

“Inuit Sign Language [iks] A language of Canada

- **Alternate Names:** Inuit Uukturausingit, ISL, IUR
- **Population:** 50 (2014 J. MacDougall). An unknown number of hearing people also use the language.
- **Location:** Nunavut territory.
- **Language Status:** 8b (Nearly extinct).
- **Writing:** Unwritten [Qaax].
- **Other Comments:** Possibly developed out of an indigenous sign language reported among the Inuit in the 18th century. Use in other parts of the Arctic has not been determined. (Schuit 2012).”

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