu/	



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